

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wright, John R. Senator _____
Represented Van Buren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Feb 1814 Demerit, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah L. Lowman

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 14th General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 Apr 1874 John R. Wright buried Oak Lawn Cemetery, Keosauqua, Iowa

8. Children John W.; Margaret Endow; George Ia; Will; Harriet Elizabeth; Arthur C.; Frank O.; Martha

9. Names of parents John and Rachel (Lowman) Wright

Wright, John R.

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- He moved from Pennsylvania to Indiana and found Indiana came to Iowa while Iowa was still a Territory.
- Mr. Wright served from Van Buren County, Iowa and had his trial brought from Van Buren County to hold at Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa.
- His brother (uncle) was a United States Senator: Andrew Butler, General Joseph A. Wright, lived in Indiana.
- His wife, Susan L., born 28 May 1815, died 29 Apr 1875, also buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Jackson Township, Van Buren County, Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Van Bursum Grave Records, WPA
-			Obituary - Iowa State Weekly Register, Des Moines, Iowa Tue. May 8, 1874, p 3, col 4
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-			History of Van Bursum County, Iowa, 1878, p 364-365, 376
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An old gentleman wants Miss Cozins to give up lecturing, settle down, get a husband, and become a good housekeeper. He forgets that it is not considered judicious, in a race culture point of view, for cousins to marry!

Hon. John Wright, of Van Buren county, late member of the Iowa House, and a brother of Senator Wright, lies at the point of death. Senator Wright has left Washington on his way to his brother's side, but with little hopes of seeing him alive.

The *Cerro Gordo Republican* says that at the last term of the District Court of this county, there were fourteen indictments for violation of the liquor law, and keeping gambling rooms. Three of the parties pleaded guilty and the rest were convicted and all were fined in the aggregate \$2,655.

A wealthy gentleman who owns a country seat, nearly lost his wife, who fell into the river that runs through the estate. He announced the narrow escape to his friends, expecting their congratulations. One of them—an old bachelor—wrote as follows: "I always told you that river was too shallow."

Mr. Blake, of the Ohio Legislature, visited the penitentiary of that State and while there chiseled the State out of twenty-five cents by having his hair cut by the penitentiary barber. While undergoing the tonsorial process, a party of lady and gentlemen visitors looked in, and Mr. Blake was made happy catching such remarks as, "Ugly look about the eyes," "Vicious mouth," "Looks capable of any wickedness," "Wonder what he did?" etc.

Hayward Taylor, in a letter to the *Tribune* gives a discouraging report for persons who are desiring a trip to Europe. He says: "Whoever wants to economize now must stay at home. I do not hesitate to affirm that, in all the principal towns of Europe, one pays more for the same amount of nourishment and comfort than in the United States. There are a dozen excellent hotels in New York where we could have had gas, a coal fire and better provender for less money than we paid in Frankfort for dinner and a huge stove which never became really warm, and warmed pieces of cold roast beef palmed off as fresh beef-steaks."

It is now claimed that Dr. Livingstone had become insane by his long wandering among savages. Many at first doubted Stanley's story about finding him, and the strange letters which Stanley brought back from the great explorer had much to do with the skepticism. The genuineness of the strange documents and of Stanley's story was proved, however, by incontrovertible evidence. Yet the remarkable change in Livingstone's style remained unaccounted for. A correspondent in the *New York Graphic* attempts to explain the case and had become insane. He says: "If we once grant this, we can un-

