

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stedman, Eli Madison Senator _____

Represented Benton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Mar 1838 Chester, Meigs County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Eva A. Noble 29 Dec 1859 Vinton, Iowa
② Johi McLaughlin 15 Dec 1865 Vinton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a deputy United States Marshall by 1878

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Secret Service agent; dry goods and grocery business man; trustee for bankruptcy cases; mill bookkeeper; teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National Appointed special agent of the U. S. Treasury Department for many years

7. Death 5 Nov 1907 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children E. A.; G. M.; Effie; Mrs. Kostaslatky

9. Names of parents Elihu Higley and Adeline (Elliott) Stedman

10. Education He was educated in district and select schools until 1853 until he went to college

11. Degrees He started to study at Marietta College, but he dropped out because of mother's death; he later attended Ohio University at Athens, Ohio until fall 1854

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was a secret service agent from 1876-1892
- For several years, he maintained an office with S. J. Elbridge, a referee in bankruptcy and was the receiver appointed by the court in settlement of many bankrupt estates
- He came to Uniontown, Iowa in the later 1850's with his father from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- For a long while he was a senior member of the Stedman Brothers dry goods and grocery firm
- While in the secret service he moved to Des Moines
- He taught school for a short time in Maize County, Ohio
- When he moved to Benton County, Iowa he worked in general merchandising

WHEAT RATES HAVE COME DOWN ON THE COMMISSION

Shipper No Longer to Enjoy
Unfair Competition Occasioned
by Interstate Rates Now in Force.

LIABILITY OF LAW NO LONGER A DEFENSE.

Western Trunk Lines Rules Will
Prevail in the Future Where
They Will Be of Advantage
to the Shipper as a Result of Ruling.

The Iowa manufacturer and shipper is
at his chance. The state railway
on this morning agreed to modify
its freight rate schedule in such a
manner that the man from Chicago cannot
ship his goods into Iowa at less cost than the
local manufacturer.

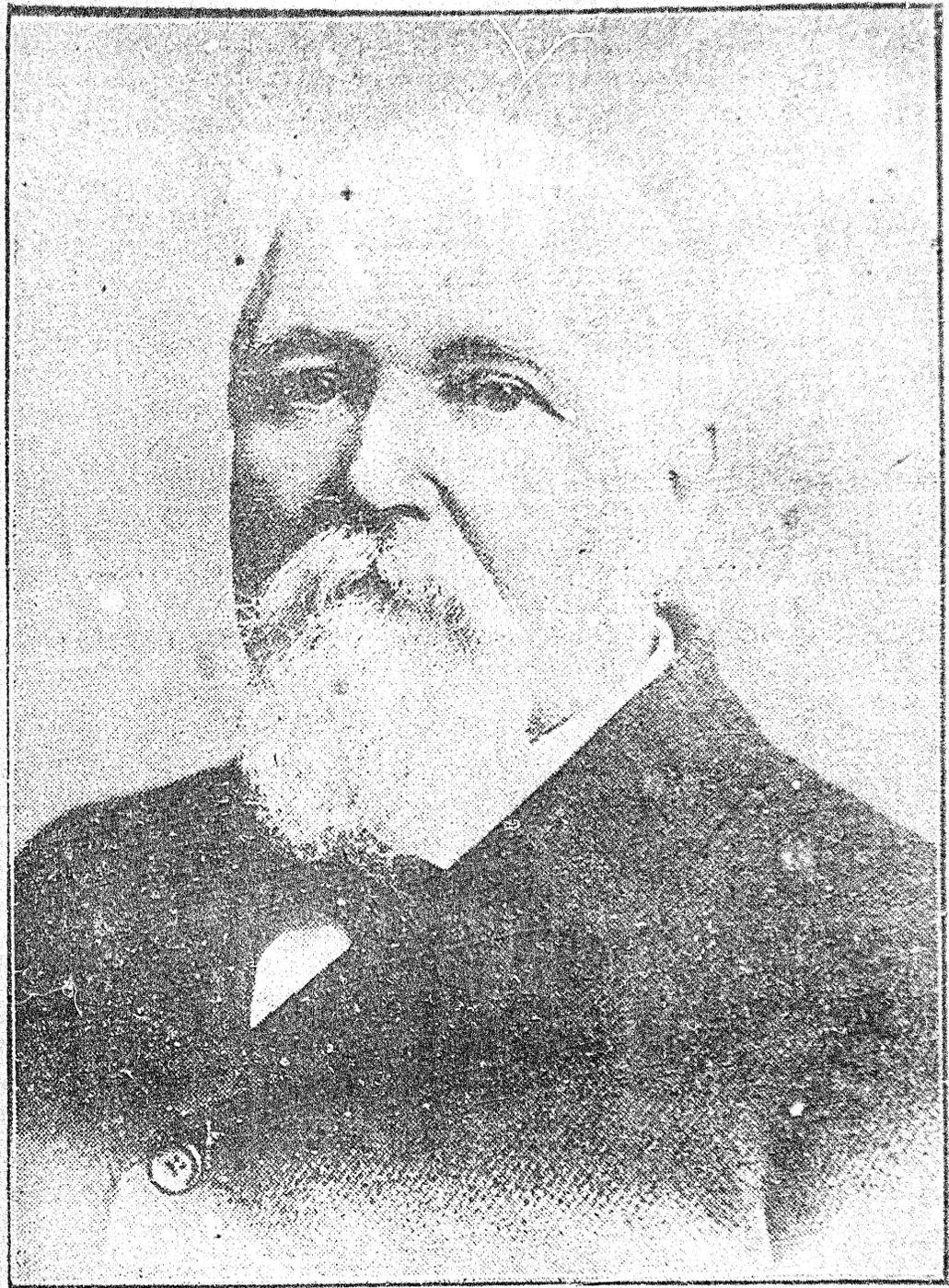
The rates are coming down. The
board just concluded yesterday on
the part of the trunk lines, is the result
of a multiplicity of facts which
prevail under peculiar conditions. Fifteen or
twenty representatives of railroads oper-
ating in Iowa appeared before the board,
and their defense has apparently availed

