

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Venter, John Day Senator _____

Represented Wright, Hamilton, Franklin and Hancock Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Aug 1834 Knoxville, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah A. Gater circa 1851 West Unity, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Owned and operated the Webster City Freeman newspaper for 40 years; in 1899 the Webster City Freeman was organized and he became

President
B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Newspaper publisher and editor

4. Church membership Congregational

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Appointed postmaster of Algona for 1861. Elected treasurer of Hardin County in 1862 for one year; postmaster of Webster City for several years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Mar 1907

8. Children A. L. and H. J.

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Educated in common schools and at Ashland
Academy, Ashland, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He entered his father's printing office as an apprentice at 16 at Bryant, Ohio.
- He entered upon his first newspaper venture by establishing the Hoosier Banner at Angola, Indiana. The adventure was not successful, so he returned to Ohio.
- In summer 1856 he and his wife came to Iowa where his first job was as a printer with the Marion Register.
- In fall 1856 he went to Eldora, Iowa working on the Hardin County Sentinel. In the spring of 1858 he purchased a half interest in the paper.
- Military service - Civil War - in the commissary department.
- After the war he moved to Iowa Falls and in 1866 the family moved to Webster City, Iowa.
- He purchased the Webster City Freeman and owned and operated it for 40 years.

FATHER DIED TUESDAY A. M.

J. D. Hunter, for Forty Years Editor
of the Freeman and Head of the
Freeman-Tribune Pub. Co.,
Passes Away.

DIED AT AGE OF 73 YEARS

A Pioneer Editor of the State.—In
the Harness for More Than
Fifty Years.

J. D. Hunter died at the home of
his son, W. F. Hunter, Tuesday morn-
ing at 3:45 o'clock, at the age of 73
years, after a long and painful ill-
ness.

John D. Hunter was born in
Knoxville, Ohio, on the 12th of Au-
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years, Mr. Hunter entered upon his
first newspaper venture, establishing
the Hoosier Banner at Angola, In-
diana. The venture did not prove
successful and he returned to Ohio.

At the age of nineteen years, he
was united in marriage with Miss
Sarah A. Gates at West Unity, Ohio.
In the summer of 1856, Mr. and Mrs.
Hunter came to Iowa, crossing the
Mississippi river by ferry at Daven-
port. His first employment as a
printer in Iowa was with the Marion
Register, which was then under the
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Judge N. M. Hubbard. In the fall
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ed home with little hope and how he
has suffered almost constantly ever
since. Through all of his great af-
flictions he has borne his cross cour-
ageously and heroically—exhibiting
a degree of fortitude that was sub-
lime and was the marvel of physici-
ans and friends who understood and
knew the terrible ordeal through
which he has passed during the past
four years. But the final moments
were free from pain and the end
came peacefully, the patient sufferer
passing into a calm sleep that knows
no waking.

A wife and two sons—D. L. and
W. F. Hunter—are the immediate
members of the family left to mourn
the loss of a kind husband and a gen-
erous and indulgent father. Four
brothers—S. C. and S. L. Hunter of
Malvern, Iowa, Capt. J. R. C. Hunter
of this city and Will A. Hunter of
Wayne, Nebraska, survive him.

The funeral was held Thursday
afternoon at 3 o'clock from the
home of W. F. Hunter on Des Moines
street, conducted by Rev. J. O. Thrush
of the Congregational church, of
which deceased was a member.

HARMONY AT ELEC- TION IS ASSURED

Will be no Opposition to Ticket
Nominated at the Primaries
Wednesday.

The efforts to get an independent
candidate in the field against I. W.
Hyatt for mayor failed. When it
came to a show down no one could
be found who was willing to risk the
chances of defeat. The sentiment
among the voters seemed to be to
stand by the ticket and the gentle-
men who were trying to work up a
revolt could make no headway.
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In the fall of 1867 he was elected representative to the legislature from Hamilton county, having been a resident of the county less than a year. He was re-elected in 1869. In 1872 he was appointed postmaster of Webster City by President Grant, being reappointed in 1876, 1880 and 1884 and serving until removed by President Cleveland for "offensive partisanship" in 1885. He was again appointed postmaster in 1891 and served four years.

