

Request for Information about William Wildman Campbell

This document consists of a series of papers stemming from a request from the U. S. Congress's Joint Committee on Printing for details of the life of William Wildman Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was a Representative from the State of Ohio in the 59th Congress (1905-1907); father of John Wood Campbell and grandfather of Laura Philinda Campbell Krieg,

Papers in this document

- Page 2, 1941-06-23: Letter from Ansel Wold, Clerk, Congress of the United States, Joint Committee on Printing; to The Superintendent, Forest Hill Cemetery, Napoleon, Ohio.
- Page 3, 1941-06-26: Letter from C. Harrison to Ansel Wold, explaining that he was forwarded the request for information by Mr. Kohlman, Superintendent of the cemetery. He, in turn, is forwarding the request to John W. Campbell in New York; he sends a few interesting details of Laura Philinda's life at the same time.
- Pages 3-7, 1941-05-06: Four-page pink form in booklet format for submission of biographical information. Attached to the second page of the form (page 4 of this document) is the carbon copy of a biographical sketch, presumably written by John Wood Campbell. The final page also contains requested details about W. W. Campbell's post-congressional career.
- The envelope addressed to J. W. Campbell is on file, though the return address is torn off.

Biographical entry for William Wildman Campbell

The entry is substantially as written by J. W. Campbell, with additional mention of two failed attempts at re-election; this was retrieved on 2020-08-19 from <https://bioguideretro.congress.gov/Home/MemberDetails?memIndex=C000106>

CAMPBELL, WILLIAM WILDMAN, a Representative from Ohio; born in Rochester, Windsor County, Vt., April 2, 1853; attended the public schools, Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt., and Tufts College, Medford, Mass.; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1878 and commenced practice at Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio; served as prosecuting attorney for Henry County, 1893-1896; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1907); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress and for election in 1908 to the Sixty-first Congress; resumed the practice of law in Napoleon, Ohio; member of the State constitutional convention of 1911 and 1912; died in Napoleon, Ohio, August 13, 1927; interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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June 23, 1941.

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My dear Sir:

This Committee is very desirous of ascertaining the name of the city where WILLIAM WILDMAN CAMPBELL, formerly a Representative from Ohio, and a native of your city, died, and it has been suggested that he died on August 13, 1927, in your city and that his remains are buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.

It will be appreciated if you will endeavor to ascertain from your records the name of the city where his death occurred, and return the same in the enclosed official addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

Ansel Wold

Ansel Wold, Clerk.

The Superintendent,
Forest Hill Cemetery,
Napoleon, Ohio.

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Mr. Ansel Wold, Clerk,
 Joint Committee on Printing,
 Washington, D.C.
 Dear Sir:-

June 26th 1941
 Re: William W. Campbell,
 Rep. 5th. Dist, Ohio.

Mr. Kohlman, Superintendent Forest Hill Cemetery, just handed me your letter of June 23rd. 1941, and I am sending it to his son, Mr. John W. Campbell, 195 Broadway, New York, an official of the A.T. & T. Co. who no doubt will be able to furnish you with the desired information.

A very interesting coincidence is, that I just today, June 26th. received a letter from LAURA PHILINDA CAMPBELL, who is a grand-daughter, of Wm. W. Campbell, from HOTEL NETTO, Sintra, Portugal.

Laura Philinda, was a student in Paris, in Sept. 39, when the present war broke out; instead of accepting the opportunity of returning home to New York, she married, JAMES ARTHUR JONES, of Alabama, who was with the United Press, in Paris.

He joined the U.S. Embassy, in May 1940, and has been with them since, changing the Paris address for the one in Portugal, upon the request of the Germans.

Jimmie is a graduate of Northwestern Univ. 1937, he is convincing, aggressive and has plenty of ability; Laura, is beautiful, 20 years old, and they are having a marvellous experience, mixed with numerous hardships; they speak English, good French & Spanish.

Just at present, they are a little fearful that a cut in the Foreign Service, might affect them, because of his rather brief experience of from May 1940 to date-- Really some thing should be done to prevent any thing of that kind.

Both Jimmie and his father, who is a State agent for a Casualty Insurance Co. at Jacksonville Fl. are good Democrats.

