

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McCoy, David James Senator

Represented Lucas County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Apr 1829 Jefferson County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ann M. Kells 19 Nov 1865 Marion County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R. Old Soldier

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock; mercantile business

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Russell, Iowa; Justice of the Peace; township assessor;  
township supervisor

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 18 Apr 1898 Russell, Iowa; buried Russell Cemetery, Russell, Iowa

8. Children Sherman Emmet; Mary Adna (died in infancy); Clara Mae (Mrs. Harts);  
Edith Ann (died young); Guy Leary; Popple Grace (Mrs. Harts); Susan Eliza (Mrs. Melham);  
Charles David

9. Names of parents Moses and Selona (Jones) McCoy

McCoy, David James

10. Education Was educated in the common schools of Jefferson County,  
Iowa

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

- His father died in 1856 and David migrated to Iowa with his aunt, Rebecca Lott
- Military service - Civil War - Company B, 6<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry attaining  
rank of Major
- In 1866, after marriage, he and his wife located on a farm in Cedar  
Township of Lucas County, Iowa. He lived there until 1890  
when he engaged in the mercantile business in Russell, Iowa.
- He was killed by a train 18 Apr 1898.
- At age 16 he was apprenticed to a plasterer, the trade he followed until the  
Civil War.
- In 1860-1861, he taught school



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**MAJOR MCCOY KILLED.**

**Prominent Russell Man Killed by a Freight Train.**

Monday morning about 11 o'clock Major David McCoy of Russell, was struck by freight 77, and died from injuries received about seven hours later. He was walking on the platform at Russell with his son, and getting too near the track was struck by the steam cylinder of the engine on an incoming freight and thrown with great violence to the platform. He remained unconscious but a short time, and was immediately taken to his home in the east part of town. Dr. Yocom was summoned by telephone to the bedside, and everything possible done to relieve his suffering; but it was unavailable, and he passed away at 7 o'clock the same evening.

Mr. McCoy was 68 years of age and leaves a wife, six children and a brother, saddened by his sudden and violent death.

**OBITUARY.**

Hon. D. J. McCoy was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 6, 1830 was killed at Russell, Iowa, April 18, 1898.

He came to Iowa in 1856. On July 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 6th, Iowa. He was four times promoted for gallant conduct while in the army, as follows: In 1862 to second lieutenant, in 1863 to first lieutenant, in 1864 to captain and the same year to major of the regiment. He was mustered out July 23, 1865, having served four years and six days. On November 19, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Ann M. Kells. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are now living. In 1866 he located on a farm in Cedar township, Lucas county, and remained there until eight years ago when he engaged in the mercantile business in Russell. In 1872 he was elected representative from Lucas county to the Iowa state

**Spain**  
A despatch this morning reports that Spain has severed diplomatic relations with the United States given Minister's reports and refusal of President McKinley to fight.

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The Maildof Imperial Orchestra of Chicago, comprising a company of ten artists and supported by the celebrated mandolin virtuoso Samuel Siegel, will give a concert at the opera house tomorrow (Friday) night. This orchestra is one of the strongest musical organizations in the Northwest. It is composed of a number of leading men in their profession for years have been pleasing the fastidious and fashionable gatherings of Chicago. There is no organization in the country presenting a program so varied, artistic and popular, for surprises from beginning to end. The audience is charmed with the melody and sparkle of the boujo, intermingled with the dreamy pathos and brilliant flashes of the inimitable mandolin and soulful violin.

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Major McCoy was a prominent and  
honored citizen of Lucas county, a  
man of sterling qualities who lived an  
upright and useful life, respected by  
all who knew him. The PATRIOT ex-  
tends sympathy to the bereaved fam-  
ily for the loss of the kind husband  
and father. The funeral took place  
Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Ser-  
vices were held at the family residence.  
Interment in the Russell cemetery.

### Post Office Moved.

The post office is now nicely located  
in J. A. Brown's building on the north  
side of the square. Mr. Maple took  
possession Saturday, and on the same  
night the furniture, fixtures, and all  
government property was transferred  
to the new quarters. So well and  
speedily was the work done that on  
Sunday morning the people were re-  
ceiving their mail and transacting  
business at the new stand as if no  
change had been made. The new lo-  
cation is certainly very convenient,  
both for the people and Mr. Maple,  
being next door to his book store.

