

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Knight, George Henry Senator _____

Represented Des Moines, Winta, Cherokee and Clay Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Nov 1829 Troy, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Sarah Smith 24 Oct 1854

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Merchant; manufacturer; messenger; owner of ~~ships~~;
saw mill owner, cooper; master of steamboat vessel

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices
A. Local Notary Court, Justice of the Peace, located at Iowa City, Iowa; Internal Revenue Assessor in Polk County 1868-1869

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 June 1910 Oklawaha, Florida; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Oklawaha, Florida

8. Children Lillie E (Mrs P. J. Lambady); Charles H; Walter S.; Fred B.; Nellie
Maud; Cecil A.

9. Names of parents Albert M. and Abigail (Valentine) Knight
Edw step father was Daniel Morgan

10. Education He only spent 3 weeks in a classroom, yet learned on his own.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Immigrant until 1855, then Republican

- After leaving Sac City, Iowa he conducted a nursery at Moravians, Iowa near Sioux City, Iowa
- He moved from Sioux City, Iowa to Atlantic Shores where he lived until his death.
- The family moved to Buffalo, New York in 1838 and in 1843 to Dunk, New York
- George worked with his step-father at the cooper's trade from age 11-15
- George did not like this work so he went to the Niagara River area and started working as a wheelman on the street boat named Commerce, working his way up to the master of the vessel at age 21
- He piloted the first vessel into the port of Iowa Falls, New York
- After many perilous journeys and financial problems, as in July 1859 he moved west spending one year in Wisconsin, 3 years in Iowa near Iowa and Fort Dodge, Iowa and 8 years in Grant City, Iowa near Iowa.
- There he sold fruit trees and agricultural implements at Iowa Falls and bought farms at Fort Dodge, Iowa and operated a flouring mill at Grant City, Iowa.
- He moved to Sioux City, Iowa on 12 July 1871
- He collected coins and stamps as well as stuffed birds

the hall for supper. They attended the Chautauqua in the evening, and, together with the Sac City comrades and their wives, returned to the hall, where they passed a pleasant hour singing and telling stories. They sang "Who Loves the Boy in Blue the Best?" Of Course it is the W. R. C.'s," a song recently composed by the department president of the W. R. C. of Iowa. Other songs sung were "John Brown's Body," "Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Marching Through Georgia," and "America." The guests departed for their homes on the eleven o'clock freight, leaving expressions that had been royally entertained.

DEATH OF EARLY RESIDENT—Geo. H. Wright, an early resident of Grant City and Sac county, died at his home in Orlando, Fla., on June 28. He was nearly 80 years old. After leaving Sac county he conducted a nursery at Morningside and was the register of the United States land office at Sioux City. He also represented Woodbury county in the legislature at one time. He removed from Sioux City to Florida, where he has since resided. About fifteen years ago he was severely injured by being thrown from his carriage and has been practically an invalid ever since. His only remaining relative in Sac county is a niece, Mrs. Frank E. Stouffer. He leaves surviving him five children as follows: Charles H. Wright, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. P. F. Laubach, of Orlando, Fla.; Fred Wright, of Titusville, Fla.; Miss Nellie Wright, of Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr. A. C. Wright, of Richmond, Fla. The funeral services were held at Orlando, Fla., on June 29, and were conducted by the Masons and Knights Templar and interment was made in the Orlando cemetery.

AS A FISHERMAN—Last week's Lake View Resort says: W. G. Wine, of Sac City, was at the lake fishing several days and as is usually the case he landed the best the lake affords. Mr. Wine spent last winter at Long Beach, Cal., fishing about five days of each week in the Pacific ocean and tributary waters. He has fished in all the lakes and streams of any importance in the country. He is the champion hook and line fisherman on the Coon. Once he came home after having caught a fine fish poles on a fence about three

ment at Washington the announcement of the complete population of Sac City and Sac county. In a report from the bureau which Director Durand has recently made to Secretary Nagel, he states that the work of 75,000 enumerators is practically completed, and that fully one-half of the population schedules and one-third of the agricultural schedules are now on file at the main office in Washington. The public may expect soon to hear the results of the work of the enumerators throughout the United States.

