Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Lowell

George W. – Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Dec 1812 Windham County, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place

Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Established the Monticello National Bank and the Monticello Bank; also owned controlling interest in Strawberry Point Bank, National Bank of the Republic of Chicago and the Shorthill State Bank

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer; large real estate holder; banker

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 15th, 16th General Assemblies 1874, 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Monticello 1871-1872; supervisor of Jones County

B. State

C. National

7. Death 10 Mar 1897 Monticello, Iowa; Buried in Michigan where parents buried

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Willard and Zaviah (Taft) Lowell

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10. Education He was well schooled from schools of his native state in common branches, natural sciences, surveying and higher mathematics.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He spent his early years in Vermont, his native state
- In 1835 he moved with his fathers family to Kalamazoo County, Michigan where he farmed.
- His father died 3 years later and at age 20 he took care of the farm in Michigan
- He was elected to the Board of Supervisors of Kalamazoo County, Michigan and in 1852 was elected to the House of Representatives of Michigan for 2 terms
- He moved to Jones County, Iowa around 1854, invested in land near Monticello, Iowa later comprising 1000 acres
- In 1870 he moved to Monticello, Iowa where he invested his savings in the banking business
- In 1873 he opened a bank in Michigan with his brother and his nephew under G. W. and G. L. Lovell.
- He was interested in paper manufacturing
- In 1881 he built the hotel in Monticello
- He amassed a large fortune

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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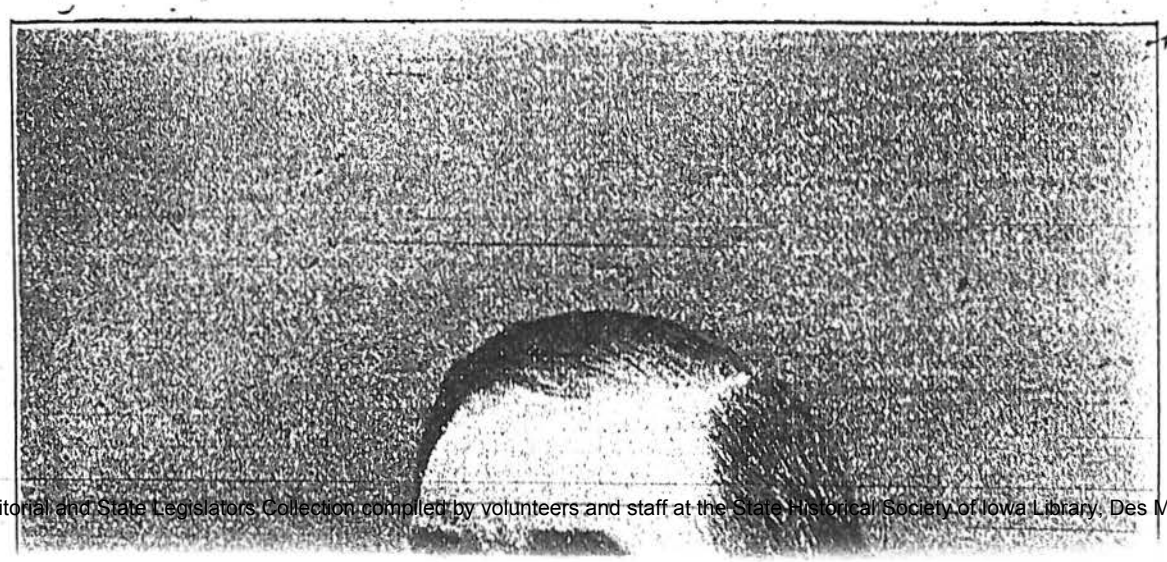
DEATH OF HON. GEO. W. LOVELL.

Hon. George W. Lovell died last evening, March 10th, at 8:50 o'clock, after an illness extending over a period of about two months. Death came painlessly and as quietly as a child might fall asleep.

Two months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which confined him to his bed and deprived him of the power of speech. He rallied sufficiently to be able to articulate enough to make his wants known. His mind remained clear until he began to rapidly fail, two weeks ago. He was still able to comprehend his situation until he suffered another stroke, last Monday. Even after that time he became sufficiently aroused to recognize his nephew and business associate, Mr. George L. Lovell, for whom he always had a great deal of affection.

Mr. Lovell was a bachelor and made his home at the Lovell house, and there ticello State Bank, and at the time of his death, he was the owner of nearly one-third of its capital stock, being the largest stockholder. He also owned the controlling interest in the Strawberry Point Bank and was its president, and was also a stockholder in the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, and the Waverly State Bank. He was a large real estate holder both in Iowa and Michigan, and was interested in paper manufacturing in the latter state. In 1881 Mr. Lovell built the hotel in Monticello that bears his name.