Circuit Court.	20 0
D A Cutler, assisting in treasurer's office.	70 0
J Q A Crosby, services as coroner's juror.	1 1
H T Homer, trustee Burlington township.	2 5
H P Homer, justice of the peace fees.	6 0
J H Crowley, hauling juryman and juror.	7 5
Morris Case, witness fees in State case.	1 5
Joseph Watkins, clothes hooks in court room and gate in yard.	5 0
Mary Adams, witness fees in State case.	6
H H Adams, witness fees in State case.	6
W H Beahm, trustee Lincoln twp.	7 1
J H Washburn, trustee Black Hawk township.	8 0
W H Rutter, trustee Poyner twp.	3 7
J C Moore, trustee Mt. Vernon twp.	6 1
John M. Nichols, trustee Benton township.	2 1
Levi Brown, trustee Lincoln twp.	3 3
A Simonsland, clerk Spring Creek township.	2 1
Sarah Bennett, witness fees in State case.	1 1
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D G Fish, witness fees in State case.	2 8
Andrew Duggan, witness fees in State case.	1 4
John N. Stahler, witness fees in State case.	1 1
John N. Marble, J P fees in State case.	4 1
Ed S. Conler, J P fees in State case.	4 1
Levi S. Achey, mayor's fees in State case.	10 0
Osmond Vidou, constable fees in State case.	5 1
Joseph Barker, constable fees in State case.	4 1
J P King, constable fees in State case.	13 1
Hanraff & Breckenell, coal for court house and jail.	62 1
D J Campbell, coal for court house and jail.	27 1
W W Perry, stationery.	25 1
Francis L. Harris, witness fees in State case.	1
Allen Colton, constable in State case.	29 1
H J Metcalfe, J P fees in State case.	5 1
Ed Henry, J P fees in State case.	6 1
C W Corwin, constable in State case.	17 1
O H Perry, " " " " " "	2 1
H W Lemley, stove &c for court room.	56 1
Kate Naurie, attendance on Mary Fritz, insane.	2
S N Pierce, commissioner of insanity.	3 1
G W Barnard, trustee Cedar Falls township.	2 1
J B Duvore, district attorney fees.	316 1
Chas. Lichtenberg, trustee Fox twp.	6 1
W D Thayer, trustee Barclay twp.	3 1
W S & B H Robinson, boots for prisoner.	2 1
Evander Monlock, witness fees in State case.	1
Charles Hazard, witness fees in State case.	1 1
W I Burt, constable settling with county officers.	12 1
M Hill, publishing proceedings &c.	51 1
S H Packard, att'y fees in State case.	15 1
Wm Gage, witness fees in State case.	1 1
J J Royce, bailiff and constable fees.	42 1
Lansier Knapp, justice fees.	81 1
John H Kelley, attendance in case of insanity.	5 1
Western Farm Journal, one copy for the year 1874.	2 1
Henry Huntington, assessor of Waterloo township.	30 1
H W Jenney, services on commission.	5 1
W O Richards, witness fees in Spangler case.	21 1
H King, witness in State case.	1 1
Jennie King, witness in State case.	1 1
H J Mitchell, constable fees in State case.	8 1
C W Corwin, constable fees in State case.	15 1
J C Gates, clerk fees in State case.	71 1
A P Townsend, Co Supt.	310 1
A H Joyner, assessor East Waterloo township.	26 1
Sharr, Patrick & Co, blank books, publishing proceedings &c.	246 1
D B Washburn, clerk Black Hawk township.	5 1
J P Lester, constable fees in state case.	19 1
W H Henry, witness fees in state case.	1 1
D W Birmingham, bailiff &c Jan term district court.	70 1
D W Harroghs, bailiff &c Feb term circuit court.	48 1
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J H Kuhn, J P fees in state case.	2 1
J P Davis, witness fees.	1 1
A A Noble, assessor of Fox twp.	4 1
W F Brown, sheriff fees and expenses.	42 1
J D Laird, sheriff fees in state case.	2 1
W H McClure, attorney fees in state case.	11 1
C W & N A Snyder, publishing proceedings &c.	1 1
F E Churchill, work in treas office committee on settling with county officers.	1 1
C Hine, do.	1 1
A T Webster, caring for insane.	1 1
S H Haddock, services on committee on independence.	1 1
H T Dexter, deputy sheriff fees.	1 1

THE HAWK-EYE.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1871.

THE CITY.

—A telegram received from Van Buren county, Tuesday, announced the death of Hon. John L. Wright. He had been very low for several weeks, and the visitation of death was not unexpected.

A boy from an Illinois prairie
Swore he'd cross on the Burlington Ferry;
But he grew to a sage,
And he died of old age,
And yet there was nary a ferry.

—First Burlington young man of leisure, loquitor. "Ever since we've been using coal at the house my watch chain tarnishes faster than I can polish it." Second B. y. m. of I. "Use coal at the house now?" First B. y. m. of I. "Haw—yes. Old woman's back got so bad, nearly killed her to saw wood, and no one else round the house a fellah could depend on to stoke, you know." Sings softly, "What is home without a mother?"

