

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Smith
Elisha Todd - Represented Decatur, Ringgold and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 May 1826 Belmont County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
Lydia Clendenon 27 Dec 1848 Barnesville, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Bedford Bank, Bedford, Iowa; established the Taylor County Bank in 1870 (also known as Bedford Bank)

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Luther

5. Sessions served 14th, 15th General Assemblies 1872, 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local Taylor County clerk 1859-1871; clerk of the district court in Stephenson County, Iowa; Justice of the Peace in Tabor

B. State _____

C. National He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1868 at Philadelphia

7. Death 18 June 1916 Liberty, Marion County, Oregon; Buried City View Cemetery, Salem, Oregon

8. Children Annie (Mrs. D. B. Kilian); Rebecca T.; Willie T.; Nellie May (Mrs. David M. Smith); Ella; Sarah

9. Names of parents William and Rebecca V. (Todd) Smith

10. Education He was educated in the common schools and at Friends
High School at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was born in Ohio, but spent the greater part of his life in Iowa at
Bellevue, Iowa in Taylor County probably from around 1854. He was known from
there to be prominent in civic and political life.
- He moved to Oregon in 1892 and lived at Independence, Selma and Portland
and for the 14 years before his death he lived at Liberty, Oregon.
- The Civil War broke out while he was living in Iowa, but he
espoused the Union cause and did not take part in the war.
- He spent one year in Mexico, where he engaged in mining. He then
located in Stephen County, Iowa where he was appointed clerk of the
district clerk for 6 years.
- He then later moved to Gilman Springs, Arkansas where he was
Justice of the Peace in this Township.
- He first settled in Warren County, Iowa in April 1853. He built a home which
was destroyed by fire and replaced it.
- He moved to Taylor County probably in spring 1857 and once again the home
was destroyed by fire.
- He was chiefly responsible for obtaining the Creation Board of the
Badington and Missouri River Railroad to this area.

...ment was made in the Bedford cemetery. Nancy Edith Patch was born in Union county, Ohio, August 10, 1889. She united with the Church of Christ when she was sixteen years of age and remained a faithful member until her death. She was united in marriage September 25, 1907, to Charles John. To this union were born three children, who with the husband survive. They are Opal Pauline, Bernice Mae and Harley Clark. She is also survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Patch, six sisters and two brothers, all of whom were present at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Welch, accompanied by their son George and Miss Grace Palmer, started Wednesday morning to drive to Rockwell City, where Chester Welch is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. Thursday they go to Sheldon, Iowa, to attend the wedding of their son Edith to Miss Grace Richards.

Mrs. Lorimer, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Garmon, stopped a short time here Monday, while on their way from a visit with relatives in Maryville to their home in Lorimer. Mrs. Lorimer is a sister of Mrs. G. C. Acker and visited here several times during the residence of Mrs. Acker in Bedford.

... for the purpose is vexatious and throws the burden on a few people. The plan adopted by the Baptist was an admirable one. Sixteen cars, each carrying two solicitors started out, each car having its route mapped out beforehand. Not all of the members were seen, as some were away, but the work was practically all done in the one afternoon, and pledges secured almost sufficient to cover the expenses of another year.

ONCE PROMINENT BEDFORD MAN DEAD

E. T. Smith Had Been Clerk of Courts and Bank President.

SMITH—At his home in the Liberty district, June 18, 1916, Elisha T. Smith, in his 90th year.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the home near Liberty.

Services were conducted by the Rev. T. B. Ford and burial was in the City View cemetery.

He is survived by three daughters, all living near Liberty: Miss R. T. Smith, Miss Ella Smith and Mrs. J. D. Mann.

Mr. Smith was born in Ohio but spent the greater part of his life at Bedford, Iowa, where he became prominent in civic and political life.

... under the street Maude Nelson and made progress according to her. They had received a good school education in their own country but though they had been in the United States a little more than they had been among Greek little opportunity to learn the language of their adopted country.

Panorama of Ames Campus
The large panoramic picture of the campus and buildings of Ames college at Ames will be on exhibition and will be on exhibition for ten days. The picture is a graph and is said to be the best ever made. It has been a wonderful piece of work.

The picture is sixteen feet high and four feet wide and shows the buildings and grounds very clear. It should be mentioned, however, that the picture was made years ago and there are some buildings since then. If the picture will be displayed in the Lake Hardware window, it is not secured some other place will be found.

Mrs. E. E. Bradley and family are spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. ... in Folk township.

