

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bush, Henry Hudson Senator _____

Represented North, Wilmot, Ross and Hancock counties

1. Birthday and place 2 Jul 1837 Randolph, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Minerva Wright 4 Jan 1864 Galva, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; G.A.R.

C. Profession Lawyer; half owner and editor of The Hancock Signal, a newspaper of Hancock, Iowa for 20 years

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 16th General Assembly 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 14 Sept 1905 Linn, Iowa; buried Concord Cemetery, Linn, Iowa

8. Children Helen Orlaf (died in Mexico, ca. 1895); Nellie; Beatha E. Arthur C. Fred C.

9. Names of parents Abram and Elizabeth (Seuddler) Bush

10. Education Educated in his home in New York and in Galva,
Illinois

11. Degrees He studied law at Galva, Illinois

12. Other applicable information

- While a youth he left Randolph, New York and moved to Galva,
Illinois. There he supported himself and completed his
education.
- Military services - Civil War - Captain of Co. D 17th Illinois Volunteer
Infantry
- He and his wife moved to Hancock County, Iowa in 1869 where he lived
until his death.
- He practiced law many years in Garner.
- He was educated in a law office school

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After a lingering sickness, Captain H. H. Bush died Thursday morning, Sept. 14 at 1:00 o'clock, aged 68 years, 2 months and 12 days. Funeral services were held at the house Friday at 2:30 p. m. and the body was buried in Concord Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Moore, Congregational Minister from Davenport, preached the sermon.

Henry Hudson Bush was born at Randolph, New York, July 2, 1837. While still a youth he left his native state and moved to Galva, Illinois. Here he supported himself and completed his education. He responded to Lincoln's first call for troops and enrolled his name April, 20, 1861 as Captain of Co. D 17th, Illinois Volunteer Infantry for three months and when his time was out, re-enlisted for three years and served his full time. He had the love and esteem of his soldiers, the respect and confidence of his superior officers. While ranking as captain, he frequently filled positions of officers of much higher rank. That he filled these offices with honor and credit, is shown by the following reprint from an article appearing in the Missouri Democrat, dated Aug. 17th, 1862. "At Donelson on the last day of the fight, Capt. H. H. Bush had charge of the regiment and honorable mention is made of him in Gen. Wallace's report of that fight. For his services that day he should have been rewarded with a Major's commission." He was in the battle of Ft. Henry as well, also in command of the Pioneer Corps at the siege of Vicksburg. He was placed in command of the 17th Army Corps which was left to guard the city and made his reports direct to Logan and Grant. This position he held until his time was out and he returned home.

On January 4th 1864, he married Miss Minnie Wright at Galva, Illinois, moving to Hancock county in 1869 where he has since resided. His career in Garner is well known to our readers. As a pioneer he had much to do in helping the growth of both town and county. He was public spirited and contributed both time and money to town enterprises. He was noted for his love of children; a man eminent in kindness alike to neighbors and to all animal life. He studied law in Galva and practiced many years in Garner; was half owner and editor of the Hancock Signal a republican paper, for twenty years. During the winter of 1876-7, he served as representative in the Iowa State Legislature and has held numerous town and county offices. He was an honored member of Bethel Lodge, No. 319 A. F. and A. M. Bethel Chapter, No. 116 R. A. M. and a charter member of Parker S. Dow

A Notable Reunion

A notable reunion was that of the Merten family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Merten near the old homestead in Colony Township on Sept. 6th. All the surviving brothers were present and the reception and entertainment given them by the elder brother and his family was simply indescribable. Each individual member of the household seemed to anticipate the slightest wish of their guests; indeed so strong was the home feeling of everyone present that after the first hour of the meeting it would have been hard for a stranger to determine who owned the place the hosts or the guests. The evening of the reunion day was enlivened by the presence of the Colesburg band. The splendid selections were enjoyed by all. Some days were devoted to outdoor picnics old time games, visiting and living over again the scenes and recollections of earlier times.

A note of sadness prevailed as the roll call revealed those absent who were at the last gathering thirteen years ago—Father, Mother, Brother Ben and sister Anna.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Merten, of Colesburg, and family, Emma, Nellie, Sarah, Kate, John, Harvey, Ella and Jennie; W. H. Merten of Guthrie, Okl; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Merten and son Clarence of Garner; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Merten and daughter Mildred of Garner; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Merten and daughter, Blanche of Garner; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merten and daughters, Martha and Laura, of Charles City; Mr. and Mrs. Elias Merten and family, Stella and Howard, of Garner; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Klaus of Charles City; Mr. and Mrs. Wm Hunt and daughter Lucile of Earlville.—Earlville Phoenix.

M. E. Church Directory

Following is the directory of the English M. E. church for the conference year of 1905-1906.

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The decedent leaves a wife and three children, two sons and one daughter, all of whom were with him during his final illness. One daughter, Helen, died in Mexico ten years ago, after 4 years service there as missionary under the direction of the American Board.