—A man and several boys formed the cynosure of all eyes in the vicinity of Market Square, yesterday afternoon, and a gang of pigs formed the cynosure of the man and boys. They were either trying to drive the pigs on the scales or into the pound, it wasn't patent which. It was a close race between the parties whether the pigs could run faster or the man and boys yell the louder, but at latest advices the pigs were thought to be a little ahead, with the man crowding them pretty close and the boys a bad third.

Important Transfer.

The old pork-house near the railroad bridge was yesterday sold to Gilbert, Hedge & Co. for the sum of \$10,000.

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came off with her dress. The girl is
fearfully burned, the flesh in many places
being as black as dead coal. At last
accounts the unfortunate was still living,
but so terribly burned that recovery is
impossible.

DEATH OF HON. JOSEPH R. WRIGHT.—Mr.
Wright, whose death is noticed else
where, was a member of the 14th General
Assembly, and was one of the early set
tlers of Iowa, coming to this State from
Indiana at a time when the State was yet
a Territory. Des Moines, until recently,
yet had within its limits the marks of his
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hailed, we believe, from Van Buren Coun
ty by Mr. Wright for that purpose. To a
life of active, laborious industry, he added
scrupulous honesty, a happy disposition, a
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ward all men. The memory of such a
man may well be kept fresh and green in
the hearts and thoughts of those who
knew and loved him. The examples of his
life and closing days, filled as they were
with pain, the patient endurance of
which was in keeping with his whole
character, have proved him to have been
of that excellent mould of men for whose
living the world has been bettered, and
in whose death all who knew him may
well feel sadness. Mr. Wright was a
brother of Senator Wright, and of Ex
-Gen. Joseph A. Wright, of Indiana.

RAILROAD FREIGHT IN IOWA.—The Chi
cago Tribune quotes a ~~Western~~ statement
that freights from New York to Omaha,
by way of Baltimore, were less than from
York to Des Moines direct, and says:
"While the Freight Agents of the Iowa
lines are deliberating on the advisability
of reducing the rates to Omaha, the St.
Louis Freight Agents have already done
so. The rates adopted by the St. Louis
roads to Omaha, are as follows: First
class, 75 cents; second class, 60 cents;
third class, 50 cents; fourth class, 40 cents
and special, 35 cents. Although it is from
Chicago to Omaha about the same dis
tance as it is from St. Louis, and the Chi
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straight air-line, while the St. Louis roads
have to connect at Kansas City, still the
rates from this city are now much higher
as will be seen by the following figures:
First class, 95 cents; second class, 80 cents
third class, 65 cents; fourth class, 45 cents
special, 40 cents.

Our business interests demand that the
freight agents of the Iowa pool should
wake up from their lethargy and bring
down the rates to Omaha to the same
figures, if not lower, than those made by
the St. Louis roads."

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.—A basket
Convention of the Polk County Sabbath
School Association is called to be held at
Stanton's school house and Oak Grove
Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, with
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PROGRAMME.

Saturday afternoon, 4 P. M.
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THE SIOUX CO. HERALD

ORANGE CITY, IOWA.

IOWA ITEMS.

The Senate has confirmed Mrs. Mary Card as postmaster at Mason City.

Waterloo has a cracker factory operated by horse power, which turns out ten barrels of manufactured goods daily.

There is some discussion in Adair county on the question of changing the county seat from Fontanelle to Greenfield.

Hon. J. D. Miracle, of Denison, a well known lawyer, and formerly a member of the General Assembly, is about to remove to Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Hon. John L. Wright, of Van Buren county, who was a member of the 14th General Assembly, and brother of Senator Wright, died on the 28th of April.

The costs of prosecuting one criminal case in Blackhawk county have already footed up \$3,072. By the time the case is disposed of it is estimated that the expenses will be at least \$5000.

The German Evangelical, or German Methodist Conference, for the States of Iowa and Nebraska, was recently in session at Ackley. Some eighty ministers were in attendance, and Bishop Ewes presided.

