

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Morley, William Raymond Senator _____
Represented Fayette County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Feb 1809 West Springfield, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place

Lorain Ainsworth 17 Mar 1846 Ogle County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; money lender

4. Church membership Brethren

5. Sessions served 15th General Assembly 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Jan 1893 Fayette, Iowa; buried Sylvanville Cemetery, Fayette County, Iowa

8. Children Albie (adopted son of William R. Morley's sister); also gave a home to 5 orphan boys and girls - no children of their own

9. Names of parents David and Hannah Lynde (Griswold) Morley

Worley, William Raymond

10. Education He was educated in schools in his Massachusetts neighborhood.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Abolitionist, later Republican

- He served two years as a soldier while living in Massachusetts
- In Nov 1834 he went with his family to Deaeruga County, Ohio
- In July 1836 he moved to Ayle County, Illinois near Rockford.
- Here he owned 400 acres of land and cultivated it until 1855.
- In June 1855 he moved to Fayette County, Iowa near Taylorville, Iowa.
- In November 1869 he moved on a farm in Branch Creek Township in Fayette County, Iowa.

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FAYETTE COUNTY,
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CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

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MEISGEIER, HARMAN, farmer, S. 24; P. O. Brush Creek; was born in Saxony, Germany, Dec. 19, 1843; came to America with parents in 1854, settling in Ohio, and to this county in 1856, where he married Alma Nus Sept. 30, 1873, who was born in Germany Nov. 2, 1852; owns 100 acres of land, valued at \$5,000, and all members of the Lutheran Church. Ida E., born March 20, 1875; Bertha, born June 4, 1877, are their children.

MENGES, JOSEPH, farmer, S. 24; P. O. Brush Creek; was born in Baden, Germany, Oct. 3, 1829; came America Oct. 9, 1848, settling in Oneida Co., N. Y., and, in 1852, came with his parents to this county, settling on their farm, consisting of 400 acres, on which they have made valuable improvements, and is worth \$20,000. Married Charlotte Aulwes July 23, 1857; she was born in Hanover, Germany, Oct. 3, 1836; Mary Eila, born Sept. 20, 1868; Henry, born Oct. 9, 1860; Jacob, born Feb. 17, 1863, and died Aug. 19, 1868.

Menges, P., S. 24; P. O. Brush Creek.

Miller, J. F., far., S. 22; P. O. Brush Creek.

Moak, C., lab.; P. O. Brush Creek.

Moor, E. O., farmer; P. O. Volga City.

Mome, J., far.; P. O. Brush Creek.

Moor, J. B., proprietor Pacific Hotel, Brush Creek.

Moore, R., blacksmith, Taylorsville; P. O. Brush Creek.

Monpleasure, C., painter, Brush Creek.

MORLEY, WILLIAM R., farmer, S. 31; P. O. Brush Creek; owns 440 acres of land; born in West Springfield, Mass., Feb. 26, 1809; moved to Geauga Co., Ohio, November, 1834, and, in July, 1836, moved to Ogle Co., Ill., where he married Lorain Ainsworth March 17, 1846. They moved to this county in June, 1855, and settled near Taylorsville, and in November, 1869, moved on his present farm. Mrs. M. was born Aug. 17, 1822, in Pennsylvania. Mr. M. was elected Representative to the State Legislature from this district in the years of 1873 and '74. Is a Republican. They have no children of their own, but five orphans have found a home under their roof.

MOYER, HENRY, farmer, S. 28; P. O. Brush Creek; born in Herkimer Co., N. Y., Oct. 13, 1827, where he married Caroline Zoller Jan. 19, 1854; she was born in Montgomery Co., N. Y., May 12, 1831; in the Winter of 1856 they emigrated and settled in Putnam Tp. of this county, and in 1863 they settled on their present farm, consisting of 225 acres, valued at \$8,000; Emma, born May 7, 1856; Jennie born July 10, 1859; Dwight, born Dec. 19, 1865, are the names and births of their living children; one child deceased—Chapin, born Aug. 18, 1862, and died March 7, 1865.