The PATRIOT predicts a most suc-  
cessful administration under Mr.  
Maple and congratulates him on his  
wise choice of assistants, S. W. Rea  
and Gerald Brant.

The affairs of the office have been  
admirably conducted under Mr. Lewis  
and he can retire feeling that he has  
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bringing us the only large and first  
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appeared in this city. The proceeds  
will go to the new free library.

### A Letter From an Old Resident of Lucas County.

RIDGEWAY, April 18, 1898

EDITOR PATRIOT:

We acknowledge with pleasure  
welcome visitor, the PATRIOT, to  
home. It contains news that is very  
interesting to us and we should be  
lost without it. The thrilling and  
death of Mr. Bentley calls out our  
deepest sympathy for the bereaved  
family. We watch with interest  
letters from Mr. Lose, and we hope  
will meet with success and safely  
turn home. The Washington letters  
from our friend Elijah Lewis are read  
with much interest.

We are pleasantly situated at Rid-  
geway, Missouri, on the south branch  
of the C. B. & Q. The Chariton train  
never pass without giving us a friendly  
salute. We have fifteen or twenty  
families living near us, making our  
home surroundings very pleasant.  
With kind remembrance to Lucas  
county friends and wishing every  
prosperity to the PATRIOT, we bid  
your friends. FRANCIS H. YOUNG  
MARY E. YOUNG.

### Quick Indemnity.

CHARITON, IA., April 20, 1898

On the night of April 7th my hotel  
took fire and was entirely destroyed.  
Fortunately however, of the relief

HISTORY  
OF  
LUCAS COUNTY, IOWA

CONTAINING

A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIES, TOWNS, ETC.

A BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF MANY OF ITS LEADING CITIZENS, WAR  
RECORD OF ITS VOLUNTEERS IN THE LATE REBELLION, GENERAL AND  
LOCAL STATISTICS, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS AND PROMI-  
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LUCAS COUNTY, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES,  
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purchased a farm of 240 acres, where he proposes to remain. May he live long to enjoy the privileges of a good society, he has so long struggled to establish.

**KERN SAMUEL**, farmer, section thirty-one. Is a native of Ohio, born in 1830, and educated in the common schools. Moved to Indiana in 1849, remaining there until 1865, when he came to Lucas county, Iowa. Was married 1853 to Miss Melinda Finder, of Indiana. They have seven children living: Aquilla, Charles, William H., Ralph, George E., Laura, and Maggie. Mr. Kern has followed the thresher for twenty-five years. This self-imposed profession is conclusive evidence that he is no shirker, but willing to "eat his bread by the sweat of his brow."

**LICHTEBARGER, JOSIAH**, farmer, section thirty-one. Is a native of Linn county, Iowa, residing there till the age of maturity; received a common school education. In 1863 he enlisted in company G, 24th Iowa, and served eleven months, but long enough to see the "elephant," and receive a wound, in the battle of Mansfield, Louisiana, in 1864, on account of which he was discharged. While in the service, he was taken prisoner, remaining in the hands of the rebels some time. His wound totally disabled him for a year and a half. He now receives a full pension. "Uncle Sam" will not forget his defenders. He was married in 1875 to Christena McDorrel. He has a fine farm of 200 acres, which he manages, though suffering from his wound.

**LONG, J. A.**, farmer, section 14. Is a native of North Carolina, born in 1825. He came with his parents to Indiana, in 1830, and was there raised and educated. Learned the trade of a carpenter, following it about nine years. Was married in Indiana, in 1851, to Miss Mary Hall, by whom he has six children living: Isaac, Priscilla, Cascilda, John A., Lincoln and Mattie M. He came to Lucas in 1851, and made a claim on his present location, now a well improved farm of 320 acres. Enlisted in company G, 34th Iowa, in 1862, and served eleven months. Was discharged at Vicksburg on account of receiving a sun-stroke, from which he has not entirely recovered.

