

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Simmons, William L. D. Senator _____

Represented Jefferson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Jan 1832 Clermont County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Sarah Weaver 3 Aug 1852

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; bricklayer; plasterer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 16th General Assembly 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Jul 1900 Fairfield, Iowa; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield, Iowa

8. Children Ebenezer D.; Charles D.; Nancy D.; Sarah B.

Three other children died in infancy

9. Names of parents Adam and Sarah (Nitch) Simmons

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- Lived with his grandfather at age 6 after his father's death
 - Came to Fairfield, Iowa in the 1840's, and soon went to Fort
New Market where he was employed by the government
to build chimneys on the cabins at the fort.
 - His wife, Sarah, died in 1903
 - They moved to Jefferson County, Iowa in 1853
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Death of W. L. S. Simmons.

Another one of the old settlers of Jefferson county has passed away and is now numbered among those who have gone before to await our coming and who will welcome us when God shall take us home.

The death of W. L. S. Simmons occurred yesterday morning at his home on West Broadway from a general breaking down caused by old age. He was one of the old settlers of this county, having moved here in the spring of 1853, and during the time of his residence here has been one of the men whom the county desired to honor in any way it could. His life was spent in working at his trade, he being a bricklayer and plasterer. For over fifty years he has been a member of the Methodist church and has always been a faithful member of that church, and was one of its leaders in every movement which would advance the interests of the church. He had a large circle of friends and there was not a person who knew him but loved and respected him.

He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, January 10, 1832. When only six years old his father died and he went to live with his grandfather. While working on the river he had a chance to come here, and in the early forties he came to this place and when Des Moines was only a fort on the frontier he was employed by the government to build chimneys on the soldiers' cabins. August 3, 1852, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Weaver, and to them were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy, the other four being E. F. Simmons of this city, C. V. Simmons of Arvada, Col., Misses Nannie and Sallie Simmons of Fairfield. He and his wife moved to this county in the spring of 1853, and have made their home in it ever since, except two years when they were in Ohio.

This county honored him as one of its foremost citizens by electing him as a representative to the legislature in 1875, and he filled that office with great credit to himself and to the county which elected him.

His funeral was held this afternoon from his late residence, it being conducted by Rev. I. O. Kemble, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. B. Hill of Agency, who was an old friend of his.

His death will be generally mourned throughout the community and his many friends will greatly mourn his loss and will sympathize with his family in this their hour of sorrow.

I left home with \$300 and it was all I should have to keep me and bring me home and the last thing my brother called to me was, "Don't let sharpers get your money." Mr. Unkrich, of whom I bought my ticket for the voyage, also said he had seen that I was too confiding towards strangers and he was afraid I should be fleeced. One of the first persons I made acquaintance with aboard the ship was a young man named Instrip, who said he had that morning lost \$150 on Broadway, all he had but one dollar. He had lived in Idaho, but had visited England twice and it was reasonable to suppose he was acquainted with the world. I explained to him at different times during the voyage, my contemplated journey through the middle of England, partly afoot and he warned me to look out or I should be done for, indeed he thought I was entirely too "untraveled" to put it mildly to start on such a journey. However I was not "fleeced" nor "done for" but on the contrary I met with uniform courtesy and kindness and could speak most gratefully of the favors I received, I am safe to say, hundreds of persons and with but one or two exceptions I have not a shadow of complaint against anyone. Varying my journey through England as I did and changing my hotel almost every day, I fell in with commercial travellers more often than with any other class of people and a more obliging and courteous set of men could not be found. They would go distances out of their way to direct me in mine and by taking me to the hotels where they lodged often saved me from trouble if not from worse, so that in a general review of my journey I feel somewhat elated to think that I disappointed the fears of many of my friends.

