

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, Thomas J. "J.J." Senator
Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 June 1827 Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business He was the first lawyer to locate in the town of LeFayette (later called Albion)
Minim in founding the Iowa Lathwood Lumber Co. established the Marshall
Penway in Marshalltown
B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Lawyer, newspaper editor, educator

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served

6. Public Offices

A. Local Marshall County Superintendent of Schools 1857; elected School Board
Commissioner until 1866; President of the school board in 1866-1867

B. State Chairman of the Committee on Schools and Iowa State University

C. National

7. Death 13 June 1868, drowned near Marshalltown; Grant Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa

8. Children Mira, James, Jefferson, Thomas, Jr.; Emma

9. Names of parents

10. Education _____

11. Degrees He attended the Law College in September 1843 graduating in the
classical and law department in 1848 in Brunswick, Maine

12. Other applicable information _____

- The first newspaper in Marshall County was established at Albion for
Thomas J. Wilson in Nov 1855. It was called The Iowa Central Journal
- He drowned in the southern part of the county while trying to cross a submerged
bridge while still on his horse. The horse went down and he was drowned in
Fisher Creek.
- He taught school for 2 years in Maine. He was then appointed to collect the
teacher's pay, state school he so successfully performed.
- In 1854 he came to Iowa settling at Cambridge Grove. In 1855 he moved to
Albion in Marshall County, Iowa.
- He moved to Marshalltown in 1866.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Marshall County Grand Records - WPA</u>			
- <u>ancestry.com accessed 31 July 2009 and 7 Aug 2019</u>			
- <u>History of Marshall County Iowa 1878, p. 335 346. 383, 409, 423</u> <u>434, 472, 587, 520, 487, 349, 488</u>			
- <u>Annals of Iowa, Vol. 6, 1870, p. 374-375</u>			
- <u>The Centenary - History of Marshall County Iowa 1997, p. 40</u>			
- <u>Marshall County 1867, p. 71</u>			
- <u>Probate records of James J. Hinton, deceased - more can be located in</u> <u>reels #13 and #129 for Marshall County</u>			
- <u>Obituary - The Marshall County Times, Marshalltown, Iowa</u> <u>Sat. June 20, 1868, p. 3, col. 3</u>			
- <u>Obituary - The Cedar Valley Times, Cedar Rapids, Iowa</u> <u>Thurs. June 15, 1868, p. 2, col. 3</u>			

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The limb was amputated by Dr.
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died on Tuesday morning. We
learn his name.

ENTRIVAL.—The members of Mar-
108, will celebrate this anna-

THOMAS J. WILSON IS DEAD!

In making this sad announcement, we deeply sympathize with the profound feeling of bereavement and grief which pervades our entire community. The circumstances under which the sad event occurred are briefly as follows: On Wednesday of last week, Prof. Wilson's official duties as County Superintendent of Schools took him to Edenville in the Western part of the county. He expected to reach home Friday evening—as he had a trial to attend to on Saturday morning. But he did not return as he was expected, and about noon Saturday a rumor reached town that some man had probably been drowned in Timber Creek near Starry's Grove—as a hat had been found floating in the water, and the body of a horse attached to a buggy had also been taken from the Creek. A fearful suspicion at once arose that our beloved County Superintendent had met with sudden death by the raging flood. Several of our citizens at once started for the locality in question. The hat had been taken to a Mr. Courtwright's and soon as it was seen by one of his intimate friends, the question was settled that it was the one worn by the Professor. Upon going to the bridge all possible doubt was removed—for there lay his dead horse attached to the buggy. The road at this point crosses the valley from north to south and passes over a bridge. On the South side of the bridge the land is very low, and the creek makes an elbow which brings it nearly up to the track. This low piece of ground was covered with water to the depth of three or four feet, and the current was very swift. Either this current swept the horse and buggy down, or he drove so far to the right as to plunge into the elbow of the creek where the water was ten or twelve feet deep. From which cause he perished will not of course be known.

