

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Bronson,  
Charles E. - Represented Delaware County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Nov 1841 Lee Center, Oneida County,

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jennie E. Sheldon 29 June 1868 Earlville, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Dec 1866

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Ancient Order of United Workmen

C. Profession Lawyer; editor

4. Church membership Not a church member

5. Sessions served 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster of Manchester; for one year; city attorney;  
School Board member

B. State

C. National

7. Death 18 Nov 1908 Manchester, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Manchester, Iowa

8. Children Earl, Wint; Byron; Lee; Henry

9. Names of parents Clark M. and Abbey Bronson

10. Education

Attended school in Iowa City, Iowa for  
several years

11. Degrees

Completed courses in Bryant and Stratton's Commercial  
College in Chicago

12. Other applicable information

- Democrat
- In Oct 1855 when he was age 14 he came west with his parents settling in Iowa City, Iowa.
  - After being admitted to the bar he settled in Manchester, Iowa where he lived until his death. His first partner was a Mr. Strong, but this pair didn't last long. He then formed a partnership with A. F. Blair and this lasted from 1867-1873. He then teamed up with M. J. LeRoy from 1873-1884 when E. M. Carr joined the partnership until spring 1887. Then Mr. LeRoy left so Bronson and Carr continued together until 1905. In spring 1905 the firm of Bronson, Carr and Sons was formed.
  - In the fall of 1877 he and E. M. Carr purchased the Manchester Democrat newspaper. They continued the publication of the paper under the name of Bronson and Carr. They owned the paper for more than 30 years.



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General Manager S. C. Stickney, of the Chicago Great Western Railway, generously furnished his private car to bring Mr. Bronson home. He arrived here Tuesday morning of last week.

Mr. Bronson was the eldest child of Clark M. and Abbey Bronson. He was born at Lee Center, Oneida county, New York, November 24, 1841. He is survived by his wife, Jennie Bronson; his five sons, Earl and Wirt of Spencer, Iowa; Byron, of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Lee of Saskatchewan, Canada; and Henry, of Manchester; and by his brother, Henry, of Chicago; and his sister, Mrs. Nellie E. Merriam, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, all of whom were present at the funeral. There were also present at the funeral, Mesdames Earl, Wirt and Byron, Bronson, and Mr. Bronson's grand-daughters, Zoa and Gall, and grandson, Chester.

In October 1855, when Mr. Bronson was fourteen years of age, he came west with his parents to Iowa City, where he attended school for several years. He completed a course of study in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial college in Chicago, graduated and was admitted to the bar in December, 1866, and shortly there-

bore defeat with dignity and composure, and in the hour of victory was modest and reserved. He indulged in no superfluities at the bar, but went straight to the point at issue, without using any words for ornamentation. There was not a trace of sham or pretention in the warp or woof of his rugged personality. And he was as willing to listen patiently to the troubles of the poor and humble, as he was to those of the rich and the influential. When there was a wrong to be resisted, the financial conditions of the parties were never considered by him. He was as true as sunlight to every relation of life, and he gave his clients the benefit of his large common sense, his practical ideas, and his conservative judgment. And he lived to realize that his fidelity to his profession had met a fair reward.

In the fall of 1877 he was democratic candidate for state senator in this district and, notwithstanding the fact that the normal republican majority was fully eight hundred, Mr. Bronson was elected by a majority of four hundred. Mr. Bronson was made a member of the Judiciary committee of the senate, a distinction seldom accorded to a new member serving a first term in that body. He was also made a member of a special committee to investigate

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## Social Diversions

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The Knights of Pythias will hold the next regular meeting Monday evening, November 30th.

Mrs. L. L. Hoyt was hostess to a number of Mr Hoyts gentlemen friends at a dinner Friday evening in honor of his birthday anniversary.

The Young Peoples Society of the Baptist church held a November Literary social at the home, southwest of the city, of Mrs. W. A. Durey, Friday evening. An interesting Thanksgiving program was rendered and the large number in attendance spent a very enjoyable evening as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lurey.

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the Ft. Madison penitentiary and took the leading part in the memorable investigation of that institution. In 1880 he was the democratic nominee for supreme judge of this state and during President Cleveland's first term Mr. Bronson was appointed postmaster of Manchester and creditably conducted the business of the office for a term of nearly five years.

Our departed partner was a kind-hearted man, ever thoughtful of the comfort and happiness of others. He met the requirements of life with ability, dignity, and courage. He was clean hearted and clean handed, and ever ready to lend a helping hand to promote the material, social and educational advancement of the community in which he lived.