I brought back of the \$300 some twenty and ten dollars worth of clothing with which I had replaced some I started with. If anyone thinks the above remarks savor too much of personality my excuse is that I have been asked a number of times what the expense of such a trip would be and I can only tell them what it cost me. At Chicago I got a letter of credit on the London City and Midland bank of England to the extent of \$100 and it was almost secure against loss. The Populists have had a great deal to say of the tyranny of "Threadneedle Street." I never expected to have dealings directly with that awful ogress but my letter of credit took me twice to Threadneedle street itself, and if my treatment is the habitual conduct of that dreadful place, I must say the badness is entirely sugar-coated, neither of Fairfield's banks are obliging. The head bank, for there are five branch banks in London, that I know of and branches, too, in Birmingham,

they too, would have smiled at this as beginning of my adventures.

Some years since at an election directors for the county fair I sat beside my good friend, Mr. Sackett who did not know me so well then. I am happy to say he has since come to know me, and he said to me I must beat that man Heaton Round Prairie for director. He not fit for a * * director; never was at a state fair nor anywhere, and does not know any thing about fairs. I agreed with him, though Heaton did not know half so much he ought to know and that I too would vote against him. I have never voted for the Round Prairie director to this day and yet he has been a director twice as many years, continuous as any other man now on the board so that many as have been my failures I have more than once disappointed a number of my friends. However I learned from my experience at Winchester to study the vicinity of a hotel, first of all and although I was bewildered in London, Paris elsewhere, I never was again "lost" or blushed this day, that I only gave the policeman my thanks for his trouble.

I have been asked a number of times if I was not very lonely at times and I must say that only for a few minutes could I say that I was that was when all of my companions of the voyage went off on a train for Southampton for London and left as the train pulled out of the station scores of my friends waved their hands at me and wished me "good luck." I soon arranged my return trip, my ticket with the steam ship company, like the Scotch creditor, I gave the promissory note to the debtor, so that he might know what it was due and "booked" first class Winchester. I had no one in the compartment with me and it was as well as the first time that I rode first class in England, where there is a saying that only Americans and fools ride first class.

After noon I attended service at the cathedral, there are two services every week day. There were upwards of thirty clergymen and boys in surplices and a congregation of about ten fifteen persons. There is a grand organ that at times made the building tremble, as thunder does a house. Winchester cathedral is said to be the largest in England, is 200 feet long and 77 feet high to the ceiling. It covers one and a half acre but five hundred years ago was cloisters and other precincts it covered thirty five acres. In this cathedral Egbert, the first king of England was crowned, Alfred the Great completed his survey of the kingdom from the royal palace in this city. Hardican the last Danish king of England was buried here, he killed himself driving like Alexander the Great, William the II, (Rufus) is buried here

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College, Cleveland, Ohio; attended lectures till 1866, when he graduated March 20, 1867, from this college; received a diploma from the University College at Wooster, Ohio; has been in constant practice since 1862; removed to Batavia May 9, 1872. He enlisted in 1861 in the 4th O. V. I.; served three months; the same fall was commissioned First Lieutenant in the 16th O. V. I., and served nine months; was then promoted to Surgeon of the 9th Ohio Battery and served three years. Married Mary A. Ferguson in September, 1866; she was born Aug. 23, 1846, in Guernsey Co., Ohio; had three children, one living—Milton H., aged 5 years.

Shives, J., laborer; P. O. Batavia.

Sidorus, J., far., S. 28; P. O. Batavia.

Simmons, J., far., S. 35; P. O. Libertyville.

SIMMONS, W. L. S., farmer, Sec. 12; P. O. Brookville; born Jan. 10, 1822, in Clermont Co., Ohio; in 1842, came to Jefferson Co., and entered eighty acres of land; the following year, he went to Des Moines and built chimneys for the soldiers' cabins, and then returned to Ohio; in 1845, returned to this county, and has been a resident here since; he now owns 255 acres of land, valued at \$30 per acre. Married Miss Sarah Weaver in 1852; she was born in 1824, in Clermont Co., Ohio; have four children—Eben F., Charles W., Sarah B. and Nancy W. He represented this county in the Legislature during 1876 and 1877. Member of the M. E. Church; Republican.

Sipple, C., far., S. 5; P. O. Abingdon.

