

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Mitchell
Isaac J. - Represented Boone, Hamilton, Story and Greene
County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 May 1829 Cincinnati, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mrs. Amanda M. Denison Jul 1860 Brownlow, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1857

B. Civic responsibilities Odd Fellows

C. Profession Lawyer; owner of drug store; teacher; district judge

4. Church membership He did not belong to a church but sympathized with Methodist doctrine

5. Sessions served 12th and 13th General Assemblies 1868 and 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Draft commissioner; assessor of internal revenue; Justice of the Peace 1857

B. State Elected to State Board of Education in 1858; appointed trustee of State Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa, 1870; elected judge of this judicial district in 1874

C. National _____

7. Death 11 Aug 1883 Boone, Iowa; buried Linwood Cemetery, Boone, Iowa

8. Children Harry (predeceased his father in death); step children - Ellen Denison, Eddy R. Denison

9. Names of parents Henry and _____ (Carbin) Mitchell

10. Education His parents were poor and so he was thrown
on his own resources to obtain an education. By
study and application, he became a well educated
and well informed man

11. Degrees Studied medicine in Indiana; entered study of law in
Illinois; attended Ashbury University in Georgetown, Indiana

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He moved with his parents while young, to Clermont County,
Ohio and then to Iowa settling in Booneborn,
Boone County, Iowa in 1855.
- He lived in Booneborn about 25 years
- He moved to Boone around 1877
- He was a victim of consumption (tuberculosis) from age 20
- Wife, Annada, died 11 May 1873
- When he grew to manhood, he taught school and studied medicine.
However, when he came to Booneborn (later Boone, Iowa) his drug
business or practice of medicine were congenial to him.
So he entered the study of law which proved successful.

O. DEMOCRAT

Boone, Mo., August 15, 1883.

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BOONE.

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a.m.	No. 21, Freight 7:30a.m.
a.m.	No. 27, " 7:00p.m.
a.m.	No. 29, " 9:45a.m.

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WEDNESDAY RUNS.
August 20, September 10, October 12, December 3 and 24.
D. T. MARSHALL, Agent.

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7:20 A. M.;	arrive in Des Moines
11:15 P. M.;	arriving in Des Moines
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8:00 A. M.;	arrive in Boone

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..... 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
A. A. DEERING, P. M.

Observatory.

NOTICES.
..... to-day.
..... public wells.
..... have a skating rink.
..... signing is now in order.
..... Register has lived a

Death of Judge Mitchel.

Judge Mitchel died on Saturday morning, about half past four. He had been ill for some time, and gradually wasting away with the dread disease consumption, but it was not generally known that he was in danger, or dissolution was so near. Until last week his friends and acquaintances thought he was only suffering from a severe cold, and would soon be able to attend to business again. The early part of the week it was reported he was at death's door, and his decease occurred as above stated, at the residence of his son-in-law, W. B. Means, at which place the funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, and were attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives.

Isaac J. Mitchel was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 31, 1829, and was consequently 53 years old at the time of his death. While young his parents moved to Clay county, Indiana, from whence he came to Iowa, settling down in Boonsboro long before the days of railroads in this region. He resided in Boonsboro about twenty-five years, and was one of the oldest citizens of the county. His parents were poor, and he was thrown on his own resources for an education, but by study and application became a well educated and well informed man, his only drawback being ill-health, having suffered from consumption since he was 20 years old. As a resident of Boone county he was always a prominent citizen, and interested in almost every enterprise for the benefit of Boonsboro. A number of years ago, about six, we believe, he moved to Boone, and lived here ever since.

He was always more or less identified with politics, and has held several public positions, being at one time a member of the state board of education, later senator from this district, and last district judge, holding this position until five years ago, since which time his health has been so poor that he has been unable to attend to active business with his accustomed energy.

Judge Mitchel was a genial, pleasant gentleman, and leaves many friends to regret his early death. His aged father was present at the funeral. He leaves one son, and a daughter, wife of Mr. Means.

—The Standard, in its attack on the

Normal Institute.

The Boone county normal institute for 1883 will commence its session in this city on Monday, August 20, and continue until Saturday, September 1. The course of study was issued by Superintendent Chambers last Monday, and is about the same as last year.