Munger, Wm., laborer, Brush Creek.

Munson, W., far., S. 14; P. O. Brush Creek.

NEWTON, ROBERT, carpenter, Brush Creek.

NEWCOMB, W. F., dealer in watches, clocks and jewelry, Brush Creek; born in Canada, June 28, 1856. Mr. N. resided in Manchester, Iowa, for some time, learning his trade of Mr. Boyington; after which he opened his store in this place in April 10, 1876, where he is now doing a nice business.

NEWTON, PALMER F., farmer, S. 21; P. O. Brush Creek; born in Alleghany Co., N. Y., May 23, 1821. He married Harriet M. Seely Feb. 13, 1841; she was born in Bradford Co., Penn., Nov. 13, 1824; in 1845 they emigrated and settled in Boone Co., Ill., when in 1847, they moved to Rock Co., Wis., and in Nov. 11, 1847, they settled on their present farm, consisting of 207 acres, worth \$10,000; Thomas J., born Feb. 15, 1846; William E., Feb. 27, 1848; Robert L., April 29, 1850; Louisa, Oct. 26, 1854; Earl H., Dec. 22, 1856; Ellen S., April 26, 1859; Anna L., Jan. 2, 1861; Bessie, Oct. 29, 1862; John P., April 19, 1866, are the names and births of his living children.

Newton, Thomas, lab., Brush Creek.

NUS, HUGO, farmer, S. 25; P. O. Brush Creek; owns 340 acres, valued at \$16,000; born in Germany, Sept. 4, 1836; came to America and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1853, where he married Henreicka Meisgeier April 9, 1855; she was born in Germany, Oct. 12, 1837; they came to this county in 1856, and to his present farm in 1863,

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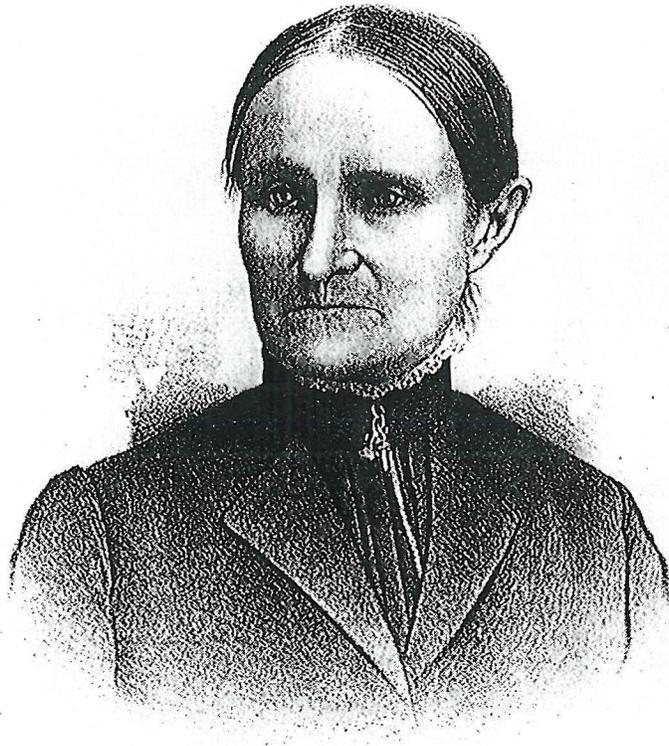
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W. R. Morley