Very sincerely,



GEORGE H. MOSES, SENATOR FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE, CHAIRMAN
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In re: Campbell, William Wildman

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~~The Superintendent,~~
~~Forest Hill Cemetery,~~
~~Napoleon, Ohio.~~

Dear Sir:

For use in connection with a ^{future} revised edition of the Biographical Directory of the American Congress, certain information is required to complete the sketch attached hereto, and any assistance you can render this Committee will be very greatly appreciated.

Please make an effort to obtain data outlined by the questionnaire, not now included in the tentative draft, using the blank spaces for reply, and when completed return to the Committee in the accompanying official addressed envelope, which requires no postage.

If you personally can not secure the necessary information, please fill in the forwarding blank below and RELAY THIS COMMUNICATION AND THE OFFICIAL ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE DIRECT to next of kin or to some person who is interested in perpetuating the history of our lawmakers and who will endeavor to obtain the data. A blank official envelope is inclosed for forwarding purposes.

Yours respectfully,

Carl Hayden
Chairman.

Forwarded to—

Remarks:

Four sets of horizontal dashed lines for forwarding and remarks.

SAMPLE SKETCH

JOHN WILKINSON SMITH (son of George Edward Smith), a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lebanon, Pa., September 18, 1825; attended the public schools, the Belleville Business College, Belleville, Ill., and was graduated from Marshall College, Pennsylvania, in 1843; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1846, and commenced practice in Columbus, Nev.; prosecuting attorney for Lebanon County, 1847-1849; member of the State house of representatives, 1850-1851; served in the State senate, 1854-1856; moved to Minneapolis, Minn., in 1856, and resumed the practice of law; elected as a Republican to the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1859-March 3, 1863); resumed the practice of law in Lebanon; elected Governor of Maine in 1870; again practiced law in Lebanon; died in Chicago, Ill., June 16, 1885; interment in Roselawn Cemetery, Springfield, Ala.

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CAMPBELL, WILLIAM WILDMAN, a Representative from Ohio; born in Rochester, Vt., April 2, 1853; attended the public schools, the Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt., and Tufts College, Massachusetts; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1878, and commenced practice in Napoleon, Ohio; served as prosecuting attorney for Henry County, Ohio, 1894-1897; elected to the Fifty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1905-March 3, 1907); resumed the practice of law in Napoleon, Ohio; member of the state constitutional convention of 1911-1912; resides at Napoleon, Ohio.

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please answer questions checked)

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1. Full name -----
(First name) (Middle name) (Surname)

2. Place of birth -----
(City, town, or village) (County) (State)

3. If born in rural community, nearest -----
(City, town, or village) (County) (State)

4. Date of birth -----
(Month) (Day) (Year)

5. Early schooling:

Free school -----
(Name) (City, town, or village) (State)

Private school -----
(Name) (City, town, or village) (State)

6. High school, college, or university attended:

(Name of institution) (City, town, or village) (State)

Years of attendance, 1-----1-----; Did he graduate?----- Year-----

(Name of institution) (City, town, or village) (State)

Years of attendance, 1-----1-----; Did he graduate?----- Year-----

7. Give legal residence since childhood:

(City, town, or village) (County) (State) 1-----1-----
(Years)

(City, town, or village) (County) (State) 1-----1-----
(Years)

(City, town, or village) (County) (State) 1-----1-----
(Years)

8. Business or professional occupation:

If lawyer, admitted to bar in -----, commenced practice in -----
(Year) (City, town, or village)

(County) (State)

Other occupation:

(Kind) (City, town, or village) (State) 1-----1-----
(Years)

(Kind) (City, town, or village) (State) 1-----1-----
(Years)

(Kind) (City, town, or village) (State) 1-----1-----
(Years)

9. Army (or Naval) service:

(Regiment) (Company) (Rank) 1-----1-----
(Years)

(Years)

Decorations -----

10. Member of the State legislature:

House: 1----- to 1-----; 1----- to 1-----; 1----- to 1-----

Senate: 1----- to 1-----; 1----- to 1-----; 1----- to 1-----

11. What were his politics? -----

12. Delegate to State or National Convention :

----- (Kind)	----- (City)	----- (State)	1 (Year)
----- (Kind)	----- (City)	----- (State)	1 (Year)
----- (Kind)	----- (City)	----- (State)	1 (Year)

13. County and municipal offices held:

----- (Title of office)	----- (City, town, or village)	----- (State)	1 (Years)
----- (Title of office)	----- (City, town, or village)	----- (State)	1 (Years)
----- (Title of office)	----- (City, town, or village)	----- (State)	1 (Years)

14. At the close of his term—

Was this man a candidate for renomination to succeed himself? -----

Was he renominated? -----

If renominated—

Was he defeated? -----

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15. If related by blood to any other Member of the National Congress, past or present, please give name of Member, relationship, and the Congress in which he served.

