

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Sears, Reuben Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Potosi County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 Jan 1824 Arcut, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Cynthia Ann Guild 13 May 1847 Prophetstown, Illinois  
② Mrs. Patience P. Wallace Dixon Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Iowa Barb Stead Mine Company

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership Presbyterian, later Christian Science

5. Sessions served 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 6 June 1896 Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa

8. Children Reuben Edward; Cynthia Ann (Mrs. Churchill); Florence (Mrs. Barnett);

Augustus G.

9. Names of parents Rev. Reuben and Sarah Catharine (Stitch) Sears

10. Education Educated by his father

11. Degrees Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill - graduate of medical school 1854

12. Other applicable information Republican

- First located at Montrose, Iowa and then around 1854 he moved to Brooklyn, Iowa, then in 1863 moved to Grinnell, Iowa; then 1872 to Marshalltown where he lived until death.
- Had a large, successful practice in Marshalltown for nearly 30 years
- Gave up his practice after all these years and engaged in manufacturing
- Wife, Cynthia, died in 1882
- After leaving medical school, he first located at Prophetstown, Illinois and in 1856 he moved to Brooklyn, Iowa



# DR. R. SEARS DEAD.

Expires Suddenly at An Early Hour Sunday Morning.

## HEART DISEASE PROBABLE CAUSE.

The End Comes as a Shock to His Family and Friends—Had Been Ailing for a Week Past, But No Serious Results Were Anticipated—Sketch of His Active and Busy Life—Funeral to Be Held Tuesday—Other Deaths.

News of the sudden death of Dr. Reuben Sears, which occurred at an early hour Sunday morning, came as a shock to the family and friends. Only a few days ago he had been on the streets, so vigorous, robust and active that he seemed good for another score of years.

Mr. Sears had been somewhat indisposed for the past week, complaining of a pain in his stomach, but he considered it nothing more than a bilious attack and said he would soon be all right again. Friday he was considerably better, and on that day took a long drive into the country with his wife. Saturday he complained of feeling tired, but in the evening read his paper and retired. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Sears was awakened by a noise and observed that her husband was sitting in a chair in an adjoining room. He immediately arose and started back to the bed room, but fell forward and expired without uttering a word except "Oh!" The cause of his death was probably heart disease.

The funeral will be held from the residence, 108 North Second street, at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, and will be conducted by Rev. K. C. Roberts, of the Christian Science church.

Below will be found a sketch of the life of Mr. Sears and a tribute to his character written by one near and dear to the deceased.

### Life and Character of Reuben Sears.

Reuben Sears was one of Iowa's pioneers, of vigorous constitution, of large mental qualities and of strong and most decided convictions. He was of an original and independent nature, perfectly fearless, a most affectionate husband, a most indulgent parent, a most kindly neighbor, an upright, conscientious and public spirited citizen. His heart was ever tender for those in poverty or sorrow or trouble. He was generous to a fault and would divide his last dollar with one, however lowly, he thought needed it more than he. If any were in trouble and he could aid, he gave no thought what personal sacrifice or personal discomfort it might be to him, as soon as he saw he could help, he helped. Dr. Sears was of New England stock, born at Draut, Mass., July 31, 1824, and was of English descent, tracing his lineage

died at her home in Alblon Sunday, of consumption, and was buried Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. Swearingen officiating. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. L. Woods, of Union.

### Woodring.

Clara, wife of Jud Woodring, formerly a resident of this city, died Saturday at her home in Carroll, of neuralgia of the stomach. She was born in South Bend, Ind., Feb. 7, 1865, and came to Marshalltown ten years later, living here seven years, thence removing to Carroll. She was married to Mr. Jud Woodring October 7, 1885, and besides her devoted husband, leaves a little girl 6 years old. Two brothers, two sisters and mother also survive her. Mr. C. F. Breckel, a brother, of this city, went to Carroll Monday, as did also Mr. W. E. Detrick, a brother-in-law.

### Dieterich.

Mrs. Wilhelmine, beloved wife of Mr. John F. Dieterich, died at her home, 107 North First avenue, Sunday at 12 o'clock, of pleurisy. The deceased was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1836, therefore being 60 years of age. She moved to Iowa in 1870, locating at Oskaloosa, and after a residence of three years there, came to this city, where she has lived for the past twenty-three years. Her husband still survives her, as also do five children. The funeral occurred this morning at 9:30 o'clock from the residence, Rev. Herman Wagner officiating.

### Marshall.

Miss Daisy Marshall, of LaGrand, died at 2 o'clock a. m. Saturday, after an illness of two weeks with typhoid fever. The young lady's death is peculiarly sad. Just two weeks ago she graduated from the Friends' Academy, but immediately following her graduation she was taken ill. She was a sister of Professor Hadley's wife, of the academy, and was about 20 years old. The funeral was held at 3 p. m. Sunday.

### Menehan.

Mrs. Margaret, wife of Michael Menehan, died at her home, 711 South Second street, Friday shortly before midnight of post-mortem hemorrhage. The deceased was 41 years of age. The funeral occurred at St. Mary's church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### W. C. T. U. MEETING.