**MCCOY, MAJOR D. J.**, farmer, section twenty-three. Is a native of Indiana, born in 1829, and there raised, and educated in the common schools. He came to Lucas county in 1855, remaining till 1861, when he enlisted in the sixth Iowa infantry, serving through the war. Participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Atlanta, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, swinging round with Sherman "to the sea," and coming up to Washington, etc. Was promoted to second lieutenant in 1862, then to first lieutenant in 1863, and to captain in 1864, and then to major in 1864. In 1865, he married Miss Ann M. Kells, of Monroe county, by whom he has five children living. In 1872-3, he had the honor of representing his

county in the legislature. Mr. McCoy has a well-improved farm of 280 acres of land.

VANNICE, S. N., farmer, section 26. Is a native of Indiana, born in 1833, and there remained till maturity, receiving his education in the common schools. In 1855, he married Miss Mary Allen. The fruit of this union is seven living children. He came to Iowa and settled on his present farm in 1856. He has a splendid homestead of 280 acres, from which he has never hauled but one load of corn to market, but fed it. Since here he has worked for 37½ cents per day, and received pay in meal, at 75 cents per bushel. The first winter he used his wagon-box for a smoke house, and the wolves took his meat. He says he often thought the country good for nothing but wolves and Indians. He is a consistent member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

#### CHARITON TOWNSHIP.

ALEXANDER, G. W., attorney at law, post-office, Chariton. Born March 7, 1845, in Jefferson county, Tennessee, where he remained until 1861. He then enlisted in the Confederate service, in the 31st Tennessee infantry, and served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Richmond, Perryville, Stone River, Vicksburg, the battle of the Wilderness, and all the engagements between Generals Sheridan and Early, until September 2, 1864, when he was captured and imprisoned until the close of the war. His brigade was mounted after the capture of Vicksburg. During the service he was promoted from lieutenant to captain. At the close of the war he came to Iowa, locating in Dubuque, where he remained eight years. While in Dubuque he read law with W. T. Barker, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1871. In 1872, he came to Lucas county, and is now practicing law in Chariton. He was married December 30, 1872, in Delaware county, Iowa, to Clara H. Dodson.

BATES, B. F., proprietor Bates House, post-office Chariton. Born in Shultzville, Duchess county, New York, February 26, 1828, where he remained until three and a half years old, when his parents moved to Stamford, Connecticut. Remained in that place until 1854, thence to Lee county, Iowa, where he lived fourteen and a half years, coming to Chariton in 1868. Was married May 14, 1849, to Emma A. Lounsbury, of Stamford, Connecticut. Has one daughter, Emma Augusta. Mr. Bates kept the Creston eating house nineteen months, built the Bates House in 1874. Has been engaged in farming, mercantile business, and hotel-keeping.

BEARDSLEY, W. W., marble cutter and dealer in monuments, post-office, Chariton. Born December 11, 1844, in Hancock county, Ohio,

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"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."—MACAULAY.

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"History is only biography on a large scale."—LAMARTINE.

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pany made a creditable military record. Upon the close of the war Captain Granger returned to Waukon, Iowa, which has since been his home, and at once entered upon the practice of law.

In 1855 was celebrated the marriage of Judge Granger and Miss Sarah J. Warner, daughter of Samuel Warner. She died in 1862, just before he entered the army, and in 1868 he married Miss Anna Maxwell, whose death occurred in 1890. They had two children,—Ula A., who died in 1891, at the age of twenty-one, and Rollo S., who is living with his father.

The Judge has for several years been prominently identified with the Masonic order. He is a member of Waukon Lodge, No. 154, A. F. & A. M., of Waukon, in which he held the office of Worshipful Master for a number of years. He is also a member of Markavell Chapter, R. A. M., of Waukon, and Beausent Commandery, K. T., of Decorah, Iowa. In 1880 he entered the Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa, and in the years 1884 and 1885 served as Grand Master of that honorable body, and is now serving his second term, of six years, as one of the three custodians of the order in the State of Iowa.