The following instructors have been appointed:

- Prof. B. R. Gass—Didactics, reading and penmanship.
- Prof. Geo. W. Ashton—Grammar and Geography.
- Prof. John F. Curran—United States History and Civil Government and Word Analysis.
- Prof. F. R. Gardner—Arithmetic and Physiology.

Prof. Gass has been appointed conductor.

Miss Eolia Carpenter has been engaged to take charge of the musical exercises.

Hon. J. W. Akers, state superintendent of public instruction, will be here August 27, and lecture before the institute.

Elder Simons, superintendent of schools of Boone county fourteen years ago, will also be here some time during the session of the institute, and deliver a lecture.

Superintendent Chambers has written to Hon. Edgar B. Farr, the democratic candidate for superintendent of schools, asking him to be present and deliver a lecture, but has not received an answer at the present writing.

Boone County Normal Institute.

BOONSBORO, July 20, 1883.
The Boone county institute will be held in Boone, Iowa, commencing August 20, and continuing two weeks. Conductor, Prof. B. R. Gass. Assistants, Profs. Geo. W. Ashton, F. R. Gardner, and John F. Curran. Blank books and pencils will be furnished to members free. Text books should be brought. The forenoon of the first day will be devoted to enrollment, classification, and seating.

An examination for certificates will be held at the close of the institute. It is hoped that the teachers will meet with us promptly in the forenoon of the first day, and remain throughout the entire session.

J. H. CHAMBERS,
Co. Sup't of Schools.

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—One of the most terrific rain storms that ever visited this region occurred about the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa, about half an hour. The storm came from the southwest, and the rain fell in

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AND
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OF
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IOWA VOLUME.

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of making the first brick, and building the first brick house in Davenport.

He still worked at his trade after being elected county officer, and he has served as sheriff more consecutive terms, and been longer in office, than any other sheriff in the state. Being elected in 1847, he held the office by reëlections till 1860. In 1872, after a lapse of twelve years, he was again elected sheriff, which position he still occupies. He served as alderman several years, and in 1842 was elected mayor of the city. He has done much in aiding the enterprises of the city in its early day.

Mr. Leonard is not a member of any church, but holds liberal views on religion.

He was educated in the democratic school of politics, the principles of which party he still advocates.

He was married in 1835 to Miss Pelogie Boughnau, of St. Louis.

In all the various changes of an active life Mr. Leonard has gained the respect of a large circle of friends, and the confidence of his constituents. He is a man of good sound understanding, of large practical experience, and of genial manners.

HON. ISAAC J. MITCHELL,

BOONESBORO.

JUDGE MITCHELL is a native of Ohio, and was born in Cincinnati on the 31st of May, 1827. His father, Henry Mitchell, was a farmer. His mother belonged to the Corbin family, of Ohio. His paternal grandfather was one of the militia men called out to defend Baltimore during the revolutionary war. While Isaac was an infant his father moved to a farm in Clermont county, Ohio, and there the son worked until he was nineteen, when he went to a high school at Laurel, Ohio, a few months to prepare himself for a teacher. He taught in Brazil, Indiana, and adjoining districts, for nearly three years. While preparing to teach he worked on a farm a while for two dollars a week, devoting the money thus earned to the purchase of text-books. He read law while teaching in Indiana, and completed his school education by attending Asbury College, Greencastle, Indiana, one term, when, his health giving way, he had to leave the institution. He removed to Boonesboro, Iowa, in June, 1855, and there resumed his study of law, while engaged in the drug business. He finished reading law early in 1858; was admitted to the bar at Boonesboro in April, and opened an office there in that year. He has since been in constant practice, except when in office, building up a large business and an enviable reputation.

He served as justice of the peace in 1857, while reading law in Boonesboro, and the next year was elected a member of the state board of education, serving two years. In 1868 he was sent to the upper house of the general assembly for four years. He was chairman of the committees on enrolling and

agriculture, and acted on three or four other committees. He took a prominent part in the movement to settle the title to the Des Moines river lands, and was a very useful and influential member of the legislative body.

