

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Wilson,  
Mathew M. - Represented Union, Clarke and Lucas Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Apr 1838 Greensboro, North Carolina

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Martha Jane Fleming 23 Jul 1865 Warren County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Subaudel, Iowa January 1869;  
received of the First National Bank of Decatur

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, E.A.R.

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1880 and 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clarke County assessor; Justice of the Peace; secretary and treasurer  
of the school board

B. State Admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Iowa June 1872

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

7. Death 30 Apr 1904 Perry, Iowa; Buried Maple Hill Cemetery, Decatur, Iowa

8. Children Ulysses S.; Hannie E. (Mrs. Gilbert); William H.; Martha E. (Mrs  
Hugley); Lulu, (Mrs. Phlips); R.D.; 3 children died in infancy

9. Names of parents Richard D. and Rhenhama (Spoon) Wilson

10. Education Attended high school in Oskaloosa, Iowa  
1857-1860.

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - Civil War - Co. D, 15<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry, as well as belonging to a militia company while in high school
- After the war, he married and bought a small farm in Warren County, Iowa. He then bought a half interest in a saw mill and later the other half, which he continued to run until 1866.
- In fall 1866 he started to read law with P. Likes of Warren County
- In March 1869 he moved to Oskaloosa
- He formed a partnership with P. Likes until Aug 1871, which was dissolved and then joined with a Mr. Cheney until Nov 1872
- His wife, Martha, born 12 Oct 1846 Polk County, Iowa, died 8 Oct 1910 in Centerville, Iowa, buried Maple Hill Cemetery, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
- He came to Oskaloosa, Iowa in 1874
- Around 1893 he moved with his family to Washington, D.C. where he served in the interior as assistant attorney on the Board of Pensions appeals.



## Another Pioneer Gone.

### Hon. Wm. M. Wilson Dies at the Home of His Daughter at Perry.

Wm. M. Wilson was born in Greensburg, North Carolina, April 23, 1838. He removed west and began his most eventful life in the great state of Iowa taking a good citizen's part in the things which have made Iowa honorable and great.

Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Martha Fleming, of Osceola, February 23, 1865. To this happy couple nine children were born three of whom died in infancy, three sons and three daughters remain to share a mother's grief in this greatest of earthly losses. The children are U. S. Wilson, of Centerville, Iowa, Nannie E. Gilbert, of Salem, S. D., William W. Wilson and Martha E. Hugely, of Washington, D. C., Lulu Ann Phipps, of Perry, Iowa, and R. A. Wilson, of Plankinton, S. D., all of whom were present at the funeral.

Mr. Wilson was, as a citizen, loyal and true to principles of right, in spirit very patriotic. He was a volunteer soldier in the army of the rebellion serving three years and three months as a member of the First Iowa Cavalry.

Mr. Wilson came to Osceola in 1874 taking an active part in politics. He was a Republican and a favorite of his party. He was elected and served in the Iowa state senate in 1882 and for years held rank among the leading attorneys of Clarke county. Eleven years ago Mr. Wilson moved with his family to Washington, D. C. serving in the interior as assistant attorney and on the board of pension appeals. He was honored by President Cleveland by an appointment on the commission to adjust the Des Moines river and land claims.

Mr. Wilson was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in New Virginia in 1866 and remained in that church until he came to Osceola when he joined the Methodist Protestant church of which he has been a member twenty-nine years serving in its various offices as superintendent of the Sabbath school, steward and trustee. Touching the home his domestic spirit made him a prince, careful for the education, comfort, and good of all the family. He endeavored to make home what it should be as a factor in character building, socially very genial and a favorite, a gentleman with an exceedingly finely netted soul, an example in many respects worthy of emulation.

took the keenest interest and joy in the welfare and happiness of his family. His demon seemed to gain more rapidly upon his strength after the sudden death of his brother, George, which occurred in January of this year. Together with his family he came to Osceola April 17th, to visit her parents and since coming has failed very rapidly, the end coming earlier than anticipated by the family and physicians.