In 1899 The Freeman-Tribune Publishing Company was organized and Mr. Hunter was chosen its president, a position he held at the time of his death. In the fall of 1892 he was stricken with disease and on the first day of January, 1903, was forced to relinquish all efforts at work of any kind.

The people of Webster City know with what endurance and patience he fought against the inevitable. How he was taken to Sioux City four years ago and underwent a serious

sociation which is fighting the bill tooth and nail.

The bill provides for an annual tax of all corporations. The tax is on a sliding scale governed by the amount of capital stock and runs from \$5 per year up. The tax is not great enough to be a burden to a corporation. The bill also compels every corporation in the state to make an annual report to the secretary of state, giving the amount of stock issued, the amount of business done, and other information the giving of which, it is believed by the promoters of the bill, will tend to protect the people.

The Manufacturers Association is fighting the bill because it claims the tax is unjust and that the state authorities have no right to the information which the bill would compel the corporations to furnish.

In an interview with a Freeman-Tribune reporter, H. D. Ballard, president and manager of the Northwestern Felt Shoe Company, spoke forcibly and with some show of feeling against the bill. He stated emphatically that it was unjust and that the corporations had a right to keep their business dealings secret. He said the corporations in making their annual reports would be forced to "obey the dictates" of the secretary of state.

Mr. Ballard stated that the section which provided for the annual reports was the more objectionable. He said 25 or 30 signers of the petition had been secured in this city.

There is a substitute bill which provides for the reports but not for the annual tax. This also the association is fighting.

The bill is known as Senate File 203. The Manufacturers Association is having the petition of remonstrance circulated all over the state. It will then be sent to the legislators.

We would suggest that our readers look carefully into this week's continued story by the Litchfield Company on page 10 and notice their "anti-choke" argument. fitl

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Circulate Remonstrance.

A petition of remonstrance against the passage of a bill effecting corporations, introduced in the state senate by Senator Erickson, is being circulated and freely signed in this city. The manufacturers of the city are said to be interested in the defeat of the bill and practically all have signed the petition of remonstrance. The Northwestern Felt Shoe Company is circulating the petition in this city. The company is a member of the Iowa Manufacturers Association which is fighting the bill tooth and nail.

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The Funeral of J. D. Hunter.

In the Congregational church from 3 to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon were held the funeral services over the remains of the late John D. Hunter, who passed away Tuesday morning.

The funeral was largely attended. Owing to the fact that practically all the business houses were closed during the services in honor of the deceased many were present who under other circumstances would have been unable to attend. It is unnecessary here to speak of the deep appreciation of the members of the deceased's family for this act of honor and respect on the part of the townsmen. The remains lay in state in the church near the doorway from 2 o'clock and were viewed by many friends who came to pay their last tribute of love and respect. Around and on the casket were the floral tributes, offering of which had been prompted by loving hearts.

At five minutes to 3 o'clock the printers and newspaper men of the city who had marched to the church entered in a body and took the seats which had been reserved for them. While some of these there were who had not been personally acquainted with the deceased, all were bound to him by the fraternal ties of the profession and of the trade and all had come to know him either personally or by reputation as a noble man and a true citizen.

The service opened with "There's a Land That is Brighter than Day" in subdued tones from the organ played by Mrs. J. O. Thrush. The choir, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Crandall, Miss Allene Young and Dr. Dysart, sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Lead, Kindly Light," the three favorite hymns of the deceased.

Rev. Thrush read a lesson from the scriptures and Rev. L. N. Call led in prayer. Rev. Call briefly paid to the deceased the tribute of a neighbor and of a friend. He re-

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PRIMARY BILL PASSES HOUSE

Requires 35 Per Cent of Total Vote
to Nominate—Likely to
Become Law.

THE SENATE APT TO CONCUR

Gov. Cummins Will Sign the Meas-
ure—Best That Can
Be Secured.

Des Moines, March 21.—When the senate concurs in the house amendments to the primary bill, the measure will go to the governor for his signature, and will become a law, for the house, yesterday, passed it by a vote of 84 for to 18 against.