W. WOODBURN GOES TO REWARD

MSTEAD IN TAYLOR CO. IN 1856

Almost a nonogenarian—at one
Time Practised in Courts at
Washington, D. C.

William Woodburn died at the
age of his nephew, John Hanna, in
city Tuesday evening. A funeral
service will be held in Gravity and
remains sent to his old home at
bridge, Ohio for interment.

Woodburn was almost 90 years old
for any years lived on his 240 acre
farm in Grove township. 200 acres
of this land he secured by patent
from the government about the year
1856, the other 40 acres he purchased
at the time of his taking the land he
owned in Washington City, where for
many years he practiced before the
United States court of claims.

Woodburn was unmarried and lived alone
either alone or with some tenant who
cultivated the land. The only relatives
left are John and William Hanna,
brothers, Mrs. Borden and Mrs.
Sharp, near Sharps. For the past few
years he has been in poor health and
the last cent years has been almost totally
blind. He has been lately at the John
Hanna home, where he died.

On Wednesday two wills were brought
to the clerk of the courts for filing.
The first was executed Oct. 29, 1913, and
the second Feb. 8, 1916. In the former
instrument the property was divided in
four parts, one fourth to the heirs

brother, Alexander Woodburn,
one fourth to the heirs of Hugh
Woodburn and the other two shares

He came to Oregon in 1892 and lived
in Portland, Salem and Independence.
For the past 14 years he made his
home near Liberty.

The above clipping, handed The
Times-Republican by Hon. James P.
Flick deals with the passing of a man
closely associated with the early his-
tory of the county soon after its or-
ganization in 1851, to the latter part
of the seventies.

He was elected county clerk in 1859
but his time of service after this elec-
tion is uncertain as there is no record
of election in the county until 1866.
The record shows that he was elected
again in 1867 and served until 1871.
He was also associated with other of-
fices of the county at different times.

Some time after the war the Bed-
ford Bank was organized with E. T.
Smith as president, in which capacity
he continued until the failure of the
bank in 1877 or 1878. The bank in
the mean time had been made a na-
tional bank and was considered one of
the soundest financial institutions of
the state.

SISTER TOWN WILL COME HERE IN FORCE

Eli Wilt Speaks for Lenox and Says,
"Expect 500."

Eli Wilt of Platte township, a
member of our board of supervisors,
was in town yesterday and in speaking
of the delegation that attended the
unveiling services at Lenox said, "We
certainly appreciate the spirit shown
by the Bedford people, and the Lenox
residents are going to return the
compliment by attending the celebra-
tion in force. If the weather is per-
missable you can expect five hundred
from Lenox and vicinity."

The spirit of friendliness created
this week between the two towns is

LAST CALL FOR THE FOUR

BEDFORD IS READY FOR HER BIGGEST DAY

So Many Numbers on Program
Committee Finds Difficulty
Making it Out.

This being our last issue of
the Fourth, we wish once more to
press upon our readers the im-
portance of the celebration. The Bu-
dapest Men's association, by tireless
effort and pulling together, has managed
to put on one of the best programs
seen in this part of the county.
Many features being staged, the
committees found difficulty in
finding time for all the events. Some-
times doing every minute of the day is
guaranteed and shown by the program.

To accommodate the large
crowd that will be here, the residents
are expected to aid the association
inasmuch as possible, as the celebra-
tion is not for the benefit of a few
but for the entire town. If our
visitors can leave Bedford in the evening
with a kindly feeling, our city will
lack for crowds when other
entertainments are given.

We have already written so
many articles about the big day, that
it is hard for us to print new material
that will be interesting, so we
cut it short by extending to one
of all of our readers a hearty invita-
tion to be with us on the Fourth.

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gree, where we leave him, believing that in all proper places he will prove himself worthy, and well qualified.

ELISHA T. SMITH.

STATE SENATOR.

Elisha T. Smith is of Welsh descent, his ancestors having emigrated from that country to Virginia shortly after the first white settlement in that State. His grandfather, Thomas Smith, and his father, William Smith, were born in Virginia. The family left Virginia and emigrated to Ohio when that State first began to attract settlers to its broad and fertile acres. They selected for their location, a spot near Barnesville, in the county of Belmont, where Elisha T. was born. His paternal grandmother was of the old St. Clair family, whose name figures conspicuously in American history, and who lived to be over one hundred years old.

As already stated, his immediate predecessor was a Virginian by birth, but came to Ohio with his parents when quite young. His mother was of the Todd family, a name to be found among the early settlers of Georgia. His father married in Ohio, and being engaged in mercantile business, the youthful occupation of Elisha T. was given more to out door and field amusements than to anything else.