Mr. Farley had never identified himself with the church but was a strong believer in the mission of the church and in the fundamental principles of the Christian religion. He was quite a regular attendant upon the services of the church and supported it in all its work with great liberality. He was a lover of song and often spoke of its influence for good upon the souls of men. While we could wish that he had openly confessed faith in the Master we honor him for his moral life, sturdy character and useful citizenship.

He knew that his death was imminent and arranged all his business affairs in view of its approach. Short funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Carter, by the writer, the music being furnished by the Osceola male quartette and the order of Odd Fellows having charge of the burial. His body will rest in the Maple Hill cemetery, where they will be held as a sacred altar of love and communion by his loved ones. May the Father of all blessing keep his loved ones in our prayer.

H. E. VAN HORN.

### Miss Sarah Fivecoat

was born April 8, 1816, in Harrison county, Ohio; died May 2, 1904, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Westhafer, near Murray, Iowa, aged 88 years, 23 days. On Nov. 21, 1834, she was married to Mr. John Chaney, who died Feb. 10, 1895. To this union ten children were born, six of whom are still living. In 1869 she moved with her family to Clarke county where she has lived ever since. At the age of sixteen she gave her heart to Christ and united with the Free Will Baptist church. She has been a member of the Murray church since 1872. For seventy-two years she has lived in the service of the Master she has gone to be with him. Funeral was held from the Baptist church at 2:30 p. m., May 3, 1904. The sermon was preached by the pastor, M. C. Parish, from Proverbs 3:24. The remains were laid to rest in the Murray cemetery, there to wait the coming of the Lord. \*\*

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### THE GLOVED BURGLAR

—The pupils of the east and west wards enjoyed a May day picnic in the woods Tuesday afternoon, with the exception of the first primary rooms. Instead of going to the woods Miss Pain and Miss Baird had a picnic for pupils on the lawn at the east ward. The weather was perfect and all enjoyed the outing.

—FOR RENT. Pasture for cattle. We will see that they are salted and have plenty of water. Three miles south, and two miles west of Murray. MOWERY & LEWIS. Murray, Iowa, R. D. 3

18-2t.

—Osceola has been making hay with commendable diligence this sunshiny week. Gardens and gardens have been made and if all the flowers that have been planted grow, we shall revel in bowers of bloom by and by.

—The Q depot was burglarized at 10 Wednesday night, and something less than \$50 secured by a thief. As far as ascertained no tickets were taken. The agent left the depot for two minutes only, while he was across the track attending to No. 5 which was a little late. It is supposed the thief slipped in at the ticket window, or possibly at the door. No suspicious character has been seen previously, and there is at present no clue.

—All indebted to me for colts can have same at Simmons' Bank, and blige, S. H. PAGE, New Virginia, R. D. 3.

—Another old resident of Franklin township has passed away, Mrs. John Hood who has lived near Smyrna for over forty years. Mrs. Hood and her husband, who died several years ago, bore a prominent part in the transformation of a new country into a land of valuable homesteads. Their influence will remain and the memory of their brave endeavor in a time when conditions were less favorable than they are today will be an inspiration to many. Several Osceola people attended the funeral which was held at the Last Chance Christian church on Monday.

—WANTED—A girl for general housework, three in family, no children. Apply at Democrat office.

The Afton Star Enterprise has been sold to E. A. Burrows of Washington, D. C. who takes charge of the paper at once. Mr. J. Knox Hall, the retiring editor has been an influential writer and has made the Afton paper one of the recognized forces for good in Union county. He will remain in Afton and

market centers where this enterprising company is represented. It is needless to add that the Bowles Live Stock Commission Co. is very strong financially and equipped for the prompt and satisfactory handling of the business in every department.

### Hon. W. M. Wilson.

Hon. W. M. Wilson of Washington D. C. died at the residence of his daughter Mrs. Lulu Phipps of Perry, Iowa, after a month's illness, April 30, 1904, aged sixty-six years and seven days. His body was brought to Osceola last Saturday and the funeral services were held at the M. P. church, Sunday afternoon conducted by the Rev. C. C. Dillavou. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Grand Army Post and members of the Masonic Fraternity, in both of which orders Mr. Wilson had held membership during his long residence in Osceola, attended in a body.