The ruling made today and officially
announced will be Greek to the average
shipper, but it means quite a lot to the
manufacturer and live stock shipper—and
to the railroads. It is as follows:

In cases where the application of
western trunk lines rules circulation
with amendments and subsequent
rulings would make a lower rate on ship-
ment of any commodity locally within
the state of advantage to shippers in
such local shipments, then such
western trunk lines rules will govern on
all shipments locally within the state of

In other words, western trunk lines
rules will prevail where it will be of ad-
vantage to the Iowa man. For instance,
the rate in Iowa on a certain com-
modity of a certain class of freight is higher than
that provided by interstate commerce
commission rates. The interstate commerce
commission has ordered that the lat-

E. M. STEDMAN SUCCUMBS TO A LINGERING ILLNESS



E. M. STEDMAN OF DES MOINES.

For thirty years Mr. Stedman made Des Moines his home and he was
known to thousands in the city.

PARKER MAY NOT FILE PETITION

DR. STEVENS HAS APPENDICITIS

...will be selected to arrive in the petition when it is ready to be ready Saturday.

...Mrs. Stevens will not be notified so long as the doctor's life is not in serious danger.

Of this amount \$50,000 went to San Francisco, \$157,000 to Philadelphia, \$100,000 to Denver and \$50,000 to New Orleans.

MARVIN WEDS MOTHER-IN-LAW

WEDDING PERFORMED RELIGIOUSLY AT DOVER, DEL.

of Marriage Causes Sensation at Sioux City Where Both Were Prominent Socially.

...to The Capital.
CITY, IA., Nov. 7.—Announce the wedding near Dover, Del., N. Marvin, father of little Horvin, whose disappearance caused activities of the entire country to find alleged kidnapers, the body found later in the marsh on the farm, and Mrs. Sarah Swift, his mother-in-law and grandmother of the child, has caused a sensation here, both were prominent socially.
...wedding caused in the disappearance of the child because she is a spiritualist and many revelations regarding the whereabouts of the missing boy, all of which turned out erroneously. Detectives had threatened to arrest her, because she knew more about the disappearance than she cared to admit.
...Marvin is said to be almost a man since the death of his wife and the mother-in-law has taken care of him. Dr. Marvin is 60 years old and his wife is 53. It is his third mar-

SECRET SERVICE MAN PASSES AWAY

E. M. STEDMAN DIES AT SEVENTH STREET HOME.

For Years Associated With Government He Was One of the Best Known Men of Iowa.