No attempt was made in the house to change the 35 per cent provision adopted by the senate. No one suggested an amendment to this proposition.

The 35 per cent provision does not suit the Freeman-Tribune. We had hoped that a square out and out primary, like we have in Hamilton county, would be adopted. The candidate who receives the largest number of votes at the primary election ought to be the nominee without further question. But with a 35 per cent requirement the politicians will strive to get a multiplicity of candidates in the field in the hope of throwing the nomination into a convention.

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the common sorrows that had drawn
them nearer to each other. He spoke
of the cleanliness of the paper which
Mr. Hunter edited for so many
years, dwelling on the fact that all
it contained had been for the better-
ment and uplifting of those into
whose homes it passed.

Rev. Thrush eloquently eulogized
the deceased, describing the traits of
character which are so well known
to his friends and by which he ac-
quired the place which he held of
honor, esteem and power in his
county and state. It was a magnifi-
cent tribute.

After a prayer and the singing of
the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul,"
by the choir, the casket was placed
in the hearse and the funeral proces-
sion passed to the cemetery, where
the remains were lowered into the
grave with prayer.

The pall bearers were:
J. W. Young, P. M. Banks, L. A.
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The honorary pall bearers were:
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Benedicts Dance.

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Badly Cut.

Gens Kenson, an employee at the
Close & Howard sive factory, met
with quite a serious accident Wed-
nesday. Mr. Kenson was operating
a crosscut saw. His hand slipped
and his thumb and index finger were
badly cut and the flesh torn from the
bone.

Bargain in City Property.

The house on north Des Moines
street formerly rented by the Lasher
family, opposite and west of the
James Welch property. Owner must
sell as she wants to leave city. In-
quire of owner at Mrs. J. E. Clark's,
908 Bank street.
dt1t1f1 MRS. A. E. HOVEY.

Demolished Dashboard.

Yesterday afternoon a horse driven
by Jesse Adams, who resides south of
the city, became rather fractious,
caused by a light tap with the whip.
The horse demolished the dash-
board of Mr. Adam's vehicle by
kicking. He made several vicious
plunges and more serious damage
might have resulted but for the as-
sistance of several bystanders who
grabbed the horse by the bit. Mr.
Adams was just starting home, the

THE TRIBUNE.

Citizen's Ticket.

For Mayor I. W. Hyatt
 For Attorney Rube McFerren
 For Treasurer E. F. King
 For Assessor Wm Meekins

COUNCILMEN:

First Ward H. P. Mason
 Second Ward Fred Hahne
 Third Ward F. E. Landers
 Fourth Ward Weldon Helmick
 Fifth Ward E. J. Meller

Candidates Announcements.

COUNCILMAN.

Eds. Freeman-Tribune: Please announce me as a candidate for alderman from the Second ward at the coming city election. J. M. BELL.
 Webster City, March 7.

TRIBUTES TO J. D. HUNTER.

There are some deaths, which though preceded by months and even years of wasting illness, and long anticipated, still find us as unprepared as though the bereavement had come upon us with awful suddenness. This was the case when J. D. Hunter yielded to the final summons. None who knew him as an intimate friend for more than forty years, as I have, can be prepared to part with him. His death comes upon us as a sudden and overwhelming shock for which we are wholly unprepared. How much keener the grief of all who are endeared to him by the ties of kinship and lifelong intimacy? The deep and abiding sympathy of his wide circle of friends are with them in this day of their bereavement and sorrow.

I regard the life of John D. Hunter as a most successful one. His aspirations have been modest and confined to the attainment of perfectly legitimate ends. As an editor he made his paper one of the very best in the state, gaining for it a degree of recognition of which his family and friends will always be proud. It was a clean, well edited sheet, which fairly reflected the spirit and life of the town and county—always readable, entertaining and instructive. He leaves it well established as a business enterprise—an inheritance which bids fair to be a permanent one in the family. In future years the

was. I personally know that his list of friends included War Governor Kirkwood, Governors Gue, Merrill, Carpenter and Larrabee, Senator Allison, Judge Geo. G. Wright, J. S. Clarkson, Frank W. Palmer, James F. Wilson, G. W. McCrary, Secretary James Wilson, John A. Kasson, and many more of those who have stood foremost in our state.