Search at once began for the remains—several of the more athletic of the party stripping and plunging into the still boiling flood. Mr. J. S. Green especially distinguished himself by his efforts, and finally exclaimed—"I have found him!" He was seen to raise something from the bottom, and to strike out for the shores. A rush was at once made to the spot, and the body was seized by half a dozen eager men and carried out upon the dry land. It needed no examination to show that it was not that of Prof. Wilson, and momentarily his friends breathed freer in the hope that after all he might still be living. This body was soon identified as that of Allen Yokum, a lad of 13 or 14 years, whose parents lived a mile or two south of the bridge. It was also learned that he was at work for a farmer on the other side of the creek and that he was overtaken by the flood when Prof. Wilson was last seen some one was

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MAYOR'S
MARSHALLTOWN, June 11

The Council met pursuant to adjournment
M. Parker, Mayor, presiding. Present
men Banbury, Glick, Aldrich, Johns
Cord.

The reading of the minutes of the
was, on motion of Aldrich, dispensed

The motion made by Councilman
last meeting, relative to recluding the
by this Council, on the 18th day of March,
ed up by Councilman Aldrich, and
being duly advised in the matter, the
prevailed, and the tax as levied on the
all action taken therein declared void

On motion of Councilman Glick, the
the City Solicitor was fixed at \$400 for
the present year, commencing on the
last, and ending on the 1st of March,
Solicitor instructed to draw an order
ing his duties, and to Codify the ordin-
in force in this city.

On motion of Aldrich, Councilmen
Banbury were appointed a special
comer with the Solicitor, and report
meeting of this Council, the powers of
cil in regard to the subject of taxation

The following bills were read, and
allowed, and orders drawn for their
Childs and Choate, for 1015 feet
Forty and 60-100 dollars. J. Lee Knapp
100 dollars, for services as Clerk of the

On motion, the Council adjourned
H. P. WILLIAMS, Clerk

A TESTIMONIAL.

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa, June 11

B. F. DEAN, Esq., Dear Sir:—We
with regret, that you are about to
this city, to Sedalia, Missouri. Your
presence among us had led us to regard
your excellent family as permanent
with our social circle and interests.
therefore, permit this opportunity to
testifying our hearty appreciation of
ter as a man, your usefulness as a
uniformly upright, christian deportment,
integrity and skill as a master-bulldozer
chanic. All around us are the perm-
nents of your labor, alike creditable
your patrons, and which will remain
silent witnesses of your faithfulness
and judgment.

We cordially commend you and your
those with whom your lot in future
as eminently worthy of their confi-
dence; and assure you, that if you
deem it to your interest to return, a

as running a new engine out to had his foot taken off and the leg terribly mangled, in consequence under a wheel while his train. The limb was amputated by Dr. The amputation ensued and the und. on Tuesday morning. We learn his name.

FESTIVAL.—The members of March 108., will celebrate this annual 4th Inst. All Master Masons in re invited to attend. Admission Supper, \$1.

H. P. WILLIAMS,
Sec'y.

are informed by Messrs. Lam. Co., of State Center, that their Orange Hedge Plants, are all out! They have themselves plant- es of Hedge. This shows how farmers are taking hold of this e gentlemen are certainly doing a central Iowa.

BARK LICE.—The time is now by these pests. As soon as they be hatching they should receive ntion by washing with a strong nove them from the limbs with a 9 s but little to remove them ig... time. They will be moving and the trees should be closely ey hatch; all small limbs infest- be readily washed or brushed and burned.

this city, June 10th. at the resi- man, by the Rev. S. Dunton, Mr. LAWRENCE to Miss ELIZA A. this city.

on the 11th Inst., by the Col. W. R. TOLLES, of South i, to Miss NETTIE E. RHODES,

same day, by the same clergyman, ES, of Chicago, to Miss JEN- of this city.

the above interesting announce- "regular greenbacks," according manners and customs which pre- County. The happy parties have lies for their happiness and pros- . May they live a thousand years ws never be less.]

