

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Thurston, Alva Sen. Senator
Represented Wayne County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Apr 1815 Harwington, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Nothrup 23 Sept 1840 Clinton, Oneida County, New York

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 15th General Assembly 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township trustee;

B. State

C. National

7. Death 29 May 1889 Fairfield, Iowa; buried Thurston Cemetery, Thurston, Iowa

8. Children Daniel, Susan; Litchfield; Monroe, Alva, Jr. three other children preceded their father in death

9. Names of parents

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

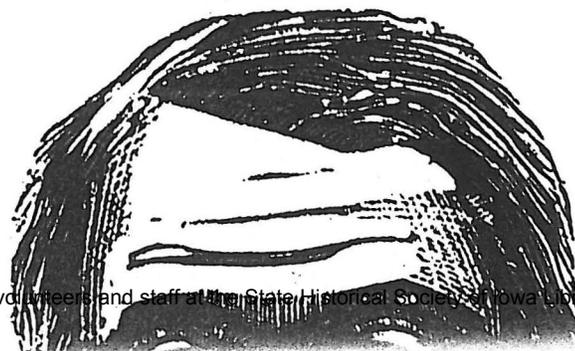
- While young, he moved with his parents to New York state.
- His wife, Mary, died 22 Nov 1885 in Fairfield, Iowa
- At around age 35, he lived in Gowlers, Trumbull County, Ohio
- He came to Wayne County, Iowa from Ohio in 1864 and was one of the earliest settlers of the region.
- He established a large farm southwest of Humeston and also operated a general store in town.
- In 1872 the C. B. and Q. R.R. Company purchased 80 acres of his farm for a townsite and this land was developed into a village named Humeston in his honor.

DEATH OF A. HUMESTON, SR.

The Founder of Our City Passes
Away at His Late Home
in Fairfield.

The sad intelligence of the death of A. Humeston, Sr., reached this community by telegram last Wednesday morning. He had resided with Prof. Harkness, his son-in-law, in Fairfield, Iowa, for a few years, and after a few months of illness, passed away on Wednesday morning, May 29, at 8:15. Mr. Humeston was one of the earliest settlers of this region. He moved from Ohio here in the year 1864, just 25 years on the day of his burial. For many years he conducted a large farm southwest of Humeston, and carried on a general store in town. He was a careful business man, and his business thrived under his skillful management. He was a man of great moral power and christian worth, and has left an influence behind him for good that will be felt for many years. He took a living interest in everything that would advance his community and our state. Foremost in arranging for public improvements and in sustaining all institutions of benefit, made him widely known, and wherever known won for himself the respect and

Monday evening one of the most important meetings ever held in Humeston, was held in one of the class rooms. It was a meeting of fifteen gentlemen that composed the Humeston College Association. They were called together to open bids which had been called for and to decide once and for all what they should be and who should construct. Three bids were received, Messrs. Barkhuff & Flanagan of Linden Grove; Henry & Barker of Mardis and Mardis & Brown of Humeston. Each bid was opened and discussed after a full discussion and several interviews with two of the firms. The work was awarded to Mardis & Brown. These gentlemen will begin the construction of the building at once. It is a large structure 50x60 feet, with entrance tower 10x18 feet. There is a large dining room 16x42 feet, two class rooms 16x16 feet, two class rooms 8x15 feet, and hall 8x42 on the first floor together with two small rooms for typewriting etc. The second floor will have four piano rooms, a living room 16x20; hall and three class rooms 20x34. The rooms will be separated with partitions, and when fully open



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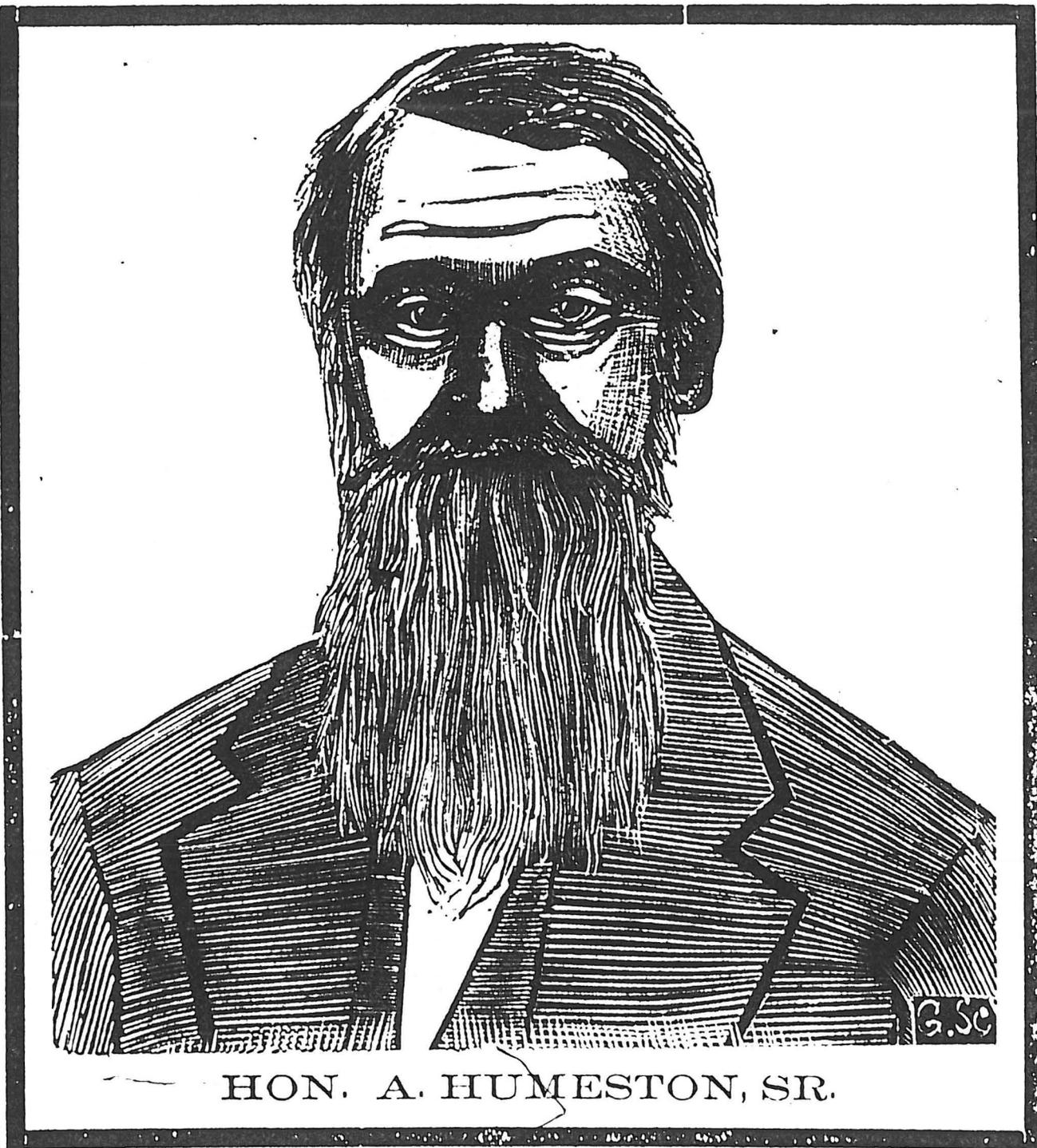
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E. J. G.