While in the general assembly he was elected by that body a trustee of the Iowa State Agricultural College, and most of the time was a member of the executive committee of the same institution. While he was thus serving the state more than one hundred thousand dollars were expended on buildings and improvements on the farm. His responsibilities were great, and he never shirked them or failed to give satisfaction.

In 1874 he was elected judge of the eleventh judicial district, and now holds that office. He is a man of great purity of character; is well read in law; has good judgment, dignity, decision of character, and other qualities which make him an excellent judge. His reputation as a jurist is slowly yet steadily rising.

Judge Mitchell has been an Odd-Fellow for twenty years.

He aided in organizing the republican party in Iowa, and still belongs to that party.

He is a member of no church, but sympathizes with the Methodists in their general doctrines.

In July, 1860, he was married to Mrs. Amanda M. Denison, of Boonesboro. She had one child, and died on the 11th of May, 1873. The child is living.

Judge Mitchell had a hard struggle in getting the rudiments of knowledge and in mastering a few

of the more advanced branches, for he had to rely wholly on his own resources and strength, and in his younger years was far from being robust and vigorous. By rigid economy and great industry and per-

severance he laid a good foundation of scientific and legal knowledge, and is still building on it. He has lost none of his studious habits, none of his ambition, and is a reading, growing man.

WILLIAM R. SMITH, M.D.,

SIoux CITY.

TWENTY years ago the bluffs of the Missouri river around Sioux City, and the whole surrounding country, presented a very different appearance from what they present in this centennial year. In the autumn of 1856 there were not five hundred residents in Sioux City, and farm houses were far apart. In those days a physician of a fair reputation had long, often tedious, and sometimes perilous, rides. The subject of this memoir, one of the best-read and most popular physicians that ever rode out of Sioux City on professional duties, sometimes went as far east as Cherokee, a distance of sixty miles; frequently thirty or forty miles northwest, into what is now Dakota Territory, and twenty-five and thirty miles southwest, into the present state of Nebraska. It is not an enviable lot to be a frontier physician, and face the emergencies and responsibilities of his profession all alone; but a good man will endure much hardship for the sake of relieving suffering or prolonging life, even though the compensation, in dollars and cents, amounts to nothing. Such was the character, such were the professional rides, and such, sometimes, the pecuniary rewards of William R. Smith, M.D., fifteen and twenty-five years ago. He knew every family on either side of the river within forty miles of Sioux City, and nearly all of them received prescriptions at some period from his hands. The doctor's kindly disposition has not changed, but his business has. His saddle bags are seen no more. In other words, during the last few years he has made himself useful; and younger physicians are climbing the bluffs and spanning the prairies that surround Sioux City.

William Remsen Smith was born at Barnegat, Ocean county, New Jersey, on the 30th of December, 1828. His father, Daniel Smith, a wheelwright by trade, died when the son was seven years old, and the boy spent the next eight years of his life with his grandfather, alternating between labor on a farm and a little mental work in a school-house. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Boude.

At sixteen William went to New York city, to learn the saddlery and harness-making trade; but before he had completed it he followed a venerated mother and his step-father, James Collins, a prominent member of the Society of Friends, to Macon, Michigan. There young Smith spent three years in working at his trade and teaching. About the time he was of age he returned to New York city, studied medicine under Dr. William Detmold; attended three courses of lectures at the old college of physicians and surgeons, and then returned to Macon. There he practiced three years in partnership with Dr. Joseph Howell, an experienced physician and a most estimable man.

In 1856 Dr. Smith removed to Sioux City. Here he practiced medicine very diligently for eleven or twelve years, when not absent from home, building up a good reputation and a wide practice, often having more and longer rides than he desired. In those early days in the history of this frontier settlement, duty often called him to other than his professional labors. In the spring of 1861, when there were Indian troubles in this vicinity, Dr. Smith was appointed first lieutenant of a company of mounted riflemen, serving until relieved the following autumn by a company of United States soldiers. About this time he was appointed government surgeon holding that position until 1863. When the Indian outbreak occurred in Minnesota, in August, 1862, sending a thrill of terror among the residents of the frontier, he was made chairman of the vigilance committee for protection, and gave whatever time necessity required to the duties of the emergency. The following winter he was sent by Governor Kirtland, in connection with the late Dr. Brooks, to Des Moines, on a sanitary tour of inspection among the Iowa troops, in which mission he visited the army then lying in front of Vicksburg; and afterward did his best to emphasize that general and strong appeal for vegetables, so indispensable for the relief of our suffering soldiers.