E. M. Stedman, for years one of the best known secret service men of the country, passed away at his home, 1341 Seventh street, at 6:30 o'clock last evening. His illness lasted over a period of six months and death and not unexpected. He was 69 years old at the time of his demise and had lived in Des Moines for twenty-five or thirty years.

From 1870 to 1892 he was in the secret service and was the confidential agent of the government for all missions in the central west. As such, Matt Stedman became well known and hardly a politician or public man in the entire west but what knew him and welcomed his genial presence. For years he maintained an office with S. S. Ethridge, referee in bankruptcy, and was the receiver appointed by the court in the settlement of many bankrupt estates. He has been receiver of a number of banks and had the settlement of many important cases. He leaves, besides his widow, two sons and two daughters. E. A. Stedman, of New York City, is the general manager of the Wells-Fargo Express company. G. M. Stedman lives at 1351 Seventh street and is route agent for the same company. Miss Effie Stedman lives at home, and another daughter, Mrs. Kostomlatsky, lives in Sioux City.

Mr. Stedman served from Benton county in the general assembly during the Eighteenth and Nineteenth sessions. He was a republican in politics during the entire of his political life.

The funeral will be held from the late family residence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be at Woodland cemetery.

KEOKUK CLUB TO BUY A HOME

Committee Appointed at Recent Meeting to Consider Advantages of Purchase.

Special to The Capital.
KEOKUK, IA., Nov. 7.—At the annual meeting of the Keokuk club a committee was appointed by the president to con-

COUNTRY BANKS RESUME PAYMENT

ENCOURAGING REPORTS RECEIVED FROM UP STATE.

Banks in Smaller Towns Find Deposits Increasing and Commence Business on the Old Plan.

The payment of currency on deposits is fast being resumed by the banks throughout the country towns of Iowa, according to reports received today by the Des Moines clearing house committee. This is looked upon as a good sign and indicates a clearing up of the financial situation.

G. D. Ellyson stated today that out of five letters received by him this morning from country bankers every one of them are announcing return of payment on the cash system.

The banks at Oskaloosa, Ottumwa and cities of equal size, where there are not heavy deposits carried from small banks, resumed this week the payment of cash on demand from depositors.

HE SLAPPED HER ON THE WRIST

BUY HE DID IT WITH A BIG STICK OF WOOD.

So Mrs. Frank Smith of East Fourteenth Street Had Her Husband Arrested This Morning.

Because Frank Smith of East Fourteenth street slapped his wife on the wrist she had him arrested this morning. She alleges that the slapping was done with a stick two feet long, and that it hurt. The alleged beating took place Monday, since which time the wife says she has been confined to her bed.

Hot Cakes with maple syrup, 10c. Boston
10 6th, 413 E. Locust.

Published Soon

...tion of the well known Harold McGrath is to be fully as published in the Capital editorial Page. We want to read it. To any- one, it is only nec-

er in the college for the blind. He spent his life work. From teacher he was promoted to principal and continued at the work till the close of the year in 1906, covering a period of thirty years. The value of his work with the blind of the state will be told in words. Unceasingly and unwearingly he labored to bring brightness to the lives of these blind men. Under his administration Iowa College for the Blind attained a national reputation. The work of the pupils was exhibited in various expositions of the nation, and prizes and the school and the work of Mr. McCune became known in every state. Columns could be told of the work of the pupils, and columns could be written while he was principal of that great school. His present high efficiency is due to his hard and unselfish work he gave

Following is a short biography-etch of the deceased:

Thomas Fleming McCune was born in Vinton township, Jefferson county, Iowa, October 1st, 1850. He died in Vinton, Iowa, November 6, 1907.

McCune was the oldest child of a family of ten children born to John and Mary Jane McCune. His education comes as the first break in this family of ten. While in college he attended the Second Presbyterian church in Washington, Pa. After coming to the college for the blind in Vinton he brought his letter to the Presbyterian church of this place where he has been a member ever since.

He received his primary education at the district school. Finally he graduated at Washington and Jefferson college, Washington, Pa., in 1876.

In the meantime he taught a few terms in Glade Run Academy, Dayton, Ohio. He also had charge of the academy at Frankfort Springs, Pa., where he remained nearly a year.

