

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Close, Cicero Senator _____

Represented Black Hawk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1826 Grenville, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary E. Mead 30 Oct 1847 Shuron County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 10th, 11th, 14th General Assemblies 1864, 1866, 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Director of the Iowa State Agricultural Society

C. National _____

7. Death 1 June 1883 near Hardburg, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Elizabeth Mead; Mary Frances; Cass W. Horack; Harriet; Julia C.;

John A.

9. Names of parents Gilbert and Lucy Parks (Nobby) Close

Close, Cicero

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____
He married his first cousin, Mary E. Mead.

Iowa Press Association.

of editors and their ladies, of the Northeastern Iowa Association met in Turner Hall morning. Wm. Toman; President of the association, in the absence of President

There were present, Wm. Bulletin, Independence; H. L. S. Manchester; Ernst Hofer, Regor; Leo Chapman, *Republic* on City; Frank L. Dodge, Allison; W. A. Rugg, *Phonokwell*; S. A. Foster, *Eagle*; E. A. Snyder, *Gazette*, Cedar Falls; O. D. Eno, *Index*, North- & Rands, *News*, Osage; G. Gazette, Sumner; Fred A. Lipse, Parkersburg; W. H. and J. W. Richards, *Courier*, L. Van Metre and J. H. Wil- ie, Waterloo; Matt. Parrott P. st, REPORTER, Water-

paper presented was "The as a Preventive of the Bad," offer, of the *McGregor News*. efully prepared, and a reply icism that the press of the nders to low tastes and the sationalism. This Mr. Ho- tted and showed that the in advance in matters of are, and by the publication iticism of crime and acquit- als, was a restraining influ- re power than pulpit and bar

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Sad Death of Hon. Cicero Close.

Last Friday news was received here of the death of Hon. Cicero Close, who resides near Washburn. The particulars as near as can be ascertained, are as follows; At about half-past six Friday morning Mr. Close and two of his men went out into the barn-yard to hitch up a team preparatory to hauling a load of hay. After the team had been hitched up and Mr. Close had given the necessary directions about the work, he started for the house. After going a short distance he heard a rumbling sound, and turning around saw his team coming at full speed toward him. He seized both horses by the bridles, and was thrown across the tongue. He held himself in that position for about a rod, when the wagon collided with a leg of a watering trough, and he was thrown violently to the ground, one of the horses striking him on the head, behind one of his ears, and one of the wheels passing over his head and fracturing the skull, death resulting almost instantly. The funeral occurred Sunday, a large concourse of friends and neighbors being present to pay their last tribute to their departed friend. There were one hundred and thirty-two vehicles in the funeral procession. The deceased leaves a wife, four daughters and two sons. He was a good husband, an indulgent father and an excellent neighbor, and his death is a sad blow to all. Mr. Close represented Blackhawk county in the tenth and eleventh general assemblies, and again in the fourteenth, and made a fine record there. He was a large and extensive farmer, and has been a director in the state agricultural society, and for many years was an active member and official of our county agricultural society. One of his daughters married W. A. Ackley, a well-known conductor on the Rock Island road.

From Bennington Township.

BENNINGTON, June 4, 1883. *Editors Reporter*:—The weather has been cold, which has retarded the growth of corn considerable. Farmers are busy working on the roads now. The election on the 29th ult., came off very quietly, hardly one-half of a full vote was cast. This indicates in-

Ind. District of East Waterloo.

East Waterloo was first organized as an independent district in 1865. O. E. Hardy was the first president of the board; Lewis Lichty, vice-president; R. A. Whitaker, secretary; M. H. Voorhees, treasurer. Charles O. Knepper was the first principal. After him in the order named, came Benj. F. Hood, B. K. Seaman, Albion Thorne, J. Valentine, J. W. Akers, J. K. Sweeney. Miss Annie Knott, now Mrs. C. W. Snyder of Cedar Falls, acted as principal part of one year.