He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to John J. Stillman Post, of Waukon. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, having supported that party since its organization, and frequently he has been honored with election to public office. For four years he served as District Attorney, was on the circuit bench of the State for fourteen years, or until the office was abolished, and then he was elected District Judge and served two years. In 1888 he was elected to the office of Supreme Judge of the State, and has now entered upon the first year of his second term, each term covering a period of six years. He has been continuously upon the bench since January 1, 1873, and no higher testimonial of his efficient public service could be given than his long continuance in office. His fine legal mind and thorough knowledge of the law well fit him for the position. The language of his

decisions is always plain, simple and clear, vigorous and decided. The decisions themselves are models of perspicuity and judicial soundness. He started out to make his own way in the world with no capital, and with a laudable ambition he has grasped eagerly every opportunity of raising himself to the high standard which he set up, and, by his resolute purpose and commendable diligence he has attained the goal of his hopes.

**H**ON. DAVID JONES McCOY is a gentleman who has long been a prominent factor in Lucas county, Iowa, for many years residing on a farm in Cedar township, and of recent years maintaining his home in Russell.

Major McCoy, as he is called, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, April 6, 1830. Moses McCoy, his father, was a native of Kentucky, and early in the present century accompanied his parents, John and Nancy McCoy, to Indiana. Grandmother McCoy has been twice married, and her first husband, a Mr. Hayes, was killed by the red men, and she subsequently married John McCoy. She was a true Christian and a typical pioneer woman, the mother of seven children, one by her first marriage. Of her family, we make record as follows: John, who passed his life in Indiana, engaged in agricultural pursuits; George, a veteran of the war of 1812, removed from Indiana to Lucas county, Iowa, in the spring of 1856, bringing his wife and five children, his death occurring in 1863 and his wife's eleven years later; Daniel spent many years in Jefferson county and late in life removed to Hendricks county, same State, where he died; Moses, the father of our subject; William removed from Jefferson to Monroe county, Indiana, where he died after a long and useful life, spent chiefly in agricultural pursuits; Mary was twice married, first to James Courtney and after his death to a Mr. Griffith, she and Mr. Griffith both having passed away; Stephen and his wife, *nee* Susan Heron, both died in Indiana,

he in Montgomery county and she in Jefferson, and Mrs. McCoy's son by her first marriage was killed by the Indians in Indiana. The mother was at her ninetieth mile-post when she passed away.

Moses McCoy, the father of our subject, was born February 11, 1799, and was reared on the frontier farm in Indiana, and on reaching man's estate he entered a claim of 160 acres in Jefferson county, and was united in marriage to Selona Jones, who was born in Kentucky February 12, 1804. The children of their union were six in number, four sons and two daughters, all natives of Jefferson county, namely: John G., a farmer of Monroe county, Iowa; Lydia, wife of Jeremiah Salyers, is deceased, as also is her husband; Mary, deceased wife of Aaron Robins, a farmer of Jefferson county, Indiana; William, who spent his life in Indiana; D. J., the subject of this article; and James, who resided in Iowa for a short time, but returned to Indiana and died there. The mother of these children died September 3, 1878, and the father passed away November 17, 1834, when D. J. was a child of four years.

Having thus briefly referred to his parents and their family, we now come to the life of our immediate subject, Hon. D. J. McCoy. His boyhood days were spent on a farm in his native county, and his winters, until he was sixteen, were spent in attending subscription school in the log school-house near his home. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the trade of plasterer, which occupation he followed until the opening of the Civil war. In 1856 he emigrated to Iowa, coming in company with his aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Lott, and her adopted son, Anthony Gray, their journey being made by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers from Madison to Keokuk and thence by wagon to Lucas county, to the home of an uncle, James Hayes. Mr. Hayes lived in a log cabin, 14 x 18 feet, with a puncheon floor, two little windows, stick-and-mud-chimney, and covered with clapboards, and through the crevices both the sunbeams and the moon-

beams found their way, as also did the snow and rain. Here Mr. McCoy spent the winter of 1855-6, and, owing to limited room, made his bed at night upon the floor. When spring came on Mr. McCoy found work at his trade. Later he attended school for a time, and in the winter of 1860-1 he taught the Greenville district school, having about forty-five pupils of various ages. As a school-teacher he was popular.

