

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Knapp, Thomas B. Senator _____
Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1822 Danbury, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mrs. Louis Lamb Hoover 1864 Mount Vernon, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession General merchandise business; hardware business; insurance business

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 11th, 12th General Assemblies 1866, 1869

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster of Iowa Falls for 2 terms; Justice of the Peace many terms; Town councilman; school board member

B. State He was a delegate to the first Iowa State Republican Convention in Iowa City in 1855

C. National _____

7. Death 31 Jan 1905 Iowa Falls, Iowa; buried Union Cemetery, Iowa Falls, Iowa

8. Children Henry V. (died in 1879)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- *At age 12 he moved with his family to Schoharie County, New York and at age 15 they moved to Huron, Ohio.*
- *In 1840 he went out on his own to Alabama and clerked in a store at Montgomery for several years.*
- *When gold fever broke out he joined the California gold rush staying for 3 years and returned to New York City in 1853*
- *In spring 1854 he moved to Hardens County, Iowa purchasing a large tract of land. He continued to improve the farm until the war.*
- *Military service - Civil War - 32nd Iowa Infantry*
- *After the war he engaged in the mercantile business and later the hardware business for many years.*

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Thomas B. Knapp Summoned to Eternal Reward Tuesday Morning.

In paying a tribute to the life of Thomas B. Knapp, a brief mention of whose death, last Tuesday morning, was made in these columns last week, one feels that the record of his life was such that it is worthy of emulation by the rising generation and that this life, which spanned the four score years and three, was such an example of uprightness and integrity that the world is the better for his having lived.

Born of sturdy New England parentage that has done so much in making the west what it is today, Mr. Knapp first saw the light of day in Danbury, Connecticut, and there was instilled some of that down east spirit that was to aid him in buffeting the waves of adversity that he found in traversing the far west. He came from Revolutionary stock, and his grandfather, who was paymaster in the Revolutionary war, lost his home when the British burned Danbury.



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He was for many years an active member in the Baptist church and did much to assist the spiritual and material welfare of that organization. He was married to Mrs. Louis Lamb Hoover at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1864, who survives the deceased. An only son, Henry H. Knapp, died in 1879, at the age of thirteen years.

The funeral, which was conducted by Rev. Hargreaves, was held in the Baptist church Thursday afternoon and interment was made beside his only son beneath the evergreen boughs in Union cemetery. The last sad rites were said over the mortal remains of another of our pioneers, and the final tributes were paid to a life that helped to make Iowa

those that have suffered the same misery.

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DR. W. B. McCLANAHAN went to Iowa City on Saturday evening where he is attending a convention of the second annual alumni dental clinic of the College of Dentistry of the State University yesterday and today. He was on program yesterday afternoon and discussed the subject, "Gold filling," before the convention.

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