Synopsis of a Paper Read by Mrs. Oakes—"Consider the Lilies." The Marshalltown W. C. T. U. met Thursday, June 4, with Mrs. Kime. The subject of the meeting was "Flower Missions." Following is a synopsis of a paper read by Mrs. Oakes, as her text Matt. 6:28-29: "Consider the lilies of the field: how they grow

a few years in his early manhood a paper in Salem, Ohio, and devoted his time to his profession. When Lincoln issued his troops Mr. Battin raised a company of 100 men, of which he was captain. He was under McClelland afterwards in the army of the Union. Near Nashville, Tenn., in 1862, in the management he was left in the hands of the enemy, he lay for three days, most unconscious, and was found by soldiers, who noticed a Masonic emblem on his person, and took him in their arms, and took care of him till he was brought home.

On three successive terms grand master of the Masonic grand lodge for Ohio, and was at one time a member of Hon. John A. Bingham's cabinet for congress. He then retired from public life and devoted his time to the profession he loved. His health shattered his constitution, and he died almost his three score years, leaving a wife and three married children to survive him.

### ANOTHER KICKER.

F. Kirby Also Pulls Over the Car, and is Willing for Somebody Else to Drive.

A full list of people in Marshalltown expected to shoulder every man's share. The best thing about it is that it returns they get what they deserve. The returns they get are that they own stock in a bank, and to the town they call their own. They donate, work and fight for it. It is hardly reasonable to expect that they are willing to go on and do something for somebody else. S. Ketchum, in a few rather strong words Friday, suggested an article in the T. R. reporter followed up by Kirby, who has never shirked a duty when it came to a question of general interests, was surprised.

He was astounded, then surprised and gratified to read Mr. Ketchum's article. In the first place, I know what I mean exactly all that he said. He felt that he was as good as dead for local interests as ever, but getting tired of the fellows who were on behind. I'll admit Kirby is with him, and don't care who says so. Marshalltown is pretty well served. We have better public schools, a good system of streets, a good system of an opera house, and the principal business is a good government. Most of the things accomplished, as Mr. Ketchum says, against the protest of the few who most profited by the increase of common sense methods. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines. Ketchum, I am satisfied. If Kirby is wanted, and people who

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### SECRETARY WELCOMED.

A complimentary to Mr. F. B. Magee, of the Railway Y. M. C. A. Mr. Magee was tendered a reception at the association rooms Thursday. He was made to feel that, though he is among friends and those who have an interest in the work. The reception was fairly well attended. An instrumental program was rendered, consisting of a duet by Mrs. M. Jones and Miss Tessa Jones, prayer by Rev. J. Reynolds and recitations by John Reynolds and Miss Millhiser. The address of welcome made by Mr. Harley Stuntz, a few words made Mr. Magee feel that there was a wide and growing interest in the work and that the members of the association were glad to have him with them, as they had been in the past. He then introduced Mr. McClure, who responded with a short address on the work and asked for the cooperation of all. He expressed himself as pleased with the outlook.

W. McClure also spoke briefly, giving the character of the work, what has been accomplished, why it had done so well, and what the work of the association had done for Marshalltown and Iowa Central. Following the reception by Rev. Gale came a short session, and the reception was pleasant. Mr. Magee and greatly enjoyed by all.

### The Club Train.

The famous Niagara Falls and Thousand Islands club train will begin summer service on June 15, and run every week day until September 14. The train leaves Suspension Point at 8:40 a. m., Niagara Falls, 8:45 a. m., Buffalo, 9:40 a. m.; Rochester, 11:30 a. m.; Cayuga, 1:35 p. m.; arrives at Clayton, 3:00 p. m.; leaves Clayton, 9:00 a. m.; Buffalo, 12:23 p. m.; arrives, Rochester, 1:45 p. m.; Buffalo, 4:15 p. m.; Niagara Falls, 10:00 a. m. A superb train of Wagner cars, including Wagner club car, Wagner drawing room car and Wagner car, which runs to and from Chicago, the Missouri, Iowa, Florida and State Legislators, Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa. Only years will soothe.

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In his church relations he was for many years an active member of the Presbyterian church. Of late years, however, he has been a most devoted student of Christian science and was a firm believer in its doctrines. With his ability for argumentation and enjoyment of it, with his skill as a writer and his knowledge of the medical practice, with his independence of thought and action and his tremendous will power he has persistently and continuously maintained his belief in the doctrines that he espoused. The fact that his adopted church was weak in worldly goods and few in numbers was only an additional reason to his chivalric nature why he should give it his sturdy and devoted support. Years before when the liquor traffic and slavery were all powerful he had stood out single handed in the town of his residence and given battle to both influences until he had seen his course victorious over both. It mattered nothing to him that he was alone. He had his faults and they were manifest to the world, for he took no pains to conceal them. But with all he was brave and honest and kind and did a good work in the world and leaves a memory fragrant with good deeds and generous actions, one that will outlive in the hearts of the people that of many of those who pride themselves upon their greater success and reputation in this world. His going leaves a void not soon to be filled and aching hearts that only years will soothe.