Mr. Wilson was born in Greensborough, South Carolina, April 23, 1838, and came to Iowa when a mere boy. He served in the war for four years and at its close returned to Clarke county and from that time until his removal to Washington he took a prominent part in the affairs of town and county. He was admitted to the bar in 1872. He held various offices of trust, being chosen senator from this district in 1879. He was also appointed to a number of important positions under the United States government, and at the time of his death he held an office in the Department of the Interior to which he had been appointed by President Harrison. He is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of Mr. Asa Fleming of this city, three sons, Ulysses of Centerville, Edward of South Dakota and William of Washington, D. C. and three daughters, Mrs. Nannie Gilbert of South Dakota, Mrs. Lulu Phipps of Perry and Mrs. Ethel Huguey of Washington, D. C. all of whom were present in his last illness. Their old friends and neighbors in Osceola extend the family the heartiest sympathy.

—New line of Sporting Goods at Wilder's. 18-2t.

—A force of thirty men are employed laying the pipe from the reservoir site to the water tower. They began work Wednesday morning.

—Everyone interested in a pretty new Spring or Summer hat should see the line in the Lamson block around corner from Post Office. Trimmed sailors for children from 65 cents to \$2.00 Children's trimmed pattern hats from \$1.50 up. Hats for all at all prices.

Cook of Lincoln, Mrs. Headly Falls, and Mrs. Geo. Lane of C

Mr. Farley received many the confidence and esteem of his citizens and in addition to his long business interests filling positions of trust in his home county and state. Amid all duties he took the keenest interest in the welfare and happiness of his family. Although he was convinced of the fatal nature of the disease from which he suffered he arranged all his business affairs in view to his approaching death came earlier than was anticipated by his friends. In their sad bereavement they find comfort in the memory of his upright useful life.

—We have our new line of in all styles on hand at low prices. Come in and see them. W. SON.

—The Kraft Clothing Co. free with each boy's suit, age 3 a watch guaranteed to keep for a year.

## J. A. TOUET,

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ting up some of the important public buildings, including the city hall, erected in 1857. In 1859 and 1860 he was connected with Colonel H. H. Heath in the publication of "The Northwest," a democratic newspaper.

In 1862 Mr. Guthrie was elected city treasurer, and held the office by reflections five years. The writer of this sketch was a citizen of Dubuque during the period here referred to, and has no hesitation in saying that a more faithful officer never disbursed the funds of that city. At the close of his last term as treasurer Mr. Guthrie made an abstract of the titles in Dubuque county, managed that business for three years, and in 1871 moved to Carroll, the seat of justice of Carroll county, where he engaged in the real-estate business with Mr. T. L. Bowman, the firm name being Guthrie and Bowman. In this enterprise they have been very successful, having sold upward of half a million acres of land in the counties of Carroll, Sac and Calhoun, being the agents of the Iowa Railroad Loan Company. They have opened an office at Lemars, in order to settle up

Plymouth county, and Mr. Bowman superintends that office. As a dealer in lands, as in all other business transactions, Mr. Guthrie is candid, straightforward and reliable. His coming to Carroll county marked an epoch in its history. He brought others with him from Dubuque county, and by his fair dealings and easy terms of payments has induced many industrious men to settle on wild lands in western Iowa. He is an eminently useful citizen of Carroll county, and his popularity is well merited.

Mr. Guthrie was elected treasurer of Carroll county in 1875, and now holds that office.

In politics, he was reared a democrat, and has never voted any other ticket.

In religion, he was born in the Catholic church, and firmly adheres to the faith of his ancestors. In moral and christian character his standing is highly commendatory.

Mr. Guthrie has been a married man since the 9th of June, 1862, his wife being Miss Emma Mahar, of Galena, Illinois. They have four boys living and have lost five children.

## HON. W. M. WILSON,

### OSCEOLA.

THE subject of this sketch was born at Greensboro, North Carolina, on the 23d of April, 1838. His father's name was R. D. Wilson. He was born on the 15th of May, 1805, at the same place; was a graduate of a scholastic institution. His mother was born at the same place on the 12th of April, 1811. His father was a farmer. He removed from Greensboro in 1851 to Henry county, Indiana, where he resided for about two years, and then removed to Mahaska county, Iowa.