MR. DREHER RESIGNS—I. A. Dreher, who has been county secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of Sac county for the past year, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Dreher has done satisfactory work in Sac county and is one who is well equipped for service in the Y. M. C. A. and in every way a sincere christian gentleman. He made a host of friends in Sac county during the year and all deeply regret his decision not to return for another year. It is probable that his successor will be named at an early date and begin upon his labors about August 15 or September 1.

PASSES FOUR SCORE—On June 25, Asa Platt was 80 years old. The officials of the Sac County State bank, of which Mr. Platt has been president for twenty-one years, remembered the day and as a token of their appreciation of him, presented him with a beautiful gold headed cane. Mr. Platt is busily engaged in getting used to the use of his new cane and his many friends wish that he may be spared to use it many years to come.

READY FOR BIDS—The plans and complete specifications for the new Baptist church were received last Monday and the building committee is now ready to receive bids. F. C. Hoyt is the secretary of the committee, and will be glad to confer with those who may desire to bid on the job.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM—E. J. Eveleth and Henry Galtz have embarked in the real estate business and their headquarters will be at the Eveleth feed store. They have for sale city property, farms in Sac county and

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.Street Railway Company, of Council Bluffs, organized in July, 1868; the Council Bluffs Gas Light Company; the Ottumwa Gas Light Company, organized in October, 1871; the Mount Pleasant Gas Light Company; the Elgin Gas Light Company, organized in November, 1871; the Cedar Rapids Gas Light Company, organized in January, 1872; and the Sioux City Gas Light Company, which he organized on the 22d of February, 1872.

While in the state senate he acted a prominent part, and to his efforts is due the securing of the appropriation for building the west wing of the institution for the deaf and dumb at Council Bluffs.

During the civil war he rendered very efficient

service to the state in raising troops, and through his efforts the necessity of a draft in Van Buren county was prevented. Upon the first call for volunteers by President Lincoln he was commissioned by Governor Kirkwood, and, raising a company, repaired to the rendezvous; but the call being already filled, his company was disbanded.

Personally, Mr. Wright is a man of admirable qualities, and possessing a wide range of experience and fine conversational powers, is a most excellent social companion.

He was married in 1865, to Miss Ellen E. Brooks, of Northfield, Vermont, and by her has two sons and two daughters.

GEORGE H. WRIGHT,

SIoux CITY.

IF there is a self-made man in Iowa it is the present register of the land office at Sioux City. He never spent three weeks in a school-room, yet sufficiently improved his mind as to be deemed worthy of a place in the councils of the state of his adoption and an important office under the United States government. It was not his fault that he had no school education. Even as late as his nineteenth year he entered an academy in Livingston county, New York, but the very first day he was taken sick and remained so until the end of the winter term, when, being a sailor, his services were required on the lakes. What education he has he picked up at odd intervals, both on the land and water.

George Henry Wright was born on the 3d of November, 1829, in Troy, New York, his parents being Allen M. and Abigail Valentine Wright. He lost his father when four years old. A few years later his mother married Daniel Morgan, and the whole family went, in 1838, to Black Rock, now a part of Buffalo. In 1843 the family moved to Grand Island. George worked with his step-father at the cooper's trade from eleven to fifteen years of age, but did not like the business, and went on the Niagara river and subsequently on the lakes, starting as a wheelsman on the steamboat Commerce, running on the river, and working his way up to the master of a vessel on the lakes at twenty-one.

Mr. Wright piloted the first vessel that went into the port of Tonawanda, the top-gallant-rig schooner Hudson, owned by Winslow and Co., of Cleveland,

Ohio. During his sailor life he had some dangerous adventures. In the spring of 1857 he swamped his vessel off Buffalo in a fearful squall. His wife was with him with an infant son, and for twenty minutes he held to a ring-bolt with his left hand and to his wife with the right hand, she, meanwhile, holding the child in her arms, with the sea rolling over them all the time.

Two years later the steam-tug Jenny Lynd was wrecked in the Niagara rapids between Chippewa and the head of Goat Island, and Mr. Wright was persuaded by her owner to superintend the perilous work of taking her off. It required a man of much aquatic experience and strong nerve to do it. Mr. Wright succeeded in two days, sleeping one night on the wreck with the waves foaming round him. He received two hundred dollars for his two days' work.