When the war broke out Mr. McCoy was not slow to show his patriotism. He enlisted in Company B, Captain Isiminger, July 17, 1861, at Burlington, Iowa, and at once went to the front, remaining in almost continuous service throughout that sanguinary struggle. To give a detailed account of his army life would be to write a history of the greater part of the war, as he participated in many of its most important engagements. This, of course, can not be done in a work of this character. Suffice it to say that he was an active participant in the memorable battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, Atlanta, Resaca, and Kenesaw mountain, and that for meritorious conduct he was promoted, in 1862, to the position of Second Lieutenant; 1863, to that of First Lieutenant; 1864, as Captain, and the same year as Major. The war over, he participated in the grand review of the victorious soldiers at Washington and returned to his home in Iowa a veteran and a victor. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 23, 1865.

Returning to Iowa, Mr. McCoy went to the home of his brother in Monroe county and gave his attention to the stock business. In the fall of 1866 he removed to Cedar township, Lucas county, having married in the meantime, and here his family were reared. For the past seven years he has made his home in Russell.

Mr. McCoy was married November 19, 1865, to Miss Ann M. Kells, daughter of Robert and Lavina (Bay) Kells. She was born in Defiance county, Ohio, April 25, 1845, next to the youngest in a family of six children, four

sons and two daughters, and of this number only two besides herself are living: Mary J. Trowbridge, Orange county, Florida; and Ezra C. Kells, Washington township, Lucas county, Iowa. Mrs. McCoy has a half brother, Robert C. Kells, a vineyardist of Yuba City, California. Her parents were both natives of Ohio; her father, born October 19, 1811, and died in Ohio December 20, 1853; and her mother, born December 4, 1817, died in Ohio, January 25, 1848. Mrs. McCoy came to Monroe county, Iowa, in 1854, and before her marriage was a successful teacher. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, we make the following record: Sherman E., born October 11, 1866, is a farmer of Chase county, Nebraska; Clara M. is the wife of C. E. Werts, a farmer of Benton township, this county; Charles D., at home; Guy L., a farmer of Dwight, North Dakota; and Myrtle G. and Susan E., at home. Then there are two deceased: Mary S., born November 29, 1867, and died September 15, 1868; and Edith, born July 22, 1871, and died August 16, 1873.

Mr. McCoy has always given his influence, politically, to the Republican party. He cast his first presidential vote for Fremont, going eight miles north into Cedar township to get his ticket and voting in Washington township, it being the only Republican vote cast in that township. From time to time he has been called upon to fill various positions of importance and trust, and has ever discharged his duty faithfully and efficiently. At the time the war broke out he was serving as Justice of the Peace and resigned this office in order to enter the ranks. In later years he was appointed Justice of the Peace to fill a vacancy, and has been elected to the office ever since. He has also served as Township Assessor and Supervisor. In 1872 he was elected a Representative to the Iowa State Legislature, where he acquitted himself creditably, while a member of that body helping to pass the bill for the appropriation of the courthouse of Lucas county, and voting for the repeal of corporal punishment. During his residence in Russell

Mr. McCoy was from 1887 until 1892 engaged in mercantile pursuits, but is now living retired. He has served as Mayor of the city, has in many ways been prominently identified with its interests, and is regarded as one of its best citizens. Socially, he is connected with Frank Knowlan Post, No. 208 G. A. R., and was for many years an active Odd Fellow.

**CAPTAIN LYMAN SOUTHARD HUNTLEY.**—The Scotch type is one which has found many representatives in the New World, and is one that has ever been found foremost in giving impetus to the march of progress, in retaining a clear mental grasp and in directing affairs along safe and conservative lines. America owes much to the Scotch stock, and has honored and been honored by noble men and women of this extraction. The gentleman with whose name we are pleased to grace this article, Mr. L. S. Huntley, is the descendant of a Scotchman, and in him are found many of the sterling characteristics of his worthy ancestors. As a prominent and honored citizen of Lucas county, Iowa, he is entitled to specific consideration here, and we take pleasure in presenting the following *resume* of his life:

L. S. Huntley was born in Sullivan county, in the State of New Hampshire, November 27, 1838. His father, Sebra Huntley, was a native of New Hampshire and a son of General Luman Huntley, a Scotchman by birth and an officer in the war of 1812, who was one of the early settlers of the Granite State. Sebra Huntley was reared in New Hampshire, and was a maker of musical instruments of all kinds. He married Nancy Nesmith, like himself, a native of New Hampshire, and when their son L. S. was a babe the father died, leaving his widow with three children, the other two being Janette C. and Harriet. Of these daughters we record that the former became the wife of Dr. E. Y. Chase, of Oregon, and is now deceased, and that the latter, the wife of D. W. Jones, of Red Oak, Iowa, died