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Prof. Sutton, who was unremitting in his en- deavors, proceeded at once to State Center, where a boat was speedily constructed. This boat was hauled down to the fatal spot during the night, and the search was resumed as soon as the morn- ing light permitted. It continued but two or three hours when it was rewarded by the discover- ing of the remains of Prof. Wilson. A courier was despatched to town, and upon notifying the Masonic Fraternity, a metallic burial case, and suitable clothing were sent out to meet the party who were coming in with the body. A halt was made in the grove west of town, and the corpse was washed and clad in fresh clothing and her- metically sealed up in the case.

The funeral was appointed for the same after- noon—Sunday 14th, and was conducted by the Mas- nic Fraternity. The funeral was also attended by the Good Templars, and the pupils of all our public schdols, besides a vast concourse of our citizens generally. It was undoubtedly the most imposing ceremony of the kind that ever trans- pired in this city or county. The vast assem- blage which had gathered together upon such short notice, told how deep was the love and re- spect entertained for this good man who had been called away.

The funeral sermon is to be preached to-mor- row morning at Rice's Hall, by Rev. J. P. San- ford.

Prof. Wilson was a native of the State of Maine, and was born June 13, 1827. He entered Bowdoin College in Sept., 1843, and graduated in the classi- cal and law departments in 1848. He was a class- mate of Gen. O. O. Howard, and a warm friendship ever continued between them. After leaving College he taught school a couple of years in his native State. He was then appointed to conduct Teach- er's Institutes, which labors he very successfully performed. In 1854, he came to Iowa, and settled in Camanche. The next year—1855—he removed to Albion, and has since been a resident of his county. In the latter year, he brought the first Printing Press to this County, and in connec- tion with one or two other parties started *The Iowa Central Journal*—of which he remained the editor for about two years. In 1856 he was elect- ed School Fund and Commissioner and held the office until 1860. He was prominent in the work of

integrity and skill as a master-bulk- chanic. All around us are the perma- nents of your labor, alike creditable your patrons, and which will remain silent witnesses of your faithfulness and judgment.

We cordially commend you and ye those with whom your lot in future as eminently worthy of their confide- ronage; and assure you, that if you deem it to your interest to return, you a cordial and friendly greeting.

Wishing you and yours abundant and happiness, we are, dear sir, yours
H. C. Henderson, E. J. B. Statler, E. Willgrod, J. H. Bradley, S. Lacey son, James L. Williams, A. J. Cooper man, R. W. Hargrave, Wells S. R Boardman, T. B. Abell, Chas. Aldrie

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.— past two or three weeks the weath- magnificent—just enough rain to ke well supplied,—plenty of fair weath- keep down the weeds and carry forw- idential farm avocations—and const- ing warmth to stimulate vegetable g

"Young leaflets deepen in gre
And spread to the coming heat

From every part of the adjacent hear the most encouraging reports the crops. Rye is coming on so rapid be fit for the reaper in a very short and Oats never covered so much gro- more abundant promise. If there is at all it is from too rapid a growth; doing finely, with less than the usual by the Henry Clay Deán bugs. A great staple—the great equalizer o- great cheapener of all kinds of subst- shall we say of its more than magnif- We hear it stated in every direction never been in better condition at t the year. Covering an immense a- formity of its growth, the best indic- dence is wonderful. No cold rath- tions of the seed—but it all came and now, the great crop is moving to- formly and steadily as one of Grant the road to victory. On the whole, reason to expect a year of greater ab- the country has ever before witness a prospect of fair prices. Some un- ward state of things must intervene, did anticipation will be fully realiz-

SPLENDID PORTRAIT OF GEN. G Stoddard, publisher, Chicago, is Agent for the sale of Littlefield's Po Grant. This portrait is a most magt of art, and exhibits the General in r- vivacity. Every feature and every only is the portrait a correct repre- General in this respect but the very

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rent Circus will be here. th Ward School House building ss of construction.

