

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Elsworth, Lawrence Elitch Senator _____

Represented Mahaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 June 1823 Guernsey County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Ogilby Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Physician; minister; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 14th General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Nov 1911 Murray Township, Mahaska County, Iowa; buried Hyman Cemetery

8. Children 12 children, a daughter deceased near Okato, Iowa

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education His early education was in Middletown, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- In his teens he took up the study of medicine (the old way) by reading with an experienced practitioner. Soon he established himself in a good practice in Ohio.
- While in young manhood he joined the Methodist Episcopal church. The congregation recognized his gift and licensed him as a local preacher.
- His wife, Mary, died around 1891.
- In 1864 he brought his family to Iowa, found a farm in Monroe Township of Mahaska County where he died 47 years later.
- He eventually became a physician in the northeast part of Mahaska County.
- He also served the church as a minister when the pulpit was vacant.
- Once he grew weary of the work of a country doctor and instead went on a church circuit. But after a year he realized there was a great need for medical services, so he returned to his practice until advancing years caused him to retire.
- He could not enlist in the military during the Civil War because of a physical disability.
- His twin brother who stayed in Ohio also pursued medicine, the ministry, farming and the Ohio legislature.

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Poak and David Harris, of Sweet
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old family home, and two sisters,
Mrs. David Herron of Slater, Missouri,
and Mrs. George Alger, of Sweet
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of the entire community in their
bereavement and messages and ex-
pressions of condolence have reached
them from friends far and near. Nu-
merous floral offerings were acknowl-
edged and the kindly thought of
neighbors was manifest in many ways.
Mrs. Martin was a good woman, un-
assuming and of a quiet, retiring dis-
position, yet a power of ability and a
force in action, when she might be of
benefit to neighbor or friend in times
of need or distress. She lived for her
home and her family, to whom she
leaves the memory of a model mother.

ELLSWORTH.—Dr. Lauren Fletcher
Ellsworth was born in Guernsey
county, Ohio, June 7, 1823, and died
at his residence in Monroe township,
Mahaska county, Iowa, November 16,
1911, aged eighty-eight years, four
months and twenty-seven days. His
early education was made in Middle-
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Dr. Ellsworth was the father of
twelve children, all of whom survive
him, except a married daughter, who
died some years ago. And excepting
a son, living in Oklahoma, the living
children were all present at the bu-
rial. The roster of the family also in-
cludes about sixty grandchildren and
ten great-grandchildren. The funeral
occurred Thursday, the 9th, and by
request of the family was conducted
by Rev. E. H. Waring, of this city.
After a short prayer service at the
home the body was taken to the Wy-
more church, where the formal ser-
vice was held and interment made in
the Wymore cemetery. The speaker
called attention to the account of the
death of Abraham, in Gen. 25:7-11, as
appropriate to the occasion. "The
days of the years of Abraham's life
which he lived, an hundred three
score and fifteen years. Then Abra-
ham gave up the ghost and died in a
good old age,—an old man and full of
years, and was gathered to his peo-
ple. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael
buried him in the cave of Machpelah.
The field which Abraham bought of
the sons of Neth, there was Abraham
buried with Sarah, his wife. Dr. Ells-
worth, like Abraham, was a pioneer
and a patriarch. He, too, according
to the current measure of human
life, died at a good old age, an old
man, having survived more than
eighteen years the assigned general
limit of human existence. Abraham
was not the father of the twelve
founders of the Israelitish nation,
but he was their progenitor. Our
friend had a family of twelve sons
and daughters. And of these, not two
but ten, were present at his burial.
Like the patriarch he was also a
preacher of righteousness, and his
body rests beside that of his depart-
ed wife. The interment was in the
Wymore cemetery. Quite a number
of the friends and neighbors gathered
for the occasion, to satisfy their re-
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JEFFERSON.

W. H. Frye has his new home almost completed.
 Mrs. Mary A. Reid has gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Morgan, of Des Moines, after a visit of five weeks in this vicinity.
 A large crowd attended the sale of Frank Vance and Oliver Winegardner Wednesday.
 Leon Baxter and family have moved into the house vacated by Frank Vance.
 There will be a box supper at the Riverside church Wednesday evening Nov. 22, for the benefit of the Riverside Grange. Everyone cordially invited.
 F. R. Grey had a public sale on Thursday.
 A social dance was given at the Arthur Covey home Wednesday evening. A large crowd attended and all report a jolly time.
 Nov. 18. Snap Dragon.

Advantage of Advancing Years.
 One of the advantages of becoming old is that one becomes indifferent to hatred, insult, and calumny, while one's capacity for friendship and good will are increased.—Bismarck.