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Thursday, June 4, with Mrs. Kime. The subject of the meeting was "Flower Missions." Following is a synopsis of a paper read by Mrs. J. E. Oakes. She took as her text Matt. 6:28-29: "Consider the lilies of the field; how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." "Our Father has so bountifully lavished them upon us that we can scarcely step beyond the threshold without crushing some of these marvels of beauty. Christ gave voice and language to fields, forests and flowers, that have in them such enchanting beauty, and preach such thrilling sermons of God's love and care for his children. God has created flowers for our enjoyment and instruction, and adapted our mind to enjoy their full fruition. Many plants seem to be placed here for the sole purpose of blooming and beautifying the earth and distilling their fragrance. God designed that we should enjoy as well as do, and instilled into our natures a love for the beautiful. Flowers teach us important as well as beautiful lessons. They teach us to be cheerful and happy. Nature is said to sink in the waving grain, in the verdure of trees, but in flowers she laughs right out. Should we not learn a lesson of happy cheerfulness from the sweet flowers? God's care for flowers teaches us a lesson of trust. He has displayed infinite discernment, wisdom and goodness in the arrangement of flowers. Do you fear that you are too insignificant for God to notice you? That His care is alone for the rich and great? The love that cares for the tiniest flower that grows, the grass of the fields, the lichen upon the rock, as well as the oak of Bashan, the cedars of Lebanon, and the tall and sturdy giant of the forest, will care for you. He that careth for the grass of the field and the flowers that last but a day, shall He not care for His own who are to bloom in eternity? Flowers also teach us lessons of purity. How lovely, sweet and pure is the lily of the valley; Christ, the spotless lamb of God, is compared to it; Jesus can give us the lily white robes, washed in the blood of the lamb—washed white as snow. How sublime, glorious and transforming to stand by the side of Jesus, robed in white; what a beautiful vision to look upon the innumerable company before the throne, arrayed in white garments. The lily of the field has only an earthly, fading beauty, but the beauty of the glory robe fades not. There is also a lesson of earth's fading and unfading immortality in the flowers. In the autumn the leaves grow sere and yellow, and as winter approaches nothing but withered stalks remain, the beauty and fragrance of the flowers has faded, they seem forgotten. But mother earth has packed their tender feet in her frozen lap and cradled them to sleep, but when spring time comes God breathes upon them with melting tenderness and they spring into new life and beauty. Is your beauty fading?

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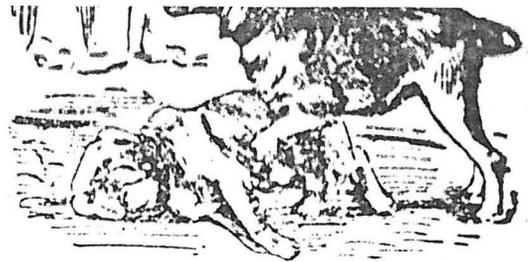
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MARSHALLTOWN MARKETS.



HE GUARDED THE BODY.

other car came rattling along and drove the terrier to one side. He continued his watching at a distance.

When any person crossed the street near the body, the terrier flew at him and barked viciously. He made no attempt to bite anyone, but showed his teeth. As soon as the intruder turned away, the terrier ceased his barking and lay down again on the pavement. Part of the time he sat on the sidewalk, but he was instantly in the street if any man, woman or child came within six feet of the carcass. Bootblacks and newsboys approached the dead body closely for the purpose of aggravating the terrier, and he chased some of them several rods.

All attempts to coax him away were unavailing. Now and then he ran out into the street, smelled at the body, and dropped a tear. He had several narrow escapes from passing cars. The strangest incident occurred about six o'clock. A passing wagon touched the dead dog and threw it across the car rail. The terrier instantly darted forth, seized the body, and dragged it a foot away from the rail. It must have been that he desired to protect the body from further mutilation. Many persons who witnessed the act were astonished.

During all the evening the sidewalks on both sides of the street were lined with men and boys, watching the peculiar proceeding. Some of the city hall men feared that the faithful terrier would meet death himself. Inspector McKelvey hired two bootblacks to end the affair. One of them teased the terrier and enticed him some distance away, when the other boy snatched up the carcass and ran with it down Virgin alley. The terrier returned, and for half an hour searched up and down the street. At last he gave up, and trotted off up Virgin alley toward Grant street.

The Glad Man.

His heart beat joyous pat-a-pat;  
It filled his life with cheer  
To find he had a pal a saw hat  
Left over from last year.

—Chicago Record.

Her Influence.

He—those dear little hands were never intended for heavy work.  
She—

## THE LIFE OF REUBEN SEARS

Prominent Marshalltown Man Who  
Passed Away There Last  
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Notice of His Demise Then Printed—  
Something of His Life, Char-  
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A Prominent Man in Iowa History  
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into the great western ocean beyond a net.

I desire to dedicate to the boys and girls of my native Iowa a love song of overlines, via The Register. A spell has been on me lately, and during this emotion have composed the following testimony in favor of first love; and it may be a timely benefit to interested parties. I have talked with some oldish persons during the last few days about this subject. They listened closely, and shook their head, declaring that first love is the real kind, and is never repeated; that young lovers are more kind and less fastidious than older ones; and that if first love is lost it can be replaced only by a very inferior article. Young folks should understand these truths, and should beware of the retributions of memory in old age. This song is metered for voice or instrumental recital.

