

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator

Conaway, John

Represented Poweshiek and Tama Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Nov 1822

Cady, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Elizabeth Cuning

7 Oct 1849

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Eclectic State Medical Association

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Physician; medical professor; merchant

4. Church membership

Methodist

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Trustee of Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 May 1883 Brooklyn, Iowa; Rural I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Brooklyn, Iowa

8. Children Frances Anne (Mrs. Charles Fuller Dorrance); Freeman;
Florence (Mrs. William McArthur)

9. Names of parents Charles and Frances (Arnold) Conaway

Conaway, John

10. Education

11. Degrees

He attended the Chicago Medical College, the Cooper Institute of New York and graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College

12. Other applicable information

Democrat, later Republican
- In his early manhood he worked as a merchant in Adams Township of Coshocton County, Ohio. He lived at the time with his brother, Michael.
- He moved to Iowa in 1856 settling in Brooklyn, Iowa. He was encouraged to come to Brooklyn by Simon Snyder, a friend.
- There he practiced medicine as well as a larger territory around Brooklyn.



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- *ID:* I9769
- *Name:* **John CONAWAY**
- *Prefix:* Dr.
- *Given Name:* John
- *Surname:* CONAWAY
- *Sex:* M
- *_UID:* E94C0AB91A5B0F458B698BADF4D3FBC372F5
- *Note:*

He was a doctor. Elected to the Iowa State Senate (1872-1876). One of the professors in the medical department of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; member of the Eclectic State Medical Association; graduated from Cincinnati Medical College and the Cooper Institute of New York; post-graduate of the Chicago Medical College. An ardent Republican; member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served as a member of it's board in Brooklyn Iowa from it's organization till his death.

1850 living in Adams Twp., Coshocton Co., Ohio and listed as a merchant. Brother Michael living with him.

1856 moved to Iowa.

1870 living in Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa and listed as a physician. Brother Charles D. Conaway lived next door.

1880 living with son-in-law William Mc Farland in Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa and listed as a physician.

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- *Birth:* 16 NOV 1822 in Cadiz, Harrison Co., Ohio
- *Death:* 3 MAY 1883 in Brooklyn, Poweshiek Co., Iowa
- *Note:* Possibly May 13, 1883?

Father: Charles CONAWAY b: 9 DEC 1793 in Kent or Baltimore Co., Maryland

Mother: Frances (Fanny) ARNOLD b: 1 JUN 1801 in Fayette Co., Pennsylvania

Marriage 1 Mary Elizabeth CUNNING b: 31 DEC 1829 in Rogersville, Ohio

- *Married:* 7 OCT 1849

Children

1.  Frances Anne CONAWAY b: 27 SEP 1851 in Bakersville, Ohio
2. Florence CONAWAY b: 1856 in Ohio
3.  Freeman Richard CONAWAY b: 1859 in Iowa
4. ??? CONAWAY
5. ??? CONAWAY
6. ??? CONAWAY

Sources:

1. Abbrev: US Census 1870:
 Title: US Census 1870:
 Page: Iowa, Poweshiek Co., Brooklyn page 19 & 20 lines 39-40 and 1-5, enumerated Aug. 19, 1870
 dwelling # 144 family # 154
 Conaway, C. D.- 36, physician, per estate \$1500, b OH;\n
 Julia- 22?, keeping house, b OH.

 dwelling 145 family 155
 Conaway, Dr. John- 47, physician, real estate \$15,000, per. estate \$15,000, b OH;
 Mary E.- 40, keeps house, b OH;
 Florence- 14, school, b OH;
 Florence- 11, school, b IA;
 Andrison?, Elien?- 25, male, day laborer, b Sweden.
 NOTE 2nd Florence should be Freeman.