Peter Weise, a carpenter, committed suicide by shooting himself, in Burlington, on the 28th of April. He was a German, about 32 years of age, and had

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A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Van Buren County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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erally invited emigrants, and rapidly developed its resources. It will be found that the first warranty deed of record is for lots in Pittsburg, from Abiathar Buck, Williams and wife, and John Groom and wife, to Lemuel Mussetter, while the oldest deed of the kind is from David Taylor to Edward Nance, for twenty acres, in Section 32, Township 69, Range 8 (Harrisburg), dated November 22, 1838. Abram Foster made the first entry of land, his entry being October 2, 1838 (ninety-seven acres, in Section 6, Township 69, Range 10—Van Buren), and he was followed on the 5th of October, 1838, by Robert J. Sturdivant, of 160 acres, in Section 35, Township 69, Range 8—Harrisburg.

During the same month (October, 1838), James F. Westcott entered the quarter section adjoining Keosauqua, which to this day is known as the Westcott quarter. James Bell made his entry of his farm in Washington Township the same month. When he crossed the Des Moines River at Keosauqua, a few months before with his family, he borrowed money from Capt. James Hall to pay his ferriage, and he thus reached his claim without a cent in money, but with pluck and courage that carried him through. James N. McCutchen, Thomas Anson, Peter Gillis and Thomas Beer bought their lands in this township the same month.

In Cedar Township, Samuel Huddleston; in Union, John M. Whittaker; in Farmington, Richard Cave, William Williams, James Rhodes, John Newport; in Vernon, Alexander Davis (whose wife hauled the rails with one horse to fence the improvement, while he split them), Nahum Sargent; in Des Moines, Delaney Dillingham; in Jackson, William and Jonathan McClure, William Brooks, Martin Tate, George Reynolds and John Cantrel; in Village, Riley Gilbert and John D. Walker; in Lick Creek, William S. Whittaker and Hiram Hill; in Chequest, Stiles S. Carpenter, Sylvester Riley and Asheel Lane, made among the first entries.

OFFICIAL ROSTER OF THE COUNTY.

Appended is a roster of the officers who have held places of trust under the State and county, from Van Buren County:

Representatives in United States Congress.—1855-57—Augustus Hall, Keosauqua; George W. McCrary, formerly of Van Buren.

United States Senator.—George G. Wright, from 1871 to 1877.

Chief Justice Supreme Court of Iowa.—George G. Wright.

Representatives in Third Constitutional Convention.—1857, Squire Ayers, Timothy Day.

Representatives in the Legislature.—*Senate*—1846-48, John M. Whitaker, John F. Sanford; 1848-49, John F. Sanford, George G. Wright; 1850-51, George G. Wright, John B. Spees; 1852-53, John B. Spees, George Schramm; 1854-56, George Schramm, A. H. McCrary; 1856-57, David T. Brigham, A. H. McCrary; 1858, David T. Brigham, Gideon S. Bailey; 1860-61, Gideon S. Bailey; 1862-64, A. H. McCrary; 1866, Eliab Doud; 1868, Jacob G. Vale; 1873, James B. Pease. *House*—1846-48, George Montague, Anderson McPherrin, Dudley Hardy, R. B. Willoughby; 1848-49, John Alexander, J. W. McManaman, A. H. McCrary, Willard Elmer; 1850-51, A. H. McCrary, George C. Allender, C. G. Dibble; 1852-53, Anderson McPherrin, Lewis Fordyce, Jacob Ream, Robert Russell; 1854-56, George N. Rosser, Joseph Barker, Robert Meek, Henry Weatherington; 1856-57, David Doud, Jr., R. H. McDow, Dudley Harvey; 1858, Squire Ayers, J. J. Cassady; 1860-61, John M. Whitaker, Henry Clay Caldwell; 1862, George Schramm, Joshua Glanville; 1864, W. C. Garrett, J. W.

Latham; 1866, Joel Brown. Jonathan Thatcher; 1868, Joel Brown, Seth Craig; 1870, Joel Brown, George N. Rosser; 1872, Samuel Whitten, John R. Wright; 1874, Joseph Work; 1876, Thomas Christy; 1878, Oliver Hazard, Perry Scott.

District Judges.—The first appointment of District Judge was under the Territorial law. Hon. David Irvin was the first to serve, in 1838. He appointed Henry G. Stewart as Clerk.