Mr. Lovell took much interest in politics, and was many times honored in a political way, after his removal to Monticello. He was liberal in his political views and refused to be bound by the tenants of a political party when they were out of harmony with his own views. He was elected mayor of Monticello, twice, in 1871 and 1872. During the latter year he was elected as a



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The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at the opera house. The remains will be taken there at one o'clock, where they will lie in state until 2:30 when the funeral services will occur. The arrangements are under the supervision of our former citizen, Mr. H. D. Sherman. The remains will be taken to Michigan for interment beside those of his father and mother.

George W. Lovell was born in Windham county, Vermont, upon a farm. He spent his early years in that state where he was brought up to habits of industry, economy and honesty. Before he had reached his 18th year he had become well schooled in the common branches, and had acquired a good education in the elementary principles of the natural sciences. He had also become an apt pupil in surveying and the higher mathematics.

In 1835 he removed with his father's family to Kalamazoo county, Mich., and engaged in farming. Three years later his father died, and at the age of 20, he took charge of the home farm in Michigan, where he at once gave evidence of rare tact as a business manager.

At the age of 26 Mr. Lovell was elected as one of the supervisors of Kalamazoo county, which office he held for six years. In 1852 he was elected as a member of the house of of representatives of Michigan, and re-elected to the same position two years afterwards.

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member of the state senate, by the republicans, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge McKean. In 1873 he was nominated for the same office by the liberal party, and re-elected for the full term of four years. Mr. Lovell then continued to act with the democratic party, being once defeated for the legislature by Dr. Calkins, until last fall, when he repudiated the party because of the free silver declarations of its platform.

Mr. Lovell was a man of rather even temperament. He avoided controversies, but was always well prepared with accurate information to sustain his views. He was a discriminate reader, and remembered well what he read. We remember once of quoting to him that sentiment from Burns:

"Money is good * *
Not for to put it in a hedge,
Not for the train attendant;
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

Whereupon he replied, "Yes, I remember that sentiment, and I can tell you many other good things that Burns said in the same connection," and commencing at the beginning he repeated the entire poem. Although slow in his motions, his mind was always active. Once while confined to his bed with illness, he learned the names of the counties of Iowa, in their alphabetical arrangement, and never forgot the information. When asked by a friend to name the number of electors that a particular state had, last fall, he volunteered to give the number that each state had. So too, could he name all the senators and representatives in the national congress. We give these as only samples of the accurate information he possessed. When he quoted figures or facts on any subject he was always sure of being exactly accurate.

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About the year 1854, Mr. Lovell came to Jones county, and invested in the land he owned at death, near Monticello, and which is now one of the finest stock farms in the county, comprising a breadth of a thousand acres. He went in debt for much of the purchase price of this farm, and was an interest payer until after the war. But he made money rapidly, and in 1870 he moved to Monticello and invested his surplus savings in the banking business that was continued several years under the firm name of Carpenter & Lovell. This business was later merged into the Monticello National Bank, and afterwards into the Monticello Bank. About the year 1878, he opened a bank in company with his brother, a resident of Michigan, and his nephew, Mr. George L. Lovell, under the firm name of G. W. & G. L. Lovell. Afterwards Mr. George L. Lovell succeeded to his father's interest, and at the the time of Mr. G. W. Lovell's demise he and his nephew were equal partners in this business, which has long been considered as one of the soundest and most successful private banks of the state. Mr. Lovell retained his interest in what is now the Mon-

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These traits had much to do with his business successes. He amassed a large fortune. Not large in comparison with those made in the cities—but a large fortune to be made in an agricultural region, where speculation has nothing to do with its acquirement. It is the result of good business judgment, judicious investment, industry and economy. His judgment was uniformly good, whether exercised in the purchase and sale of live stock, the investment of money in securities or the handling of real estate, and fortunate indeed were those who had the advantage of his business advice.

Mr. Lovell was a just and fair man. He never crowded an unfortunate debtor, nor did his name ever appear upon the court dockets as plaintiff in foreclosure proceedings. He was quite free to subscribe for charitable projects, and those having such matters in hand did not hesitate to ask his name and a liberal subscription at the head of the proposed list. He gave the high school a thousand dollors worth of apparatus; and assisted in the support of all the churches. Having no family, he always had a feeling that his property

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The death of Mrs. Geo. Darrow occurred at her home near this place last Saturday, March 6th, after an illness of about two months. Mrs Darrow's maiden name was Martha Like, and she was born in Cataraugus county, N. Y., June 15th, 1858. She moved with her parents, to Iowa, in 1864, and was married to Geo. Darrow in 1884. She is survived by her husband and five children, one a babe two years old, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Like, two sisters, Mrs. Ida Longendyke and Mrs. Edward Albinger, and one brother, Mr. P. M. Like. The funeral was held last Monday afternoon, at the family residence.

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