

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative McGurren, George Henry Senator _____
Represented Harrison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 8 Mar 1819 Indiana County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Lucinda Sawmanght Oct 1849

(2) Rosilla Jergwilliger July 1862

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the first State Medical Society

B. Civic responsibilities Mason. Odd Fellows

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the first board of supervisors of Harrison County; Harrison County coroner 3rd & 4th years

B. State _____

C. National Member of the National Eclectic Medical Association

7. Death 15 Jan 1895 Missouri Valley, Iowa; buried Oak Grove Cemetery, Missouri Valley, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Maria (Mrs. A.T. Boies - predeceased her father in death); Viola (Mrs. Benson Palmer); Lenora (Mrs. C.C. Dorr); Jennie (Mrs. Lucinda Cook); Charles H. (Mrs. E.L. Sherwood); Nellie

9. Names of parents George and Nancy (Curtis) McGurren

McGavren, George H.

10. Education He attended public schools in Hardin County, Ohio

11. Degrees Attended Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio pursuing a
Library course of study; 1843 entered medical school at
Western Reserve College graduating in 1849

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 10 he moved with his parents to Columbiana County, Ohio
- Then in spring 1835 the family moved to Hardin County, Ohio
- He taught school for a time before entering college. Before entering
college he had read medicine with Dr. John Wise and so
he entered medical school.
- In 1851 he moved to Pottawattamie County, Iowa and practiced medicine
- In 1858 he moved to Harrison County, Iowa living at Mission Valley
until his death.
- For 13 years he practiced medicine with his brother, Dr. Robert
McGavren, also with Dr. J. H. Coit and Dr. W. M. Kellogg 1879-1888
and with his son, C. H. McGavren
- His first wife, Lucinda, died in 1861
- He lived in Pottawattamie County, Iowa 1854-1858.
- In 1868 he moved to Mission Valley, Iowa in Harrison County, Iowa. He
practiced medicine there until winter 1888 when he fell and caused
a derangement of his mind. It became necessary to place him in
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OUR NEXT FAIR.

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Dr. George H. McGavren died at the
home of his daughter, Mrs. C. C.
Dorr, in this city, Tuesday evening
January 15, 1896, after a long period
of illness.

George H. McGavren was born
March 6, 1819 in Indiana county,
Pennsylvania, where he resided with
his parents, George and Nancy (Ewart)
McGavren, until the age of ten years,
when the family moved to Columbiana
county, Ohio. In the spring of 1835,
the family removed to Hardin county,
Ohio, where he attended public schools,
fitting himself for the activities of life.
During a portion of the time he engaged
in teaching. He entered Oberlin
college where he pursued a literary
course of study. In 1843, having
previously read medicine with Dr. John
Wise of Petersburg, he entered the
medical department of Western Reserve
college, graduating therefrom in 1849.
In 1851 he removed to Pottawattamie
county, Iowa, and engaged in the
practice of his profession; in 1858 he
became a resident of Harrison county,
Iowa, living at old St. John and
Missouri Valley ever since.

For thirteen years he was associated
in the practice of medicine with his
brother, Dr. Robert McGavren, latterly
with Dr. G. W. Coit, also with Dr. W.
M. Kelvey and from 1879 to 1888 with
his son, C. W. McGavren. Coming to
Iowa in an early day, Dr. McGavren
was identified with pioneer life in the
west, always interested in all that per-
tained to the growth, welfare and
development of the locality in which
he lived and the state of his adoption.
He was a member of the first board of
supervisors of Harrison county and
represented the county in the
Thirteenth (1870) General Assembly of
Iowa, being elected on the republican
ticket. Dr. McGavren was a life-long
member of the M. E. church, also a
member of Valley Lodge No. 282, A.
F. & A. M.

He was united in marriage with
Miss Lucinda Fausnaught in October,
1849. To them were born: Maria
(Mrs. A. T. Boies now deceased)
Viola, (Mrs. Reuben Palmer); Lenora,
(Mrs. C. C. Dorr); Jennie, (Mrs.
Lucian Cook) and Charles W. Mrs.
McGavren died in 1861. In 1862, Dr.
McGavren married a second wife, Miss
Rosilla Tergwilliger, who survives him.
To them were born: Robert O.
(deceased); Hattie, (Mrs. E. L. Sher-
wood) and Nellie.

The funeral services occur Thursday
afternoon, at two o'clock, from the
residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. C.
Dorr, in this city.

RAILROAD ECONOMY.

H. C. Mahanna was a Valley visitor

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1878.

Cedar Creek, Virginia; then on that of General T. N. Harris, and then on that of Major-General Turner, with whom he took part in all the closing campaigns of Virginia, including the battle at Appomattox Court House, and the surrender of General Lee and his army.

On the 29th of March, 1865, he was commissioned major of his regiment by the governor of Ohio, and at the close of the Richmond campaign, on the recommendation of General Turner, he was breveted major by the war department for gallant services.