# DAVID JONES McCOY

The grandparents of David Jones McCoy, John and Nancy McCoy, were natives of Kentucky. John and Nancy had seven children: (1) John lived in Indiana and farmer there; (2) George was a veteran of the War of 1812 and came to Lucas County, Iowa in the Spring of 1856. He had five children and died in 1863; (3) Daniel spent many years in Jefferson County, Indiana and later lived in Hendricks County, Indiana where he died; (4) Moses, father of David Jones McCoy, our subject; (5) William moved from Jefferson County, Indiana to Monroe County, Indiana and died there; (6) Mary, married twice, first to James Courtney until his death and then to Mr. Griffith; (7) Stephen and his wife Susan Herod both died in Indiana. Mrs. Nancy McCoy was married twice. Her first husband, Mr. Hayes, was killed by Redmen after which, she married John McCoy. Mrs. McCoy's son by her first marriage to Mr. Hayes was killed by Indians in Indiana.

The father of David Jones McCoy was Moses McCoy, born February 11, 1799 in Kentucky and died November 17, 1834. Moses accompanied his parents to Indiana. David's mother, Selona Jones McCoy, born February 12, 1804 in Kentucky and died September 3, 1878. Moses and Selona had six children, all of whom were natives of Jefferson County, Indiana: (1) John G., a farmer of Monroe County, Iowa; (2) Lydia, wife of Jeremiah Salyers; (3) Mary, wife of Aaron Robins, farmer of Jefferson County, Indiana; (4) William, spent his life in Indiana; (5) David Jones, our subject;



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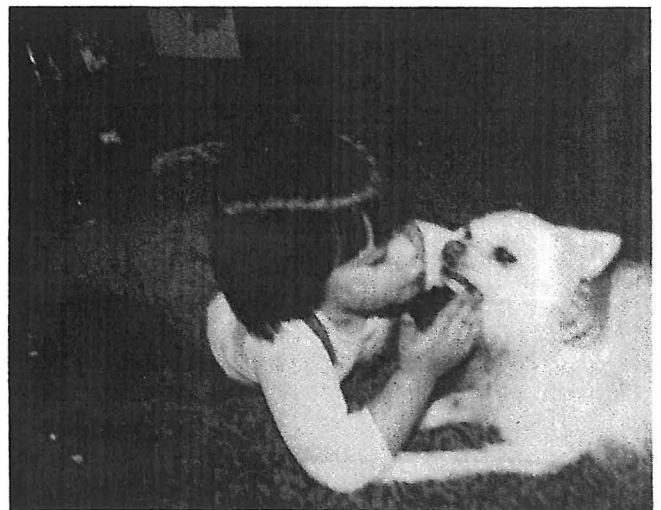
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# State of Iowa

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Des Moines, Nov. 8th, 1871.

Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

Iowa.

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Name..... *David S. McCoy*

P. O. Address..... *Lake Park, Lucas Co. Iowa*

County..... *Lucas State of Iowa*

Occupation..... *Farmer*

Nativity..... *Indiana*

Married or Single..... *Married*

Religion.....

If in the Service; regiment and rank..... *Major 4th Regt*

Years in Iowa..... *Sixteen*

Age..... *Forty two*

Weight..... *One hundred and thirty*

I send herewith a copy of the rules of last Session of the General Assembly, in which you will see the table above referred to.