Freeport, Ohio, on the 28th day g to the order of the society of LEWIS of Albion, to Miss RE- EN, of the former place.

o el.—Only part of Yankee t Show reached town on Satur- to the high water between here re complaint made his time, and agons and carts out of the inter- put the "wallapus" and "rhinose- able to bring up in the rear a wards. A vast crowd was in town ess than 4,000 to 5,000 people, all e exhibits. With the exception of created by two or three "scalla- he worse for whiskey," every- in an orderly and quiet manner.

uz.—It is said that some of the gopher trappers of this county. the little rodents—cut them in e size of the animal's scalp—cut h them with a shoemaker's punch a rounded-top shape—and then n the innocent and unophistic- the Peace and Clerks at the Coun- mine gopher scalp! They are ch a fine representation of a scalp d- ily detect the fraud! This n- ising game on the part of lows considerable skill and inge- nated that a gopher will yield scalp—making him worth from

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In the spring of 1866 he removed to Marshall town, when he established the Marshall Seminary, which institution he successfully conducted for two or three terms—leaving it in a thriving condition.

In the Autumn of 1866 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of County Superintendent of Schools for this County, and elected to a full term at the ensuing general election. This latter office he held at the time of his death. He was also chosen President of our local School Board last Spring.

Mr. Wilson was possessed of personal qualities which made every acquaintance a warm friend.— While positive and pronounced in regard to his own opinions, he was kind, tolerant and courteous to everybody else. As a teacher, there were no bounds to the love and respect of his pupils.— He ruled by kindness alone, but in his case this was all sufficient. Without jar or discord he moved straight-forward in his chosen work, and never failed to meet every requirement and every responsibility that devolved upon him. In the discharge of his duties as Superintendent of our Schools he was performing an amount of labor of which but few were aware. His admirable report, which we printed in our last issue, on the day of his departure from us, showed how deep an interest he felt in the cause of education, and how earnestly he was laboring to make the schools of Marshall County second to none in the West. He was determined that every district should have a good school house, and excellent teachers. It is but a few days since he mentioned to a friend that he had arranged for the building of a school house, which would take the place of the *last log School House in the county*; and he felt that this was a proud event.

In his death, our County has lost one of its most useful—may we not say—our *most useful*—citizen?—for who can measure the benefits which such an earnest and devoted Educator confers upon society? In all his relations with his fellow man, his life was a blameless one. Detrac- his character. He lived and died, an upright, honest man. The profound grief which per-

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POLICE.—The next Monday aft Robinson's show came to town Mr had occasion to "temper justice with the cases of a couple of chaps who w before him charged with drunkennes- derly conduct. One of them—Lewis seem to know that this was a tem- but the Mayor convinced him of the posing a fine of \$1 and costs. The ot Henry Harris, who digs stone from formation down in Sir John Frankl was caught in the act of establishing a "worm fence" around the ou- Yankee's big tent. This contravened t against obstructing the side walks, a- or imposed the usual fine—\$1—and- fines would doubtless have been larg- the fact that the boys had invested th- in "tangle foot," and were forced to money.

Resolutions of Respect to Prof. Thomas Stoddard by the Athenean Society of Marshall Seminary

WHEREAS—It has pleased Almighty and mysterious providence, to remove from the midst of his usefulness, Prof. Thomas Stoddard, the father of the Athenean Literature; Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That as the former founder of the Marshall Seminary we recognized in him a faithful and efficient laborer, and also one whose constant labors and desires were for the moral and advancement of mankind, we have lost an honored and faithful member.

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Matters and Things at La Moille.

LA MOILLE, Iowa, June 16th, 1868.

MR. EDITOR:—In looking over your paper, I find a notice of the death of Prof. Thomas J. Wilson, except this; and thinking you would be pleased

had occasion to "temper justice with mercy" in the cases of a couple of chaps who were brought before him charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. One of them—Lewis Noe—didn't seem to know that this was a temperance city; but the Mayor convinced him of the fact, by imposing a fine of \$1 and costs. The other genius—Henry Harris, who digs stone from the Siberian formation down in Sir John Franklin's quarry, was caught in the act of establishing the site of a "worm fence" around the outside of the Yankee's big tent. This contravened the ordinance against obstructing the side walks, and the Mayor imposed the usual fine—\$1 and costs. The fines would doubtless have been larger, but for the fact that the boys had invested their last dime in "tangle foot," and were forced to borrow the money.

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2d. That in his death, the Athenæum Society has lost an honored and faithful member, the one who gave it a name, and was the author of its first Constitution and By-Laws, and also that the friends of education have suffered an irreparable loss.