After the last battle was fought, and the rebel armies had surrendered, and orders came for the gradual muster out of the troops, Major-General Turner, upon whose staff Major Karr had been serving, tendered him an assurance of a major's commission in the regular army for staff duty with him as long as he should remain in the service; but Major Karr had enlisted solely in the war for the suppression of the rebellion and the perpetuity of the Union, and he gratefully declined his commander's offer, preferring to be mustered out with his regiment, and to return to his home and engage in some civil pursuit. In time of war he preferred to be a soldier; in time of peace, a civilian.

During his military career Major Karr participated in numerous battles, among the most noted of which were those of Moorefield, Winchester, Halltown, Opequan, Fisher's Hill, the two battles of Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, Fort Greys and Appomattox Court House.

Major Karr was a prompt, brave and efficient officer, whose gentlemanly appearance and soldierly bearing ever gained for him the respect and favor of his superiors in rank and the esteem of his inferiors.

In June, 1865, he was mustered out of the military service, and returned to his home and immediately entered upon the study of law. During the winter of 1865-6 he attended the law department of the Michigan University.

In April, 1866, at Pomeroy, Ohio, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio, and, in the same month, in the classical language associated with the beginner of the profession, he "hung out his shingle" in Meigs county, Ohio, and there, and in the adjoining county of Jackson, West Virginia, continued the practice for one or two years with the surprising success that usually attends the initiates of his profession. Taking the advice of Horace Greeley he "went west," and in June, 1868, he located at Osceola, Clark county, Iowa, where he resumed the practice of his profession, in which he still continues, having established a paying business.

He has had but a few years of active professional life, but is universally respected wherever known; and although his contact with the world from the time he left the university to the close of the war was circumscribed by the din and bustle of the battlefield, he is a complete cosmopolite, and is as agreeable and sociable a person as he who has spent all his days amid the quiet surroundings of a life of peace, ease and luxury.

In June, 1871, Major Karr married Miss Anna F. Wonner, eldest daughter of Frederick Wonner, of Osceola. They have had born to them two sons, Frederick William and Hamilton L., junior.

Major Karr is a Universalist in his religious belief and education, and a radical republican in politics. He is not an active partisan politician, except in the time of a national campaign.

GEORGE H. MCGAVREN, M.D.,

MISSOURI VALLEY.

AMONG the older practitioners on the Iowa side of the Missouri slope is Dr. George Henry McGavren, nearly thirty years a resident of Pottawattamie and Harrison counties. He was a son of George McGavren, a farmer, who came from Scotland in 1800, and settled in York county, Pennsylvania. He fought against England in our second contest with her. George Henry was born in Indiana, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of March, 1818. His mother, Nancy J. Ewart, was of

Irish descent. The son grew to manhood on a farm in his native town; at eighteen moved to Columbiana county, Ohio, near Salem, farming and attending common and select schools until of age. Subsequently he taught five winters, and spent the remainder of the time each year in miscellaneous studies at Oberlin College.

He read medicine at Petersburg, Columbiana county, with Dr. John Wise; attended lectures in the medical department of Western Reserve College,

Cleveland, and graduated in the spring of 1847. After practicing between two and three years in Allen county, Ohio, Dr. McGavren moved to western Iowa, locating in Pottawattamie county, three miles south of his present residence, removing to this place eleven or twelve years ago. His early practice here, when this part of the slope was very thinly settled, extended over three or four counties. A single ride of a hundred miles, including the return trip, was no uncommon thing, and occasionally he was called sixty and seventy miles from home, at a time, too, when roads of any kind were scarce and there were no bridges.

Latterly Dr. McGavren's rides have been limited to certain portions of Harrison and Pottawattamie counties, except in cases of consultation. His reputation for skill is excellent, and his kindly nature and sympathetic disposition make him a welcome visitor in the sick room.

He was a member of the lower house of the general assembly in 1870, being elected on the republican ticket the autumn before, and was on the committees on schools, county organizations and two or three other committees. The doctor was a democrat until the civil war broke out. He was coroner

of Harrison county three or four years, but has usually kept out of office, his professional business being sufficient for any one man.

Dr. McGavren is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, and of the National Eclectic Medical Association.

He is a Master Mason and an Odd-Fellow, but has very little time to give to such organizations.

His religious sympathies are with the Methodists, with whom he has been connected in church relationship since about 1865.

Dr. McGavren has a second wife: his first was Miss Lucinda Fausnaught, of Ohio; married in 1850, and dying in 1862, leaving five children, all yet living. His present wife was Miss Rosella Terwilliger, of Clarion county, Pennsylvania; married in 1863. She has two children, a boy and girl. He has four daughters by his first wife, all married. Maria is the wife of A. T. Boies, of Magnolia, Iowa; Lenora is the wife of James Roland, of Palmer, Harrison county; Viola is the wife of Reuben Palmer, real-estate dealer, of Missouri Valley, and Jennie is the wife of Francis Manchester, jeweler, also of Missouri Valley. The only son by the first wife, Charles W., is a student in Rush Medical College, Chicago.

DANIEL W. LORING,

OSKALOOSA.