THE
HISTORY
OF
BOONE COUNTY,
IOWA,

CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

Biographical Sketches of its Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa,
Map of Boone County, Constitution of Iowa,
Miscellaneous Matters, &c., &c.

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of Mears & Downing opened a job office in Boone; in the course of a few years the newspaper was removed to Boone, and to the senior partner of this firm is not only the success of the paper, but the progress of the city, largely indebted; Mr. Means was married to Miss Helen C. Dennison, daughter of W. W. Dennison, one of the first lawyers of the county, in December, 1874; they have two children: Nellie and John.

MITCHELL, HON. I. J.; was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1829; when yet a youth his parents removed to a farm in Clermont county, Ohio, where they remained for a number of years, after which they removed to Brazil, Indiana; when he grew to manhood, young Mitchell taught school and studied medicine; in 1855 he came to Boonesboro and established a drug store; neither the practice of medicine nor the drug business proving congenial to him, he entered upon the study of law, and in 1857 was admitted to the bar; in 1858 he was elected a member of the State board of education, which office he filled for two years; in 1868 he was elected to the State senate, and in 1870 was appointed trustee of the State Agricultural College at Ames; in 1874 he was elected judge of this judicial district, his official term expiring in January, 1879; besides these positions, to which he has been elected by the vote of the people, Judge Mitchell has held at least two other important offices by appointment of the general government, that of draft commissioner, and assessor of internal revenue; as draft commissioner during the war, he was called upon to discharge some very arduous and unpleasant duties; these duties he discharged with such care, impartiality and fidelity that there never was a breath of suspicion, nor so much as an insinuation bearing

upon his official integrity; the same is true with regard to the discharge of his duties as assessor of internal revenue; there are few men who have held important trusts in the State and nation, who have commanded such a large share of public confidence, or who have greater reasons for congratulating themselves upon their past record; Judge Mitchell is a man of more than ordinary culture, possessed of fine sensibility, his idea of official dignity and political honor forms a striking contrast to the common and established code of the present day; he does not believe that working up delegations or packing conventions are consistent with the proper estimate of the self-respect of the candidate; hence, he has made no organized attempt to obtain the nomination for any office; he is and always has been an ardent admirer of the principles of the party with which he is identified, and when designated as the standard-bearer in any campaign, has entered the field and given his best energies to bring about a victory; the position of standard-bearer, however, when he did receive it was unsolicited on his part; his connection with the early history of Boone county is merged into the present and he is now exclusively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession; we conclude that in pursuing his private business he has a wider field of usefulness, and as much real enjoyment as he ever enjoyed while engaged in public and official duties, and should he again exchange the former for the latter, it will not be of his own choosing, but from a sense of duty to his constituents.

MOFFATT, C. A., justice of the peace, Boone; was born in Jefferson county, New York, September 30, 1833, and in 1855 he came West, locating in Des Moines, where he resided for one year; in 1856 he came to Boonesboro, where he re

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Isaac J Mitchell	
Birth Year:	abt 1829	
Age in 1870:	41	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Home in 1870:	Boonsboro, Boone, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Isaac J Mitchell	41
	Amanda E Mitchell	42
	Harry Mitchell	4
	Ellan Dennison	18
	Eddy R Dennison	14

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- Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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MITCHELL, Isaac J

Born: 31 MAY 1829
Died: 11 AUG 1883
Cemetery:
Location:
County: BOONE CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: NO BURIAL LISTED, BORN CINCINNATI OH, DIED BOONE, S/O HARRY, H/O MRS A M (DENISON), FROM BOONE CO REP 15 AUG 1883

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MITCHELL, Amanda M

Born: AGE 45Y
Died: 11 MAR 1873
Cemetery: W LINWOOD
Location: BOONE, DES MOINES TWP
County: BOONE CO. - IOWA

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