Senator E. T. Smith first saw the light of the world in May, 1828, and consequently is now in the forty-fourth year of his age, being the eldest in a family of several children. When about sixteen years of age, his father died, leaving the family in somewhat straightened circumstances—having failed in business some time previous to his death. It then became the duty of young Smith to provide for his widowed mother and his younger brothers and sisters who were unable to provide for themselves; to which work he applied himself diligently and industriously, and had the good fortune to meet with admirable success.

It will be seen that his means for receiving an education during the early portion of his life was rather limited, but having a thirst for knowledge, at the age of twenty-

one, succeeded in being admitted as a student in Mt. Pleasant College, Jefferson county, Ohio, being obliged to sell a horse that his father had given him as a present, when a colt, in order to defray the expenses of his tuition.

In December, 1849, he married Miss Lydia Clendennon, in Barnesville, Belmont county, Ohio, and as a result of this marriage, has now five children, all daughters.

Following the Star of Empire westward, he emigrated to Iowa, in April, 1853, and settled upon a farm in Warren county. Here he met with a great misfortune, having been completely burned out in the winter of 1854-5, but being possessed with that true courage so requisite to contend against the ups and downs of western life, he immediately set to work and replaced the home he had lost by the fire. In the spring of 1857, he changed his location by moving to Taylor county, where he opened a new farm, on which he had erected a very fine house. Just as he had his farm all fenced and everything fixed up to make life comfortable, again he was pursued and overtaken by the fiery demon and once more all his worldly goods perished in the flames. By perseverance, good management, and industry he again succeeded in overcoming this great misfortune, and during the war, although not in the army, had so far recovered from his loss as to donate largely, in money and goods, for the benefit of the needy wives and mothers whose sons and husbands were fighting for the glory of our flag, the honor of our country and the perpetuation of the Union.

Although a southerner by birth and parentage, Senator Smith has always been a thorough and steadfast republican in politics, and strong in the principles of anti-slavery. In 1858 he was elected clerk of the District Court of Taylor county, which position he held for twelve consecutive years, having been elected to the position six times in succession. In 1870 he established the Taylor County Bank, of which he is now President. In all enterprises for the public good he has always took an active part, and was

chiefly instrumental in obtaining to his section of country the Creston branch of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad of which he graded fifteen miles under contract.

Officially, he has not been extensively in public life. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention where he supported the nomination of Grant and Colfax. As a further mark of the great confidence the people repose in him, he was elected by a popular vote of the citizens of the Seventh Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Taylor, Ringgold and Decatur to represent them, and look after their interests in the 14th General Assembly of the State of Iowa, for the period of four years commencing on the 1st of January, 1872.

Mr. Smith is a Quaker by religion, is six feet two and a half inches in height, weighs one hundred and sixty pounds, and is of a sandy complexion, having deep sandy hair and grey eyes. Such is a brief biographical sketch of Senator E. T. Smith.

JOHN PATTERSON WEST.

STATE SENATOR.

J. P. West is a native of Newtown Hamilton, County of Armagh, Ireland, where he was born February 9th, 1825. He is the youngest in a family of seven children. At the age of three years he was taken by his father to America. They settled in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where they resided for six years and in 1834, moved to Trumbull county, Ohio. During these years of minority he labored upon his father's farm, clearing land and other arduous toll, usual in making a farm in a new country, covered with a dense growth of heavy timber. His education was limited to the common schools, with the exception of six months in an academy, in Southington, Ohio. In 1848 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Harshman, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, but for a short time a resident of Ohio. From this union there has been a family of eleven children; eight

State of Iowa

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

Des Moines, Nov. 8th, 1871.

Hon. _____

Iowa.

DEAR SIR:

It has been the custom of each House, at the commencement of every session of the General Assembly, to cause to be prepared and published, a table, showing certain statistics in connection with the names of the members thereof. This is usually done in much haste, hence is frequently incorrect; especially in the orthography of names. In order to prevent errors of this kind, and to have the table in print at the commencement of the session, I transmit you this circular, with a request that you will fill up the blanks found below, and return to this office as soon as practical. You will please give the first name in full, and write plainly.

Name..... *E. J. Swarth* *Elisha T. Swarth*
P. O. Address..... *Bedford*
County..... *Taylor*
Occupation..... *Banker*
Nativity..... *Ohio*
Married or Single..... *Married*
Religion..... *Deist*
If in the Service; regiment and rank.....
Years in Iowa..... *18*
Age..... *44*
Weight..... *150 lbs*

I send herewith a copy of the rules of last Session of the General Assembly, in which you will see the table above referred to.