In the summer of 1877 he was appointed by Rev. Robert Carrothers, superintendent, a teacher in the College for the Blind at Vinton. Here he remained as teacher until the death of Rev. Carrothers in March, 1882, when he was elected principal of the institution, with James A. Brown as business manager. This arrangement continued until the summer of 1898 when he was appointed superintendent of the Board of Control. This continued until his retirement from the institution July 1st, 1906. Mr. McCune married March 28th, 1883 to Elizabeth Walker Wilson of Le Loup, Kansas. To them have been born two children, Jessie Wilson McCune and Joseph McCune, both of whom are living.

MATT STEDMAN DEAD.

Former Vinton Man Died at His Home in Des Moines Wednesday.

Word came to Vinton last night announcing the death of Matt Stedman of Des Moines, formerly a resident of Vinton. He came to Vinton in the latter fifties with his father from Cedar Rapids and for a long while was the senior member of the dry goods and grocery firm of Stedman Brothers.

In the early seventies he represented this county in the legislature and afterwards was appointed special agent of the U. S. treasury department and served the government in that capacity for a good many years. He was one of the most competent officials of the treasury department. While serving in that capacity he moved to Des Moines and has been a resident of that city for a long number of years.

He was one of the most active and best known citizens of this county while he resided here and is well known by the pioneer citizens. His health has been failing for some time.

He was a splendid man, generous to a fault, and easily gathered friends to him.

GROWING POTATOES.

The Farmers of Tama County Find Potatoes a Profitable Crop.

Dysart Reporter: All who witnessed the many wagon loads of potatoes coming into town last week will have grave doubts as to the reported scarcity of tubers which form the chief article of diet on many a table. But potatoes are not going for a song even in this land of plenty, the local market buying readily at 60c per bushel.

Among the heaviest potato raisers in this section is Horstman & Creps who raised on leased ground, 22 acres from which they harvested 3,500 bushels of excellent sorted potatoes of Rural New Yorker variety. They treated the seed with a scientific preparation which left the tubers free from scab and other diseases peculiar thereto. After storing as many as they could find room for, they shipped the balance, and the crop netted them a good profit after hiring all work done.

Bonewitz & Barnes were the next largest potato raisers, who had 11 acres which they raised about one and a half acres of excellent quality. They also shipped out

opinion to put the roads of Iowa in good condition in a few years.

There is now collected in the several townships from \$30 to \$45 for every mile of road within its limits. The township superintendents of road should make a report of their expenditures weekly, upon a pay roll, showing to whom the money is paid and upon what road it is expended and file it with the township trustees.

There should be an improvement club in every township of representative men who would see to it that the money is properly expended. Of course, it is understood that no trustee is to handle a dollar of the public funds any more than supervisors, legislators or congressmen, as they are not bonded officers.

In my opinion the township road officers should refrain from buying expensive machinery, but should purchase a road drag for each mile of road within the township, which could be done at a comparatively low expense. Then if they would employ an expert road gang that has been schooled to the work of building road and pay them by the pay roll, and build from twelve to fifteen miles of road each year, they could have all the roads in good condition and make some permanent gain each year. By the judicious use of the road drag they could improve the road largely before grading.

The first principle of building a road to be used as a dirt road, macadam road or a gravel surface road is to seek a smooth, firm surface to build upon, then gradually raise the road by bringing up the surface not to exceed two or three inches at a time and following it with a heavy roller. In this manner we build up an earth road so that it will slope from the center about one and one half inches per foot and have a width of from thirty to forty feet, ditch to ditch, rolling the outside of the ditch as firmly as we do in the center of the road. Upon grades we have learned that it is no best to crown the roads to any extent but to let the water drain over the surface of the road until it reaches the bottom, thus preventing the ditches from gulling.

We have paid but little attention to the drainage of roads, as building a road bed in this manner one and one half feet to two feet higher than the surrounding will prevent any undrained water from soaking the road.

Where ditches, unevenness and deep ruts are found in a road, the road should be plowed as deep as the bottom of the ruts or ditches, thrown over with a grader and packed back in as described.

Excellent results are obtained by distributing 800 yards of cinders over the roadbed to a depth of five inches below the surface.

