

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator

Baunders,

Thomas Jefferson - Represented Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place

6 Feb 1819

Woodbury, New Jersey

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah M Purcell

1857

Scott County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was at first the editor of the Davenport Gazette and later
afterward an editor of the paper.

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.

C. Profession Physician, newspaper editor, educator

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served

10th General Assembly, 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local He was once editor of the Clinton Herald newspaper, Scott County
School Superintendent, 1859-1861 and June to Dec 1867, Scott County assessor

B. State He was secretary of the Iowa Constitutional Convention in 1857

C. National He was in the United States Quartermaster Department in Tennessee
and other parts of the South and in Washington D. C. settling claims growing out of the war.

7. Death

18 Oct 1897 Davenport, Iowa; buried Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport, Iowa

8. Children

Edward Purcell

9. Names of parents _____

Saunders, Thomas Jefferson

10. Education He was educated in schools in Morristown, New Jersey

11. Degrees He graduated from the Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a medical doctor in 1843.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He wanted to be a lawyer, but his father persuaded him to be a doctor instead.
- He practiced medicine in New Jersey for a while and traveled in Europe for a while. When he returned he once again engaged in medicine, but became interested in politics. In New Jersey he served many terms as Secretary of State.
- In 1855, Dr. Saunders moved to Davenport, Iowa and there he practiced medicine.
- Military services - Civil War - paymaster in the United States Army and served until the end of the war; he accompanied Sherman on the march to the sea.



Thomas J. Saunders.

A FATAL FALL.

CHAPMAN KILLED BY A TUMBLE FROM A WAGON.

Golden Wrench Hurled him From his feet to the Ground, Sunday Night—His Skull was Fractured and he Died Almost Instantly.

L. Chapman of Fulton, Ill., was killed by accident near the top of the quiet street hill last evening. Chapman was a member of a party of half a dozen men from Bennett, Ia., spent Sunday in the city. He is a member of Mrs. B. F. Carr's church of this city, and their father was also of the party, one of the objects of their having been to see their Davenport relative. The companions were Williams and Harry Forde of Bennett and William Reagan and Cal-Brown of Fulton, all being engaged under contract in the erection of a building at Bennett. The dead was a bricklayer, 38 years of age, leaves a wife and two children in town.

The members of the party had no clear idea of how the accident happened. They knew that the wagon which they had started to return to Bennett, a 36-mile drive, was in the wet car track and that an attempt was made to turn it out and avoid an approaching car. The wheels refused to leave the track until a quick turn brought them out with a jerk which sent the front seat flying and threw its occupants into the road. One got up, while the other lay dead. He was taken to the undertaking rooms of J. H. Age & Petersen, where the inquest was held this morning.

Julius Banderob, Charles Runge and William Speth were impanelled as a coroner's jury, and after taking the testimony of several witnesses returned a verdict of accidental death. Emerson Chapman, the young man's father, said that Ed. had driven the party in from Bennett Sunday, starting at 11 a. m. and arriving here about 3 p. m. It was at 8 o'clock, after they had started their return trip, that the accident occurred. Officer Hitchcock, who was on the wagon soon after the accident, testified

OBITUARY.

SAUNDERS.

Dr. Thos. J. Saunders, for years a prominent figure in the active affairs of this city and county, died, at 8 o'clock this morning, at his home, 119 West Sixteenth street. For several years he has been in failing health, and off the stage of action, but for the past two months his case has been very serious, and his condition very low.

In the days of republican ascendancy in this county and state Dr. Saunders was one of the prominent and influential men in Davenport, and his name was as familiar to every resident as the name of any prominent man of today is at this time. He was never strongly identified with the business interests of the city, but in its public affairs, and those of the county, and of the nation as well, he took a large hand.

Dr. Saunders was born at Woodbury, N. J., Feb. 6, 1819. He was educated there, for the greater part, finally graduating at the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, as a doctor of medicine.

This was in 1843. He continued to live in his native place, and practiced medicine there, though largely interested in politics, till 1855, when he came to this state and city. In the meantime, in 1848, he was one of the secretaries of the constitutional convention of his native state, and after reaching here, in 1857, he served in the same capacity at the Iowa constitutional convention of 1857. He practiced his profession here but little, but from the date of his arrival here took an active part in the politics of the city and county and state. In 1864 he was elected to the Iowa senate, where he served part of one term. Soon after this election he was made paymaster in the United States army, and served till after the close of the war. He accompanied Sherman on his famous march through to the sea in this capacity. In the later years of his life he was for a long time in the United States quartermaster's department, in Tennessee and other parts of the south,

ODD FELLOWS.