#### THE SONG OF FIRST LOVE.

Air, "Ten Bells."

Dwelt a small sized girl on the prairie wide,  
Who had dark and flowing hair;  
In moments how she would talk at my side  
And welcome my coming there  
From Hoosier prairie do not go away  
In your search for a duck and a  
Oh, brave Hoosier boy, fear not what they say,  
Those many good friends and foes

She who exerts fancy's uppermost charm  
Is the one from God to you  
But if you forsake such beautiful harm  
No more true love will ensue,  
I sat beside her a stormy day,  
When the rain did pour down well;  
On Hoosier Prairie we dream far away,  
And tipped in a muddy dell.

This great world of love is a blind man's buff,  
We get it and back it out,  
For some others' wish it is not enough  
For some folks from head to toes  
The girl, I supposed, was broke to pieces  
Away down in that black ditch  
But first love will rise as grief increases  
And take then its next firm perch.

We love truly once, sweetheart, you and I,  
Though they say, "This will not do,"  
To love thus again gives nature the lie  
By saying it was untrue,  
Her lovelest smiles the mishap defied,  
While the rain fell as before,  
And our poor horse fell, a shaft in his side,  
Far away from friendly door.

The heart opens once, only once entire,  
And perhaps in early life,  
Then stick to it tight, and mean not for hire  
When you want only a wife,  
From the next large farm in a wagon strong  
Rode we then to Jennie's home;  
Such love heals the breast in shadow and song,  
And it stays, though boys may roam.

Her black, piercing eyes that threw back at  
stern,  
Still cheered me amid the rain;  
Those flaming young cheeks, with love to adorn,  
Gave pleasure, without a stain,  
Oh, fair Hoosier boy, another you'll wed,  
Your mustache you will wear,  
But your heart will turn after all is said  
Far back to that small sized girl.

The star of morning, her presence a trance,  
My image and dream of yore—  
Ah, that small sized girl with a dainty glance  
Eats into the bosom's core,  
For the small sized girl has a power vast  
In this land of gauze and pain,  
And the awful mind she will turn at last,  
Though it tries to love again.

Like a hot gas stove or a Billy goat,  
A young beau assumes his place,  
He explodes on sports and changes his coat  
And again would love some fair  
And she dresses like a prince,  
But that love returns which he trampled down,  
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man of much ability and decided convictions, one of the first graduates of Union College, a man of extensive learning, an author of considerable repute in his day and was one of the first advocates of Latin and Greek text books that came from his father.

At the age of 16 he went out into the world for himself and after some years came West, locating at or near Prophetstown, Ill. He then studied medicine and graduated at Rush Medical College, at Chicago. He first located at Montrose, in Lee county, afterward, about the year 1854, removed to Brooklyn, Ia., removing thence in 1863 to Grinnell, and thence in 1872 to Marshalltown, where he had continued to reside to the time of his death. For nearly thirty years he was an active and successful practitioner, having a large practice, but so indulgent in his collections that a large part of his earnings were never realized. He gave up the practice of medicine about fifteen years ago, and was for some years engaged in manufacturing. Of late years he has not been actively employed. He has filled a number of public positions, among others having for some years represented Poweshiek county in the state legislature. Of later years he has filled federal positions in the census and agricultural departments. He has always been a frequent contributor of the public press, and showed great aptitude in that direction.

In his church relations he was for many years an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Of late years, however, he has been a most devoted student of Christian science and was a firm believer in its doctrines. With his ability for argumentation and enjoyment of it, with his skill as a writer and his medical practice, with his independence of thought and action and his tremendous will power he has persistently and continuously maintained his belief in the doctrines that he espoused. The fact that his adopted church was weak in worldly goods and few in numbers was only an additional reason to his chivalric nature why he should give it his sturdy and devoted support. Years before when the liquor traffic and slavery were all powerful he had stood out single handed in the town of his residence and given battle to both influences until he had seen his course victorious over both. It mattered nothing to him that he was alone. He had his faults and they were manifest to the world, for he took no pains to conceal them. But with all he was brave and honest and kind and did a good work in the world and leaves a memory fragrant with good deeds and generous actions, one that will outlive in the hearts of the people that of many of those who pride themselves upon their greater success and reputation in this world. His going leaves a void not soon to be filled and aching hearts that only years will soothe.

Dr. Sears was twice married. The first was May 13, 1847, to Miss Cynthia Ann Guild at Rock Island, Ill. Their children were five in number, R. E. Sears, Mrs. Kattie Churchill, Mrs. Florence M. Burnell, of Marshalltown, Augustus G. Sears, of Chicago, and Augusta G. Sears, who died in early childhood. The mother of those children was a most lovable and devoted wife and mother, and died in 1882, after a long and painful illness. He was afterward married to Mrs. Patience P. Wallace, who survives him, and whose devotion to him and high womanly character have won from his children their kindest regard and affection.

Dear one, thy cares and troubles are ended,  
thy joys unalloyed begun.

#### EARLY DAYS IN EAST DES MOINES.

Albert Hull and Samuel Haladay in  
Debate—Judge Gray—New Love Song.

