

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** BALLINGER, WEBSTER **Senator** _____

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place C. 1842 Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place

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Mary L. Morris 3 Sept 1866 Lee County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership unk

5. Sessions served 11th GA, 1866, HD 1, Lee Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death unk, possibly Colorado

8. Children unk

9. Names of parents Frank Ballinger Sr. (Ky? - Ia. 15 Sept. 1870);
Jane Adams (Ky. 1813 - Iwa. 23 Nov. 1865)

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information According to Lee Co. history of biogs of his two brothers, the father was a drummer boy in War of 1812; then became lawyer in Knox Co. Ky, and was Circuit Judge there for 8 years. Opposed to slavery, he moved to Iowa to find home where that was not present. Had 13 children, 8 surviving infancy. Five sons became lawyers.

One son, William, was lawyer in Keokuk and president of Keo kuk Cammang Cp/ His bio says Webster was at that tme "a leading lawyer in Como, Coloradd).

Webster was sgt in Co. A, 25th Ia. (not member of Ia GAR unit)

father's farms in this township; George E. married Miss Cordelia M. Vogt, and they reside on a portion of the homestead; Arthur married Miss Ida Marsh, and they likewise live on a portion of the home farm; Monroe married Miss Ann Berry, and died in Green Bay Township, Aug. 2, 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are worthy members of the Christian Church, in which our subject has been Elder since the summer of 1848. He was elected Drain Commissioner and served two years, and has also served as Township Supervisor. He was made Justice of the Peace about the year 1852, and has held the office most of the time since. Politically he is an uncompromising Democrat. Mr. Rogers has witnessed many changes in the Hawkeye State during the last forty years, and has contributed his full share toward her advancement and prosperity. He has set a good example of thrift and industry, and is a bright illustration of what can be accomplished by the exercise of resolution and perseverance.



WILLIAM BALLINGER, attorney at law, and President of the Keokuk Canning Works, is also manager of the same and President of the Western Packers' Canned Goods Association. Mr. Ballinger is a native of Kentucky, born in 1844, and the son of Frank and Jane (Adams) Ballinger, also natives of the same State. The former was one of the leading attorneys of that section, and Judge of the Circuit Court for some years. He removed from his native State to Iowa in 1853, and located near Keokuk, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1870. The mother of our subject departed this life in 1866. Of their family of thirteen children, seven are now living, the record of whom is as follows: Frank M., of Lee County, is a prominent and wealthy farmer, and the proprietor of 1,500 acres of land; Webster is a leading attorney of Como, Col.; William lives in Keokuk, Iowa; Jennie B., now Mrs. Rowell, is a resident of Kansas City, Mo.; Madison A. is an attorney of Washington, D. C.; Lucy is in Kansas City; Adams is a prominent railroad attorney, and a resident of Gallatin, Mo.

William Ballinger, of our sketch, during his ear-

lier years lived in Harrodsburg, Ky., afterward removing with his parents to the Hawkeye State, and remaining with them until he was eighteen years of age. He received his primary education in the public schools, and afterward graduated from the college at Lexington, Ky. At the time his studies were completed the late Civil War was in progress, and in 1862 he enlisted in Co. A, 19th Iowa Vol. Inf. He went in as a private, then became a non-commissioned officer, then Lieutenant, and remained in the service three years, participating in all the engagements of his regiment, and enduring with true soldierly fortitude all the vicissitudes of war. He was at the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and at the sieges of Mobile and other important fortifications, and at the close of the war received an honorable discharge.

After his return from the army Mr. Ballinger resumed part of a course of study which had been interrupted thereby, and in addition commenced in earnest the study of law under the instruction of his father, near Keokuk. He was admitted to the bar in 1868, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Keokuk since that time. He was appointed to his present position in 1884, and is the largest stockholder in the concern.

