

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Johnston, Andrew Senator _____

Represented Ringgold and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Feb 1829 Jefferson County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Phoebe Rush 10 June 1855 Knox County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; breeder of sheep, cattle and fine
grade horses

4. Church membership _____

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local County superintendent of schools one term; board of supervisors three
terms

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Dec 1917 near Mount Airy, Iowa; buried on his farm near Mount Airy, Iowa

8. Children Sophronia; Nattie (Mrs. Joseph Atwood); Poe;
Ray (died in early childhood)

9. Names of parents Michael and Jane (Nixon) Johnston

Johnston, Andrew

10. Education Educated at the Hooster Academy

11. Degrees Attended Ohio Wesleyan University

12. Other applicable information

- He grew to manhood in Ohio assisting his father on the farm from early youth as the eldest of 8 children
- He later continued to help his father and teach school
- After marriage in Sept 1855 he and his wife moved to Muscatine County, Iowa and then to Ringgold County in 1856, where they took 80 acres of government land, built a log cabin and endured the hardships of pioneers.
- Military service - Civil War - Co G, 29th Iowa Infantry, promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, twice wounded in 3 years of service
- His wife, Phoebe, died 17 Apr 1886, also buried on their farm

and see the income man who will be at
Mount Ayr.

The officers of the bureau are: President, J. A. Bliss; vice-president, Clayton Chandler; secretary, Bert Perkins; treasurer, F. E. Sheldon. The following were named as members of the executive committee:

- Union—J. B. Johnson.
- Tingley—A. G. Eighme.
- Jefferson—J. A. Baker.
- Lincoln—Clarence Spence.
- Grant—George Bentley.
- Washington—Joe Jezek.
- Liberty—A. E. Swanson.
- Monroe—John Clough.
- Athens—S. C. Wyckoff.
- Poe—Howard Lesan.
- Mount Ayr—Bert Teale.
- Rice—George W. Sefrit.
- Waubonsie—F. C. Cornelison.
- Clinton—S. P. Baird.
- Middle Fork—C. L. Maloy.
- Lotts Creek—Clark Tompkins.
- Riley—B. J. Stevenson.

RED CROSS NOTES

One of the best patriotic meetings held in Mount Ayr was the one Sunday afternoon at the United Presbyterian church, when two speakers from Creston came in the interest of the Red Cross drive. Hon. C. H. Thomas and James Bryan each presented stirring addresses. Much enthusiasm was in evidence and a willingness from a one hundred per cent audience to put more energy and vim in the grand and noble cause of the Red Cross was voiced by standing vote.

Solicitors are busy throughout the town and county. Don't wait to be called upon to join. Inquire and find out and if your solicitor has not found you at home, or for some cause missed you, come and join voluntarily. It is the aim to miss no one.

The Eureka Aid donated last week to the Red Cross \$25 for the working fund.

At a meeting Sunday afternoon at Beaconsfield a branch was organized with about seventy-five members to begin work with. A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. A group of Mount Ayr workers went up to help but they were not especially needed.

We wish to call attention to the button situation. It is impossible now to get buttons. They were promised from headquarters but failed to arrive. The secretary was authorized to telegraph to a separate manufacturing establishment for one thousand buttons, which she did. These came and the cost of same was \$10 and the supply soon exhausted. It was though unwise to order more at this price and in view also of the promised buttons arrival. Please be patient and if it is possible all will be supplied.

Two pure bred bronze turkeys to be auctioned off Saturday afternoon, December 29th, at 2:00 p. m., in Diagonal. The proceeds will be given to the Red Cross. Every one is urged to be there to bid and help the Red Cross.

Don't forget the Red Cross auction Friday, January 4, in Mount Ayr.

All finished knitted articles that can be brought in by the middle of January please do so. If not finished please bring in and they will be completed at headquarters.

When in need of yarn please come

Obituary—Captain A. Johnston.

The funeral of Captain A. Johnston, whose death was mentioned in last week's issue, was held Friday, December 21, the services being conducted by Rev. Smith, of Ellston. He was laid to rest in the cemetery on his farm beside his wife, who died from paralysis April 17, 1886.

Captain Johnston was born February 11, 1829, in Jefferson county, Ohio. His parents were Michael and Jane (Nixon) Johnston, his father born at Shippensburg, Pa., and his mother near Steubenville, Ohio. Andrew was the eldest of eight children and grew to manhood in Ohio, where he received a liberal education at Wooster Academy and Ohio Wesleyan University. When not attending school he assisted his father on the farm and taught school. He was married June 10, 1855 to Phoebe Rush, a resident of the same county and in the following September they came to Muscatine county, Iowa, coming to Ringgold county the following year. They took eighty acres of government land, built a log cabin and endured the hardships of the early settlers. In 1862 Captain Johnston enlisted as a private in the cause of the Union, and was assigned to Company G, Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He was rapidly promoted to Lieutenant and then to Captain of his Company. He was mustered out at New Orleans in 1865, having received two wounds during his three years of service, never at any time being obliged to leave his regiment. Returning home he filled many offices of trust in the county, giving care and attention to detail. He served one term as County Superintendent of schools, two years in the State Legislature, and three terms as member of the Board of Supervisors. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were born four children, Sophronia, Hattie, the wife of Joseph Atwood, Poe and a son Ray, who died in early childhood.

The death of Captain Johnston marks the passing of one of the oldest settlers of Ringgold county and one who throughout his long and useful life commanded the respect and confidence of those who knew him. Possessed of a kindly disposition, having the advantage of a thorough education and being strictly honest in his dealings, courteous in manner and thoughtful of the rights of others, he was a man worthy of admiration and his life has been a blessing to the community in which he lived so long. By reason of his sterling manhood he was a leader among men and during the years of his residence in Ringgold county he was an active and useful citizen. His influence was always given to every righteous movement and he came to the end of the way honored, respected and admired by his fellowmen.

The funeral was largely attended, friends from near and far coming to pay their last tribute of respect to one whose good influence will be felt in the community for many, many years.

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At the bride's home in East Mount Ayr at one p. m., Saturday, December 22, Rev. Bean, of the M. E. church,

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