Council Bluffs, June 12.—Ed. Register:

In the years just preceding the war, there was a political and mental activity in East Des Moines. Dr. Hull was a loud and trilling speaker, but seemed to not desire to be a leader. He could give one a good thrashing, and was very good at arguing with telling execution. One night, in a newly fitted hall, he made a grand ef-

From the first I gazed at that wagon  
And I saw that it was a  
Each one had a horse in harness and  
And it says, "I wish they were  
Her black, flashing eyes that shone  
Oh, fair I wonder they ever would wed,  
Your music like you will wed,  
But your heart will turn after all be said  
Far back to that small sized girl

The star of morning has become a trail  
My image and dream of a  
Ah, that small sized girl with a factory  
Back into the back of a  
For the small sized girl has a better view  
In this land of gauze and  
And the wilder mind she will turn at last  
Though it tries to love again

Like a hot gas stove or a hot  
A young beau assumes his place  
He explodes or sports and changes his  
And again would love some  
He'll wed another and dance like a clown  
And also dress like a  
But that love returns which he trampled  
Which he has not trampled since

And no second love will as brightly  
That kindness you'll no more want  
While you may live long, yes to laugh at  
No second will enter in  
Young men are wanted, but their hearts  
To forsake their first young  
Yet she comes no more, that girl of small  
To the place no others fill

A beau engaged to the maid of his  
Though she said, "Gian's word is frail,  
And although now you more highly  
Oh, beware—your pledge may fall"  
Her six little fingers, so childlike and pure,  
The girlish love's incline  
That kindness like God, that confidence  
He knew not then were divine

He roamed in the world and found the  
To the one as fair as dawn  
He never returned, and his strain to  
"Love is gone—that kindness gone"  
There's other fair forms with beauty full  
In fashion's glitter and fun  
But gone is the gem that was once my  
Oh, heaven, you gave but one

Quite unassuming, yet truly knowing,  
Some one close beside me  
She spied her critics, their wrong way she  
Marked their blushing hung  
Without assertion, no envy she held,  
And desired no worldly name  
In foresight and joy she was not excelled,  
She taught me lack of fame

We love truly once—but once in spirit—  
Though we search the wide world thro  
To others we bow, but love isn't near it,  
And the mind at last will rue  
The world I have wooed, and my hair turn  
But the smile of Jannet's gaze  
On Hoosier prairie, when she was my  
Now bring back her perfect ways

Oh, youthful vision, on its wings of fire,  
It circles around my breast—  
Fair memory's haunt, with sorrow's own  
Telling now of heaven's rest  
That vision within remains in deep shade  
Till it comes into a glare  
Then it dishevels, again to pervade  
My feelings with love's despair

Sometimes there's a beau and maiden true  
Whose young plans entwine in vain  
They perfectly love, and then part, but wh  
In heaven will meet again  
There's a door ajar above the roven,  
Its language I discover:  
"Come forward, gen. oh, lady, cross over,  
Truthful maid—hobo lover."

Chorus:  
Dwells a small sized girl on the prairie  
Who with me will laugh or cry—  
Her black, flashing eyes, like the stars  
Did you see as we passed by?

J. M. HOLAI

#### WE WANT A SOLID BASIS

Business Is Waiting for Common  
ness Sense.

Keokuk, June 13.—Ed. Register:  
the mercantile agencies comes the  
"business is waiting!" Waiting for  
Waiting to ascertain if the men who  
meet in the National convention of  
have the moral courage to follow the  
tates of common business sense and  
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**WITHDRAWN**

Sandford, I. J., teamster.

**SANFORD, JAMES P., COL.;** born in Seneca Co., N. Y., Nov. 11, 1832, and lived there until 13 years of age, when he went to South America and spent four years there and in the West Indies and Mexico; in 1851, he came to New Orleans, La.; lived South until 1856, and then came to Iowa and entered the State University in 1858. Was in the army; enlisted as private in the 2d Iowa V. C.; was elected and commissioned Lieutenant and afterward Captain of Co. H; in 1862, he resigned, and was afterward commissioned Colonel of the 47th Iowa V. I.; he retired from the service in 1864, and went to Europe; since then he has crossed the Atlantic ocean fifteen times and has eaten bread in every Kingdom and every Republic on earth, and has earned the title of the Great American Traveler. As a lecturer, he occupies a leading position and last year delivered over 200 lectures; very few public speakers have the faculty of conveying the information of their travels in so pleasing a manner as Col. Sanford. Married Miss Callie Wright, from Ft. Madison, Iowa, Oct. 10, 1860; she was born in Indiana and removed to Iowa over thirty years ago; they have one son—George Sanford, born July 10, 1868. Col. Sanford has one daughter—Martha—by a former wife.

Satia, Albert, real estate.

Satia, Charles, farmer.

Schoolcraft, C. C., carpenter.

Schram, John, employe C. R. R.

Scully, David, patent medicine.

Schurtz, E., clerk.

Scott, M. W., attorney.