W. M. Wilson commenced going to a high school at Oskaloosa, Iowa, and continued there from 1857 to 1860. He had belonged to a militia company while at the high school, and had been elected a first lieutenant and subsequently a captain in this organization. On the government's second call for three hundred thousand men, the quota of the State of Iowa had been filled when he made his requisition for authority to raise a company, and he thereupon, without waiting to graduate from the high school, volunteered as a private, and was mustered into company D, 1st Iowa Cavalry, in which he served as a private for nearly two years, and was

then promoted to a corporal. He continued in the service for two years and eleven months, when, from sickness, he was relieved from active duty and detailed to act as drill-sergeant of raw recruits. He had the captaincy of two commands offered him at this time, but his health failing him he was ultimately mustered out of the service at Davenport, Iowa, on the 13th of September, 1864.

In the spring of 1865 he married Miss Martha Fleming, of Warren county, Iowa, where he bought a small farm and commenced its cultivation. During that summer he bought a half interest in a saw-mill located on a part of his farm, and in the succeeding fall bought the remaining half interest in this mill, which he continued to run until 1866. In the fall of that year he commenced to read law in the office of P. Likes, of Warren county, Iowa. Mr. Likes at this time had formed a copartnership with a Mr. Cheney at Osceola, but continued his residence in Warren county and practiced in both places. Mr. Wilson therefore continued to read law in this office, and was admitted to the bar at Indianola, Warren county, Iowa, in January, 1869.

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Mr. Wilson has held the office of assessor of Clark county, mayor of the city of Osceola, and justice of the peace. He has always taken a lively interest in all educational matters; has been secretary of the school board, and is now its treasurer. In 1873 he was placed in nomination as a candidate for the state-legislature by the republican party of Clark county. He failed, however, of his election by a very small majority against him.

On the 25th of February, 1876, he was appointed receiver of the First National Bank of Osceola,

which position he still holds, the bank not yet being closed.

Mr. Wilson has always been a strong temperance advocate. He was elected mayor of the city on that issue, receiving two hundred and seventy-five majority over two competing candidates.

He has been a Mason since 1871, and has been connected with the Methodist church since 1867.

He is a radical republican in politics. Himself and his father, being born southerners, were nevertheless anti-slavery men, and his adhesion to such principles forms a marked distinction to the southern race. W. M. Wilson verified his principles by entering the Union army at the earliest practicable moment, and served it gallantly for nearly three years, when his health failed him and disabled him for active service in the field.

He has had born to him eight children, two of whom (girls) are dead. He has now three girls and three boys living.

## WILLIAM McK. FINDLEY, M.D.,

BLOOMFIELD.

WILLIAM MCKENDREE FINDLEY, for forty years a medical practitioner in Iowa, was born in Dayton, Ohio, on the 30th of July, 1816. His father, Rev. John P. Findley, was for years president of Augusta College, Kentucky, and his grandfather, Robert W. Findley, was a Methodist minister for sixty years, dying at Eaton, Ohio, in his ninety-sixth year. An uncle of William was a missionary among the Wyandots in northern Ohio. The Findleys are of Scotch-Irish descent, pioneers in North Carolina, and a large number of them have been clergymen. The mother of William was Sarah Strain, and his grandfathers on both sides fought in the revolution, his mother's father being with General Washington at the memorable crossing of the Delaware.

John P. Findley moved with his family to Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, when the subject of this sketch was quite young, and died in 1825, when William was nine years old, the Rev. Dr. Henry Bascom, of Augusta, becoming his guardian. After spending two or three years in the preparatory department of the college, young Findley was obliged to strike out for himself. He spent two years with his uncle at the Wyandot mission, studying with the Indian boys

and becoming an interpreter. He read medicine with Dr. Sabin, of Troy, Ohio; attended lectures at Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, and graduated in 1837.