CHARLES ALDRICH.
 Boone, Iowa, March 19, 1907.

In the early spring of 1861, while making a journey by stage to Des Moines, I first met J. D. Hunter, who was a fellow passenger. The acquaintance then formed was renewed when he came to Webster City some five years later, and grew into a personal friendship which continued without interruption for over forty years and to the day of his death. In the exercise of the privilege and duty of a friend, I wish to offer a tribute to his memory in the columns of the newspaper of which he was so long the editor, and which he conducted with such conspicuous ability. Mr. Hunter chose the profession of journalism as his life work before he was twenty years old and only ceased his labors when smitten by the disease that caused his death. He held important public offices, was four years a legislator, and postmaster of Webster City for sixteen years; but while faithful to the discharge of his official duties, he did not relinquish the editorial management of his paper. He wrought faithfully and untiringly for best interests of the town, county and state. While he was a man of deep and earnest convictions, and maintained them with courage yet he was a man of gentle and modest demeanor, ever considerate of the feelings and respectful of the rights and opinions of those who honestly differed with him in politics or other matters. In the old days, when there was much of factional contention over matters of local and state politics, I was not always in accord with him, but our differences of opinion never interfered with our personal friendship. It affords me great pleasure to record the fact that the logic of subsequent events proved that he was right and I was wrong in several matters pertaining to local affairs upon which we once held different opinions. I think it not claiming too much to say that in all the long years of his editorial and official life, J. D. Hunter was the most important factor in this community, and that he leaves the record of a life of great service to the

felt the touch of the hand that heals and beheld the radiance of a cloudless and eternal day.

CHAUNCEY A. WEAVER.
 Des Moines, March 20.

W. F. Hunter, Dear Sir:—The news of your father's death came to me, not unexpectedly, but with sorrow on my part. Nothing but the fact of my ill health prevents my being present tomorrow, to assist in paying the last tribute of respect to him.

No man in the north half of the state had been so long continuously the editor or publisher of one newspaper, as your father, with one exception—Hon. A. K. Bailey, of the Decorah Republican. I cannot say as to the south half of the state, but know of none whose continuous service ante-dates his, unless it is Ralph Robinson, of the Newton Journal. The men who were his contemporaries within the circle of his immediate acquaintance; Dick Clarkson, Matt Parrott, Toman, McBride, Hartman, Noyes, Atherton, Gue, Chapin Warren, Junkin, Ballou, Harwood and Henry Perkins, have all passed away, or are out of the business, except George Perkins of the Sioux City Journal, Mr. Bailey, already referred to, and myself.

L. B. RAYMOND,
 Hampton, March 20.

Neighborhood Notes

Liberty.

Fine weather and spring work will soon commence.

Grandpa Welp is on the sick list.

Miss Jennie Olthoff returned home Monday from an extended visit with friends in Grundy county.

Will Brownfield and bride spent Sunday with Jacob Jansen and family.

Joe Fonken and sister Annie have a new Kraemer incubator.

Chas. Greiner of Clarion came down Monday to visit with parents and sister.

Mr. Johnson of Illinois moved into the Naber house last week.

March 21.

Rose Grove.

J. P. Tuttle was in these parts last week buying cattle.

Geo. Bryan is in New York with two carloads of fine horses.

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as a business enterprise—an inheritance which bids fair to be a permanent one in the family. In future years the files of The Freeman during his editorship will yield abundant facts to those who go to them for the history of Webster City and Hamilton county. Much will be found justifying the highest praise—little that the severest critic will disapprove.

As a legislator his course was a seemingly quiet one, and yet it made his name well known throughout the state, and, as I verily believe, given him a permanent place in our history. I feel certain that he never gave a vote during the four years that he served in the Iowa house of representatives, which his constituents would not approve today. He did everything for the right as he understood the issues of the time—nothing whatever for the promoting of expediency or in a spirit of mere triviality.