Charles Mason succeeded Judge Irvin and served until 1847. Stewart acted as Clerk until the appointment of Frye B. Hazeltine. Elisha Cutler, Jr., also acted as Clerk. This ended the Territorial District Judgeship, and in the spring of 1847, Cyrus Olney was elected. He resigned in the spring of 1851, and Judge Joseph C. Knapp was appointed to fill the vacancy, which he did until the election of William H. Seevers in 1852. In the fall of 1856, Seevers resigned and Caleb Baldwin was appointed to fill the vacancy. In the spring of 1856, H. B. Hendershott was elected, and, owing to a change in the limits of the district, his term expired in the winter of 1859, when John S. Townsend became Judge of this district.

The following, therefore, would be the roster from the beginning down to the present: 1838, David Irvin; 1839, Charles Mason; 1847, Cyrus Olney; 1851, Joseph C. Knapp; 1852, William H. Seevers; 1856, Caleb Baldwin; 1856, H. B. Hendershott; 1859, John S. Townsend; 1863, Henry H. Trimble; 1867, Harvey Tannehill; 1871, Morris J. Williams; 1875, Joseph C. Knapp; 1879, E. L. Burton.

Circuit Court Judge.—In 1868, the Circuit Court was established, and Hon. Robert Sloan was chosen to the Bench. He has been re-elected twice since then, and is still filling the office.

District Clerks.—1838, Henry G. Stewart; 1840, Frye B. Hazeltine; 1841, Elisha Cutler, Jr.; 1846, D. C. Bonney; 1848-50, Seth Millington; 1852, Charles Baldwin; 1854-56, Alexander Burns; 1857, William J. Johnson; 1858-60, L. D. Morris; 1861-66, John A. Miller; 1868-70, J. W. Latham; 1872-74, Russell Johnston; 1876, W. A. Gebhardt; 1878, James Gillespie.

Prosecuting Attorneys.—1846, George G. Wright; 1848, Henry M. Shelby; 1850, Henry M. Shelby; 1852, Charles C. Nourse; 1854, Samuel M. Mills; 1856, H. C. Caldwell.

The office of District Attorney was instituted in 1856-57, which took the place of the Prosecuting Attorney. The list ran:

District Attorneys.—1858, Amos Harris; 1862, Amos Harris; 1866, James B. Weaver; 1870, Maston H. Jones; 1874, Thomas M. Fee; 1878, R. B. Townsend.

County Judges.—1851-55, Emanuel Mayne; 1857, Thomas Rankin; 1859, Joshua S. Sloan; 1861-65, H. Strickling; 1867, Alexander Brown.

The County Judge system was superseded by the election of Auditor.

Auditors.—1868-73, Alexander Brown; 1875-77, Bernard F. Rehkopf.

Assessors.—1839, Obediah Selby; 1840, S. S. Carpenter; 1857, Cranston Allen.

Sheriffs.—The first Sheriff of Van Buren County was a Mr. Knowles. He was appointed by the Governor of Wisconsin. The year is not certain, but he served until 1838, when Henry Hefflemen was appointed, and served from 1838 to 1840. J. H. Bonney was in office from 1840 to 1842. Alfred M. Lyon was in office from 1842 to 1844, after which, by an act of Congress, the