WELL KNOWN SECRET SERVICE MAN DIES

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Ira Madison Stedman, 69, Expires Wednesday Night.

Police

FUNERAL SATURDAY AT 2:30

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Mr. Stedman leaves two sons, G. M. Stedman is the auditor of the Iowa division of the Wells-Fargo Express company. The other son, E. A. Stedman is the manager of the eastern division of the Wells-Fargo company, with offices in New York city.

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WOMAN SAYS HUBBY FRACTURED HER NOSE

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Wife of Miner Declares She Was Beaten With Board.

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Mrs. Frank Smith, who lives on East Fourteenth street, filed charges of assault and battery against her husband, a miner, in police court today.

She declared that he had broken her nose with a two-by-four slab Monday night, and nearly broken her arm, as well as breaking up most of the furniture. He has not yet been arrested.

ARRES

BRAVERY NO VIRTUE.

Reginald

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whom he continued in practice until the spring of 1855, when he moved to Iowa; settled near Iowa City, at what was known as Clark's Mill, in which he became part owner. He was engaged in milling and in making a large farm until the breaking out of the war in 1861.

In 1856 he was elected to the State Senate, and served through the last session held at Iowa City, and the first session held in the newly made capital, (now the city of Des Moines) in 1858. At this last session they adopted the State Bank system, which proved to be the safest of any ever adopted—not a dollar's loss being sustained by any person during its continuance, and until superseded by the present national banking system. In 1859 he was elected Governor over A. C. Dodge, of Burlington. This was the last severely contested election of the State, the Republican majority being something over 3,000. In 1861 he was re-elected Governor, with a majority of about 18,000. Since that time the majority of the dominant party has run up until it is lost in its magnitude of numbers.

As Governor during the darkest days of the rebellion, he performed an important duty. He laid down a policy embracing these points: 1st, To see that all requisitions upon the State by the General Government were promptly filled. 2d, To do all work as economically as possible, and at the same time do the work well. 3d, To preserve the public credit.

The Legislature, at its extra session in 1861, authorized the sale of \$800,000 in bonds to assist in the arming and the equipping of the troops. So frugally was the work done, that but \$300,000 of the bonds were sold, leaving a balance of \$500,000 unexpended, and the proceeds of the bonds being no longer required, they were destroyed by order of the succeeding Legislature.

During his official term he furnished but one regiment of volunteers for a shorter term than three years, and that was under the first call, in 1861. All subsequent calls for troops during his administration were filled with full term enlistments. He thought

that short enlistments were unprofitable, as it takes the first year to discipline and prepare for service—thus saving the percentage of loss to the General Government always to be sustained in the equipment of short term men. The quotas of troops were so promptly filled that no draft was necessary—a fact to which the State records and the Adjutant-General's report bear ample testimony.

During his gubernatorial term he was nominated by President Lincoln as Minister to Denmark. He was confirmed by the Senate, but on being notified of his appointment, said that he could not accept until the expiration of his official term as Governor. They continued the term of acceptance until the expiration of his term, but he finally declined the appointment on account of his private business requiring his attention.

In January, 1866, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Harlan in the U. S. Senate, and remained through two sessions, during the reconstruction struggles following the close of the rebellion. He is now engaged in the practice of law, and also as President of the Savings Bank of Iowa City.

Politically he was an old Democrat, but during the Kansas-Nebraska struggle abandoned the party, and in 1856 became an active worker in the Republican ranks.

ELI MADISON STEDMAN. REPRESENTATIVE, VINTON, IOWA.

Hon. Eli Madison Stedman, member of the House of Representatives of the Fourteenth General Assembly of Iowa, was born in Chester, Meigs county, Ohio, March 2d, 1838. His father, Elihu H. Stedman, now a resident of Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, was born in Rutland, Meigs county, Ohio, Dec. 16th, 1813, in which county he resided until 1855, when he moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

His mother, whose maiden name was Adaline Elliot, was born March 8th, 1820.