✓ 16. Occupation after leaving Congress:

attly of law ----- (Kind)	napoleon ----- (City, town, or village)	Ohio ----- (State)	1 (Years)
----- (Kind)	----- (City, town, or village)	----- (State)	1 (Years)

✓ 17. Name of publication where complete biography may be found -----

The foregoing data is taken from -----

IF MEMBER IS DECEASED, PLEASE FILL IN

✓ 18. Place of death:

Died at ----- (City, town, or village)	napoleon ----- (City, town, or village)	Henry ----- (County)	Ohio ----- (State)
Near ----- (City, town, or village)	----- (City, town, or village)	----- (County)	----- (State)

✓ 19. Date of death

Aug 13 ----- (Month)	13 th ----- (Day)	1957 ----- (Year)
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✓ 20. Where buried

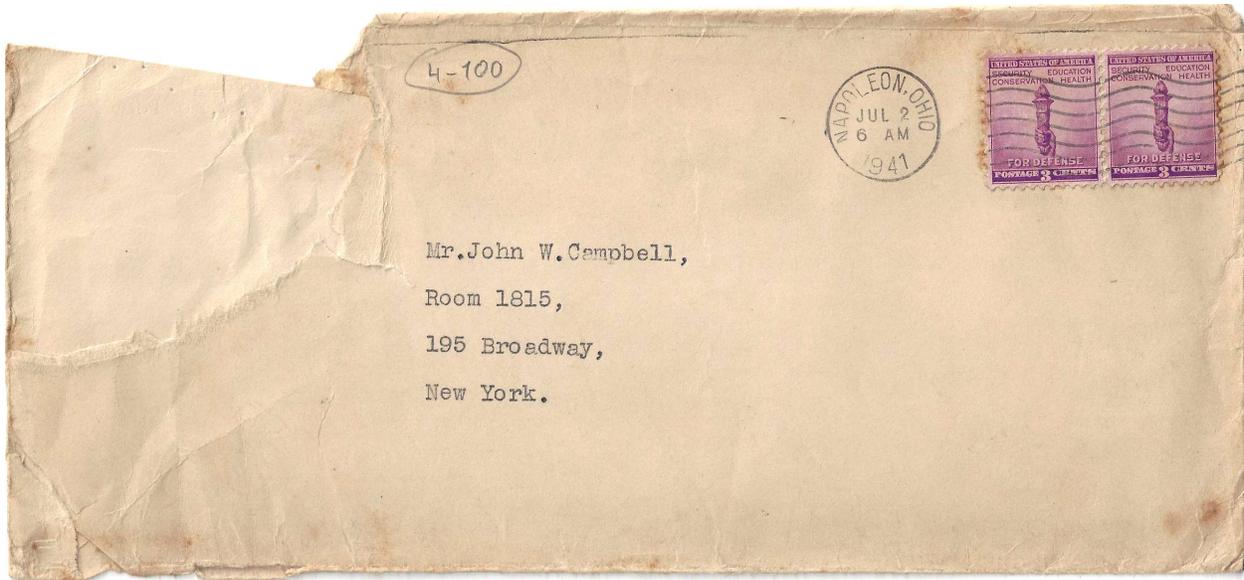
Forest Hill ----- (Corporate name of cemetery)	----- (City, town, or village)	Henry ----- (County)	Ohio ----- (State)
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21. PLEASE ENDEAVOR TO FURNISH A COPY OF THE OBITUARY ARTICLE PUBLISHED AT TIME OF DEATH

The foregoing information is furnished by—

Relationship: -----
(Full name)

(Address)



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Mr. John W. Campbell,
Room 1815,
195 Broadway,
New York.

NAPOLEON, OHIO
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