In 1870 Mr. Ballinger was united in marriage with Miss Ellen, daughter of William A. Conn, of Ohio, and of their union have been born four children—Mannie, Ella, Willie and Lees. Mr. B. and his family are established in a pleasant home at No. 223 Morgan street, and their circle of friends and acquaintances embraces the best and most highly cultivated people of the Gate City. In politics Mr. B. is strongly Republican, and socially is a valued member of the G. A. R.

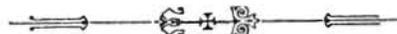


PUBLISKY, of West Point Township, is an important factor among the industrial interests of his community, being a general merchant and broom manufacturer, and is located on the south side of the public square. He established his business at this place in 1872, dealing then mostly in brooms, to which he afterward added general merchandise, and since January, 1886,

numbering twenty-eight. His regiment was finally ordered to join the army of Gen. Sherman, at Chattanooga, whence they marched to Atlanta, and engaged in the siege and capture of that city, Col. Morrison serving on the staff of Gen. E. W. Rice, commander of the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 15th Army Corps.

After his return from the army, Col. Morrison was engaged in buying and selling live-stock, purchasing in the West and shipping to Memphis, Tenn., and in 1865, in partnership with his father and brother, engaged in his present business, at which he has since continued.

Col. Morrison was married, in May, 1868, to Miss Tama, daughter of Stephen D. and Rebecca (Cutler) Espy, of Ft. Madison. Of this union there have been born seven children—Vincent E., William J., Genevieve, Mabel, Maria, Helen and Luella. The Colonel is Republican in politics, and connected with James B. Sample Post, G. A. R.



FRANK M. BALLINGER, a highly esteemed citizen of Montrose Township, occupies a fine farm, located on section 36. The history of his family has been an interesting and varied one. His father, Judge Frank Ballinger, Sr., was a native of Knox County, Ky., who devoted himself to the profession of law, and during his early years practiced in the courts of his native State and became eminent as a jurist. He was a friend of and a co-worker with Cassius M. Clay, who sought to bring about the gradual emancipation of slavery. The life of Judge Ballinger was frequently threatened by the pro-slavery men, because he was fearless in his advocacy of human freedom. Believing that the institution of slavery was wrong within itself, and desiring to educate his children in a locality not subject to or under the influence of slavery, he decided to remove with his family to the State of Iowa. He proceeded westward, crossed the Mississippi, and located in Lee County, Iowa. He possessed large means for that time, and here purchased 2,000 acres of land, situated directly on the banks of the Mississippi, between Keokuk and Montrose. Here, in 1856, he erected a fine man-

sion at a cost of \$13,000, which he occupied with his family the remainder of his life.

Judge Ballinger, when but a lad, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, as a drummer boy. He was bright and ambitious, and even in his earliest years gave promise of the position in life to which he afterward attained. In early manhood he was united in marriage with Miss Jane Adams, a Kentucky lady, who was born in 1813, and was the sympathizer of her husband in all the various pursuits and difficulties of life, and departed this life Nov. 23, 1865. Judge Ballinger survived her but five years, his death occurring Sept. 15, 1870. They were the parents of thirteen children, five of whom died in infancy. The remainder grew to years of maturity, and the record is as follows: John died in infancy; Randolph A. died at the age of twenty-three years; Clay and Jennings died in childhood; Susan lived until about the age of twenty-two, and died at her parents' home in Montrose Township, in 1855 or 1856. The others were Frank M., Webster, Sally, William, Jennie, Madison, Lucy and Adams. Sally became the wife of Isaac Hollingsworth, and is now deceased. For many years Judge Ballinger enjoyed an income of \$10,000 per year from his professional duties. He presided over the Circuit Court for eight years, in Kentucky, and was prominently known as a lawyer of more than ordinary merit throughout that section of the country.