His grandfather, Rev. Eli Stedman, was born in Tunbridge, Rutland county, Vermont, Aug. 17th, 1777, and moved to Gallia

county, Ohio, (now Meigs county) from Tunbridge, Vt., in about the year 1805, three years after the organization of the State. His grandmother's maiden name was Polly Gates, who was also a native Vermont. (She was supposed to have been a relative of Gen. Gates, of Revolutionary fame, and a friend of Washington) and born February 19th, 1778. Moving to C at an early day, when the country was most an unbroken wilderness, they were forced to undergo many privations and hardships incident to a new country. Eli Stedman was the first Free Baptist minister that ever visited Ohio. He was ordained as an Evangelist October 26th, 1811, at Strafford, Vermont. He preached many years in Vermont to good acceptance, his labors were blessed to the conversion of great numbers. After he moved to C he organized many churches, and numbers of young men were raised up to preach the gospel. He preached for the last time in December, 1844. He was taken sick a few days after, from which he never recovered. The day before he died he inquired of the welfare of the churches; said he could not live many days, and that he was sensible that nothing but uprightiness could save him before God. He died May 29th, 1845, in the 68th year of his age. His grandfather died in Rutland, Meigs county, Ohio, January 1st, 1818. They were married December 6th, 1798.

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Rapids. There being no opening for mer-
chandising he went to work in the brick-
yard—at 50 cents a day—finally succeeded
in obtaining a situation in the store of L.
Daniels & Co., general merchandise; re-
mained with them until the fall of 1856;
then came to Vinton, Benton county, Iowa,
and clerked for Olmsted & Vanhorn until
January 1st, 1860; was married December
15th, 1859, at Vinton, Iowa, to Miss Eva A.
Hoke, who was a native of New York.
Owing to the failure of his then present
employer he was engaged by the assignee to
close up the business, and on the 10th of
March, 1860, bought out a small stock of
groceries and commenced business for him-
self, with a cash capital of \$250; worked
hard and attended closely to business. In
August, 1864, he lost his wife, which was a
very severe blow, and was quite a serious
drawback to his business. By this marriage
there was a son, now 12 years, but who,
since the death of his mother, has resided
with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo.
Hoke, who also reside at Vinton, Iowa.
Immediately after the close of the war, he
associated with himself in business, his
brother, Elihu Dudley Stedman, who, dur-
ing the war, was in the army, having en-
listed first in the 12th Iowa Infantry, but
soon after going into camp at St. Louis, was
taken with inflammatory rheumatism, and
by order, discharged from service, but on
returning home, became so much better
that he soon after re-enlisted in the 20th
Iowa Infantry; was elected orderly-ser-
geant, and remained in the army until the
close of the war, and had charge of his
company during nearly all of his term of
service, his company being honored imme-
diately after the fall of Vicksburg, with be-
ing selected as body-guard of Gen. Herron.
In business he had success far beyond his
expectation—sales since then having reach-
ed almost \$50,000 per year. He was mar-
ried again December 25th, 1865, to Mrs.
Julia McLaughlin—residing at Pomeroy,
Meigs county, Ohio. Having been so long
a resident of Benton county, and by close
attention to business and gaining such large

acquaintances, and having been always a Republican, being present at the Chicago Convention, which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, and also cast his first presidential vote for him. In 1871 he was urged to become a candidate for Representative upon the Republican ticket, and was nominated by the popular vote, was elected, and served on the Committee of Ways and Means, also on the Congressional Committee. He was elected by the State Republican Convention as one of the State Central Committee. In his Legislative work, he succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$70,000 to enlarge the Blind Asylum—located at Vinton, Iowa—by one of the handsomest votes of the session. We close this sketch with the following extract from a Vinton paper :

Does any of our readers remember as far back as the date of the appearance of the first poster in the streets of Vinton? If they do not, will they permit us to refresh their memories a little? Do you recollect a little one-horse shebang on the north side of Jefferson street, the first that ventured over there before the grass was tramped down? Of course you do, and how MAT. STEDMAN printed and put up the first poster in Vinton, before printers and types had made their appearance "on Cedar?" how he took a tall, flat hat-box and set it up on his own side of the street—or way—with great staring letters on its side hailing the passers over the way with "COME OVER?" People looked at that old box with that inviting poster upon it, and they could not resist the invitation. Over they came, and they have been coming over ever since. Mat. says he believes in ink and posters and more especially in printers' ink. The people believed in Mat. Stedman, and now their faith is large in Steadman Bros., at the corner store, where everybody goes to when they come to Vinton, especially if they wish to get anything. They know that "Mat" is there, and he's got what they want, and they go for it.

