Brookhart, Smith Wildman (1869-1944)

Smith Wildman Brookhart (1869-1944) was twice elected as a Republican to represent Iowa in the United States Senate. He was admitted to the bar in 1892 and began practicing law in Washington. He served for six years as Washington County Attorney. He served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish—American War and World War I, where he reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was renowned for his marksmanship with a rifle. Brookhart eventually served as president of the National Rifle Association from 1921 to 1925. His book Rifle Training for War, published by the National Rifle Association of America is still used as a manual to teach marksmanship.



