

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Butler, William Senator _____

Represented Page County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Sept 1827 Haynes County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Margaret Mc Cowen 2 Feb 1851

② Eleanor D. McCarty 3 Mar 1873

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Conducted the Palace Livery Stable in Clarinda

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; IOOF; Knight of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer; stock dealer; merchant; grain dealer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 13th, 14th General Assemblies 1870, 1872

6. Public Offices 20th, 21st General Assemblies 1884, 1886

A. Local Board of supervisors

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 May 1904 near Nepean, Missouri; Buried Clarinda Cemetery, Clarinda, Iowa

8. Children Nellie (Mrs. J. H. Cozad)

9. Names of parents Samuel and Mary (Davenport) Butler

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was born and raised on a farm in Adair and its many trials
- 1843 - He moved with his family to Whitley County, Adair which is timbered and this brought about other hardships
- He and his first wife lived on a farm in Whitley County, Adair until 1855 when they moved to New London, Henry County, Iowa
- Spring 1856, they moved along with his brothers Jessie and Jack and their families to Page County, Iowa in Harlan Township.
- The farm he purchased is now where the Clowder Mental Hospital is located
- He became an extensive grain and stock merchant and built the first elevator in Clarinda.
- His first wife, Margaret, died 3 Mar 1871
- His second wife, Eleanor, died 30 Jul 1900

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>The Cherokee Herald</u> , Cherokee, Iowa, May 10, 1904, p. 1, col. 3+4			
- <u>Iowa Journal</u> 1906, p. 1399			
- <u>History of Page County, Iowa</u> 1909, p. 232-236			
- <u>ancestry.com</u> (accessed 9/12/2007) ✓			

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HON. WM. BUTLER.

Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon—
Laid to Rest in Clarinda
Cemetery.

It is hard to realize that the familiar form of Mr. Wm. Butler will be seen no more on the streets of our city, where he has been such a prominent figure for so many years, but death comes and claims its victims when we least suspect. When Mr. Butler took the train for Napier, Mo., only a week previous to his death, he did not realize that he would see his home town no more—but such are the workings of Divine Providence. He was sick less than twenty-four hours and had a stroke of paralysis Thursday, which rendered him unconscious up to the time of his death Friday morning.

William Butler was born in Wayne county, Indiana, on the 13th day of September, 1827, and died on the 6th day of May, 1904, on his farm near the town of Napier, Mo., aged 76 years, 8 months and 22 days. He was born and raised on a farm and familiar with the hardships incident thereto. In the spring of 1843, he with the rest of his father's family, moved to Whitley county, Indiana, and resided in a heavy timbered part of the country—the home of numerous tribes of Indians. Here it was that he obtained his first experiences that stood him well in the battle of life's problems in after years. It was the hardships endured in a new country like this was that tended to make strong his character and fitted him for the duties and responsibilities in later life.

On the 2nd day of February, 1851, he was married to Miss Margaret McCowen, of Richmond, Ind., and settled in Whitley county, Ind., on a farm where he resided until the year 1855, when he moved to New London, in Henry county, Ia. During the spring of the year 1856, he with two of his brothers, Jessie and Jacob, with their families, migrated to Page county, where they settled on pre-emption claims in Harlan township.

Mr. Butler purchased a farm north of Clarinda in the spring of

1855 where he moved with his family and resided for a number of years. The Clarinda Hospital for Insane buildings are now located on the farm. In 1871 he became an extensive grain and stock merchant, and built the first grain elevator in Clarinda, and in connection with his brother, Jacob, they conducted the grain and stock business for eleven years, under the firm name of Butler Bros., doing an extensive and profitable business.

On July 8th, his wife, Margaret died, and on the third day of March, 1873, he was again united in marriage to Miss Eleanor D. McCarty, who died on the 30th of July 1900, leaving an only daughter, Nellie, who now survives her father, and is the only survivor of the family. Mrs. Nellie Cozad was born in Denver, Colo., on the 26th of August, 1875, and she and her husband, Mr. J. W. Cozad, have been making their home with Mr. Butler in this city.