 believe the 2nd Florence listed is actually Freeman, a son.
2. Abbrev: US Census 1880:
 Title: US Census 1880:
 Page: Iowa, Poweshiek Co., Brooklyn, film T9-362 page 481B
 McFarland, William M.- head, mar, m, 32, b IN, father b ME, mother b KY, attorney;
 Florence- wife, mar, f, 23, b OH, parents b OH;
 Conaway, John- father-L, mar, m, 54, b OH, parents b OH, physician;
 Mary- motherL, mar, f, 50, b OH, parents b MD;
 McNight, Allice- other, single, f, 16, b PA, father b PA, mother b VA, servant;
 Conaway, Freeman- other, single, m, 20, b IA, parents b OH, school.
3. Abbrev: Iowa- A Memorial & Biographical Record
 Title: A Memorial and Biographical Record of Iowa
 Publication: The Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago, 1896
 Page: Page 60 & 61 has short bio on Freeman Richard Conaway and his family.
4. Abbrev: Iowa-Biographical Dictionary
 Title: The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-made Men, Iow
 Publication: American Biographical Publishing Co., 1878, Chicago and New York
 Page: page 637 & 638
 John Conaway, M.D., Brooklyn
 John Conaway, for the last four years state senator representing Poweshiek and Tama counties, is a nat
 November, 1822. His parents were Charles and Frances Arnold Conaway. The Conaways were from Ireli
 Virginia. The subject of this notice spent his youth in and near his native town, tilling the soil, and imprc
 afforded opportunities. At twenty years of age he entered the academy at Hagerstown, Carroll county, s
 winter seasons. He read medicine while continuing his teaching, for four years, two with his cousin, Dr.
 and two with another cousin, Dr, Henry Conaway, of Rogersville, Tuscarawas county; practiced five years
 lectures at the Eclectic Medical Institute, Cincinnati; (cont)
5. Abbrev: Iowa-Biographical Dictionary
 Title: The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-made Men, Iow
 Publication: American Biographical Publishing Co., 1878, Chicago and New York
 Page: page 638 (cont.)
 graduated on the 25th of February, 1854; practiced three years more at Bakersville, and on the 1st of M.
 county, where he settled, and where he has been the leading physician for twenty-one years. He has ha

Iowa county on the east and sometimes into Tama on the north. He has a good name wherever known. The winter of 1886-7 Dr. Conaway spent in New York city, attending lectures in Bellevue Hospital Medical the Ophthalmic Hospital, giving himself a thorough brushing up in several branches of the healing art, a his skill. His medical education is thorough. During the last seven years he has been associated with Chi have ordinarily all the business they could desire.

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6. Abbrev: Iowa-Biographical Dictionary
 Title: The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-made Men, Iowa
 Publication: American Biographical Publishing Co., 1878, Chicago and New York
 Page: page 638 (cont.)
 For the last five years Dr. Conaway has been the United States medical examiner for pensions. He was state senator from January, 1874, to January, 1878; was chairman of the committee on townsh or five other committees. While in that body he was appointed to visit the Hospital for the Insane at Mo Dr. Conaway was a democrat until the repeal of the "Missouri Compromise", and has since usually actec senate he was nominated and supported by the "Patrons of Husbandry".
 He is a Master Mason and an Odd-Fellow. He is a member of the Methodist-Episcopal church, has been i of the Wesleyan University, a Methodist school located at Mount Pleasant.
 The doctor's wife was Miss Mary E. Cuning, of Rogersville, Ohio; married the 7th of October, 1849. (co
7. Abbrev: Iowa-Biographical Dictionary
 Title: The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-made Men, Iowa
 Publication: American Biographical Publishing Co., 1878, Chicago and New York
 Page: page 638 (cont.)
 They have lost three children, and have three still living. Frances is the wife of O. F. Dorrance, a mercha music teacher, and Freeman R. is a student in the State Normal School at Cedar Falls.
8. Abbrev: US Census 1850:
 Title: US Census 1850:
 Page: Ohio, Coshocton Co., Adams Twp., page 313, lines 5-7, enumerated Nov. 16, 1850
 dwelling # 156 family # 156
 John Canaway- 27, merchant, b OH;
 Mary- 20, b OH;
 Michael Canaway- 21, laborer.
9. Abbrev: US Census 1860:
 Title: US Census 1860:
 Page: Iowa, Poweshiek Co., Brooklyn, page 74, lines 1-10, enumerated July 11, 1860
 dwelling # 531 family # 514 (hotel)
 John Conaway- 36, pisician, real estate \$3500, personal estate \$1000, b OH;
 Mary E.- 30, b OH;
 Frances M- (male) 8, school, b OH;
 Floro- 4, b OH;
 Freeman- 10/12, b IA;
 Ammina Cuning- 18, b OH;
 John Geise- 21, b OH
 Michial Cuning- 25, Master carpenter, b OH;
 Phillip Hatt- 28, Master carpenter, b OH;
 Isabell Steam- 26, sewing, b OH.
 NOTE: Frances should be female?-- Ammina & Michial Cuning probably brother & sister of John's wife.

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Death Date: **03 May 1883**
Page #: **143**
Birth Date: **16 Nov 1822**
Cemetery: **IOOF**
Town: **Brooklyn**
Level Info: *Grave Stone Records of Poweshiek, Iowa*

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. *Registration Project*. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

Description:

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the WPA Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the name of the deceased, date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. [Learn more...](#)

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