the best home of the early days, which I shall never forget, for at their table more than once I have been cared for when tired and hungry; and that woman of marked character, the wife of Obad, who was the son of William Stannard, for she and her husband truly made their impress upon the country, and all remember them to praise; and Russo (of the royal family of Kings), who made our mills, built our houses, and at the same time builded, as he deserved, well for himself and family; and Roger N. Cresap, with that wife who has accomplished more and with more life and good-humor than any one that lives—he I should not forget; for whether in Louisiana or Texas, wherever thrown by fate or fortune, he still turned to the same beautiful and rich land where he now lives as the brightest and most pleasant spot on earth; and then, there is Harvey—of the long tribe of Alexanders—irrepressible in his politics, endless in his story-telling, never exaggerating in the least, whether on the block or off, and is still *going, going, going*, and will be till he's *gone*; and my old friend Robert Forbes, who never had but a "mere whang of apples," which meant more than all his neighbors, and who never let any poor Whig or Radical rest if he could get a chance to punch him in the ribs; and those pioneers of large personal, political and social influence, Capts. Hancock and Sanford; and that blessed good man, Sheriff Johnson, with his son-in-law, McPherrin—twice a member of the General Assembly—and of whom to say that he is as good and honest as the father-in-law, is but simple truth and no faint praise; and that fine specimen of manhood and old-fashioned Methodism, Uncle Johnny Spencer and his good and solid neighbors, Groom and Warren; and that jolly Democrat from Delaware, Billy Holland, and his equally jolly neighbor, Onias Hale, and scores of others in the same vicinity, from the land of Rush, in the much-abused State of Indiana; and then, too, he that was among our earliest and truest men, Mark C. Thatcher, of Quaker stock, and that quiet wife of his, and their boys almost numberless, Jonathan, Isaac, Thomas, Aaron, Amos, Ezekiel, and how many more I cannot tell; and his old neighbors, whose influence was fully equal to any others in their vicinity, Lippincott, and Muir, and Burns; and Ralph, of the house of Peterson, than whom no county ever had truer men; and of course Dr. Nathan Shepherd, always fighting for the right and peddling pills, while James, of the same name, dealt in politics; and Benjamin F. Pearson, also, who kept public house in Pittsburg at the time of the Young Mormon war there, in the winter of 1840-41, and which I shall never forget, and who did build our houses, fought for his country, and esteems Republicanism next to Methodism; and Ashabel, who went home within the last few years, who owned those rich acres just down the river from where we now are, a good citizen, and his children do follow him; and Benjamin, of the numerous tribe of Barkers; and that other Barker (Esq. Joseph), who started in the woods, but woods no longer, and who has more children to love than any man in the county, for he beats Dr. Sturdivant, having, as I am told, eighteen—the Doctor only fourteen; and Joel and Wesley Walker, from the land of Penn, who have had as much to do with Keosauqua and its growth as most others, perhaps any, unless it be one I should not forget, Edwin Manning, of the strong frame and marked face, rather slow of speech and movement, and yet never idle, and who holds the largest purse and more lands than any other, save his friendly rival, Seth, of the land of Bentonsport, both of them still New Englanders somewhat in manners and habits, notwithstanding their many days in the West; and the neighbor of Seth, Dr. Cowles, recognized among the best physicians of the early days, and, perhaps, still so; and Timothy, whose other name is Day, that never tires, with energy and good sense enough to govern a nation, and who has added more to the stock wealth of the county than all others; and Harvey Robb, who goes (or did) to New York, Albany, Chicago and Philadelphia, with more cattle and hogs than any man in the county, and who, if not the handsomest man, is as good and energetic as many claiming better looks. (He and Squire Neal can settle the question of good looks, and if it should be a tie, they might divide honors with Billy Holland, or with John R. Wright, who I know belongs to a good-looking family); and that most devoted of all Methodists, Father Thomas Miller, and I must not forget him or them, James J. (the White Pigeon) and Margaret, his wife, for they were the friends of everybody, good to the sick, always well and happy; and John Lyon, the man of inventive genius, and whose shop and name are known all over this and adjoining counties; and that stern old Presbyterian, James A. Brown, of Bear Creek first, then of Bentonsport, could I forget him and his true friendship I should be indeed most ungrateful; and I must not pass by Samuel of the red hair—Robinson; John of Irish Bend—Parks, who has "awful" nice apples, an "awful" good farm, is an "awful" good man, and has an "awfuller" good wife; and then, too, his old neighbors, the Johns, Steeves, Baggs and McKibben; and Miner, in name merely, always old enough to take care of himself since I knew him; Eastling, of the brick house in Harrison, and perhaps the first in the township; and the sons-in-law of Jacob Ream, Mussetter and Smith; and their neighbor and friend, Lorenzo Ellis; and Brad Ellis, too, and his late neighbor Langford as good men as we have; and the taller boys; and Benson and Thomas, of Farmington; John Beseker, Billy Johnson and George Huffman, of Bonaparte; and the Rutledges and Penetts—I hope they will live forever; and Esq. William Hackney, bless him, how he and that other good soul, Sam Merritt, used to work for old-fashioned Whiggery; and Miles McSurley, who, when last I met him, was as jolly and hearty as ever, and I believe wealthy; and why should I forget, for I cannot, that personification of jollity and good cheer, the genial, bluff and round Esq. Jonathan Nelson, and his equally good brother Isaac; and from the same vicinity the Averbs and the Walkers, who always walked well in Methodist and political paths; that emphatic and truly hospitable pioneer,