THEY ARE ASSEMBLING AT THEIR GRAND

Tomorrow Their Odd Fellows will be Open, to Run Till Five o'clock. The program of the Meeting will be read through the Presence of the Grand Master. Last week it was reported that here already in fine time they all get on row morning, there are or three hundred of

At 9 o'clock tomorrow campment will open at Library hall, and the State assembly will be held at the Shrine room, in the city. In the afternoon competitive staff will be placed, with a banner receiving the highest prize.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday lodge will meet at the usual business place to be entered upon. Afternoon the grand ball will be given at the place, after which the election of the Grand officers at Turner Grand lodge will be held with addresses by the Grand Master and others. That evening a grand ball at that place.

Thursday, at 9 o'clock lodge will again meet continuing its session. The Rebekahs will meet at the Shrine room of the Past Grand lodge. Grand patriarchs' conference, of social and business hall.

Friday, if the session expected, will witness the opening of the Grand lodge for the year.

The Kimball hall headquarters of the Odd Fellows will be opened this evening an informal meeting of the Grand officers at Odd Fellows hall. Grand officers have been so busy with the Odd Fellows that they have not had time to substitute a trolley for the boat. The first publication

eminently upright in thought and act, and deserved a better recompense for his medical ability and his moral worth than the world afforded him. He remained in Davenport but two years, or perhaps three, removed to St. Louis, and subsequently to California, where death overtook him. * * *

“ During the summer and autumn of 1837 a few cases of bilious remitting fever occurred, but yielded readily to treatment. The winter following, several cases of bilious pneumonia demanded prompt attendance and special vigilance in the observance of changes indicative of greater danger. These were the diseases, and the principal ones, which called for medical help up to the year 1849. Since that year, or from that period, the summer and autumnal fevers ceased to be epidemical, and pneumonia became less frequent. It may be well to mention here that the fevers of 1849, after the third or fourth day, assumed a typhoid character, the remission hardly observable, and the nervous depression occasioning great anxiety.

“ Old citizens well remember that year, for in it occurred the death of Mr. David Hoge and Miss Sophia Fisher.

“ I think it was Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia,—a great name up to about 1825,—who said the lancet was a ‘sheet-anchor’ in all inflammatory diseases. So it might have been said of quinine, as used in remittent and intermittent fevers, in both the Mississippi and Missouri valleys from 1830 up to 1850. During that period 120,000 square miles west of the Mississippi and north of St. Louis became populated, and all of it more or less malarious. In some of these years the demand for quinine was so great that the supply in the American market became exhausted. ‘Sappington’s pills’ were indirectly the power which worked steamboats up the river from 1835 to 1843. They were, verily, the ‘sheet-anchor’ not only aboard boats, but in many households. Dr. Sappington was a regular allopathic physician of considerable ability, residing up the Missouri River, who thought it would be a benefaction to the new civilization of the West to prepare quinine, ready to be taken, in the form of pills. The boxes contained four dozen each, and the pills two grains each. The direction on the box was to take from two to twenty, as the urgency of the case seemed to require, without reference to the stage of the paroxysm.

“ Dr. Thos. J. Saunders, recognized by the profession as a scholarly M. D., graduated at the Pennsylvania University, in 1843, to please his father. The law was his choice as a profession; but as that

did not accord with the moral sentiments of a highly worthy disciple of George Fox, he acceded to his father's wishes and became an M. D., practiced medicine for a while in New Jersey, and traveled for a time in Europe. After his return, in connection with his practice in New Jersey, was prominently engaged as a politician, serving several terms as secretary of the Senate.

"In 1855 Dr. Saunders came to Davenport, and practiced his profession successfully. His ability for public service has for the last 20 years kept him engaged in its employ. He was secretary of the Constitutional Convention of 1857; was member of the Senate from Scott County; served four years as paymaster in the army which handled the Rebellion.

"For the last few years has been engaged for the war department in assessing damages, or taking evidence to that effect, caused by Sherman's army in East Tennessee. But with all these diversities of engagements he has never ceased to entertain a respect, together with an interest kept up, for the medical profession.

"Dr. E. Fountain and Dr. J. M. Adler came to Davenport in 1854, from Aspinwall, on the Isthmus, where they had been engaged for two or three years as surgeons of the Panama Railroad Company.