3d. That the members of this Society do sincerely and deeply mourn his death, and that we do cordially extend our heartfelt sympathy to his now sorrowing family who have so suddenly been bereft of a kind husband and affectionate father.

4th. That in due respect for the memory of the deceased, and as a token of our sorrow, we each of us wear crape for fifteen days.

5th. That the foregoing resolutions be published in the *Marshall Times and Advance*, and also that a copy be presented to the family of the deceased.

C. B. SLOCOMB,
E. A. WEATHERLY,
W. O. HAMBEL,
Committee.

NINE YEARS IN A HOSIERY FACTORY.—For nine years past I have been connected—in the capacity of overseer of the knitting and stitching departments—with hosiery manufacturing; and I am free to state that, of the different kinds of sewing machines, I have found none so well adapted for general use in making up hosiery goods as the Willcox & Gibbs. *Fifty per cent. more work can be done on it than upon any other machine in a given time.* While the cost for repairs is but a trifle, it is well worth the investment. I have used it for several years. (Letter of J. P. DELANEY, overseer at Adams Hosiery Mills, Cohoes, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1867.)

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Prof. T. J. Wilson, Superinten-
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named Allen Yokum, were drown-
ed, Friday evening, while crossing
the north branch of Timber Creek.
The creek was very high, over-
flowing its banks, and it is suppos-
ed they missed the track, and
drove into the stream. The horse
was also drowned. The bodies
were recovered several hours after-
ward. Professor Wilson was a
member of the Legislature of 1860,
and well known as an educator and
a good man.

It is agreed among the Republic-
ans of the country that they refrain
from any particular demonstrations
on the approaching 4th, as the
Copperheads of the country will
claim all justifications as being in
honor of their great conjuration
in New York on that day.

The committee on Ways and
Means, have decided to reduce the
tax on whiskey to 60 cents per
gallon, and to establish a tax of
thirty-two cents, per pound on all
kinds of chewing tobacco.

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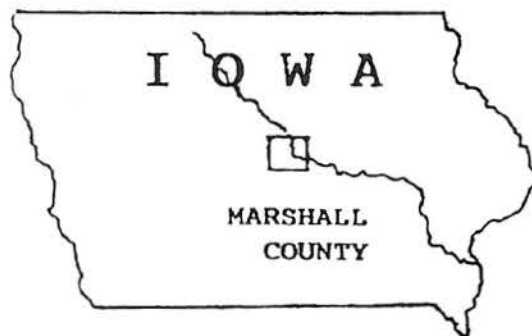
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Higher Education in Albion

The first institution of higher education in Marshall County was the Albion Seminary, originally the Iowa Lutheran College. The building which was begun in

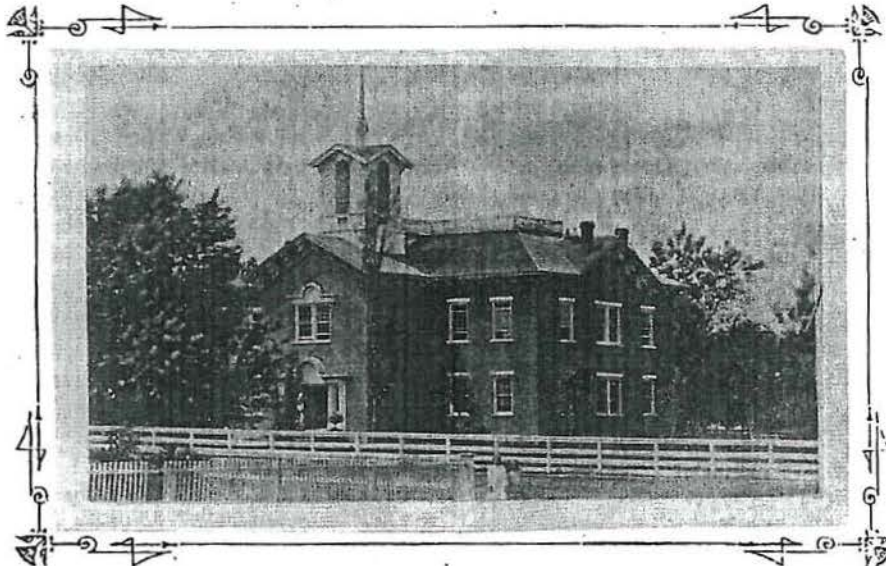
1858 was completed in 1860. The Iowa legislature had intended to appropriate money for a high school in each county, and the project was begun as the Marshall