After practicing one year in Shelbyville, Indiana, Dr. Findley pushed farther westward; crossed the Mississippi river; located at the four corners called New London, Henry county, Iowa; practiced there until 1843, and then settled permanently at Bloomfield, Davis county. There was neither city nor village here then, hardly the embryo of a village. Dr. Findley was therefore a pioneer in Bloomfield, and soon became an extensive circuit rider, having a range of thirty miles, sometimes fording streams on his horse in order to reach his patients. On one occasion he lost his saddle, but was thankful that his life did not go with it. Several times he was lost on the prairies, and was compelled to remain out over night. Once or twice, when bewildered, he heard a cowbell, started up the animals, and followed them until they led him to a shelter and farm-house hospitality. In those early days, while in the prime of life, he spared no pains to respond to calls.

In 1863 Dr. Findley became surgeon of the 4th Iowa Cavalry; was in the Vicksburg campaign;

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# BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL

# RECORD

OF

Clarke County, Iowa.

CONTAINING PORTRAITS OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM WASHINGTON TO CLEVELAND, WITH ACCOMPANYING BIOGRAPHIES OF EACH; A CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA; PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE TERRITORY AND STATE; ENGRAVINGS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS IN CLARKE COUNTY, WITH PERSONAL HISTORIES OF MANY OF THE LEADING FAMILIES, AND A CONCISE HISTORY OF CLARKE COUNTY AND ITS CITIES AND VILLAGES.

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three children; Mary and Rebecca died in 1885; James and Thomas are still farming the homestead. Mr. Jamison was the first school commissioner elected in this county; served two years on the County Board of Supervisors, and has served as township trustee. In politics, he was formerly a Whig, but is now a Republican.

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**W**ILLIAM M. WILSON, attorney at law at Osceola, is one of the prominent members of the Clarke County bar. He was born in Guilford County, N. C., near the city of Greensborough, April 23, 1838, his parents, R. D. and Ruhama (Spoon) Wilson, being natives of the State of North Carolina. They removed with their family to Iowa in the spring of 1853, locating in Mahaska County, and in 1860 settled in Warren County, this State, near New Virginia, where the parents still make their home, the father being now eighty-one years of age and the mother seventy-five. To them were born six children, five sons and one daughter, all of whom are yet living. William M. Wilson was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa, and received his primary education in the log school-houses of Mahaska County. In the fall of 1857 he entered the high school at Oskaloosa where he pursued his studies until 1861, returning to his home in Warren County at the breaking out of the late war. He enlisted in Company D, First Iowa Cavalry, and was immediately sent to Missouri, thence to Northern Texas, most of his term of service being spent West of the Mississippi River. He served three years and three months, during which time he participated in many severe engagements, including the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and the skirmish at Black Water. He was honorably discharged in September, 1864, when he re-

turned to his home in New Virginia. In February, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha Fleming, of Warren County, a daughter of Asa Fleming. After his marriage Mr. Wilson located on a farm on which was erected a steam saw-mill which he operated in connection with attending to his agricultural pursuits, until 1867. He then began reading law under Mr. Conklin, of Osceola, and also under Judge Chaney. He was admitted to the bar in 1869, at Indianola, Judge H. W. Maxwell presiding, and was admitted to practice in the supreme courts in June, 1872. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Osceola in the fall of 1869, where he has since been actively engaged, and has established a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Wilson was elected a member of the State Senate, to represent Clarke, Lucas and Union counties in the State Legislature. He was elected mayor of Osceola in the spring of 1875. In 1876 he was appointed receiver of the First National Bank, of Osceola. In 1880 he was appointed one of the commissioners to appraise and lay off the Fort Ripley Military reservation, it having been, by an act of Congress, thrown open for settlers. In 1882 he was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, one of the commissioners to establish and locate the United States postoffice building, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. In 1885 he was elected First Lieutenant of Company A, Fifth Regiment, Iowa National Guards, and December 14, of the same year, was promoted to Judge Advocate, with rank of Major, on the staff of Brigadier-General H. H. Wright, which position he still holds. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue-ledge, chapter and commandery. He is also a member of the Good Templars and a life member of the W. C. T. U. and State Alliance, of Iowa. He has six children living, three boys and three girls—the oldest

girl is married to S. M. Gilbert and now resides in Salem, Dakota. At the reunion of veteran Union soldiers, held at Creston, Iowa, August 17, 18, and 19, 1886, Mr. Wilson was chosen as Colonel of the First Battalion and commanded with credit.



