

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative DeForest, Gilbert E. Senator _____

Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Jan 1817 Troy, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Sailor; farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 11th General Assembly 1866

6. Public Offices

A. Local Sheriff of Johnson County, Iowa 1851

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Sept 1883 New Lancaster, Miami County, Kansas; buried

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- In his early life he was a sailor, but he tired of the life of a seaman. He moved west and located in Fox Ck, Iowa.
 - Later his thoughts turned to the new west and to Kansas.
 - In 1869 he moved to Miami County, Kansas where he lived at his death.
 - In Miami County, Kansas he was elected County Commissioner in 1871 and in 1873 elected Miami County, Treasurer.
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keys, ducks and geese.

In the line of manufactures there were the Tiffin tile and brick, single and double seated buggies, feed cookers, sewing machines, pianos, organs, saddles, double and single harness, bed springs, blacksmith work, butter carriers, etc.; and among the implements for the farm were plows, cultivators, harrows, rakes and many other agricultural machines.

The races attracted much attention, and while these were in progress the amphitheater was filled with spectators as well as with the man who is always willing to back up his judgment with the fool's argument. The 2:45 race attracted especial interest; the lovers of a good square trotter were well pleased with the speeding of the fleet horses. The winning horses and the time in trotting, double team and running races will be found in the premium lists.

Among the exhibits most attractive to the smaller folks and not unnoticed by their elders were the Shetland ponies and colts, owned by Frank Panner and James H. C. Wilson, and the Lilliputian 'Tanner & Baker' outfit that the juveniles have grown so familiar with on our streets. There was a constant crowd about the pen, and every boy went away wishing he might have a Shetland pony.

STOCK EXHIBITS.

The fine stock was the center of attraction. Finer stock is not to be found in the state, few counties equal, none surpass. The members of the Johnson County Fine Stock Association added materially to the success of the fair by their liberal exhibit of fine stock of all the valuable strains.

These cattle were exhibited in front of the amphitheater. There were the short horns, black and red Polled Angus, Hereford, Holstein, Ayrshire and Jerseys. The association exhibit was under charge of Mr. W. A. Purdy, who stated that the cattle were brought from the fields and showed just what they were without the care of show preparation. The association would next year be able to put upon sale all kinds of fine stock, the equal of any in the present herds. Col. J. R. Heath, in a brief address, complimented the association which, while young, was making its influence felt and was doing much to add to the material wealth of the county.

Short Horns were exhibited by J. G. Brown and Sons; W. A. Purdy, C. W. McCune, H. W. Lathrop, George Borland and John Ranshaw.

Herefords by Robert Denton.

Ayrshires by John N. Coldren.

Polled Angus by L. F. Ross.

Holsteins by Carey R. Smith and T. B. Wales.

Jerseys by Levi Robinson.

Grade cattle by J. A. Marshall & Sons.

Merino sheep were exhibited by S. H. Thompson and Albert Shiland.

Poland China hogs were entered by M. Bickford, J. A. J. A. Marshall & Sons and G. R. Hall.

The English Berkshires by Geo. A. Hitchcock and the Improved Berkshire by Wm. E. Pratt. The last named hog is remarkable for length of body and strength of bone, and yields large quantities of that speculative kind of provisions known to Iowa City dealers as 'short ribs.' There were also fine exhibits of farm horses, roadsters, draft horses, walking and pulling teams, harness and saddle horses.

Besides the valuable and the useful there were many other exhibits and attractions and diversions. One tent was devoted to the dance, another to Gambol and still another to chuck-a-buck which gathered in many spectators.

some weeks in Muscatine that winter, not being able to cross Cedar River. Dr. Reynolds represented Muscatine county that winter, and was quite capable of attending to the business of the county. Mr. Trowbridge was otherwise engaged.

Fourth, that a petition was gotten up in June, 1833, and Mr. Trowbridge sent to Burlington as a lobby member of Johnson county is a mistake. The petition was for John Gilbert, and he represented the county in the lobby at that session. Fifth, the statement that Harris and Gilbert wrangled over the county seat question when they were at Burlington in January, 1833, and the statement that Harris and party built the cabin on the Napoleon claim in the fall of '37 are both erroneous, neither Gilbert nor Harris had a town at that time, even on paper, and the cabin was not built until John Morford moved out from Muscatine in the spring of '38, when he and his friends built it. I speak positively, because I bought the claim soon after of Mr. Morford, and my brother-in-law, Patrick Smith, moved on it—I made my home with them. If the historian received his information from Mr. Trowbridge on the passages quoted, it would be easy to account for the errors noticed, as Mr. T. was not in Johnson county from Nov. '37 until late in May, 1833, except a few days about the middle of March. Giving Mr. Trowbridge credit for naming so many streams in our county was intended as a compliment only, I presume, as some of the old settlers know better.

