

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Durham, David T. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Marion County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Feb 1821 Monroe, Hilda County, Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place

Lucretia M. Evans 16 May 1847

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1870, 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local One of the judges at the first election held in Marion County; county commissioner; first treasurer of the county 2 terms

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 17 Nov 1902 May Township, Marion County Iowa, buried Europe Cemetery, Harvey, Iowa

8. Children J.P.

9. Names of parents David and Nancy (Clemmons) Durham

Darham, David T.

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

- In 1828 he moved with his parents to Morgan County, Ohio where they lived until 1837. They then moved to Madison County, Illinois and spent a year there. In May 1838 they came to Iowa living in Jefferson and Hartland counties.
- They then lived in English River Township in Marion County, Iowa.
- He was the first permanent white settler in Marion County.
- His wife, Lucretia, died 13 Sept 1892.



# BEST SETTLER DEAD

## Monroe County's First Permanent White Settler Passes Away.

### DAVID T. DURHAM DEAD

at His Home in Clay Township Monday  
Ev. 17, Aged 81 Years, 3 Months and  
21 Days—Other Deaths of the  
Week.

David T. Durham who died at his home in Clay township two miles north of Durham station on Monday Ev. 17, 1902, after an illness of about two weeks' duration, had reached an advanced age of 81 years, 3 months and 21 days.

He was a son of David and Nancy Durham and was born in Monroe, Maine, on Feb. 26, 1821.

In 1828, when young David was between 7 and 8 years of age, his family removed to Morgan county, Ohio, where they resided for about 9 years, or until 1837, when they continued their westward journey to McLean county, Ill., and spent a year there. In May 1838, when David was a few months old, the family removed to Iowa.

Iowa became an organized territory, separate and independent from Wisconsin, the Durham family crossed the river into what is now the beautiful "Hawkeye State."

During the five years following the date given in the foregoing, the subject of this sketch was a citizen of Monroe and Van Buren counties.

On April 28, 1843, more than two years before Marion county was organized, David T. Durham landed in what was afterwards known as English river township, about ten miles east of Knoxville. At the Old

Mill and had in the public square on Oct. 8, of this year, Mr.

ing or who has died in recent years. He was one of the judges at the first election ever held in the county and at that same election was chosen as one of the three county commissioners, which corresponded to our present board of supervisors. Later he was elected first treasurer of the county and served two terms. From that time forward he was prominent in everything that was to the interests and welfare of the county. He represented the county in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies of the state legislature and held many other offices of trust and responsibility. A person writing of him, 21 years ago, said: "He has contributed largely to the development of his community, intellectually as well as morally, being largely endowed with the true principles of industry, integrity and benevolence." David T. Durham lived those principles as well during the past 21 years as he did the 60 which had past over his head before the writer of the sentence quoted met him, and rounded out and finished his useful career on the date given in the opening.

Mr. Durham's church work began about 1844, under the labors of the Rev. Benj. Neu. At that time he gave his heart to God and united with the first Methodist church organization in the county. He was a faithful member of that denomination until the time of his death. He was truly a "Father in Israel," having served the church as class leader, Sunday school superintendent, steward, etc., for over 59 years. He was recording steward and class leader of his church at time of his death. He resided in this county continuously from 1843 until the time of his death, except 2 years 1849-1851, which were spent in California.

Mrs. David T. Durham's maiden name was Lucretia E. Evans. They were united in marriage on May 16, 1847. She died Sept. 13, 1892. They were the parents of 10 children, five sons and five daughters. Seven of

the family removed to Jefferson field. About 6 years after the breaking out of the Civil War the family removed to Knoxville, which had been the home of his death.

Soon after the death of his wife, Knoxville citizens, he was yet a mere lad, he enlisted in his country and fought in the rebellion. He was a man of age and valor as many years his life by his companions that he could never on account of his. He overcame that by being a pair of his highest heels old life he learned the and when his father became the head of a family of which to a father. Three of his children died in the grove. Later John and George became well known and prominent. Jones & George was a member of the Grand Lodge No. 90, I. O. O. F. as throughout the of fraternal ties. His many friends tried to try for the position, which he could not be elected. It was time that he was working, walking from to the other carrying heavy books, that his health was gradually giving way. He died himself in extreme weariness. He left a wife and sister that it was him that he could not be elected. He was a frail frame for a country boy. He

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It is out of the question to write an obituary of one whose life has been so closely identified with the county from before the time of its organization until the present, without making it more or less historical. Durham contributed more largely perhaps to the development of Marion county than any man now living.

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Mrs. David T. Durham's maiden name was Lucretia E. Evans. They were united in marriage on May 16, 1847. She died Sept. 13, 1892. They were the parents of 19 children, five sons and five daughters. Seven of the ten children are still living.

The funeral services were held at his late home at 2 p. m., Tuesday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. Hughes. Interment in Eureka cemetery.

UNGLES.