**SEARS, REUBEN, DR.,** President of the Iowa Barb Steel Wire Co.; born in Dracut, Mass., July 31, 1824; he received his education in Massachusetts, and came to Illinois and afterward came to Iowa; he studied medicine and graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, and has practiced medicine in Iowa thirty years. He built the first house that was built in Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co. He represented Poweshiek Co. in the State Legislature. Came to Marshalltown in 1872. He was elected President of the Iowa Barb Steel Wire Co. and has largely the management of

the business. Married Miss Cynthia Guild, from West Troy, N. Y., in 1846; they have four children—Reuben E., Cynthiana, Mrs. Florence M. Burnell and Augustus G.

**SEARS, REUBEN E.,** attorney, firm of Sears & Lemert; born in Prophetstown, Whiteside Co., Ill., June 6, 1848, and removed with his parents to this State when he was 2 years of age and received his education and graduated at Iowa College, at Grinnell; then attended law school at Iowa City, and graduated in 1871; came to Marshalltown and has practiced his profession here since 1873. He is one of the principal stockholders and is Secretary of the Iowa Barb Steel Wire Company. He married Miss Agnes Childs June 6, 1874; she is from Ohio and is daughter of John Childs, Esq., one of the early settlers here. They have one daughter—Agnes.

Seashare, Otto, laborer.

**SEEVERS, THEO. L.,** builder in charge of Car Department Central Railroad of Iowa; born in Clark Co., Va., near Winchester, March 7, 1835, and when 7 years of age came with his parents to Burlington, Iowa, in March, 1843; they located in Mahaska Co., one and one-half miles south of Oskaloosa; they were among the earliest settlers there, they having waited until May 1, 1843, the time appointed for the Indians to leave; when 17 years old, he went to Columbus, Ohio, and learned the trade of car builder. He was in the army in the 33d Regt. Iowa Inf.; was commissioned Lieutenant Co. E, under Col. (afterward Gen.) S. A. Rice; was in the battle of Helena, July 4, 1863; was in the service three years to a day; returned and was with C. & N. W. Ry., at Boone; came here in December, 1869, and has occupied his present position since 1871. Married Miss Eliza A. Boswell, from Richmond, Ind., Dec. 23, 1850; they have one daughter—Arie and have lost one son—William, and one daughter—Elsie.

Seig, George L., printer.

Seig, Theodore.

Shaw, C. C., laborer.

Sheding, Louis, farmer and gardener.

Sheldon, J. B., carriage trimmer.

## Biographical Index—Early Iowa Physicians

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Sampson - Thornell

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Iowa-Doctors

Sears, Reuben - Marshalltown, Marshall Co.

In: Atkinson, "Phys. & Surg. of U.S.", (1E) p. 451  
1878.

Grad. Rush med. Coll., Chicago, 1854

Iowa - Doctors

(1866-1949)  
Seashore, Carl E. Ph.D., Sc.D. Iowa City.

Newspaper clipping in reprints of death.

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(1881-1942) Odebolt, Sac Co.  
Sebern, Richard Clyde - Fort Dodge, Webster Co.  
Lake City, Sac Co.

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(death)

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Grad. Univ. Iowa Med. Dept. Iowa City, 1904

tinued actively in the practice of law. He was the pioneer member of the bar there and has ever maintained a foremost position in the ranks of the legal fraternity. Moreover, his aid and influence have been potent elements for progress along other lines. He was a member of the board of trustees of Humboldt College for some years and was one of the founders of the Unitarian church of Humboldt. He has done much to assist in the development of the locality in many ways and his labors have been of far-reaching effect and importance. His wife, a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, departed this life in 1896.

In her early girlhood Miss Edith Prouty became a public school pupil and after attending a private school she became a student in the State University of Iowa, in which she won the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Law, being graduated with the classes of 1890 and 1891. She then returned to Humboldt, where she joined her father as a partner and she has now practiced law for a longer period than any other woman representative of the bar in the state. She is very careful and painstaking in the preparation of cases and her analytical mind and clear reasoning have been potent elements in winning many verdicts favorable to her clients.

Miss Prouty is a Unitarian in her religious faith. She is a student of many of the vital questions and issues of the day and has taken an advanced stand upon many subjects, indicative of her clear insight and progressive spirit. She believes in equal suffrage and is district president of the equal suffrage organization of her congressional district. She has the further honor of being the president of the supreme chapter of the P. E. O., to which office she was elected at the national convention in Hutchinson, Kansas, in October, 1913, for a term of two years, the next convention being held at Los Angeles, California, in October, 1915. This organization was inaugurated in 1869 and has been steadily growing until the work of the P. E. O. Sisters is today widely known. Aside from the social features of the sorority the organization accomplishes great good along philanthropic and charitable lines and has done especially notable work in the field of providing education for young women who seem to possess talent but have not the means to cultivate it. Their work has gone on in constantly broadening circles of influence and of value and Miss Prouty stands today as the directing head of this society, which is one of the most potent forces for good among women today.