Yours truly,

ED WRIGHT,

SECRETARY OF STATE.



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- **Name:** Elisha T Smith
- **Surname:** Smith
- **Given Name:** Elisha T
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 14 May 1826 in Ohio ^{1 2}
- **_UID:** B0A3E24A7F11364499967ABE8C8F5E0B74F2
- **Event:** Lived 1854 Warren County, Iowa ^{3 2}
- **Census:** 16 Jul 1850 Warren Township, Belmont County, Ohio ²
- **Census:** 1880 Precinct 1, Stephens County, Texas ^{2 2}
- **Change Date:** 13 Dec 2003 at 00:00:00



Ancestry Hints for Elisha T Smith



3 possible matches found on Ancestry.com

Father: [William Smith](#) b: ABT 1800

Mother: [Rebecca L Todd](#) b: 9 Jun 1800 in Georgia

Marriage 1 [Lydia Clendenon](#) b: 18 Dec 1828 in Ohio

- **Married:** 27 Dec 1848 in Stillwater Meeting, Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio ^{4 2}

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- ID: I6099
- Reference Number: 6099
- Name: Elisha Todd Smith ¹
- Sex: M
- Change Date: 24 MAR 2007
- Note:

According to the records of Stillwater Meeting, Belmont County, Ohio, Elisha, Lydia, Amy, and Rebecca Smith transferred their membership to Three Rivers Meeting, Iowa, on 22 Jul 1854.

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- Birth: 14 MAY 1826 in Ohio, ^{2 1}
- Event: Lived 1854 Iowa, ^{3 1}
- Census: 16 JUL 1850 Warren Township, Ohio, ¹
- Census: 1880 Precinct 1, Texas, ¹
- Note:

Capt. E. T. Smith was born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1830, and is a son [p.894] of William and Rebecca (Todd) Smith, who were born in Virginia, in 1798, and Georgia, in 1800. The former was educated in the schools of his native State, and when a young man removed with his parents to Ohio, where he met and married Miss Todd, who had removed to that State when she was a child. Mr. Smith first followed the occupation of farming and then engaged in merchandising, and died in the State of his adoption in 1846. His widow afterward married a Mr. Pierson, who is now deceased, and died in 1875. By Mr. Smith she became the mother of eight

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children:

Thomas, Sabilla (wife of Dr. A. Atkinson), Elisha Todd, Asenath (deceased), Hannah (wife of Elisha Smith), Elwood, William (deceased) and Stephen. Elisha T. Smith, the subject of this biography, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and at the Friends' High-school at Mount Pleasant, Ohio. He was married to Miss Lydia Clendenon, who was born in Ohio in 1832. Her father was born in the "Keystone" State and her mother in Georgia. She also attended the Friends' High-school, and by Mr. Smith became the mother of five children: Annie (wife of O. B. Wilson), Rebecca T., Willie (wife of J. D. Mann) and Nettie May (wife of David M. Smith). Ella, the fourth child, is living at home, Mr. Smith was living in Iowa when the war broke out, and he espoused the Union cause, but did not take an active part in the war. In 1858 he was elected clerk of the district court in Iowa, and served in that capacity twelve years, and was then elected to the State senate for four years. After spending one year in the Republic of Mexico, engaged in mining, he located in Stephens County, Texas, and was appointed clerk of the district court, by Judge Fleming, for six years, but before his last term had expired he came to Siloam Springs, Ark., and here has since resided. He is a Republican in politics, and is justice of the peace of Hico Township. He was nominated as a candidate for representative on the Republican ticket in 1888, but declined the nomination. He is interested in the mining lands located in Washington County, Ark., being a member of the Northwestern Arkansas Mining and Smelting Company. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the K. of P. ⁴

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Mother: [Rebecca L. Todd](#) b: 09 JUN 1800 in Georgia,

Marriage 1 [Lydia Clendenon](#) b: 18 DEC 1828 in Ohio,

- **Married:** 27 DEC 1848 in Barnesville, Ohio, ^{5 1}

Children

1. Sarah Smith
2.  Amy Smith b: 16 SEP 1849
3. Rebecca T. Smith b: 16 SEP 1851
4. Willie T Smith b: ABT 1854 in Ohio,
5. Ella Smith b: ABT 1862 in Ohio,
6.  Nettie Smith b: ABT 1866 in Iowa,

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