Died, at his home in this city, of liver troubles and complications on Friday November 14, 1892, George Williams Ungles, aged 54 years, 11 months and 25 days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Ungles and was born at Belleville, Indiana, on November 19, 1847. In 1856, when George was a boy only 11 years old,

by his companion that he could not on account of ill health he overcame this by using a pair of the highest heels of life he learned this and when his father became the head of the members of which to a father. Then after the death of his brother, he was elected in the grade. Later John and George became well known among the Ungles. Jones, George was a member of Lodge No. 90, I. O. O. F. host of friends in as throughout the of fraternal ties his many friends to try for the position, which he was elected. At the time that he was working, walking to the other end of heavy books, his health was showing symptoms of themselves in extreme weariness. He and sister that told him that he could not during the night his frail frame for coming day. He traded a portfolio during the spiritually failed in and took to bed on the 13. From known that friend of all friendship and the little family faithfully looks years, was doing time forward death, 2 months gradually grew came. George but spent his

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**Counties Must Pay.**  
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s insane fund

**Is This "P. Henry?"**  
Oskaloosa Herald.  
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usquet, of Knoxville, who was  
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ublican state convention for  
the supreme court, is an ap-  
for the deputyship. It would  
a fine and a deserved compli-  
Mr Bousquet to honor him in  
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**Wentz Needed It.**  
Bussey Banner.  
EXPRESS thinks the Reporter  
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and Mrs. Dawson had become mem-  
bers of the Church of Christ, and they  
were both "faithful unto death" They  
were "beirs together of the grace of  
life." Their faith never wavered. Mrs  
Dawson passed over to the "better  
country" November 24, 1889.

In his youth Mr. Dawson had but  
scant opportunity to gain an education,  
but he was through life a diligent  
reader and an exceptionally well-posted  
man. He was an untiring reader of  
the bible. During his Christian life of  
sixty-two years he was true to the good  
confession which he confessed before  
many witnesses in his young manhood.  
He was honest, quiet, peaceful, kind  
and helpful. He enjoyed the confidence  
of all who knew him

The funeral services were held at his  
old home on Sunday, Nov. 16. The  
sermon was preached by Allen Hickey,  
who had been his intimate friend for  
many years. The body was laid to  
rest in the beautiful cemetery west of  
Knoxville A. H.

We wish to extend our heart-felt  
thanks to the friends and neighbors  
for their kindness and sympathy to us  
during the long illness and death of  
our dear father. Mr and Mrs. E. S.  
Stone, Mr and Mrs. J. M. Gillaspie,  
Mr and Mrs. Wm. T. Dawson, Mrs.  
Emma Jackson.

**David T. Durham.**

Died, at his home in Clay township,  
after a short illness, Monday, Nov. 17,  
David T. Durham, aged 81 years, 9  
months and 11 days.

Deceased was a man worthy special  
notice in the history of his community  
and county. He was born in Waldo  
county, Maine, Feb 26, 1821. When he  
was eight years of age he removed with  
his parents to Morgan county, Ohio,  
where they remained one year, remov-  
ing to Illinois for a year, and finally to  
Jefferson county, Iowa, in May, 1838.  
Remaining there a few years, they  
came to Marion county in April, 1843,  
and located at what came to be known  
as "Durham's ferry." His wife was  
Miss L... .. E. Evans; she died in  
1892. Of their ten children, seven sur-  
vive both parents.

Mr Durham was one of the earliest  
settlers of this county, and all his life  
was identified with the growth and up-  
building of the community.

The funeral was held yesterday at 2  
o'clock at the home; interment in Eureka  
cemetery.

**George F. Ungles.**

Died at his home in Knoxville, Fri-  
day Nov. 17, George F. Ungles, aged  
54 years, 11 months and 6 days

Deceased was an old resident in  
Knoxville, well known to nearly

young, a student in Central university,  
when the war broke out. He enlisted  
in the Thirty-third Iowa, and served  
for three years. A brother served in  
the union forces for three years, and  
another brother for five. Mr.  
Bousquet's son, Cutts, who enlisted in  
1897, served in the first United States  
Cavalry at San Juan and in the march  
from Tein Tsin to Peking.

Mr. Bousquet, after the war, became  
clerk of the Marion county court. He  
was admitted to the bar, and became  
assistant cashier of the Pella National  
bank. Here he served until 1884. He  
then engaged in general merchandising  
with A. B. Culver at Knoxville. Their  
stores were destroyed by fire a few  
years ago.

Twenty years ago this summer Mr  
Bousquet was a candidate for the  
nomination for clerk of the supreme  
court before the republican state con-  
vention. G. B. Pray and C. T. Jones  
were candidates also. Mr. Pray was  
nominated and elected. Mr. Jones  
was made deputy clerk. Mr. Pray  
served for twelve years. Mr. Jones  
was then nominated without serious  
opposition and served for eight years.  
This year Mr. Bousquet was again a  
candidate, as was Mr Jones, and Mr.  
Crockett was nominated

**A STRONG ENDORSEMENT.**

**Director of Music at Simpson College  
Says the Schiller Piano Leads All.**

The testimony of the director of a  
conservatory of music ought to have  
some weight when it comes to buying  
a piano. Read what F. E. Barrows,  
director of the conservatory of music  
at Simpson College, Indianola, says  
about the Schiller:

Indianola, Iowa, June 4, 1901.  
Mr. Geo. W. Irvin, Knoxville, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—In reply to yours will say  
we have used the Schiller pianos here  
for several years, along with nine or  
ten other makes of pianos. The Schil-  
lers have stood the wear and tear of  
heavy work so well, have held their  
tone and the touch has proven so  
satisfactory that last month, when  
we were about to supply our new build-  
ing with new pianos, we bought only  
Schillers and ordered a car load and  
more at one time, of them. They are  
beauties and we are well pleased.

F. E. BARROWS,  
Director.

This is the highest possible testimo-  
nial as to the worth and value of the  
Schiller. They are for sale only by  
Geo. W. Irvin, in Knoxville. Be sure  
and see him before deciding to buy  
any special make of piano.

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Pardon us while we  
toot our own bagpipes.

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- *ID:* I106993100
- *Name:* David T. DURHAM
- *Given Name:* David T.
- *Surname:* Durham
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 26 Feb 1821 in Monroe Maine
- *Change Date:* 12 May 2002

*Father:* [David DURHAM](#) b: 1792 in Waldo Co. Belfast Maine

*Mother:* Nancy CLEMMENS

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