ROBERT ALEXANDER SANKEY,
ATTORNEY, NEWTON, IOWA.

Mr. Sankey has a fine mental temperament, an active brain, and a comely physical mould. He is firm, yet easily persuaded; kind, yet severe. He is earnest in whatever he undertakes—not boisterous, but calm and determined. He has the elements of success, and will doubtless attain more eminent positions, for which he is well endowed.

R. A. Sankey is of French-Irish extraction. His paternal ancestors were Norman French and the original name St. Que, (St. Ka.) They came to America and settled in eastern Pennsylvania before the Revolutionary War, in which his grandfather served and bore through life the marks of the wound received in battle. His mother was of Irish ancestry, and her maiden name Rebecca Pennington. Her parents emigrated from Ireland; settled first in New Jersey and then in Pennsylvania. His parents were both natives of Center county, Pennsylvania, where his father was born in 1798 and his mother in 1802. His father died in 1862; his mother is still living.

R. A. Sankey was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, September, 22, 1837. He was educated at Dickinson Seminary and afterwards was a student at law in the office of Hon. James Hall & H. W. McCallister, at Bellefonte, Pa., where he was admitted to the bar. In the Spring of 1864 he moved to Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, where he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. He enlisted under the first call for three months volunteers, and afterwards in the 54th Pennsylvania Volunteers, but was soon discharged on account of disability. In June 1867 he was married to Miss Mary E. Rodgers, of Newton, a very amiable woman.

Politically he has ever been a Republican, but never an office holder. Religiously he is a Universalist. Altogether he is a social companion, a fair dealing business man, always reliable and honorable. He is a close student, and by attention to business has established a successful practice.

EZEKIEL B. KEPHART,

STATE SENATOR, WESTERN, IOWA.

E. B. Kephart was of the most influential members of the 14th General Assembly. He is 37 years of age, stands six feet in his boots, and weighs 210 pounds, avoirdupois. Has a preponderating vital-mental temperament; black hair; dark eyes; yellow skin; firm muscles, with great energy, activity and power. The mental, modified by the vital temperament insures a greater degree of activity with less inclination to study or active labor than would be found in a person with more of the motive. He has a large brain, tough and active, with a large preponderance in the intellectual and moral regions. Individuality is full—indicating that he is a close observer—keeping his eyes open to passing events, but does not allow this faculty to assume a controlling influence over the other faculties. He has a good memory of facts, faces and places; reasons well from cause to effect; is a lover of the sublime and beautiful; is firmly attached to friends and home; is a good judge of human nature—reading others with remarkable accuracy; is affable and social, with a ready flow of ideas and good command of language. He has large benevolence, hope and veneration. His expectations are all reasonable, sanguine and enterprising. He often realizes more than he expects. Large spirituality gives him a natural inclination to worship. Self-esteem, combativeness and destructiveness direct his forms of worship in the old orthodox channels. He has large alimentiveness—insuring a relish for food. Acquisitiveness, moderate—he lives in the present without any miserly acquirements for the future. Firmness is well developed—causing him to be unyielding in his convictions of right. He is a good reasoner—dealing fairly with his subject—being governed by the inevitable logic of cause and effect. His magnetic presence gives him a commanding influence in public address. With highly organized mental and moral qualities, in his advocacy of measures he cannot depart far from the right.

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.

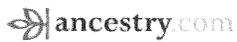
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P. O. Address..... *Vinton*
County..... *Butler*
Occupation..... *Merchant*
Nativity..... *Ohio*
Married or Single..... *Married*
Religion..... *Presbyterian*
If in the Service; regiment and rank.....
Years in Iowa..... *Sixteen*
Age..... *Thirty Three*
Weight..... *One Hundred forty Eight*

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.