Like landmen, sailors have their financial shipwrecks. In the summer of 1857 Mr. Wright had seven thousand dollars, all of his own earnings, invested in the Lake Navigation Company, and the hurricane of that season sank every dollar of it.

In July, 1859, Mr. Wright removed to the west, spending one year in Wisconsin, three years in Des Moines and Fort Dodge, Iowa, and eight years at Grant City, Sac county. He sold fruit trees and agricultural implements at Des Moines, bought furs at Fort Dodge, and sold goods and built and operated a flouring mill at Grant City. He was also an internal revenue assessor in Sac county in 1868 and 1869.

On the 12th of July, 1871, he came to Sioux City under appointment of the United States government, and one week afterward assumed the duties of register of the land office. He has proved himself so competent and faithful an officer, so prompt and energetic, that he is now holding under a second appointment.

Mr. Wright was a member of the lower house of the general assembly during the thirteenth session, 1870, representing Sac, Beuna Vista, Cherokee and Clay counties; acted on five committees, and was chairman of the committee on domestic manufactures. He aided in drafting the herd law, and the best powers of his active mind were used while in the legislative body.

A democrat until 1855, he has since voted with the republicans. He is connected with no church.

Mr. Wright is a prominent member of the Masonic order, having taken thirty-two degrees.

On the 24th of October, 1854, Mr. Wright took to wife Miss Sarah Smith, of Penfield, New York, and they have six children. He is giving them a good education.

Mr. Wright has quite a taste for numismatics, and has gathered more than a thousand pieces of coin, no two of them alike. He has several coins older than the christian era. One of them is Roman, representing Romulus and Remus suckled by the wolf. This coin was found by an officer in the French army, George Scheuster, now a resident of Sioux City. He presented it to Mr. Wright. The subject of this sketch has also a fine collection of postage stamps, gathered from more than a hundred and twenty-five nations and provinces. He has also a great many stuffed birds, common to the Missouri valley, collected, however, mainly by his boys. He likes to encourage them in any pursuit that will enlarge their knowledge.

He cultivates fruit and has an extensive nursery, giving the few leisure hours at his command, at certain seasons of the year, to horticultural pursuits. He is a busy man. He started out for himself a little more than thirty years ago, with twenty-five cents in his pocket, and not even the education of experience, and to-day has a competency and stands among the honored men of the state.

MYRON UNERWOOD, M.D.

ELDORA.

AMONG the thoroughly educated physicians of Hardin county, Iowa, and one whose life record is second in purity to none in that section, is Myron Underwood, a native of Ohio. He was born at Montville, Geauga county, on the 7th of August, 1833. His father was Jonas Underwood, a farmer. His mother, before her marriage, was Mary Vorse. Some of the ancestors on both sides of the family participated in the revolutionary struggle. When Myron was twelve years old his father immigrated to McHenry county, Illinois, and settled on South Prairie, on the west side of Coon creek—the pioneer in that immediate locality. There the son passed the remainder of his youth. He and a younger brother, David, used to travel three miles to attend the winter school, the summers being given to work on the farm, until he was twenty. Of his schoolmates in those days, a few years subsequent to his father's settlement on that prairie, were five who afterward graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, two who are now lawyers, and three who are ministers of the gospel. An elder

brother of Myron represents Grundy county, Iowa, in the general assembly.

The years 1853 and 1854 Myron gave to study in the seminary at Mount Morris, Ogle county. He attended three courses of lectures in Rush Medical College, and graduated in February, 1859. On the 20th of the following May Dr. Underwood reached Hardin county, Iowa, and opened an office at Steamboat Rock. After practicing there between one and two years he moved to Eldora, where he has practiced constantly except when in the army.

On the 19th of August, 1862, he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the 12th regiment of Iowa Infantry, and was in the field three years. The surgeon, Sanford W. Huff, M.D., was detached from the regiment most of the time, and Dr. Underwood had full charge of it more than two years. The 12th was in a great many battles, among them, at Corinth, Jackson, two engagements, Vicksburg during the whole campaign, and in all the battles of the sixteenth army corps subsequent to the surrender of Vicksburg, and Surgeon Underwood often had

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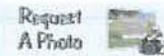
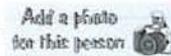
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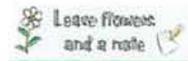


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