The above is but a short and imperfect sketch. Mr. Eush as we knew him was a kind and obliging neighbor and devoted to the interests and welfare of his family, public spirited and prominent among our citizens and one who counted his friends from the extent of his acquaintances.

The funeral was conducted by the Masonic fraternity, which, while not ostentatious, is a beautiful burial ceremony. His comrades of the Post were also in line and after completion of the ceremony at the grave, completed the service by causing taps to be blown by the bugler. The house and yard were crowded with friends who followed the remains to the cemetery, as a last token of love to the departed. The floral decorations were beautiful. Rev. Moore preached the best funeral sermon we have ever heard. There was but one piece sung, "Nearer My God to Thee," executed by Masonic brethren and members of the Post. The whole service was beautiful.

At Rest.

Jacob Frank Lenz died Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 2:45 p. m. Aged 52 years, 5 months, and 22 days. The funeral was Tuesday in the Catholic church and the remains were laid at rest in Concord cemetery. His illness was short, lasting about two weeks. The disease was typhoid

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COMMITTEES

MISSIONS: Pastor, Mrs. F. L. Dow, W. J. Jerome, Mrs. J. E. Wichman,

SUNDAY SCHOOL: L. M. Small, Estella Merten, Mrs. R. A. Finette, Horace Merten, Zetta Hyde, Blanche Schneider, Edith Merten, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Ballard.

TEMPERANCE: L. M. Small, Herman Schneider, Mrs. E. F. Bailey.

EDUCATION: Miss Minnie Dietz, Mrs. F. W. Merten, Mrs. H. Schneider.

TRACTS: John Schneider, Mrs. E. Purcell, Gladys Hyde.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHEAN EDUCATION SOCIETY: L. D. Byers, E. F. Bailey, Mrs. Denzell.

PARSONAGE AND FURNITURE: Mrs. J. E. Fraser, Mrs. S. W. Merten, Mrs. A. C. Ripley.

ESTIMATING PASTOR'S SALARY (ESTIMATING NEEDS OF CONFERENCE CLAIMENTS): F. W. Merten, C. H. Burke, Mrs. H. E. Babcock.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY: Mrs. J. Stork, Mrs. F. E. Blackstone, G. A. Griswold.

CHURCH MUSIC: C. H. Burke, Mrs. J. E. Fraser, Miss Alice Harding.

CHURCH RECORDS: C. H. Burke.

RECORDING STEWARD: L. A. Warner.

DISTRICT STEWARD: F. Cassill.

CLASS LEADER: F. W. Merten.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT: C. H. Burke.

PRESIDENT EPWORTH LEAGUE: L. A. Warner.

PRESIDENT LADIES AID SOCIETY: Mrs. S. W. Merten.

PRESIDENT WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY: Mrs. A. C. Ripley.

PRESIDENT WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY: Mrs. H. C. Byers.

The Weather.

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Iowa Cemetery Records

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Death Date: **14 Sep 1905**
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Birth Date: **1837**
Cemetery: **Concord**
Town: **Garner**
Level Info: *Gravestone Records of Cemeteries in Hancock County, Iowa*

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. *Registration Project*. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

Description:

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the WPA Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the name of the deceased, date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. [Learn more...](#)

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Henry H Bush							
Census Date:	1885							
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Husband[Henry H. Bush](#)[Pedigree](#)**Birth:** 02 JUL 1837 Randolph, Cattaraugus, New York**Christening:****Marriage:** 04 JAN 1864 Galva, Henry, Illinois**Death:** 14 SEP 1904 Garner, Hancock, Iowa**Burial:**

Wife[Minerva Wright](#)[Pedigree](#)**Birth:** 02 JAN 1843 West, , Jersey, Illinois**Christening:****Marriage:** 04 JAN 1864 Galva, Henry, Illinois**Death:** 04 MAY 1915 Osage, Mitchell, Iowa**Burial:**

Children1. [Bertha E. Bush](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

Birth: 31 MAY 1866 Garner, Hancock, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** Of, Osage, Mitchell, Iowa**Burial:**2. [Helen Sue Bush](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

Birth: 02 MAR 1869 Galva, Henry, Illinois**Christening:****Death:** 02 DEC 1894 Hidalgo Del Parrel, Chihuahua, Mexico**Burial:**3. [Arthur Gladstone Bush](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

Birth: 21 DEC 1870 Garner, Hancock, Iowa**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**4. [Fred Clarence Bush](#)[Pedigree](#)

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Birth: 26 SEP 1873 Garner, Hancock, Iowa**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**© 1999-2005 by Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. English approval: 3/1999
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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Bush, Henry Hudson
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Cause Concord Cemety Place burial Garner, Iowa

War record
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Nearest relatives

Father Abram Nativity

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Sources

From Record of Posts, v.1 #18, and G.A.R.
Muster Roll 3d ed. #3
Ex-soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Co D 17 Ill
Inf- Capt- Bush, Henry H- res. Garner
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