County High School. But when the state failed to appropriate funds, it was turned over to the Lutheran synod of Iowa to found a college. The construction could have cost \$14,000, but much of the material and labor was paid out of swamp land funds, which the state had granted for educational purposes. Albion citizens donated labor, timber and bricks worth \$5,000. Foundation stones came from Nicholson quarries east of Marshalltown.

The first term of the Iowa Lutheran College opened December 5, 1860, with Thomas J. Wilson, editor of the first newspaper published in the county, as principal. After a few years the school was unable to pay running expenses and was sold to Tom Swearingen at a Sheriff's sale. He leased the building to Joshua and Susan Morgan who conducted a private school for three years, under the name of Albion College.

In the fall of 1872 the Upper Iowa Conference of the Methodist Church assumed management of the school. At this time it became known as the Albion Seminary and continued for 20 years. The building is remembered as a large, two story brick structure, situated in the center of the block and surrounded by a board fence with a turnstile gate. There were eight classrooms, a library and a large assembly hall where public gatherings were often held.

In the fall of 1898, six years after the closing of the seminary, the building was reopened as a township school which continued until 1915 when it was replaced by the present consolidated building.



Albion Seminary.

SEMINARY, COLLEGE PREPARATORY, NORMAL,
COMMERCIAL, AND MUSIC COURSES.

Commodious Boarding Hall just across the Street fronting the Seminary Building.

CALENDAR: { Fall Term, 12 weeks, opens Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1888.
Winter Term, 12 weeks, opens Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1888.
Spring Term, 12 weeks, opens Tuesday, March 5, 1889.

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EDWIN DUKES, Ph. B.,
ALBION, IOWA.

1888 promotion for Albion Seminary.



Albion Seminary Alumni reunion, August 14, 1923.

Farming in 1940

Iowa Township farmsteads In 1940 would have been 80 to 200 acres, raising hogs, cattle, poultry and horses. The day the first tractor arrived was indeed a big event for a farm family. Farmers still used horses for mowing hay, hauling oats bundles to be threshed by the large threshing machines, planting corn with a check wire, cultivating, raking alfalfa and red clover and pulling the hay fork.

An August Day, 1940

The farm wife would have children and her husband to cook, clean and care for. If her home was not modern, she had the extra work of carrying water in and out.

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bunch of willows to which he clung for support, and being unable to swim, both were drowned. . At another place, a railroad bridge over this creek was damaged by a freshet, and a train was wrecked upon it. The locomotive only passed over, the baggage and passenger cars plunging into the water. It was in the darkness of the night, but strangely enough, with heated stoves and burning lamps and overturned cars, no one was hurt—only the passengers and mails had an unwilling bath. A Mr. Algoeye was drowned in this same creek, not far from Le Grand highway bridge, while he was in bathing. And about 1860, Mrs. Ed. Lockwood and Mrs. H. Nash had a narrow escape from death in the same ill-fated waters. The covered wagons of some Pike's Peak travelers frightened their horse, which began obstinately backing, and finally overturned the buggy with its human freight into the current. It was in March, and the water was icy cold, and Mrs. Lockwood struggled to hold up her child, which she did, with the aid of willows on the shore, until she was rescued by the emigrants whose wagons had caused the disaster.

The *Times*, of Jan. 30, 1861, records an accident which came about from rejoicing over the location of the Cedar Rapids & Missouri River Railroad. "The boys thought they could not let the event pass without some noise. Accordingly, they found the cannon which was cast here last year, and after heating it thoroughly to extract the frost, commenced firing. They had fired but a few rounds, when the gun burst, throwing the fragments in every direction. One piece struck the Marshall House, passed through into a bed room, breaking the leg of a bedstead, and finally buried itself in a sack of sugar which happened to be in the room. Another piece struck the Court House, tearing up the shingles, but doing no particular damage. Another piece struck Mr. Getting's house." No one was killed.