#### REUBEN L. SEARS, M. D.

Dr. Reuben L. Sears, of Marshalltown, was for three decades actively engaged in the practice of medicine in this state and was also prominently connected with manufacturing interests of his locality. He was born in New York in 1824, and there grew to manhood, attending the public schools in the acquirement of his elementary education. His medical training was obtained in Rush Medical College of Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated in due course of time. He first located in Prophetstown, Illinois, but in 1850 he removed to Montrose, Iowa, where for about five years he practiced his profession. In 1856 he took up his residence in Brooklyn, Iowa, and practiced there until 1863, when he removed to Grinnell, but the year 1873 witnessed his arrival in Marshalltown. He formed a partnership with Dr. Chapman and had up a reputation as a able and conscientious physician.

and surgeon. He never felt that his medical education was complete but was constantly reading and studying, thus keeping abreast of the developments in the field of medical science. After practicing in all for thirty years he turned his attention to business affairs and organized the Marshalltown Barb Wire Company, of which he was the president at the time of his death. The concern manufactures a high grade product which is sold over a wide territory and under his management the volume of its trade increased annually.

Dr. Sears was twice married, his first union being with Miss Cynthia Guild, a native of Massachusetts, whom he married while living in Prophetstown, Illinois. They were the parents of three children: Reuben Edward, a well known attorney of Marshalltown; Cynthia, now Mrs. H. D. Churchill, of Marshalltown; and Augustus, who is living in Texas. For his second wife Dr. Sears chose Mrs. Patience Wallace, and their marriage occurred in Dixon, Illinois. Her first husband, John Wallace, came to Iowa in 1852 and entered land. To him and his wife were born two sons: Willie, a jeweler of Marshalltown; and Sylvanus, who is an extensive stock-raiser residing near Ainsworth, Iowa.

Dr. Sears was a republican and was quite prominent in political circles of his district. While living in Brooklyn, Iowa, he served as state representative and made an excellent record as a legislator. He held membership in the Presbyterian church until his arrival in Marshalltown, after which he affiliated with the Congregational church, but in the latter part of his life he was a Christian Scientist. He was a man of much force of character and ability and was prominent both as a physician and as a business man, but he never allowed his own interests to monopolize his time and energy, as he was always willing to cooperate in any movement for the public good. He was generous and large-hearted, and there were many who were able to surmount obstacles and carry out their plans because of his timely advice and assistance who otherwise would have failed in accomplishing their purposes. Although he himself held to the highest standards of manhood, he was charitable in judging the faults of others. He bound his friends to him with strong ties of affection and although he passed away on the 7th of June, 1896, he is still living in the memory of those who knew and esteemed him.

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#### CARLTON CORBETT.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the records of Cherokee county without learning how close was the connection of Carlton Corbett with the work of general development, improvement and progress. He was the second white person to settle in the county, only Robert Perry having preceded him. He came of the sterling New England stock that has done so much to further the upbuilding of the middle west, native ability enabling him to recognize and embrace the opportunities here offered. He passed away on the 15th of January, 1914, in the eighty-third year of his age. He was born August 12, 1831, at Milford, Worcester county, Massachusetts, and was a son of John and Almira (Parkhurst) Corbett, who were descended of English ancestry, although several previous generations of the family were represented in the new world. John Corbett, the great-

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SEALOCK	Estella		05 Apr 1950	*	
SEAMAN,	Charles M.	1874	19 May 1933	*	WPA
	Claude		02 Dec 1974	*	
	Hattie B.		20 Sep 1978	*	
	Margaret M.		25 Oct 1979	*	
SEAMANS,	Mary A.		20 Apr 1944	*	
	Maxine		09 Apr 1967	*	
	William T.		13 Feb 1934	*	
SEARLES,	Margaret Shewmaker		18 Apr 1919	*	
	Mary E.		27 Dec 1914	*	
SEARS,	Agnes		01 Aug 1930	*	
	Agnes		14 Nov 1939	*	
	Augustus G.		26 May 1928	*	ae 72y WPA
	Cleva O. Bates	16 Dec 1906	23 Oct 1993	*	OBIT W/ Leon Sears
	Cynthia Anna	n/a		*	
	Leon L.	24 Mar 1907	19 Mar 1994	*	OBIT H/ Cleva O. Bates
	Dr. R.		06 Jun 1896	*	ae 71y 10m 6d MCDR
	Patience		19 Jun 1836	*	
	Reuben Edward	1848	30 May 1929	*	WPA
SEBERG,	Albert		03 Nov 1892	*	ae 26y MCDR
	Alma E.		23 Oct 1941	*	
	August	1860	25 Apr 1930	*	WPA
	Augusta		10 May 1912	*	
	Charles Otto	1858	02 May 1919	*	WPA
	Christina		02 Feb 1937	*	
	Davis A.		24 Mar 1968	*	
	Edward W.		05 Sep 1984	UP	
	Edward Sr.		14 Jun 1956	*	
	Mrs. Edward Sr.		01 Mar 1948	*	
	Emil		02 May 1893	*	ae 29y 6m MCDR
	Emma Irene		30 Dec 1902	*	
	Henry E.		16 May 1976	*	
	Infant of August		14 Nov 1897	*	C/ August Seberg
	Infant of Charles		12 Apr 1885	*	C/ Charles Seberg
	Infant of Emil		11 Feb 1893	*	C/ Emil Seberg
	Infant of John		20 Apr 1884	*	C/ John Seberg
	Julia		06 Oct 1922	*	
	Lonia/ Louisa		01 Dec 1892	*	ae 60y MCDR
	Margarite Eleanor		04 Jul 1910	*	
	Roy A.	1886	23 Sep 1922	*	WPA
SEE,	Carolyn Bell		17 Oct 1978	*	
	Katie		09 Sep 1883	*	ae 6y 2m 7d MCDR
SEERY,	James		30 Oct 1910	*	
SEEVERS,	Eliza A.	ae 43y 10m	30 Oct 1883	*	MCDR W/ T. L. Seevers
	Infant of C. T.		04 Jan 1884	*	C/ C. T. Seevers
	Mary M.		24 Mar 1912	*	
	Theodrick/ Theodorig L.	1835	16 Mar 1906	*	Civil War Vet WPA
SEFFINGA,	George		18 Apr 1949	*	
	Infant of Michael		18 Nov 1911	*	C/ Michael Seffinga
	John		17 Oct 1924	*	
SEIBEL,	Charles W.	1881	02 Sep 1921	*	WPA
	Emma May		21 Mar 1918	*	
	George J.	1827	19 Apr 1914	*	TO Civil War Vet WPA Co. D. 7th Kansas Cav.
	Oscar B.	1871	27 Jun 1935	*	WPA
SEIBERT,	Doc/ Dock	09 Jul 1876	14 Apr 1909	*	WPA
	Eliza Jane		24 May 1917	*	
	William	05 Apr 1867	31 Jan 1920	*	ae 52y WPA OBIT