SMITH, ANDREW, far., S. 17; P. O. Batavia; born Sept. 9, 1820, in Indiana; when a child, came with his father to Morgan Co., Ill.; in 1838, came to Des Moines Co.; in 1846, to Jefferson Co. Owns 208½ acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre. Married Sarah Fleener Dec. 31, 1844; she was born in Washington Co., Va., May 17, 1824; died March 5, 1855, in Jefferson Co.; have four children—Harriet J., Washington C., Thomas E. and Charles W.; second marriage to Minerva A. Smith, June 7, 1855; she was born Feb. 26, 1834, in Barren Co., Ky.; have five children—Dollie C., Cora E., Hugh D., Nannie D. and Andy V. Mrs. S. came

to this territory with her parents in 1838. Has been, for the past fourteen years, a local Deacon of the M. E. Church. Has been Constable; Republican.

SMITH, JOHN, Postmaster; P. O. Brookville; he was born Aug. 18, 1805, in Hampden Co., Mass.; in 1824, came to Dutchess Co., N. Y.; returned to Massachusetts, thence to Long Island; in 1832, came to Geauga Co., Ohio; in 1854, came to Jefferson Co.; has been Postmaster since 1861. Married Mrs. A. L. Majors in 1847; she was born Aug. 17, 1825, in Broome Co., N. Y.; have three children—Louisa, Esther and Mary W.; she has two stepsons by a former marriage—E. W. and A. A. Majors, sons of the late Alexander Majors; they are now residents of Girard, Kan., both holding prominent positions there; their father was one of the earliest settlers of Jefferson Co. Republican; member of the M. E. Church.

Smith, J., far., S. 36; P. O. Fairfield.

Smith, L. R., far., S. 36; P. O. Fairfield.

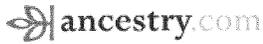
Smith, T., far., S. 6; P. O. Abingdon.

SMITH, WILLIAM, farmer, Sec. 6; P. O. Abingdon; born Oct. 3, 1818, in Wayne Co., Ind.; in 1835, came to Henry County, Iowa; in 1838, came to Jefferson Co.; he owns 585 acres of land, 367 acres of which he entered; he built his present residence in 1876, at a cost of \$5,000; is the finest residence in the township. He married Feb. 11, 1846, Sarah, daughter of Rev. Robert Long; she was born in 1830, in Illinois; had eight children, seven living—Sampson F., Sarah, Estella A., Elizabeth, Grant, Alavane and Nellie; lost Loretta in infancy. Republican.

Snider, Wm., merchant, Brookville.

Spielman, J., section hand, Batavia.

STANSBURY, JOHN, retired, Batavia; born Dec. 25, 1795, in East New Jersey; in 1814, came to Cincinnati, Ohio; in 1818, to Indiana; in 1853, to Jefferson Co.; engaged in milling and farming; owns residence and other property in town; has been a member of the M. E. Church for sixty years and exhorter for forty-five years. Married Nancy Stucker in 1816; she was born Dec. 22, 1795; died in 1830, in Indiana; had ten children, five living



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1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	William L S Simmons [William L S Smirnoff]	
Home in 1900:	Fairfield, Jefferson, Iowa	
Age:	78	
Birth Date:	Jan 1822	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Kentucky	
Mother's Birthplace:	Kentucky	
Spouse's name:	Sarah	
Marriage Year:	1854	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	46	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
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	Sarah Simmons	76
	Sarah H Simmons	36
	Nannie Simmons	32
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Jessica Smith's Family Tree

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- *ID:* I21688
- *Name:* William L.S. SIMMONS
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 20 JAN 1822

First Name

Father: Adam SIMMONS b: 9 JUL 1788 in N. Huntington Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Last Name

Mother: Sarah HITCH b: 19 SEP 1798 in Kentucky

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SIMMONS, W. L..

Born: 1822
Died: 7-5-1900
Cemetery: EVERGREEN
Location: FAIRFIELD
County: JEFFERSON CO. - IOWA
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SIMMONS, Sarah

Born: 1824
Died: 4-29-1903
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Location: FAIRFIELD
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