"Dr. Fountain was from West Chester Co., New York, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1851; was most estimable for his many moral virtues and fully competent, and master of his profession for his term of experience. In 1861 he became infatuated with the supposed medicinal virtues of an article called chlorate of potash, which he claimed to have used with great success, and to confirm his own conscientious opinions of its action on the system experimented upon himself rather than his patients, took an over-dose on March 27, and died from its effects within 48 hours.

Dr. Adler as partner of Dr. Fountain, continued the practice until 1865, then removed to Philadelphia, where he continues at the present in a large and successful practice.

"Dr. C. C. Parry, from Sandy Hill, N. Y. (See Scott County Medical Society), came in 1852 or '53, practiced for a few years, then devoted his attention wholly to a scientific branch of the profession which he has made a specialty, and at present is engaged in exploring Southern California. As a botanist Dr. Parry possesses a celebrity to which he is worthily entitled, and second to very few.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Pensioned SC 926 722
War Civil

Veteran's name **Saunders, Thomas J.**
Residence **119 W. 16th St., Davenport**
Occupation **Physician**
Date birth **Place New Jersey**
Date death **18 Oct 1897 Place age 78**
Cause **Oakdale Cem Place burial Davenport, Ia**

Battles, etc.
Nearest relatives
Father
Nativity
Mother
Nativity

War record: **Paymaster U. S. Army**
Major of Cavalry
Rank: Company Regiment State Organization

Wife **Sarah M. Purcell b. South Carolina**
m. Oct 15, 1857 at Davenport
Children **died Oct 11, 1915, Davenport, Ia**
Edward

Enlisted **Commissioned to date Feb 23, 1864**
Date Place
Honorably discharged to date **April 16, 1866**
Date Place

Sources
Post #1 Printed List: **Sgt-Co E-20th Iowa**
Inf (not there) / 24th Annual Encampment:
died 19 Oct 1897 / Graves Reg.: Co E
20 Iowa Inf- N.S.V.

Name **Thos J. Saunders** from Orig List in
Minutes of Post 1 (Oct 26, 1881)
Discharged Date Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Veteran's name **Saunders, T. J.**
Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name **August Wentz**
Post No. **1 (2)** Place **Davenport** Date Joined **26 0 1881**
Sus. 2nd Term 1897

Member-at-Large

Date Paid Amount

Year Date Paid Amount
Iowa Census 1895 Scott Co., Davenport, 4th Ward
Book 394, p. 78 Saunders, Thomas J. age 76, married
born New Jersey. Physician- Friends. Record-Pay-
master U. S. Army. Sarah 63, born So Carolina;
Edward 32, born Scott Co., Iowa



You searched for **Thomas J. Saunders** in **Iowa**

1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Thomas J Saunders											
Age in 1860:	41											
Birth Year:	abt 1819											
Birthplace:	New Jersey											
Home in 1860:	Davenport, Scott, Iowa											
Gender:	Male											
Post Office:	Davenport											
Value of real estate:	View image											
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Thomas J. Saunders	
Home in 1880:	Davenport, Scott, Iowa	
Age:	60	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1820	
Birthplace:	New Jersey	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (<i>Head</i>)	
Spouse's name:	Sarah M.	
Father's birthplace:	New Jersey	
Mother's birthplace:	New Jersey	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Physician	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:	View image	
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:	View image	
Otherwise disabled:	View image	
Idiotic or insane:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Thomas J. Saunders	60
	Sarah M. Saunders	47
	Edward P. Saunders	18
	Fannie Barnby	19

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Davenport, Scott, Iowa; Roll T9_364; Family History Film: 1254364; Page: 610.4000; Enumeration District: 276; Image: 0101.

Source Information:
Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1880. T9, 1,454 rolls.

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Thomas J Saunders	
Birth Year:	abt 1820	
Birth Place:	New Jersey	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Scott	
Locality:	Davenport	
Roll:	IA1885_261	
Line:	13	
Family Number:	609	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Thomas J Saunders	65
	Sarah M Saunders	50
	Edward P Saunders	22
	Christina Tranum	25

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007. Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

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Iowa State Census, 1895

Name: **Thomas J. Saunders**

Age: **76**

Race: **White**

Birthplace: **New Jersey**

Residence: **Davenport, Scott**

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census, 1895* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003.
Original data: Iowa. *1895 Iowa State Census*. Des Moines, Iowa: State Historical Society of Iowa.

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SAUNDERS, Sarah

Born: 1831
Died: 11 OCT 1915
Cemetery: OAKDALE
Location: DAVENPORT
County: SCOTT CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: LOT 70 BK. 7

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