

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Crary,

Oliver Holcott - Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Dec 1819 Preston, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Charlotte Burrows 1849

(2) Agnes Hanson 19 Apr 1864

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason;

C. Profession Teacher; farmer

4. Church membership _____

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Secretary of the Board of Education; Clayton County judge one term; Clayton County supervisor 3 terms;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Aug 1903 Amesbury Township, Clayton County, Iowa; buried National Cemetery, Nationaltown

8. Children By 1st wife - one child who preceded his father in death; by 2nd wife - Macy E.;

William H., Frederick, George H., Amy S., Alice M., John Elisha, Isaac, Arthur R.; Oliver H. Jr (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents Elisha and Abigail (Crary) Crary

10. Education Edueated in the district school

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He began teaching school at age 16 and continued for 12 years.
- In April 1848 he moved with a friend to explore the west. His friend returned to the east once they reached Cleveland, Ohio.
- So he continued the trip alone reaching Clayton County Iowa settling near Farmersburg Township in Section 34. He became a large landowner with 750 acres of prairie land and 750 acres of timber land.
- His first wife, Charlotte, died 26 Mar 1854.

ATTY. FILES PAPERS.

Counts in the Petition against the Board of Supervisors.

We learn that Co. Atty. Davidson now filed his petition in the case against the Board of Supervisors. We give a short analysis of the counts:

PETITION: In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Clayton County, September 10, 1903.

Case of Iowa vs. H. G. Jenkins, Henry Meder and S. H. F. Schoulte, members of the Board of Supervisors, of Clayton County, Iowa. Plaintiff for cause of action.

COUNT ONE.

That the defendants, H. G. Jenkins, Henry Meder, were, on the 17th of January, 1902, acting as supervisors of Clayton County, with J. H. Es, as chairman, were organized doing business as the Board of Supervisors of said county. That they so organized as aforesaid the defendants wrongfully and unlawfully... purchase of real estate, county purposes, to the amount of twenty-three hundred dollars, and appropriate of the public money and county the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars in payment for real estate, without first submitting any proposition therefor to legal voters of the County of Clayton, contrary to the statute in cases made and provided, and in violation of their official duties.

COUNT TWO.

That the defendants, H. G. Jenkins, Henry Meder and S. H. F. Schoulte having been duly elected, qualified each acting as a member of the board of supervisors of said county at January, 1903, session of said board, made and promulgated an order authorizing and directing the auditor of said county to draw a warrant on the Treasurer for the sum of twenty-seven hundred sixty-nine dollars and eighty-two cents in favor of F. E. Kikel. That pursuant to said order a warrant was drawn on the treasurer and county and there was paid out from the county funds, the sum of sixteen hundred sixty-nine dollars and eighty-two cents. That at that time the said members of said board did not know there was no money in the county treasury or in the county funds said treasury belonging to said county. That said members of the board of supervisors well knew and

Judge Oliver W. Crary.

Oliver W. Crary was born in Preston, Conn., December 21st, 1819. He came of a family that for generations had been distinguished for illustrious services rendered to the state and county. He was the son of Elisha and Abigail Crary (nee Avery), natives of New London County, Conn. They had eight children: John Brewster, Elisha A., Hon. Isaac E., of Michigan, who represented that state in Congress in 1836, and one of Michigan's ablest lawyers; William G. Abigail, Susy, and Oliver W. and one daughter who died in infancy.

The family can be traced back to the reign of Charles II, their home being in Northumberland. The family left England in 1660 coming to America.

In 1680 Peter Crary, great grandfather of O. W., patented a large tract of land in Groton, Conn., on the banks of the Mystic river, near Porter's Rock, where Captain Mason spent the night before surprising the Pequod Indians. This patent remained in the possession of the family until a few years since, being the home of generations of the Crary family.

Born of such an ancestry, bearing upon less youthful shoulders the responsibility inseparable from such an illustrious lineage, much was required of him to prove his title to the name he bore, around which clustered so much of hereditary prestige. But high as was this standard of expectation he met its severest demands.

In youth he had the privilege of attending the district school during the winter months only but by diligent personal application to study, he became one of the best informed men of his day. He began teaching school when sixteen years old and continued in that occupation some twelve years. In April 1848, accompanied by a friend, he started for the far and unexplored west in search of a new home making the journey in a buggy. When they reached Cleveland, Ohio, his friend's courage failed him and he returned to the east, leaving Mr. Crary, who continued his journey alone. He reached Clayton County soon after and settled on section 34 of Farmersburg township which has been his home since. He became one of the largest land owners of the county, his possessions numbering 700 acres of the finest prairie land in Iowa and 750 acres of timberland. He was married Charlotte Bur-

electd three terms as County Supervisor. In 1871 he was elected State Senator and served one term.

He showed himself a most able and efficient officer wherever called to serve and filled every position with honor and credit.