You searched for **Eli M. Stedman** in Iowa

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Eli M. Stedman												
Home in 1880:	Vinton, Benton, Iowa												
Age:	42												
Estimated birth year:	abt 1838												
Birthplace:	Ohio												
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)												
Spouse's name:	Julia												
Father's birthplace:	Ohio												
Mother's birthplace:	Ohio												
Neighbors:	View others on page												
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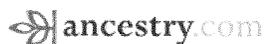
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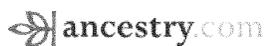
Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Eli M Stedman	
Birth Year:	abt 1839	
Birth Place:	Ohio	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Benton	
Locality:	Vinton	
Roll:	IA1885_147	
Line:	13	
Family Number:	172	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Eli M Stedman	46
	Julia Stedman	44
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Iowa State Census, 1895

Name:	Eli M. Stedman
Age:	56
Race:	White
Birthplace:	Ohio
Residence:	Des Moines, Polk

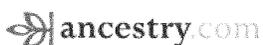
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1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	E M Stedman	
Home in 1900:	Des Moines, Polk, Iowa	
Age:	62	
Birth Date:	Mar 1838	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Ohio	
Mother's Birthplace:	Ohio	
Marital Status:	Widowed	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	E M Stedman	62
	Effie Stedman	36

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Des Moines, Polk, Iowa; Roll T623_454; Page: 2A; Enumeration District: 80.

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Eli Madison Stedman

Male

Pedigree

Family

Event(s):**Birth:** 1838 <Vinton, Benton, Iowa>**Christening:****Death:** 1907**Burial:**

Parents:**Father:** Elihu Higley Stedman

Family

Mother: Adeline Elliott

Marriages:**Spouse:** Julia McGlothlin

Family

Marriage: 1865 <Vinton, Benton, Iowa>

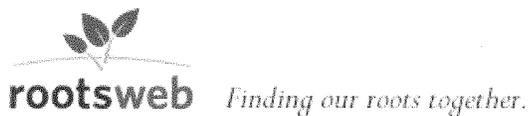
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**Father:** Elihu Higley STEDMAN b: 1813**Mother:** Adeline ELLIOTT b: 1820**Marriage 1** Julia MCGLOTHLIN b: 1840

- **Married:** 1865

Children

1. **Kate STEDMAN** b: 1868 in Vinton, Iowa

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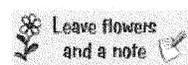


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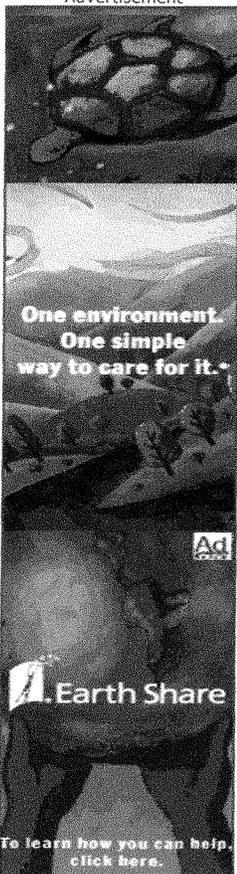
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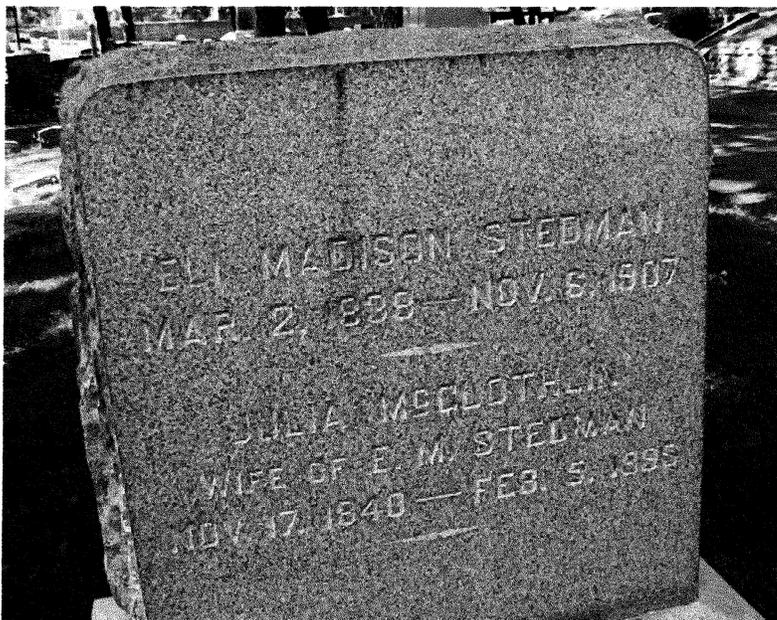
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