You searched for **Reuben Sears** in **Iowa**

### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Reuben Sears</b>	
Age in 1860:	<b>36</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1824</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Massachusetts</b>	
Home in 1860:	<b>Brooklyn, Poweshiek, Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Post Office:	<b>Bear Creek</b>	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Reuben Sears	36
	Cynthia Sears	32
	Reuben E Sears	12
	Cynthia A Sears	8
	Florence M Sears	6
	Augustus G Sears	4
	Jutia Menuts	16

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## 1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>R D Lears</b> <b>[Reuben D Sears]</b>	
Birth Year:	abt 1824	
Age in 1870:	46	
Birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Home in 1870:	Grinnell, Poweshiek, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Post Office:	Grinnell	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	R D Lears	46
	Lyntha A Lears	42
	Edward K Lears	22
	Cymthana Lears	18
	Florence M Lears	16
	Augustus G Lears	14
	Norman Cabot	18
	Mary Thackery	24
	James Brown	38

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### 1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Reuben Sears</b>	
Home in 1880:	<b>Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>55</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1825</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Relation to Head of Household:	<b>Husband</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Laynthiam</b>	
Father's birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Mother's birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Occupation:	<b>Traveling Ag'T</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Laynthiam Sears</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>Kitty Sears</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Reuben Sears</b>	<b>55</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa; Roll 355; Family History Film: 1254355; Page: 144A; Enumeration District: 291; Image: 0290.

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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Reuben Sears</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1825</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>New York</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Marshall</b>	
Locality:	<b>Marshalltown</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_232</b>	
Line:	<b>22</b>	
Family Number:	<b>322</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Reuben Sears	60
	Patience P Sears	48
	Augustus G Sears	28
	Cora B Sears	18
	Kitty Churchill	32
	Amra Mcgrail	29
	Peter Naid	20

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Home Person



Reuben D Sears

Birth **21 Jul 1824** in Dracut, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA  
 Death **1896** in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, USA

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Timeline ( View details )

- 1824**  
21 Jul Birth  
Dracut, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA  
4 source citations
- 1847**  
13 May Marriage to Cynthia Ann Guild  
Rock Island County, Illinois, USA  
Age: 22
- 1860**  
Age: 36 Residence  
Bear Creek, Iowa, USA  
1 source citation
- 1860**  
Age: 36 Occupation  
Iowa, USA  
Doctor
- 1863**  
Age: 39 Residence  
Grinnell, Poweshiek, Iowa, USA
- 1865**  
Age: 41 Residence  
Grinnell, Poweshiek, Iowa, USA  
1 source citation
- 1870**  
Age: 46 Residence  
Grinnell, Poweshiek, Iowa, USA  
1 source citation
- 1880**  
Age: 56 Residence  
Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, USA  
1 source citation
- 1882**  
25 Jul Marriage to Patience Paddleford Meigs  
Marshall County, Iowa, USA  
Age: 58
- 1885**  
Age: 61 Residence  
Marshalltown, Iowa, USA  
1 source citation
- 1895**  
Age: 71 Residence  
Second Ward Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, USA  
1 source citation
- 1896**  
Age: 72 Death  
Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, USA

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Family Members

Parents

- Reuben Sears**  
1778 - 1846
- Sarah Catherine "Sally" Fitch**  
1782 - 1846

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Spouse & Children

- Cynthia Ann Guild**  
1826 - 1882
- Reuben Edward Sears**  
1848 -
- Cynthia Ann "Kittie" Sears**  
1852 -
- Florence May Sears**  
1854 -
- Augustus Guild Sears**  
1856 -

Other Spouse & Children

- Patience Paddleford Meigs**  
1835 - 1922

Family group sheet

Historical Records

- 1860 United States Federal Census
- 1870 United States Federal Census
- 1880 United States Federal Census
- Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925
- Iowa State Census, 1895
- Iowa state gazetteer : embracing descriptive and historical sketches of counties, cities, towns and