PHILIP OLAKK.

From the Paola, Kansas, *Western Spirit*, we learn of the death of Hon. Gilbert E. DeForest, which occurred at his home, New Lancaster, Miami county, on September 3d.

Mr. DeForest was born in Troy, New York, January 5th, 1817. In early life he was a sailor, but tiring of the sea-man's life he removed to the west, locating at Iowa City. His ability and good qualities brought him into prominence and he was chosen to many positions of trust and responsibility, among others as sheriff of the county in 1851 and member of the legislature, 1856. An active enterprising man his thoughts turned to the new west and to his mind Kansas offered a choice field. The *Western Spirit* says:

In 1869 he located in Miami county, where he has ever since resided. He was elected County Commissioner in 1871 and in 1873 was elected Treasurer of Miami county. As a public officer he was always honest, leaving in every position he held a clean record for honorable and faithful conduct. Positive in character and unfaltering in fidelity to those whom he believed in as friends, he had a large personal following equaled by few men in the county. When he disliked a man it was for what he deemed good and sufficient cause, and that man generally found it out from DeForest himself. There was nothing deceptive about him and he had few enemies. He was always liberal and cheerful to the general public, kind and attentive at home, and ever ready to do his part as a useful, honorable citizen.

These lines from Burns would well become his grave stone:
 "An honest man lies here at rest
 As e'er God with his image blest
 The friend of man the friend of truth,
 The friend of age and guide of youth;
 Few hearts like his, with virtue warmed,
 Few heads like his, with knowledge so informed.
 If there's another world, he lives in bliss,
 If not, he made the best of this."

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Subscription Acknowledgments.

SEPTEMBER 10-17.

The current volume and number will be found with the date on first page of paper. The figures indicate the times to which payments have been made:
 Henry Felkner, Downey, xxiv, 1; Capt. E. C. Hayes, Centerville, xxiv, 4; Joseph ... from our good friend, Henry Felkner, of Downey, who has been a patron of THE PRESS since the first day of its publication, and who believes in sending it to his ...