Although not a member of any particular church he was a firm believer in the immortality of the soul and the God of the Bible. And it was easy for him to so believe, for the trend of his mind was at all times reverently in line with the teachings of the Christian religion.

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Here's a Manchester case to prove it:

Mrs. S. E. Odell, living on Fayette street, Manchester, Iowa, says: "Kidney trouble in my case started with an intense pain through my kidney regions. It gradually became worse until I could scarcely endure the misery. I became very nervous and the least excitement would make me irritable. The action of my kidney secretions was variable, at times the passages of the secretions being profuse while again scanty. I also had terrible headaches, and although I used a number of remedies, nothing helped me until I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills. I procured this remedy, began its use in accordance with the directions, and noticed improvement from the first. I gradually grew better until I was free from kidney trouble I discontinued taking Doan's Kidney Pills. I have had no return of the complaint since and it gives me pleasure to recommend such a reliable remedy. Doan's Kidney Pills can be secured from H. C. Smith's drug store."

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I have some good second hand Sewing Machines for sale.

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Al Thorpe, Joe Evers and James Gorman of this city, and Wm. Ward, Jas. Dolphin, Thos. Houlahan, N. Weller and P. McElliott, of Ryan, were at Waterloo Sunday attending the initiatory ceremony and banquet held by the Waterloo Council No. 700, of the Knights of Columbus. The banquet, at which covers were laid for about four hundred guests, was served by the Daughters of Isabelle. The Hon. E. M. Carr, of Manchester, was to have been among the speakers of the evening, but owing to the impossibility of his attending the function, an address upon his subject, "The Old Church in the New World" was made by the Rev. O'Connor, of Oelwein.

A meeting of the W. R. C. the A. O. Morse post, G. A. R. and the newly mustered in camp of the Sons of Veterans will be held in Ford's hall Wednesday evening, December 2d. A dinner is to be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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The poet, Longfellow, tells what may be read in the Talmud of old, in that wonderful collection of ancient Jewish Literature, among the legends the Rabbins have told of the limitless realms of the air, of Sandalphon the Angel of Glory, Sandalphon the Angel of Prayer. And we read in the Bible about a ladder set upon the earth, the top of which reached up to heaven,

"That wonderful ladder of light,  
That crowded with angels unnumbered  
By Jacob was seen as he slumbered  
Alone in the desert at night."

And who shall say that the deathless Sandalphon will not stand close to the top of that mystical ladder, and there welcome Mr. Bronson's spirit form as the angels bear it upward through the portals of the City Immortal?

The funeral services at the family home Saturday afternoon were brief

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The pall bearers were Messrs. M.  
F. LeRoy, W. H. Norris, E. B.  
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Joseph Hutchinson and E. M. Carr.  
The floral tributes were abundant  
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The interment was made  
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and the services at the cemetery were  
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165, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr.  
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Mrs. C. B. Eaton has an announce-  
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### SO DECEPTIVE

#### Many Manchester People Fail to Re- alize the Seriousness

Backache is so deceptive.  
It comes and goes keeps you  
guessing.  
Learn the cause—then cure it.  
Nine times out of ten it comes  
from the kidneys.  
That's why Doan's Kidney Pills  
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Cure every kidney ill from back-  
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PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 18, 1908—FUNERAL SERVICES SATURDAY.

## LEADING MEMBER COUNTY BAR

Had Been Associated With E. M. Carr as Editors of Manchester Democrat Since 1877.

(By E. M. Carr)

The death of Charles E. Bronson, which occurred at his home in this city a few minutes before noon on November 18, 1908, again reminds us of "What Shadows We Are and What Shadows We Pursue."

Mr. and Mrs. Bronson spent their annual vacation this year at their cottage on Lake Okaboji, the same as they have been accustomed to do for the past several years, returning home about the middle of August. Mr. Bronson did not complain at that time of being ill, but he had lost several pounds in weight during his six weeks' outing, which was quite unusual for him. He paid no attention however to this change in his condition and went to work with his usual vigor preparing cases for the fall terms of court. But he continued to lose weight and shortly before the opening of the district court on October 12, he gave up work in the office, but even then his condition was not considered serious and he confidently expected to be back at his accustomed desk in a few days. But the days came and went and there was no improvement, and about the first of the present month Mr. and Mrs. Bronson went to Rochester, Minnesota, to consult Drs. Mayo, Graham & Co., of that city. After a series of examinations it was definitely ascertained that there was a growth of some kind upon, or in the vicinity of Mr. Bronson's left kidney. If the the growth was not malignant or too extensive it could be safely removed, and Mr. Bronson was quite willing to submit to an operation and take the chances. He said that he wanted to live but was not afraid to die. On Tuesday, the 10th inst. an incision was made and the worst possible condition was found. The growth in the kidney proved to be a cancer and the pros-

after settled in Manchester, where he has ever since resided.