**C**HARLES URY, farmer, section 25, Jackson Township, was born in Kanawha County, West Virginia, March 31, 1853. His parents, William and Esther Ury, were born, reared and married in that State. They immigrated to Iowa, first settled in Mahaska County, where the father improved a farm on the original prairie of that county. The mother died in 1865, the father soon afterward moved back to his former home in West Virginia and now lives in Meigs County, Ohio. Charles Ury was the second in a family of eight children. He has been dependent upon his own resources since fourteen years of age. He came to Clarke County in 1871 and engaged in farm labor for F. C. Mills, remaining with him six years. In September, 1878, he purchased the farm he now owns and occupies. It had been partially improved, a house was built and seventy acres broken. In addition to the home farm of 165 acres, he owns seventy-three acres in two different tracts, thirteen acres being in Franklin Township. Mr. Ury has five brothers and two sisters living—Samuel is in Missouri; John in Pottawattamie County, Iowa; Thomas in Mills County; George in Clarke County; Mrs. Angeline Schell lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Laura and Frank live with their father in Ohio. Mr. Ury is politically a Republican. January 24, 1878, he was married to Mary C. Marvin, born in Jackson Township, January 4, 1861. Her father, Runa Marvin, enlisted in the Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, in the war of the Rebellion, and died in the service. He was a

native of Indiana. Her mother, now Mrs. Abbylene Gardner, lives in Jackson Township. Mrs. Ury had two sisters, Elizabeth and Charlotte (both died young), and two half-sisters, Cora and Florence Mills, both living in Jackson Township. Mr. and Mrs. Ury have had four children—Albert W., Esther A., Herbert E. and Runa E. Mrs. Ury inherited about \$3,000 from her father's estate. She is a member of the Christian church.



**J**OHAN HARLAN is a native of Darke County, Ohio, born January 19, 1825, a son of James and Nancy Harlan, the former born in Kentucky, May 1, 1801, and the latter in Indiana, June 2, 1803. James Harlan lived in Kentucky until fifteen years of age, and then accompanied his parents to Ohio, where he lived until 1851. He followed agricultural pursuits in Ohio, and was moderately successful, but in 1851, to better his condition, concluded to try his fortunes in the West, and accordingly, moved with his family to Lee County, Iowa, where he lived fifteen years, and in 1866 moved to Van Buren County, where he lived about twenty years. His wife died May 4, 1885, and he soon after left Van Buren County and has since made his home with his son John in Clarke County. John Harlan was reared in his native State, and after attaining manhood engaged in agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1865 he moved to Iowa, and settled in Fremont Township, Clarke County, buying 165 acres of land, to which he has since added twenty acres, and has now one of the best farms in the township. He was married November 26, 1846, to Asenith Hubbard, daughter of Silas and Elizabeth (Anderson) Hubbard. Of the six children born to them but two are living—Andrew C. and Lafayette H. Addison Monroe,

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

War

Veteran's name Wilson, William M  
Residence Osceola  
Occupation Lawyer  
Date birth Apr 23, 1838 Place Greensboro, N.C.  
Date death Apr 30, 1904 Place Osceola, Iowa  
Cause Maple Hill Cem Place burial "  
War record Corp D 1 Iowa Cav

Battles, etc.  
Nearest relatives

Father R D Nativity  
Mother Ruhanna Spoon Nativity No Car  
Wife Martha Flemming born Iowa

Rank Company Regiment State Organization  
Age 23 Res. Indianola

Enlisted 13 Je 1861. Discharged Sept 13, 1865.  
Date Place

Children  
Martha E Hugley Wash., D. C.  
U S Centerville, Ia  
Minnie E. Gilbert Salem, So Dak  
William W Washington, D. C.  
Lulu N. Phipps Ferry, Ia  
Sources Roster Iowa Soldiers See over  
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: (W.M.)  
Prvt-Osceola./  
Post #173 Desc. Bk: Age 45/

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Wilson, William M

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
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Member-at-Large

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No. Car.	age 85				

Year	Date Paid	Amount
Children (cont.)		
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Ref. to Osceola Sentinel May 5, 1904 and Clarke Co. history, Centerville Daily Citizen May 7, 1904

