

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Hood,

Gilbert H. — Represented Muscatine County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Oct 1816 Grafton, Muscatine County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth E. Marsh Nov-1850 Providence Rhode Island

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; boot and shoe business; Railroad business;
livestock dealer

4. Church membership _____

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 15 July 1885 Muscatine, Iowa buried Greenwood Cemetery, Muscatine, Iowa

8. Children One son, but name not known

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education He was educated in his native town of Drafton, Massachusetts.
He was an extensive reader and read beyond the classroom.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Anti-Monopoly | Later Republican

- After his father died he went to Madison, Indiana. There he was in the boot and shoe business for 6 years.
- Then he returned to Worcester and started working on the railroad.
He first worked on the Providence and Worcester Road, then he worked for the Vermont Central Railroad.
- In Dec 1854 he and his wife went to Chillicothe, Ohio. There he was a member of the firm of Cushing, Hunt & Company who contracted for the building of 100 miles of the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad which was completed in 1855.
- He then emigrated to Muscatine County, Iowa where he purchased 360 acres of land in Lake Township.
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Death of Ex-Senator Wood.

The Hon. G. H. Wood breathed his last at his home in Lake, yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. His friend, Mr. Barnard Fowler, who was with him, describes his end as painless and peaceful.

Deceased was of an honorable Puritan ancestry and was born in Grafton, Massachusetts, in 1817. He received a good New England school education and early turned his attention to civil engineering. He was a large contractor in the building of the Vermont Central R. R. and Maine Central R. R.; subsequently took the entire contract for building the Cincinnati & Marietta R. R., and was engaged in other similar important enterprises before coming to Iowa. Soon after making his residence in Muscatine he took the construction of the Muscatine & Tipton R. R. which failed to materialize, but whose road-bed will long remain a monument to the memory of deceased. Twelve years ago Col. Wood was nominated by the anti-monopoly party for the State Senate and was elected, and served the county with enviable distinction. During the second session of his term, the election of United States Senator came up and he resumed his old party relations by entering the Republican caucus and voting for the nomination of his old friend Gov. Kirkwood. Of late years the Senator has applied himself closely to agricultural pursuits on his farm in Lake, one of the most beautiful residences in the county. Some months ago a tumorous development appeared his neck which was lightly treated at first but whose malignant course has been plainly

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Senator Wood was a gentleman of the old school model, courtly but charmingly urbane, and the soul of honor. Such was the confidence in his personal integrity that the severing of his relations with the Republican party on entering the anti-monopoly movement, and the resumption of his old party relations when the latter action seemed obligatory to him, did not affect the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow men, and over no grave could there be felt a more genuine and general sorrow than the one which opens to-morrow to receive the remains of Senator Wood. Deceased leaves a widow and one child, a son. Two brothers survive him, one a resident of Webster in this State, and the other of Indiana.

The funeral takes place from the residence in Lake at 10 o'clock to-morrow and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Robbins. The remains will be interred in the Muscatine cemetery. —Daily 16.

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A Fair Career

Many of our citizens met with T. J. O'Brien, a young lawyer of Des Moines, will remember him as on a visit to our city about a year ago when he was called to court by the Marshal on the complaint of Mr. Richie, a street pedler who had practiced his trade in the city hall before 'Squire O'Brien. Our morning cotemporary has fallen asleep near an open second story window of the *Der Demokrat* building evening and fell out." feelings, of

our cotemporary from telling its readers that O'Brien happened to be sitting in an office chair at seven o'clock one evening with his lovely young wife at the window. This was a young man of 25 years of age, of whom it is said that he possessed ordinary abilities, was a lawyer and a speaker of little eloquence," had been in the *Democrat*, from which cotemporary got its news, at seven o'clock at night he was sitting on a box, asleep. He was taken to his office, in the *Democrat* building, placed in a chair and left there. That of him, in his body a

Biographies For Muscatine County Iowa 1889



Source: *Portrait and Biographical Album*, Muscatine County, Iowa, 1889, page 329

HON. GILBERT H. WOOD, deceased. We take honor in presenting to the readers of this album a sketch of the life of one of Muscatine County's most honorable and upright citizens, who was a leader among men, and at one time represented his district in the State Legislature. He was born in Grafton, Worcester Co., Mass., Oct. 3. 1816, and his ancestry can be traced back to the Puritan fathers. He was educated in his native town, but being of a studious nature, on leaving the school-room he did not consider that he knew all that was needed, but supplimented his knowledge gained from text-books by extensive reading and observation. After the death of his father he left his native State, and went to Madison, Ind., where he remained six years engaged in the boot and shoe business. Then he returned to Worcester and commenced his railroad life. His first contract was on the Providence and Worcester Road. After that he went to Vermont and took a contract on the Vermont Central; also work in Maine.

In November, 1850, our subject was married in the city of Providence, R. I., to Miss Elizabeth E. Marsh. of which State the lady was a native. In December following the young couple went to Chillicothe, Ohio, where Mr. Wood, as a member of the firm of Cushing, Wood & Co., contracted for the building of 100 miles of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad. The work being satisfactorily completed in 1855, and desiring to turn his attention to farming, Mr. Wood emigrated to Muscatine County, where he purchased 360 acres of land on sections 26 and 27, of Lake Township. The only improvement upon the land, which in itself was a wild, uncultivated tract, was a small log cabin, but as time passed he transformed it into one of the most beautiful farms in the county. The magnificent evergreen and other trees, which throw their welcome shade over the home, sheltering it from the

fierce rays of the summer sun, were planted by the owner, and under his direction, the little cabin was replaced by a handsome cottage.

In 1867 Mr. Wood took the contract to grade ten miles of the Muscatine, Tipton and Anamosa Railroad, from Tipton to the Northwestern Railroad, which contract or grading he finished.

In 1874 Mr. Wood was nominated by the anti-Monopoly party for the State Senate, and was elected and served the county with enviable distinction. During the second season of his term the election of United States Senator came up, and he resumed his old party relations by entering the Republican caucus, and voting for the nomination of his old friend, Gov. Kirkwood. He was also an extensive stock-dealer, and to him, Muscatine County owes much for her present high grade of horses and cattle. He was the first to introduce the Short-horn cattle, which he imported from Ohio, and he gave special attention to the breeding of Bashaw horses. To all educational, social or moral interests, he gave his earnest and hearty support, and was prominent in the promotion of any enterprise for the public welfare. His death occurred July 15, 1885, leaving a wife and one child to mourn their loss.

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WOOD, Elizabeth E.

Born: 1824
Died: 1910
Cemetery: GREENWOOD
Location: MUSCATINE, BLOOMINGTON TWP
County: MUSCATINE CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: W/O GILBERT H.

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| Name: | Gilbert H Wood | |
| Birth Year: | abt 1817 | |
| Birth Place: | Massachusetts | |
| Gender: | Male | |
| Marital Status: | Married | |
| Census Date: | 1856 | |
| Residence State: | Iowa | |
| Residence County: | Muscatine | |
| Locality: | Bloomington | |
| Roll: | IA_63 | |
| Line: | 23 | |
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| Members: | Gilbert H Wood | 39 |

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