In the *Times* of March 12, 1862, we learn that there had been no news from the outside world since the 1st. It had snowed for a week, and the roads were so bad that neither the mails nor the express were able to get through, and travel was entirely done away with.

The same date announces the closing of the first term of the Marshalltown Graded Union School with an exhibition, which had a crowded house.

The *Times* of April 2, 1862, says: "The Iowa River seems to take on about these days as if it was on a bender. The water is up so that it touches the bridge at Woodbury's Mill and runs around on the north side of the bridge, covering the flats for at least a mile north of the mill. Northeast of town the river must have been nearly two miles wide. One family, of the name of Young, were obliged to leave their house and seek a place where land was higher.

"Linn Creek, also, joined in the jubilee, and for two or three days, it more resembled the Mississippi than the little insignificant stream it is. At all events, it has raised hob with the telegraph poles and buried the wires some four feet under water, so that we are now shut out from news either by stage power or lightning."

Thomas J. Wilson, who founded the press of the county, was drowned in Linn Creek, while serving as Superintendent of Schools. His business took him into the southern part of the county, and while he remained there the waters of Linn Creek were greatly swollen by freshet. He attempted to cross on a submerged bridge on horseback; the horse was carried from the bridge, and both rider and animal were lost. Mr. Wilson was a most estimable man, of fine intelligence, and his sudden death caused great sorrow here.

In the files of the *State Centre Enterprise*, we read of the Museum belonging to John King of that place, which contains more than 20,000 specimens of

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pleasant words had been exhausted. A party of nine ladies entered the doggery, and while some were engaged in knocking in the barrel-heads with axes, etc. Mrs. Jack Wheitzell threw out of doors brandy bottles and tumblers, and then taking the "saloon man" by the nape of the neck, sent him out after them. She was a strong, muscular woman, weighing two hundred pounds, and the whiskey-seller made but little resistance. The whole concern was demolished, and no other of the kind ever lifted its demon front in the village until the days of drug stores. These ladies were arrested and brought before Justice Yeamans, of Marshalltown, who had them in court three days, but after a wonderful array of witnesses and legal talent, they were released from some flaw in the indictment. The next day they were to be brought again into court for breaking the peace; the constable hunted high and low for the energetic dames, but they had disappeared into Tama county, like Venus into the foam of the sea.

We go back to Albion, and in rummaging old files of newspapers, the *Iowa Central Journal* makes its appearance. It was established in 1855, by Prof. U. J. Wilson, an able scholar, and was the first journal in the county. Prof. Wilson, now deceased, was a man of enterprise and pleasant courtesy, while literature, schools, etc. found a warm place in his heart. While crossing Linn creek, in the discharge of his duties as superintendent of public instruction, he lost his life by drowning. The *Iowa Central* speaks glowingly of a celebration on the fourth of July, 1855. Dr. Hixon, of Marietta, delivered a fine oration, William Ballard and others performed the Star Spangled Banner, and the multitude enjoyed the programme, especially the dinner.

Prof. Wilson sold out the paper to E. N. Chapin, a terse, keen writer, the present editor of the *Times*, who associated with him in the enterprise Mr. R. H. Barnhart, a local editor of fine ability. The paper had many a round with the Marietta *Express*, that was established a little later by Thomas High and A. J. Kenney. Marietta and Albion were rival

towns, with a secret hate for a long time before it showed itself in the journals or in public meetings.

It is time to write on these leaves the beginning of Marshalltown, which was such an eye-sore to Marietta, a rival that finally ate her up, as the giants in the fable. The quarrels of these towns, with the incidents thereof, would fill a volume.

Marshalltown was laid out by Henry Anson, Esq. in the summer of 1853, the year after Albion and Le Grand, and two years after Marietta. Anson had a claim which was bounded north by Main street, that he built a cabin upon in 1851, entering the claim at Dubuque the same year. The town was named Marshall, but it was found that there was another post office by that name in Henry county, so the *office of town* supplied the name with an awkward handle, but significant in an early day.