Lorain A. Moolley

old at the time the family came to Iowa. His education was limited to the advantages afforded in the common schools which he attended only until he was fourteen years of age, when he commenced to make his own way in the world. After working some three years by the month on a farm, he decided to learn the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and with his father as instructor soon mastered the business which he followed some seven years. In 1881 he came to Brush Creek where for six years he was in the employ of the hardware firm of Isaac Walrath & Son. He proved a very efficient man and their relations were mutually pleasant. According to the custom of the business he contracted for the year, from January to January, and after serving some six years, thinking his labors ought to be more valuable, he stated as much to his employer who, of course, wished to pay him all he could afford but did not see how he could stand it to make the advance. It was agreed, however, that his employer, if he would not advance his wages, should let Mr. Jewell know thirty days before the 1st of January, while on the other hand, he was to make known his determination to quit, if he so desired, thirty days in advance. Time passed on until January 1, 2 and 3 had passed and then Mr. Jewell, who has always been characterized by his promptness in business dealings, asked his employer if he had decided to make the increase of wages, which, by the way, amounted to only about \$40 for the year. He received a negative reply. Not having been informed according to contract, Mr. Jewell determined to quit although it was late in the season and the best positions were taken. However, the fates had something better in store for him than working for a salary. Two worthy citizens, Messrs. Kemmerer and Graf, had sufficient faith in the ability and honesty of Mr. Jewell to go in partnership with him in the hardware business. They began operations in the spring of 1887 by purchasing the stock of Campbell & Wandal, which invoiced \$1,185.50. In February, 1890, the other partners bought Mr. Graf's interest, and the firm title was changed to Kemmerer & Jewell. Though they began in a small way they now have one of the most extensive business interests in town and

in connection with hardware they have a large trade in wagons, buggies and farm machinery. The hardware store is 22x70 feet and the machinery department 24x90 feet. Mr. Jewell is the resident partner and therefore the manager of the business, as Mr. Kemmerer resides in Fayette. We have given in detail the facts concerning the establishment in business of one of the leading young men of Brush Creek to show how seemingly insignificant transactions may change the entire career of a man.

On the 1st of March, 1877, Mr. Jewell was united in marriage with Miss Cora Clark, a native of Ohio, and unto them has been born one child, a son, Roy. Socially our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. From a financial standpoint he is a self-made man. Energetic, courteous and attentive to business, he has won an extensive patronage.



WON. WILLIAM R. MORLEY, a resident farmer and money loaner of Fairfield Township, living on section 31, is numbered among the leading citizens of the county. Known to all as an upright man and worthy citizen he deserves special mention in this volume where is given the record of the lives of the representative people of Fayette County. He is now an old man but is still hale and hearty and we join his many friends in wishing that his life may be preserved for a long time to come. He was born February 26, 1809, near the town of West Springfield, Mass., on the same farm where his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had lived before him. The founders of the family came from England among the earliest emigrants and settled near Hartford, Conn. David Morley, father of William, was born in the town of West Springfield, March 3, 1760, and married Hannah L. Griswold a native of Lyme, Conn., who when a maiden of six summers accompanied her parents to Massachusetts and was reared

in the same neighborhood with him who became her husband. Her father, who was a Presbyterian preacher of the old school, there resided until his death. David Morley was a man of extensive business interests. He controlled large tracts of land, built stone bridges, ran a still, owned and operated a sawmill in Berkshire County, and also kept a tavern for some years. When only sixteen years old he entered the Colonial army and served in the vicinity of West Point, taking part in a hard battle with the Indians in Central New York, where the regiment lost heavily. At that time his mother was a widow, and as he and his brother were both anxious to aid their country in her struggle for independence, one would serve for six months and then return home while the other did service for a like period. Mr. Morley was a man of high standing in his community and represented his district in the State Legislature. He was also Colonel in the State Militia and in political faith was a Democrat, being an ardent admirer of Thomas Jefferson. He died December, 31, 1815, at the age of fifty-five, and his wife died February 13, 1866, at the age of eighty-three. Of their family of twelve children William is the only one now living. Sylvanus G. died March 19, 1857; David died in Michigan; Matthew M. came to Fayette County, in 1851, and here spent the remainder of his life; James H. died in Illinois; Francis A. died October 29, 1853; Harriet Kean; Mariette died March 12, 1855; Eliza, September 9, 1874; Hannah, February 24, 1875; Julia A. August 6, 1869; and Caroline S. December 29, 1865.