Clayton County never gave sepulcher to a grander man. His store of historical knowledge was vast and varied; his reading in the elegant literature of ancient and modern times were extensive and his power of retaining that he had read and his readiness in drawing upon these fertile resources were remarkable. And with all these glorious gifts not one was ever bent in willing service in an unworthy cause. He loved to make the world about him better. With his splendid might he helped to build a country which will cherish his memory and teach its sons to hold it in precious remembrance.

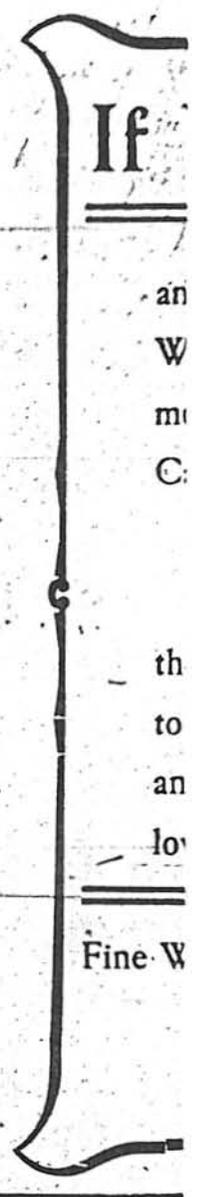
The last illness of the Judge began last January, due to valvular disease of the heart, and during the long months since, he bore his confinement and suffering with fortitude and unusual patience. Death occurred peacefully Wednesday, August 19th at 11:30 a.m.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday, Aug. 22nd, at 1 p. m. conducted by the Masonic Fraternity, he being one of the oldest members of National Lodge No. 172 A. F. & A. M.

Rev. Baxter, of Elkader, delivered the funeral sermon. Burial in the cemetery at National.

Henry Luehsen St. Deceased.

On Saturday Aug. 15th at the home of his son, the spirit of Henry Luehsen Sr., took its flight, death being due to paralysis. Deceased was born in Bossel, Germany, Dec. 11, 1823. On Nov. 7, 1850 he was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Margaret Luers. In 1854 he immigrated to this country settling in Cincinnati, where they remained ten years. Mr. Luehsen working for a large tailoring establishment there. They then came to Garnavillo, where he has since resided and worked at his trade up to the last week of his life. To this union were born three children. Herman, who died during the voyage, Doris wife of Jno. Shieholtz, who died in 1876, and Henry of this place. The wife preceded him to the grave the year of the death of Doris. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's church Monday afternoon. The large attendance and the beautiful floral offerings



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COUNT THREE.

That at the April, 1903, session of the Board of Supervisors, the defendant H. G. Jenkins, Henry Meder and H. F. Schouffe, did vote upon

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On April 19th, 1864, he married Agnethe, daughter of Halvor and Ellen Thorson. To them were born ten children, Oliver W., Jr., deceased, Lucy E., William H., Frederick, George H., Amy S., Alice M., John Elisha, Isaac and Artfurr.

It is not to be wondered that one endowed by nature with more than a liberal share of intellectual power, energy and courage should immediately begin to play a conspicuous part in the development of the country. He was ever on the alert to induce good settlers to come to the county and gave much time and financial aid to those struggling for a new home on the unbroken prairie. He furnished them food and shelter, assisted them financially and in selecting land and making their claims, and to-day dozens of those most prosperous on Clayton County farms can look back to the time when O. W. Crary lent a helping hand to give them a start in the new west. And all along since 1848 his has been the guiding hand in the affairs of his community, a veritable patriarch of the prairie. On Feb. 25th, 1850, he helped organize the public school in district No. 4, of what was then Boardman township, on authority granted by Judge Eliphalet Price and on March 12th of the same year was elected Secretary of the Board of Education, a position he has held continuously till the time of his death, with the exception of one year when his official duties required his presence elsewhere.

In 1857 he was elected County Judge. Following his term as Judge he was

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Wheat.

The situation in the wheat market is an interesting one. The European crop early last spring promised to be a shorter one than that of 1902, and the only weight upon the market was the prospect of an enormous American and Canadian crop. The latter's promise was, however, not maintained, and to-day the world faces a yield in America shorter than that of last year, while the outlook in Europe is really no better than in May. European experts differed as to the probable outturn there, but, generally speaking, they figured on a reduction of 160,000,000 bushels in the world's yield, most of which was due to the reduced European supply. Against this they have had in view a gain of about 70,000,000 bushels in India, and confidently hope for an excell in the United States and Canada enough to offset the 80,000,000 bushels deficit. This, however, is no longer possible if the current crop reports from this country and Canada are correct, which point to a yield rather less than last year. Hence the improvement in foreign demand noted some time since here, and the gain in prices which culminated on August 15, when wheat sold at an advance of 2 to 5 cents over August 1, of 8 cents over May 1, and of 11 to 14 cents over a year ago.—Bradstreet.

The company exploring the Waukegan iron fields are now employing a crew of twenty men, paying wages of \$50 per day.

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