Frank M. Ballinger, the subject of this sketch, was born in Knox County, Ky., June 13, 1839. He remained with his parents until early manhood, receiving careful home training and a good education in select schools, and after coming to this county his father employed a private teacher. He was married, Oct. 5, 1865, to Miss Florence A. Fazio, a lady of Spanish, French and English ancestry, who was born in Washington City, D. C., April 13, 1842. Her parents were Lewis and America (Burch) Fazio, the former a native of Philadelphia, and the latter of Washington City, D. C. The parents of Mrs. B. attended carefully to her education, which was completed in the schools of Washington City, D. C. Their household consisted of three daughters—Florence; Ida, now deceased, was the wife of Maj. J. H. Butler, of the 6th Artillery, U. S.

army; the third was Marion Francis. They were highly cultured people. Mrs. B. is connected with the Episcopal Church, and is highly esteemed in the social circles of the community.

At the age of twenty-two years Frank M. Ballinger, Jr., entered the service of the Government as clerk in the Treasury Department, and occupied this position for the following six years, or until July, 1867. He finally became wearied with the confinement necessitated by his duties, and resolved to seek an occupation which would secure to him more outdoor exercise, and accordingly, following in the footsteps of his father, sought the Western banks of the Father of Waters and made his first location in Jefferson Township. He has been successful in his agricultural pursuits, and in addition to general farming, is giving much attention to the culture of the small fruits and berries, which yields him a fine income. He has always been a prominent man in community. His possessions consist of 665 acres of land, besides the fine mansion which was erected by his lamented father.

The household of Mr. and Mrs. Ballinger has been blest by the birth of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The living are Frank, Miriam, Ida, Webster, America and John.



JOSEPH LOEFFLER, of Keokuk, and junior member of the firm of Andrews & Loeffler, is engaged with his partner in the manufacture of all kinds of machinery, they being proprietors of the Western Foundry and Machine Shops, prominently located on Fourth street, and having their office at No. 225. Mr. Loeffler is a fine representative of that valuable German element which has assisted so materially in the development of the business interests of the Hawkeye State.

Our subject was born in Baden, March 14, 1834, and is the son of William and Luidgard (Wissert) Loeffler, both of German ancestry and nativity. William Loeffler was engaged in his native country as a manufacturer in copper and brass, and was the inventor of the brass fire hand-engine, which became celebrated in his own country, and numbers of which were brought to the United States, he him-

self having sent one to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1848. He remained in his native country during his entire life, and died there in 1878. The wife and mother followed her husband to the better land in 1880. William Loeffler was a man of great energy and industry, and accumulated a large property, being the owner of a valuable foundry and several farms. He and his wife were prominent members of the German Catholic Church. Their household included seven children, of whom Joseph was the eldest. The second child was a son, William, who lives in his native Germany, as also does Wilhelmine, now Mrs. Plank; Annie; Mrs. Brag, is a resident of Auburn, N. Y.; Emily. Mrs. Schmidt, is in Germany; Constantine is engaged with his brother Joseph in the machine-shop, and the youngest child, Mary, still lives in her native land.

Joseph Loeffler received a thorough education in his native land, and after this was completed was engaged in his father's foundry for six years and learned the trade of a coppersmith. At the age of twenty years he resolved to come to the United States, and after a prosperous voyage, landed at New York City, where he remained for six weeks. He then went to Buffalo, and from there to Louisville, Ky., where he spent two months, then proceeded southwest to St. Louis, Mo., where he remained until the following year, then came to Keokuk and engaged in the Pennsylvania Foundry, with which he continued for eleven years. He then went into the Buckeye Foundry, and remained there for eight years, in the meantime accumulating sufficient means to start in business on his own account, erecting the present shop and foundry in 1880, at a cost of \$10,000. The buildings cover an area of four and a half good-sized lots, and the firm employs from ten to fifty-six men. Their manufactures are of first-class description, and compare favorably with anything of the kind in the United States.

Joseph Loeffler and Miss Ellen Hirstein were united in marriage at Ft. Madison, in 1858, and of their union there have been born four children: Amelia; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Frank, of Keokuk; Lena and William A. Mr. L. is independent in politics, and a member of the Knights of Honor. He is a charter member of the Concordia Manner-