Our subject is the youngest but one of that family. In the common schools of his native State he acquired his education and upon his father's farm was reared to manhood. He served one summer before the mast as a sailor, and in 1834 accompanied the family to Ohio, locating near Painesville where he secured land upon which he resided, cultivating it until 1836. In that year he removed to Illinois, settling near Rockford. He became one of the pioneers of that region for the country round about was in its primitive condition and the Indians were still numerous. Soon after this the Black Hawk War occurred. Mr. Morley secured four hundred acres of wild Government

land which he broke and cultivated until 1855, when he again became identified with the pioneer settlement. He had visited this county on a prospecting tour in 1854 and the year following took up his residence near Taylorville, where he bought land, entering other land farther south. In 1869, he removed to his present location on section 31, Fairfield Township, where he has since resided, having a comfortable home, good barns and other outbuildings, the latest improved machinery, fair grades of stock and everything necessary to a model farm. He has given the greatest part of his attention to general farming and has met with most excellent success. He now owns about one thousand acres of land and has a snug sum paid up in bank.

While residing in Illinois Mr. Morley married Miss Lorain Ainsworth, who was born near Seneca Lake, N. Y., and at the age of twenty years accompanied her parents to the West. They have no children but have given homes to five orphan boys and girls, providing them with all necessities and many comforts. Mrs. Morley is a member of the United Brethren Church to which both she and her husband contribute very liberally. He is strongly opposed to secret societies, believing their existence threatens the welfare of our country. Both in principle and practice he is a strong prohibitionist and worked untiringly for the amendment. He cast his first Presidential vote for William Wirt, of Virginia, the anti-Masonic candidate, and in 1840, supported W. H. Harrison. He then voted with the Abolition party until the rise of the Republican party with which he has since been identified, being a warm supporter of its principles. He has often served in its conventions and has filled all of the local offices. In 1873 he was elected to represent his district in the Legislature and served acceptably in that office. Mr. Morley possesses many excellent traits of character, is charitable and benevolent, ever ready to extend a helping hand and many a one has reason to bless him for his kindly assistance in their hour of need. His own life has been crowned with prosperity which he certainly deserves as it is the result of his own efforts.



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William Raymond Morley 1809

B: 26 Feb 1809 in Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA
D: 29 Jan 1893 in Fayette, Fayette, Iowa, United States

Parents

David Morley
1760-1815Hannah Lynde Griswold
1766-1848

Lorain (Lorina) Ainsworth B:17 Aug 1822 in Birth 14 Dec 1822, Brutus, Cayuga, New York, United States

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **William R Morley**
 Birth Year: **abt 1809**
 Birth Place: **Massachusetts**
 Gender: **Male**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1885**
 Residence state: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Fayette**
 Locality: **Fairfield**
 Roll: **IA1885_184**
 Line: **16**
 Family Number: **80**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William R Morley	76
	Lorane Morley	62
	Abbie Morley	33
	Louis Hoffman	23
	Bird Bergerson	26

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Adoption Information

Date

1857

Location

[Iowa, USA](#)

Description

Abbie is the niece of W. R. Morley (1809) and sister of W. R. Morley 1874

Media

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1809 26 Feb	Birth Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts, USA	5 source citations
1846 17 Mar Age: 37	Marriage Ogle, Illinois	1 source citation
1850 Age: 41	Residence Marion, Ogle, Illinois	1 source citation
1857 Age: 48	Adoption Iowa, USA Abbie is the niece of W. R. Morley (1809) and sister of W. R. Morley 1874	
1880 Age: 71	Residence Fairfield, Fayette, Iowa, United States	1 source citation
1885 Age: 76	Residence Fairfield, Iowa	1 source citation
1893 29 Jan Age: 83	Death Fayette, Fayette, Iowa, United States	1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

- David Morley**
1760 – 1815
- Hannah Lynde Griswold**
1766 – 1848

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Spouse & Children

- Lorain (Lorina) Ainsworth**
1822 – 1892
- Abbie Morley adopted niece**
1851 –

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1850 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Name, Residence**

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Illinois Marriages, 1790-1860

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1955 -



MORLEY, Wm. R.

Born: 26 FEB 1809
Died: 29 JAN 1893
Cemetery: TAYLORSVILLE
Location: FAIRFIELD TWP.
County: FAYETTE CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: BORN MASS.;LOT 33

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