

Mr. Kern, a staunch Democrat, served Sturgis as its mayor from 1917 to 1921, and again from 1925 until his death in 1929. He was a member of the town council between these two terms. He was a Mason, a Knight Templar, a Shriner, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Sturgis, serving as its first president. He also served a term as lieutenant governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis district.

Mr. Kern married Leota Hall Bradley of Owensboro in 1895 and of this union ten children were born.

LEROY WILLIAM LONG (1832-1900), lawyer, soldier, and farmer, was born on the South Fork of Falling River, Campbell County, Virginia. His grandmother on his father's side was the daughter of Col. Burgess Ball and his grandfather on his mother's side was Captain William Rosser, both of Revolutionary War note.

Arnstead Long, the father of Leroy William, moved to White Sulphur Spring in Union County in 1838. The father and his two brothers living nearby employed a teacher from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to tutor their children. In 1843, three years after the death of his first wife, Arnstead Long and his family returned to Virginia. Leroy William attended the Lynchburg high school and completed college in Richmond.

In 1854 he returned to Caseyville, where his brother, Dr. Burgess M. Long, lived. He lived here for a short time reading law and teaching private school. He was "the bright young man" of the community, since he is remembered for also posting "books for the merchants of the town" and "making the returns for the postmaster of the place." He moved to Morganfield in November, 1855, and entered the law office of Judge Ben P. Cissell. After taking his law examination under Judge Collin D. Bradley, Long opened a law office in Morganfield, and soon entered into partnership with Judge Cissell. In 1858 he was elected county attorney and three years later (1861) he resigned his office and joined Lee's army, then in West Virginia.

When General Lee was sent south, Long was assigned to duty on General Stevenson's staff, with the rank of major. His Kentucky friends petitioned the Confederate War Department to send Major Long into Kentucky to raise a regiment. He returned to Union County but through the treachery of persons he trusted, he was captured by the Federal forces.