Children's Day will be observed at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath. All are invited. Owing to the crowded condition of our program we were unable to publish the program.

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We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends and kind assistance was given us during our sickness three weeks. We thank to Dr. McCull who took a deep interest in our fare. I. B. BINFORD

Mr. F. J. Smith, of Abercrombie, Dakota, writes: "The most wonderful case of cholera and diarrhea ever met with, is Cholera and Diarrhea. I have a hunting trip I have a pleasant trip. Put in all parts a pleasant trip. Painful diarrhoea. For sale."

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DEATH OF A. HUMESTON, SR.

Our readers will be saddened to learn that Father Humeston passed from earth this morning, at his home in Fairfield, after a long and painful illness. He was 74 years old. The funeral will take place in Humeston, at the Christian church, tomorrow at 2 p. m.

The largest stock, the very choicest brands and bottom prices at the Hardware store. Smith & Smith.

Insure your property in the State Insurance company, of Des Moines. Gregg & Lunney, agents Humeston, Iowa.

Chas. Rudd sold his harness shop to T. A. Taylor during the past week, and Mr. Taylor has since sold it to Gamble & Dailey.

Call at Stanton's and see the Union Sewing machine. Best and simplest in use. Will sew both forward and backward.

Until further notice the Humeston Roller Mills will be open only on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week.

Carpets for the spring trade can be had at Humeston's Corner for less money than any other place, and a larger stock to select from.

Notwithstanding there is only one Drug store in Humeston, prices will continue the same at Arnold's. A full stock always on hand.

A finer line of Challies, India Linens, Zephyr Cloths, French Satteens and all other wash goods is seldom seen than those at Chase & Stoops'.

The C., B. & Q. will sell round trip tickets to all stations within 100 miles

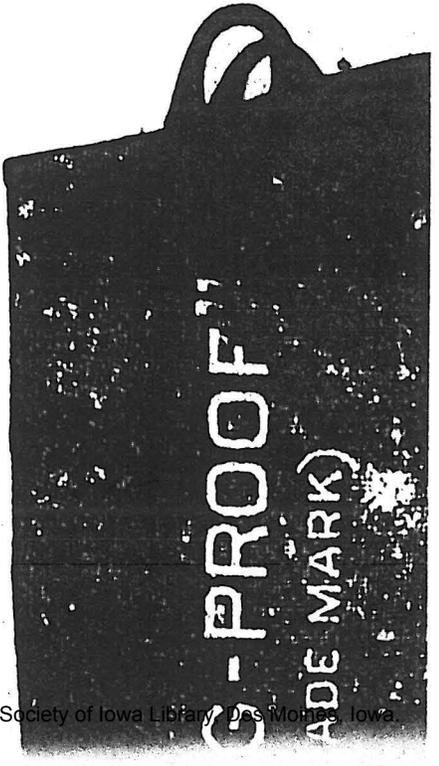
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Humeston mourns the death of one
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 Alva Humeston, the founder, and in
 whose honor our town was named, has
 passed from earth, and now lives only
 in the memory of the hundreds who
 loved and honored him. His name will
 ever be the leading one in the history
 of our town, and with those of us who
 have seen and known him, he will form
 one of memory's golden pages. A
 gentlemen who loved his honor as he
 loved his life, and with a heart that
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 grandchild that rode upon his knee, to
 the old friend of a half century, he
 formed a fitting picture of earth's
 noblest men. Death could not have
 taken from Humeston, a life that would
 cause deeper sorrow or more universal
 regret. Old citizens of the vicinity
 never tire of speaking in praise of his
 honor, integrity and kindness. But
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 and true friends have laid all that was
 mortal of him to rest beside her who
 he had loved best on earth. We bow
 in silent sorrow and mingle our tears
 with the dear ones he loved so well,
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THE JOHNSTOWN DISASTER.

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