Yours truly,

ED WRIGHT,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

You searched for **David J. McCoy** in **Iowa**

## U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **David J McCoy**  
Residence: **LaGrange, Iowa**  
Age at enlistment: **32**  
Enlistment Date: **7 Jan 1861**  
Rank at enlistment: **Sergeant**  
State Served: **Iowa**  
Survived the War?: **Yes**  
Service Record: **Enlisted in [Company B, Iowa 6th Infantry Regiment](#) on 17 Jul 1861.  
Promoted to Full 1st Sergeant on 10 Jan 1862.  
Promoted to Full 2nd Lieutenant on 12 Jun 1862.  
Promoted to Full 1st Lieutenant on 24 Jan 1863.  
Promoted to Full Major on 30 Dec 1864.  
Promoted to Full Captain on 08 Jan 1864.  
Mustered out on 21 Jul 1865 at Louisville, KY.**  
Birth Date: **abt 1829**  
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name McCoy, David J

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth 6 Ap 1830 Place

Father

Nativity

Date death 18 Ap 1898 Place Russell, Iowa  
Cause Place burial "

Mother

Nativity

Age 68  
War record

Wife

Children

Sgt. B G Iowa Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization  
(Vet) Age 32 Res. LaGrange  
b. Ind

Enlisted 1 J1 1861 as 2d Srgt  
Date Place

Prom 1st Lt 24 Ja 1863;  
prom Capt 8 Ja 1864  
Reenl & remust 26 Ja 1864  
Prom Major 30 D 1864  
Must. Out 21 J1 1865, Louis-  
ville, Ky., exp of term  
of Service Place

Sources

Roster Iowa Soldiers: (David J)  
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: (D.J.) -  
Major-res. Zero. / 25th Annual Enc.:  
McCoy, D.J.

Discharged

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name McCoy, D J

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Frank Nolan Sus. 2d term '96	208(64)	Russell	20 D 1890
Iseminger	18(115)	Chariton	F. 20, 1885

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount

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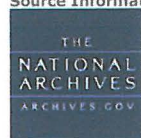
1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **David J. Mccoy**  
 Home in 1880: **Cedar, Lucas, Iowa**  
 Age: **51**  
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1829**  
 Birthplace: **Indiana**  
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**  
 Spouse's Name: **Ann M. Mccoy**  
 Father's birthplace: **Kentucky**  
 Mother's birthplace: **North Carolina**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
 Occupation: **Farmer**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Cannot read/write:  
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 Otherwise disabled:  
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">David J. Mccoy</a>	51
	<a href="#">Ann M. Mccoy</a>	35
	<a href="#">Sherman E. Mccoy</a>	13
	<a href="#">Clara M. Mccoy</a>	10
	<a href="#">Charles D. Mccoy</a>	6
	<a href="#">Guy L. Mccoy</a>	4
	<a href="#">Myrtle Mccoy</a>	7m

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**David J. MCCOY (AFN: 23KS-41)****Sex:** M[Pedigree](#)[Family](#)

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**Event(s)****Birth:** 26 Apr 1829  
Jefferson Co., Indiana**Death:** 18 Apr 1898  
Russell, Lucas Co., Ia**Burial:**  
Russell Cemetary, Russell, , Ia

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**Parents****Father:** [Moses MCCOY](#) (AFN: V50K-B9)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Selona \(Celona\) JONES](#) (AFN: V50K-CG)

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**Marriage(s)****Spouse:** [Anna M. KELLS](#) (AFN: 23KS-56)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 19 Nov 1865  
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**Born:** 6 Apr 1829  
 Jefferson, Indiana, USA  
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**Born:** 25 Apr 1845 in Defiance, Ohio, USA  
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**Marriage:** 19 Nov 1865 in Lagrange, Monroe, Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

Children

Sex	Birth
M	11 Oct 1866 in Lagrange, Lucas, Iowa, USA
F	17 Nov 1869 in Lagrange, Iowa, USA
M	14 Apr 1876 in Lucas, Iowa, USA
F	1881 in USA
F	4 Nov 1882 in Lucas, Iowa, USA

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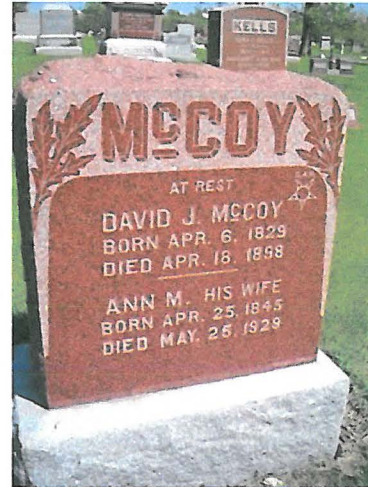
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