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Birth Year:	abt 1814	
Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Van Buren	
Locality:	Van Buren	
Roll:	IA_66	
Line:	29	
Family Number:	122	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John R Wright	42
	Susan Wright	40
	Geo G Wright	12
	Endora Wright	14
	John W Wright	10
	Harriet Wright	8
	Martha Wright	4
	Frank P Wright	1

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John Wright
1776 – 1825

Rachel Seaman
1784 – 1851

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Susan
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1860	Residence Van Buren, Van Buren, Iowa	1 source citation
1870	Residence Jackson, Van Buren, Iowa	1 source citation
1874	Death Iowa	1 source citation

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- No Mother

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Spouse & Children

- Susan**
1814 – 1875
- Margaret E Clark**
1841 – 1927
- george g. Wright**
1843 –
- John W Wright**
1846 –
- Harriett Elizabeth Wright**
1848 – 1937
- martha Wright**
1852 –
- frank p Wright**
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SECTION 3 (Continued):

Mary J., dau. E. L. & R. Garrett, d. June 10, 1869, ae
14 yrs., 5 mos.

(Helen C., dau. J. & J. Shepherd, b. 29 Dec. 1845, d. 7 Oct. 1863
(Elvira, dau. J. & J. Shepherd, d. 13 July 1865, ae 21 yrs., 10 mo.
(23 days

(C.C. Biser, d. 25 Oct. 1866, ae 38 yrs (GAR)
(Jane, wife of C.C. Biser, d. 6 July 1866, ae 28 yrs., 7 mos.,
(25 days

(Jane, wife of J. Shepherd, d. 22 Sept. 1870, ae 64 yrs.,
(7 mos., 2 days

(James Shepherd, b. 15 Mar. 1800, d. 11 Sept. 1880 ✕

Paul D., son S.H. & M.M. Shepherd, d. 27 Mar. 1887, age 1 yr.
9 mo. 11 days

James A. Shepherd, b. 1886-_____

The following three stone on the same lot:

(Judah C. Graham, d. 4 Apr. 1882, ae 82 yrs., 8 mos. 5 days
(Lucy, wife of J.C. Graham, d. 5 Mar. 1878, ae 73 yrs.,
(7 mos., 3 days

Oscar A. Graham, d. 25 July 1884, ae 49 yrs., 2 mos.,
11 days. Co. C, 3 Iowa Cavalry (GAR)

(M.A. Graham Ketchum, b. 8 Feb. 1827, d. 10 Mar. 1901
(M.O. Ketchum, b. 14 May 1822, d. 23 Aug. 1913

The following twelve stones on the same lot:

Wright (John R., b. 1 Feb. 1814, d. 30 Apr. 1874
(Susan L., his wife, b. 28 May, 1815, d. 29 Apr. 1875

(Father. Charles Baldwin, b. 12 July 1818, d. 28 Jan. 1898
(Mother. Rachel Wright Baldwin, b. 6 June 1816, d. 15 Apr. 1902
Frank A., son C. & R. Baldwin, b. 21 Aug. 1847, d. 10 Oct. 1847
Edward, son Chas. & Rachel Baldwin, b. 21 July 1858, d. 31
Mar. 1873

Hannah Benton, d. 16 June 1880, ae 68 yrs., 8 mos., 18 days
Rachel Wright (Mother), b. 17 July 1784, d. 6 Aug. 1851

Cheney (Joseph W., Christian Patriot, Co. E., 15 Iowa Inf.,
(b. 1845, d. 1916
(Lavinia R., b. 1848, d. 1940

(Alice Cheney, b. 1889, d. 1963
(Amy Cheney, b. 1887, d. 1955

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Des Moines, Nov. 8th, 1871.

Iowa.

the custom of each House, at the commencement of every session of the
be prepared and published, a table, showing certain statistics in connec-
members thereof. This is usually done in much haste, hence is frequently
the orthography of names. In order to prevent errors of this kind, and to
at the commencement of the session, I transmit you this circular, with a request
the blanks found below, and return to this office as soon as practical. You will
name in full, and write plainly.

Name..... John R. Wright
P. O. Address..... Milton Van Buren Co. Iowa
County..... Van Buren Co.
Occupation..... Farmer
Nativity..... Pennsylvania
Married or Single..... Married
Religion..... Liberal
If in the Service; regiment and rank.....
Years in Iowa..... thirty three
Age..... fifty seven
Weight..... one hundred & sixty five

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.