Many of the settlers in the township were border-men, who now are fighting Indians and wolves on the confines of civilization; who lived in cabins with the doors open through the winter to let in the blessed sunlight; and when Mr. Anson put in a window to his house, it made much comment through the settlement.

Mr. Anson is a man of great energy of character; and in naming him the founder of Marshalltown, no one need think the term misapplied. He was long justice of the peace, and built the first saw-mill in the county. Such an enterprise, when the machinery had to be hauled two hundred miles, and no money to be had from the settlers, was no small matter. It was of great benefit to the community. When the Cedar Rapids railroad was to be built, no one in the vicinity can forget his untiring efforts to obtain the assistance needed to bring the enterprise to a successful issue.

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WILSON	Nelson M. (Dr.)	1847	1907	Marshalltown		Marshall	C.W. Vet.
WILSON	O.R.	1832	1919	Riverside	Marshalltown	Marshall	
WILSON	Oscar	1865	1912	Prairie View	Gilman	Marshall	
WILSON	Phebe	1831	1917	Liscomb		Marshall	
WILSON	Susan	25 July 1808	8 July 1884	Eden	Rhodes	Marshall	
WILSON	T.B.	-	-	Eden	Rhodes	Marshall	C.W. Vet. Co. L. 2nd U.S. Cav.
WILSON	Tamer	1848	1929	Friends	Le Grand Twp	Marshall	(Fem.)
WILSON	Thomas J.	1826	1868	Riverside	Marshalltown	Marshall	
WILSON	William G.	1843	1907	Riverside	Marshalltown	Marshall	C.W. Vet.
WILSON	William S.	1876	1905	Riverside	Marshalltown	Marshall	

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Residence State:	Iowa	
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	John W Tripp	31
	Elizabeth A Tripp	25
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July 15th 68

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In the matter of the Estate
of P. J. Wilson decd.

In Circuit Court August Term 1869

Application for partial distribution of Estate Funds

Now Comes J. M. Parker administrator of the Estate of P. J. Wilson decd and asks permission of Said Court for a partial distribution of the entire funds, and for Cause sheweth that are now in the hands of Said Administrator moneys of Said Estate to wit of Seven hundred and sixty three dollars.

1. That the heirs of Said Estate are four the widow of Said P. J. Wilson deceased and four minor children
2. That one Thomas Wilson has been appointed by the Court Guardian of the Estate of Said four minor children
3. That Said widow has no means of making her ordinary and current expenses and no property money or credits other than her thirds in the estate of the Said P. J. Wilson decd
4. That J. M. Parker Said administrator has advanced to the Said widow to enable her to purchase and obtain necessaries of life \$1000 which is included in the first named sum which advancement the Court is prayed to satisfy and that permission for partial distribution be granted as prayed for above.

J. M. Parker
Administrator

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In the estate of John L. Wilson - Administrator's Report. Filed April 26/66

State of Iowa - To the Hon. Probate Court of said County,
 Marshall Court

In the name of the estate of John L. Wilson.

Now on this 26th day of April A.D. 1866, comes John L. Wilson, ad-
 ministrater of the said estate and makes the following report of
 his doings and affairs as follows; to wit:

I have taken of said estate the following assets =

Of said estate as per former account	\$ 821 33
On County Board	100 00
" Sale of stock	10 00
Of J. S. Belding in settlement	18 00
	\$950 33

I have paid out of said estate the following sums =

To Agard Richard, for marketing grain	\$ 63 88
" Do. do. Hale - do. expenses	7 00
" J. H. Natus for calling sale	2 00
On Probate fees	7 05
" for stamps	2 00
John H. Carlson as per receipt	700 00
Total amount Paid	\$1458 93
Amount on hand =	\$491 40

I, John L. Wilson do solemnly swear that the foregoing report
 is a correct showing of the condition of said estate

John L. Wilson, Administrator.

Subscribed and sworn to by John L. Wilson before me in my
 presence on the 26th day of April A.D. 1866.

W. P. Deeg, J. P.