As a neighbor, personal friend and associate I have never known a better man. His character was evenly developed, well-rounded and symmetrical. He was ruled throughout his useful life by a disposition to live uprightly and deal justly and honestly by his fellowmen. Such is my judgment, and such I feel assured is the verdict of all who knew him long and intimately. Not the least remarkable point in his personality was the unbroken patience and resignation with which he endured the weary months of pain and suffering which the highest medical skill and the tender ministrations of his family were alike powerless to assuage.

His solicitude for the comfort and welfare of others was as marked throughout his last long sickness as during his active and robust years. A man is often estimated by the characters who hold him in friendship. Judged by this standard, John D. Hunter was an exceptionally excellent man. We all know that he had "troops of friends" throughout his life, but a short list of those by whom he was especially esteemed will indicate the manner of man he

in all the long years of his editorial and official life, J. D. Hunter was the most important factor in this community, and that he leaves the record of a life of great service to his fellowmen worthy to be remembered and to be preserved in the annals of the history of the past and present generations.

But the best element in the character of J. D. Hunter was developed in his long endurance of pain and suffering. The heroism and fortitude with which he faced the knowledge that his restoration to health was hopeless; his faith and unfaltering trust in the Christian religion; his grateful appreciation of all that his family and friends were doing to relieve and mitigate his suffering, and to comfort him as best they could with loving care, is a memory that will linger with them and leave its good impress upon them during the remainder of their lives.

G. W. CROSLY.
Webster City, March 21.

Eds. Freeman-Tribune:—I desire to pay my humble but heartfelt tribute to the memory of J. D. Hunter. He was my friend. He was not the man to force his counsel upon others, but to those who sought it he responded from a judgment which was invariably sound and from a heart which was truly sympathetic. J. D. Hunter was known among his fellows as a man of generous impulses, but I have often thought that perhaps many of those who were his intimates little realized the numerous kindly deeds which characterized his daily life. Many were the acts of helpfulness which he extended in his unostentatious way and which the recipients will recall with a sense of deepest gratitude as they learn that he has been summoned to his final rest.

As an editor and publisher J. D. Hunter cherished high ideals. He could play his part in the stress and storm of commercial or political life, but it can be safely said that there was never a day when he did not prefer peace to conflict.

As a writer J. D. Hunter possessed the sententious faculty in a marked degree—the power to say much in the fewest words. Under his guidance the Webster City Freeman became an ever welcome visitor at the Hamilton county fireside.

As the shadows of the eventide gathered about him it was his lot to suffer much of pain, but we doubt not that as his feet pressed the waters of that river beyond which lies "the undiscovered country," he

two carloads of fine horses.

Nels Senerson's folks have a new girl baby.

W. W. Loban, who has been under the weather with another threatened attack of pneumonia, is much improved at present.

Miss Helen Robertson closed another very successful term of school at the Center last Wednesday.

Since our last items, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Talcott has about recovered from a very sick spell.

March 20.

Jewell.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson is visiting in Des Moines this week.

J. B. O'Connor is on the sick list this week.

Lulu Jewell, who was taken to the hospital at Webster City last Friday to be operated on for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

The boys here are bagging quite a number of ducks. Most of them are shot at Mud Lake.

Frank Billings left Monday for Carthage, S. D., where he has rented a farm.

Mrs. John Jewell was a Webster City visitor Tuesday.

Oscar Green came up from Des Moines Tuesday noon to attend his father's funeral.

Emery Headley went to Webster City today to attend the funeral of his little nephew, Howard Headley.

Born, March 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Elleston, a baby boy.

Saphm Rasmussen, who was taken to Iowa City last Friday, was operated on today. The operation was successful and he is getting along as well as could be expected.

John and Theodore Tobias of Laverne, are visiting in town this week.

March 20.

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E. E. Woodmansee and son Frank started Friday evening with their car of goods for Turon, Kansas, where they will make their future home. Mrs. W. went to Clarion Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Engle before leaving. They will be missed by their many friends here but all join in wishing them success in their new home.

Mr. Burleson of Webster City held a special cloak and suit sale here Monday.

School closed Friday for a week's vacation.

T. F. Hook of Webster City was in town Saturday looking after business matters.

Miss Eena Hill returned to her

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