Mr. Butler represented Harlan township on the board of supervisors for eight years, and Nodaway township four years. He was a representative of this district in the lower house in the thirteenth, fourteenth, twentieth and twenty-first general assemblies of the legislatures of Iowa. In 1884, in the house of representatives, he made a strong fight for the town of Clarinda in trying to secure for the town of Clarinda the location of the asylum, which attempt was successful. He was an honored member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias and the Knights Templar.

In later years he has been a little more conservative in his business relations, conducting the Palace Livery Stable in Clarinda, and leading a more quiet life. In politics, he was a republican, staunch and true. In charities liberal, never turning the needy or poor from his door empty-handed. He was always an important factor in the promotion of the enterprises for the upbuilding of the town and community in which he lived, and probably no citizen of Page county was better known.

The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon, con-

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ducted by Rev. W. W. Merritt, of Red Oak, and the burial services were in charge of the Masonic order. The services at the cemetery were very impressive and the body of Mr. Butler was laid to rest beneath the flowers of his many friends. The relatives

from a distance were as follows: Mr. Albert Butler, from Decatur, Ind., Miss Lizzie Nugent, of New London, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sullivan and son, Butler Sullivan, of Humeston, Ia., of Red Oak, and Mrs. J. S. Schneider, of Lathrop, Mo.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

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HON. WILLIAM BUTLER.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of William Butler respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That in his death the State has lost a patriotic, faithful and worthy citizen, the community in which he lived an upright and respected man, his family a kind and loving father, and all who knew him a generous and unselfish friend.

Resolved, That we share and deeply sympathize with his family in their bereavement, trusting that "He who tempers the wind" will assuage their sorrow with love and mercy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House, and that the chief clerk be directed to transmit an engrossed copy of the same to the bereaved family.

W. A. DASHIELL,
C. F. CROSE,
F. M. LAIRD,

Committee

Adopted.

HON. DWIGHT W. CHASE.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions of respect as a tribute to the memory of the Hon. Dwight W. Chase, late of Delphos, Ottawa county, Kansas, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, the Hon. Dwight W. Chase a soldier of the rebellion and prior member of this House, having served in the Ninth General Assembly of Iowa, and departing this life January 18, 1905 and WHEREAS, the deceased having followed the arduous career of an M. D. and reaching a great degree of proficiency that entitled to him to great honor professionally, and the time spent in the lower House ranking him among the State's recognized leaders, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. Dwight D. Chase the nation has lost one of her noble patriots, the friends, who were legion, a kind and esteemed man, and the family a loving and most indulgent father,



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **William Butler**
 Home in 1880: Nodaway, Page, Iowa
 Age: 52
 Estimated birth year: abt 1828
 Birthplace: Indiana
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)
 Spouse's name: Ellen D.
 Father's birthplace: Georgia
 Mother's birthplace: North Carolina
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Stock And Grain Merch
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:
 Household Members:

Name	Age
<u>William Butler</u>	52
<u>Ellen D. Butler</u>	57
<u>Nelley M. C. B. Butler</u>	4
<u>Nettey Hennegar</u>	33
<u>Delia McCarty</u>	85

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Nodaway, Page, Iowa; Roll: T9_358; Family History Film: 1254958; Page: 400,3000; Enumeration District: 153; Image: 0817.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. © Copyright 1999 Intel Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original data States of America. Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration T9, 1,454 rolls.



Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **William Butler**
Death Date: 06 May 1904
Page #: 118
Birth Date: 13 Sep 1827
Cemetery: Clarinda
Town: Clarinda, Nodaway
Level Info: *Grave Records of Montgomery 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. *Graves 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 Works Project Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, if the deceased, birth date, death date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. [Learn more...](#)