Suspended

Died



You searched for **William M. Wilson** in **Iowa**

### U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name:	<b>William M. Wilson</b>
Side:	<b>Union</b>
Regiment	<b>Iowa</b>
State/Origin:	
Regiment Name:	<b>1 Iowa Cavalry</b>
Regiment Name Expanded:	<b>1st Regiment, Iowa Cavalry</b>
Company:	<b>D</b>
Rank In:	<b>Private</b>
Rank In Expanded:	<b>Private</b>
Rank Out:	<b>Corporal</b>
Rank Out Expanded:	<b>Corporal</b>
Film Number:	<b>M541 roll 29</b>

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 National Park Service. *U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Original data: National Park Service, Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, online <<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>>, acquired 2007.

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

Name: **William M Wilson**

Residence: **Indianola, Iowa**

Age at Enlistment: **23**

Enlistment Date: **13 Jun 1861**

Rank at enlistment: **Private**

State Served: **Iowa**

Survived the War?: **Yes**

Service Record: **Enlisted in Company D, Iowa 1st Cavalry Regiment on 31 Jul 1861.  
Promoted to Full 7th Corporal on 01 May 1863.  
Promoted to Full 6th Corporal on 06 Oct 1863.  
Promoted to Full 5th Corporal on 01 Jan 1864.  
Promoted to Full 4th Corporal on 06 Apr 1864.  
Mustered out on 09 Sep 1864 at Davenport, IA.**

Birth Date: **abt 1838**

Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion**

**Source Information:**

Historical Data Systems, comp., *U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2009. Original data: Data compiled by Historical Data Systems of Kingston, MA from the following list of works.

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### Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

Name:	<b>William M. Wilson</b>
State Filed:	<b>Iowa</b>
Widow:	<b>Martha Wilson</b>

**Source Information:**  
National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: *General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. T288, 544 rolls.

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You searched for **William M. Wilson** in **Iowa**

### Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: **William M. Wilson**  
Spouse: **Martha Fleming**  
Marriage Date: **23 Feb 1865**  
County: **Warren**  
State: **IA**

**Source Information:**

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **William M Wilson**

Home in 1900: **Washington, Washington, District of Columbia**

Age: **62**

Birth Date: **Apr 1838**

Birthplace: **North Carolina**

Race: **White**

Ethnicity: **American**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **North Carolina**

Mother's Birthplace: **North Carolina**

Spouse's Name: **Martha**

Marriage Year: **1864**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **36**

Residence : **Washington City, Washington, District of Columbia**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William M Wilson	62
	Martha Wilson	53
	William W Wilson	27
	Edwin W Huguely	23
	Ethel M Huguely	21

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Washington, Washington, District of Columbia; Roll T623\_158 Page: 54; Enumeration District: 17.

**Source Information:**  
Ancestry.com, 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

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## WILSON, Martha

**Born:** AGE 63  
**Died:** 8 OCT 1910  
**Cemetery:** MAPLE HILL  
**Location:** OSCEOLA TWP.  
**County:** CLARKE CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** WIFE OF WILLIAM M.-MOTHER OF NANCY E. GILBERT

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## WILSON, William M.

**Born:** AGE 65  
**Died:** 30 APR 1904  
**Cemetery:** MAPLE HILL  
**Location:** OSCEOLA TWP.  
**County:** CLARKE CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** CO. D 1ST IOWA CAV.-HUSBAND OF MARTHA & FATHER OF NANCY E. GILBERT

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **William M. Wilson**

Home in 1880: **Osceola, Clarke, Iowa**

Age: **42**

Estimated Birth **abt 1838**

Year:

Birthplace: **North Carolina**

Relation to Head **Self (Head)**  
of Household:

Spouse's Name: **Martha**

Father's **North Carolina**  
birthplace:

Mother's **North Carolina**  
birthplace:

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

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Household	Name	Age
Members:	<b>William M. Wilson</b>	<b>42</b>
	Martha Wilson	32
	Ulysses S. Wilson	13
	Nancie E. Wilson	11
	William H. Wilson	9
	Richard D. Wilson	7
	Lulu M. Wilson	4
	Ethel Wilson	1

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Age: 66  
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