lows, 1863-3-8	
Matt Fisher, 1-1-1-1	\$40 00
Glenwood Chief, 1-2-2-4	\$3 00
Time, 1:59; 1:56; 2:01 1/4.	
Class No. 18—For running horses.	
Mile heats, 2 in 3.	
Glenwood Chief, 1-1	\$12 00
Matt Fisher, 2-2	8 00
Iowa, 2-3	5 00
Time, 59; 1:00 1/4.	
C. D. Close, M. J. Pendleton, W. W. Gardner, judges in all trotting and running races.	
Class No. 10—Standard bred trotting horses.	
Stallion, 4 years, C. A. Vogt, 1st	\$10 00
Stallion, 4 years, C. A. Lisle, 2d	5 00
Brood Mare with colt, C. A. Vogt, 1st	10 00
Brood Mare with colt, C. A. Vogt, 2d	5 00
Sucking horse colt, C. A. Vogt, 1st	2 00
Sucking mare colt, C. A. Vogt, 2d	2 00
Class No. 20—Roadsters.	
Stallion, 4 years, John Dilatash, 1st	\$10 00
Stallion, 4 years, C. A. Vogt, 2d	5 00
Brood Mare with colt, S. A. Barnes, 1st	10 00
Brood Mare with colt, S. Lord, 2d	5 00
Yearling filley, E. M. Guffin, 1st	3 00
Sucking horse colt, S. A. Barnes, 1st	2 00
Sucking horse colt, M. Whitacre, 2d	1 00
Sucking mare colt, M. Whitacre, 1st	2 00
Sucking mare colt, Frank Greer, 2d	1 00
Class No. 21—Draught horses.	
Stallion, 4 years, E. P. Whitacre, 1st	\$10 00
Stallion, 3 years, E. P. Whitacre, 1st	5 00
Stallion, 3 years, E. P. Whitacre, 2d	4 00
Class No. 23—Harness and saddle horses.	
Pair carriage horses, L. Rundell, 1st	\$10 00
Pair carriage horses, S. A. Barnes, 2d	5 00
Farm horses, W. J. Miller, 1st	8 00
Farm horses, W. W. Gardner, 2d	4 00
Single buggy horse, Mrs. O. D. Goodrich, 1st	5 00
Single buggy horse, T. B. Dilatash, 2d	2 00
Saddle horse, George Lovelace, 1st	2 00
Class No. 24—Sweepstakes.	
Stallion showing 5 best spring colts, Foster & Hess, 1st	\$10 00
Stallion showing 5 best spring colts, M. Whitacre, 2d	5 00
Class No. 27—Fine wool sheep.	
Buck, 2 years, A. Shiland, 1st	\$5 00
Buck, under 2 years, A. Shiland, 2d	3 00
Five lamb, A. Shiland, 1st	2 00
Class No. 31—Berkshire hogs.	
Boar, under 1 year, G. A. Hitchcock, 1st	\$3 00
Sow, under 1 year, G. A. Hitchcock, 1st	5 00
Boar and six pigs, G. A. Hitchcock, 1st	4 00
Class No. 32—Poland China hogs.	
Boar, over 1 year, J. A. J. A. Marshall, 1st	\$5 00
Boar, under 1 year, G. H. Hall, 1st	5 00
Boar, under 1 year, Julia Marshall, 2d	3 00
Sow, under 1 year, J. A. J. A. Marshall, 1st	3 00
Sow, under 1 year, Julia Marshall, 2d	2 00
Class No. 33—Sweepstakes—Hogs.	
Pair pigs, under 6 months, J. A. J. A. Marshall, 1st	\$4 00
Pair pigs, under 6 months, Julia Marshall, 2d	2 00
Boar, showing 6 pigs, J. A. J. A. Marshall, 1st	5 00
Boar, showing 6 pigs, A. Fletcher, 2d	4 00
Class No. 34—Farm machinery and implements.	
Best display, T. C. Carson, 1st	\$10 00
Class No. 35—Manufactures.	
Two seated carriage, J. Dondore, 1st	\$4 00
Two seated carriage, J. Dondore, 2d	2 00
Open buggy, J. Dondore, 1st	3 00
Blacksmithing, George Berger, 1st	2 00
The following articles received favorable notice, but no premiums were offered: Tile, Tiffin brick and tile company; Feed Cooker, Loug & Graham; Pianos and Organs, G. W. Marquardt; Sewing Machines, W. Hughes; Butter Carrier, L. Robinson; Spring Bed, D. D. Wymer.	
Double harness, Francis Kane, 1st	\$5 00
Double harness, Francis Kane, 2d	2 00
Single harness, Francis Kane, 1st	2 00
Saddle, Francis Kane, 1st	2 00
Class No. 36—Grains and vegetables.	
Winter wheat, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 1st	\$2 00
Spring wheat, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 2d	1 00
Oats, J. J. Parrott, 1st	2 00
Oats, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 2d	1 00
Rye, J. J. Parrott, 1st	2 00
Rye, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 2d	1 00
Yellow ear corn, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 1st	2 00
Yellow ear corn, R. Denton, 2d	1 00
White ear corn, J. J. Parrott, 1st	2 00
White ear corn, J. P. Hodges, 2d	1 00
Timothy seed, K. F. Whitacre, 1st	2 00
Timothy seed, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 2d	1 00
Clover seed, J. J. Parrott, 1st	2 00
White beans, J. J. Parrott, 1st	2 00
White beans, Mrs. J. W. McCollister, 2d	1 00
Irish potatoes, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 1st	2 00
Irish potatoes, E. M. Guffin, 2d	1 00
Display of garden vegetables, J. J. Parrott, 1st	2 00
Display of garden vegetables, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 2d	1 00
Display of farm produce, J. J. Parrott, 1st	10 00
Display of farm produce, Mrs. Ed. Craig, 2d	5 00
Sea Island wheat, Jas. Cropley; White Russian Oats, Grant Store.	
Class No. 37—Poultry.	

Davenport, and has d soldiers from this c of Johnson county, h artillery. The Rock reduced rates.

On Monday the sob Hon. Peter A. Dey; the school marms w him or his represent National Bank read bills.' Mr. A. A. elected secretary.

Mrs. M. Baker, of quilt upon which she seven years, in whi solar system. She m oago to view the con through the telescop locate them accu Gazette.

Remember that night Hon. John G. of congress from Ke national reputation an orator, speaks at There is no sounder c honored man in the John G. Carlisle. him.

The markets are seem to be getting w Pork is now selling rel, as compared wit McGeech's failure in against \$12 17 1/2; an against \$11.05. G down, but not to suc centage.

Five families en Moines coal mines, land, went through They were traveling stopped first at La they bought teams, s Indiana. Attracted better wages they started for Des Moir arrive this week.

The officers of the Fair make the grat ment that the premi be paid in full. Par awarded premiums office of Secretary their order which Treasurer Custer. as made up by th found in another col

Young people co prize offered by THE count of the fair wil that they must send fice by mail so that celved not later than they will be put into judges on Saturd successful papers v THE PRESS of next have a large number

The Marengo J praises the lectures livered by Dr J. O. city, before the norm place. Many visitor the last week attract scholarly exposition has given lectures in during the normal s at all with the most

The Leader says M on Monday began his Iowa State Repu dily. This enterp by Mr. Farfall on h ity. Being cut out f press news report depend upon specta brings a big stock of ness, backed by ex hundreds of friends d mimes, to eat

Among the fine tering and on the track dell's Black Horse