Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bonham, Smiley Hughes Senator _____

Represented Johnson, Iowa, and Clarke Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 May 1814 Knox County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

3. Significant events for example:

   A. Business

   B. Civic responsibilities

   C. Profession Farmer; Minister

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 1st, 2nd, 15th General Assemblies 1846, 1848, 1874

6. Public Offices

   A. Local

   B. State Speaker of the House in the 2nd General Assembly 1848

   C. National

7. Death 18 Apr 1879 Clarke County, Iowa; buried

8. Children

9. Names of parents

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Bonham, Smiley Hughes

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- He came to Iowa with his parents settling in Washington Township of Johnson County, Iowa.
- When the Federal Government granted lands in the western states for state universities, he drew the act of acceptance for Iowa. It was that act that gave the beginnings for the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.
- He moved to new lands about 10 years before his death (1869) settling on new lands in Clarke County, Iowa.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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IN MEMORIAM.

HON. SMILEY H. BONHAM.

The death of Mr. Bonham at his home in Clarke county, has been already announced. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 29th, 1814, and came to Iowa with the pioneers, settling in Washington township, Johnson county. He was a man of mark in those early times, for he was a man of culture. He made his home on a farm and occasionally filled acceptably the pulpit of the Christian Church, in which he was a minister. His talent for affairs, eloquence of speech, uprightness of life marked him for public favor and he was elected to the legislature, serving for a long time and taking the lead of his party in the House. His far-sighted intelligence early foresaw the great future of the commonwealth and he was foremost in laying its foundations. When the Federal government granted lands in the Western States for State Universities he drew the act of acceptance for Iowa and procured its passage. In that act was the germ of our present great University. The passage of power from his party left Mr. Bonham in private life which he adorned by the same virtues that illustrated his public career. The growth of his family made desirable the possession of a more roomy estate, and about ten years ago he sold out and removed to new lands in Clarke county. In 1873 he was elected by that constituency to the House, and served during the celebrated "tied session" with good judgment and discretion. Those who saw him again in his old age and when hard work had made serious inroads upon his vitality, busied with public duties and bearing official responsibilities, could form a conception of the power and facility and intelligence which he brought to bear upon that field in his younger and stronger days. A historical tablet should be one day placed in the solid walls of our University and high amongst the eminent men of Iowa whose strength went into its growth should be inscribed the name of Smiley H. Bonham.

HON. RUSH CLARK.

The announcement of the death of

The long expected Inter State or
rical contest will be held in the O
House Wednesday May 7th. When
association met in St. Louis Mr. Al
N. Fellows was was requested by
home organization to tender the
pitalities of the University and I
city to the association, and to req
that the Fifth Annual contest in
tory be held here. Although previo
the contests had been held in
cities as Chicago, Indianapolis an
Louis, such were the assurance
support that the association acce
the offer and decided to meet in I
City.

To convince the people of Iowa
of the merit of this contest, it is
necessary to state the degree of a
bation in which it is held by promi
educators and political men throug
the West. Judge Taft of Ohio,
Harrison of Indiana, B. Gratz Br
of St. Louis, Newton N. Bates of
have by addresses and influence
much to put the association upon a
footing. This year's judges are all
of note, Gen. Wm. Gibson of T
Ohio, is a well known political o
Wm. T. Harris, Superintendent o
schools of St. Louis, editor of the
nal of Speculative Philosophy, a
regarded as a leading educator i
United States, Ex-Gov. Will Cum
of Greensburg, Indiana, is a prom
lecturer and political speaker, Mr
J. Boal, the referee judge, is one
best lawyers in the State, and of c
in Iowa city, we need not speak
praise. Four States have already
their state contests and chosen
sentative orators, Missouri and
consin, have probably held thei
this time. The eyes of the stude
all colleges in the West and tho
the friends and admirers of the or
are turned to this contest. The w
of the gold medal will not only do
upon himself, but the whole instit
will boast of it.

The music, the programmes a
arrangements will eclipse any
Iowa city has been favored with.
egations from Grinnell and Mt. V
will number near one hundred.
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