ONE of the oldest and most successful merchants in Oskaloosa is Daniel Warren Loring, who has been a trader here twenty-seven years, and, financially speaking, has never wavered an iota. He settled here when Oskaloosa had less than seven hundred inhabitants; has seen it grow to a city of seven thousand; has been identified with its improvements, and has aided his full share in making the city what it is, an important railroad center and great trading point. He was a son of Hon. Oliver R. Loring, a farmer, who resided at Belpre, Ohio, at the time of the son's birth, on the 1st of December, 1821. The progenitor of the Loring family was from Wales, and settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, about two hundred and thirty years ago. The grandfather of Daniel W. was a participant in the successful struggle for freedom from the British yoke. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Fanny Warren, a descendant of another old Massachusetts family, numbering many persons of eminence.

Daniel W. followed his father's calling in his younger years, receiving, meanwhile, a strictly business education, taking a scientific course at a Marietta institution. Soon after arriving at age he commenced, in his native town, a mercantile life, which he has never abandoned. In 1851 he settled in Oskaloosa, beginning on a small scale, in a small frame building, having as a partner his brother, Jesse D. Loring, until his death in 1871. He seems to have started in business with the conviction that "honesty is the best policy"; that to make friends and retain them they must be fairly dealt with. He has always pursued an upright, straightforward course, dealing patiently and leniently with customers where the exercise of such virtues was called for; acting also with proper caution and prudence in granting credit, and has thus protected himself, secured the confidence of the people, and built up as good a business, probably, as any man in Mahaska county. On nearly the same spot on the public square he has traded for more than

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Since coming to Harrison County, Mr. Reel has taken an active part in educational matters, and has been President of the School Board and School Treasurer of his township for several years.

Politically he affiliates with the Republican party. His wife belongs to the Baptist Church at Loveland.



GEORGE H. MCGAVREN, M. D., was among the pioneer band who found their way to Western Iowa, in 1854. Our subject was born March 8, 1819, in Indiana County, Pa., and is the son of George and Nancy (Ewert) McGavren. He lived in Pottawattamie County, from 1854 to 1858, and was in partnership in the practice of medicine with his brother Dr. Robert McGavren for thirteen years, and in 1868 removed to Missouri Valley, where he continued to practice, until the winter of 1888, when he received a fall on the street, which injury caused a derangement of his mind, and in 1889 it became necessary to send him to the asylum at Clarinda, where he still remains. Our subject was first married in October, 1849, to Lucinda Fauchnaut, and by this union five children were born: Maria, deceased; Viola, widow of Reuben Palmer; Charles William, M. D., at Missouri Valley; Lenora, wife of C. C. Dorr, of Missouri Valley; and Jennie, wife of Lucien Cook, of the same place. The mother of these children, died December 23, 1861, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, St. John's Township. Our subject's second marriage occurred in July, 1862, when he was united to Rosilla Terwilliger, a native of Clarion County, Pa. By this union five

children were born, three of whom still survive: Robert C., of Missouri Valley; Hattie, wife of Mr. Sherwood, of Des Moines; and Nellie is living with her mother in Missouri Valley.

Dr. McGavren was elected as a member of the Iowa Legislature in 1869, serving one term. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Missouri Valley, and is a Republican of the deepest dye. He was at one time a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, and he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was at one time in partnership with Dr. Coit, and also with D. McKelvy, and after his son Charles W. was graduated, they practiced together.

No man stood higher in the community, socially, professionally, and in a business point of view than did our subject, and the misfortune that overtook him toward the evening of life was deplored by the whole community. He was Chairman of the first Board of the County Supervisors of Harrison County.



CHARLES PLOTH, a farmer living on section 23, Magnolia Township, first settled on section 27, in 1870, and bought eighty acres of land, fifteen acres of which had been broken, and a small log house erected thereon, in which he lived until 1875, and then sold the place and rented for a year, after which he bought his present place. At the time there were one hundred acres partly improved, and a frame house 16x24 feet, to which he added in 1881, and the same year built a barn 26x40 feet. His farm now consists of three hundred and eighty acres, divided about equally into three places.

Iowa - Doctors

McGarvey, Neil J. (1916-

Des Moines

Grad. West. Reserve Univ. School. Med. 1943, Ohio

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Iowa - Doctors

McGavren, Charles W.

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Grad. Rush Med. College, Chgo. 1879.

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(1 Fh) 1950, I.S.M.S. 205 (1880)

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McGavren, George Henry (1818¹⁸¹⁹ - Missouri Valle
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1860 United States Federal Census

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[George Henry Mcgavern]

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Birth Year: **abt 1820**

Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

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Gender: **Male**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	G H Mcgavren	40
	Lucinda Mcgavren	30
	Maria Mcgavren	9
	Viola Mcgavren	7
	Lenora Mcgavren	5
	Charles W Mcgavren	1
	Joseph W Reilly	30

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Family links:

Spouse:

Rosella *Terwilliger* McGavren (1840 - 1900)*

Children:

Elbert Guy McGavren (____ - 1881)*
infant son McGavren (____ - 1865)*

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