Looking over the records we discover that some of our citizens are entitled to honorable mention for long and faithful service. R. A. Whitaker first became a member of the board in 1863, while the district was still a part of the township system. He served continuously as director, secretary and president of the board until 1881, when he voluntarily retired. Lewis Lichty was vice-president of the board at its organization in 1865, and has served as secretary from 1871 to the present time. H. M. Voorhees served as treasurer from the organization until 1872. J. C. Gates has had nine years service as director and president of the board, and if he completes the present term will have served twelve years. Prof. Sweeney has had the longest service as principal—eight years.

Since 1877, twenty-three have been graduated from the high school.

It may be mentioned in this connection that from the teachers in the two Waterloo schools two state superintendents of public instruction have been furnished—Prof. von Coelln from the west side and Prof. J. W. Akers from the east side.

A Chicago Merchant's Experience

After I had become almost skin and bone, with neither strength, appetite nor ambition left, and the doctors couldn't help me, two bottles of Parkers Ginger Tonic cured me completely. M. B. WESCOTT, Lamp M'fr, Chicago.

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- *ID:* I139
- *Name:* Cicero Close
- *Given Name:* Cicero
- *Surname:* Close
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 1826 in Greenwich, Fairfield County, CT
- *Christening:* 6 Jul 1828 Second Congregational Church, Greenwich, CT
- *Death:* 1 Jun 1883 in Black Hawk County, IA
- *Burial:* 3 Jun 1883 Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- *Change Date:* 12 Jan 2007 at 15:55
- *Note:*

1. Below is an obituary for Cicero, taken from "The Davenport Daily Gazette," Davenport, IA, Thursday, June 7, 1883, Page 6, Column 6:

THE LATE HON. CICERO CLOSE

The Accident Which Caused His Death--A Sketch of his Useful Life.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Parker returned last evening from Blackhawk county, where they had been called to attend the funeral of the brother of Mrs. Parker, Hon. Cicero Close. Mr. Close was called from the full enjoyment of the meridian of a well spent life of industrious usefulness in a moment, to the beyond. His sudden death was caused in an attempt to stop a team of young horses, attached to a wagon, that were starting to run away. By some means the pole struck him down so that his head was thrown against a water trough in such a manner that the wheel of the wagon ran over his neck, probably breaking it, and killing him instantly.

The deceased, who was known to many in Davenport, moved to Blackhawk county in 1855, where he purchased a large tract of wild land which he transformed into a beautiful home, and conformed into a beautiful home, and continued to cultivate till his death. Besides attending to his private affairs, he found time to assist in moulding one of the communities that make Iowa so truly prosperous. He almost continuously held some public trust, ranging from Postmaster and Justice of the peace, to County Supervisor, and for three terms member of the Legislature, of which he was for one term the speaker, Trustee of the Agricultural College at Ames, and of the Asylum for the Blind, Director of the State Agricultural Society, etc. He died at the age of 56 years, which, with his vigorous constitution, immused by labor and preserved by temperate habits, was just in the prime of life. He left as survivors, a wife and six children, four daughters and two sons. The youngest, a son at home, is eighteen. The daughters are Mrs. W. A. Ackley of Davenport, Mrs. Emmet Sill, of Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. Will Daniels of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Louis Martin of St. Louis.

The funeral of the deceased, on Sunday last, was attended by a vast concourse of people from all parts of the country round about Cedar Valley, his late home. The death was an event in the history of Black Hawk county, not merely or mainly because of its suddden visitation, but

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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Cicero Close**
 Age in 1860: 33
 Birth Year: abt 1827
 Birthplace: Connecticut
 Home in 1860: Cedar, Black Hawk, Iowa
 Gender: Male
 Post Office: Cedar Falls
 Value of real estate:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Cicero Close	33
	Mary S Close	33
	John A Close	12
	Mary F Close	10
	Elizabeth M Close	8
	Julia P Close	6
	Harriet Close	3
	Warren Milledge	17
	Charity Terry	16

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Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1860 United States Federal Census, the Eighth Census of the United States. Censuses taken recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color, birthplace, occupation of males over age fifteen, and more. Relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual 1860 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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