Mr. Bronson's first business associate was a Mr. Strong, but that partnership existed for but a few months. In 1867 Mr. Bronson and A. S. Blair formed a co-partnership for the practice of law, and the firm of Blair & Bronson continued for about five years. In 1873 Mr. Bronson associated himself with M. F. LeRoy in the practice of the law, and the firm of Bronson & LeRoy continued until 1884, when the partnership was enlarged by the association of E. M. Carr, and the law firm of Bronson, Carr & LeRoy continued until the spring of 1887, when Mr. LeRoy retired to engage in the banking business. For eighteen years thereafter the law firm of Bronson & Carr continued without change in its membership. In the spring of 1905 the co-partnership of Bronson, Carr & Sons was formed, and since then that firm has engaged in carrying on both the law and the newspaper business.

In the fall of 1877 Mr. Bronson agreed with E. M. Carr to purchase the stock of the Manchester Democrat, dissolve the corporation then publishing that paper, and continue its publication as partners, under the firm name of Bronson & Carr. That agreement was consummated as soon as possible, and for more than thirty years the Manchester Democrat has been owned by the firm of Bronson & Carr, and published by that firm until the firm of Bronson, Carr & Sons was formed. As Mr. Bronson's associate for more than thirty years, I must write as I know and as I feel.

Soon after he came to Manchester Mr. Bronson took a position in the front rank of the lawyers of Delaware county, and later on a like position at the bar of the state. His profession was more to him than a means of livelihood. The interests of his clients were to him of infinitely greater importance than any compensation he was to receive for his services. The springs of human motive and action are uncovered to no one as they are to the lawyer, and to Mr. Bronson this feature of his work was fascinating. To him the court room was picturesque ground. He liked to watch a case begin, liked to see it expand and its different characters appear; and he liked to work and help to promote the interests of those whose cause he espoused. In the temples of justice he gave hard blows in behalf of the clients for whom he contended, yet he was rarely out of temper in a trial. He ting from that institution in the fall of 1864. He read law in the law offices of Fairall & Boal, of Iowa City,

# SCIENTISTS MUSSEL

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Another source lies in their war against the pearl hunter. Reps. A. F. Dasher and J. E. Bush of La Crosse, Wis., chairman, Chief of the Bureau of

BIOGRAPHICAL

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OF THE COUNTIES OF

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OF MANY OF THE PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS AND  
SKETCHES OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLED FAMILIES  
OF THESE COUNTIES.

CHICAGO:

F. A. BATTEY & COMPANY.

1890.

has a pleasant home in Earlville, where he is passing the evening of life somewhat in retirement, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Taylor married, June 16, 1851, taking for a companion Miss Margaret Eahart, a daughter of William Eahart, a Virginia-born gentleman, who immigrated to Indiana at an early day and settled in La Porte county, where he died in 1852, his wife surviving him many years, dying in Delaware county, Iowa, in 1874. Mrs. Taylor was born in La Porte county, Ind., in 1831, and was there also reared. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been born two children, a daughter and son, Sophronia A., born May 15, 1852, now wife of C. A. Gilliam, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and William W., born November 8, 1855, married Miss Eva Irish, of Delaware county, Iowa, in 1874, and now resides at Earlville, engaged in business with his father.

In politics Mr. Taylor is a republican, but he does not take much interest in public matters, except to vote and keep abreast of the general thought of the day on public questions.

Personally he is kind and accommodating to those who stand in need of his services, and he enjoys the esteem and good will of all who know him.

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**H**ON. CHARLES E. BRONSON, lawyer and editor, and one of the most influential and prominent citizens of Manchester, Iowa, is a native of New York State and was born in Lee Center, Oneida county, November 14, 1841. His father, Clark M. Bronson, was a native of the same state, was by trade a tailor, but for the better part of his life

was engaged in the mercantile business. His death took place in Delaware county, Iowa, March 7, 1887, when he had filled out the allotted span of life—seventy years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Abby A. Cornish, was born also in Oneida county, N. Y., is a resident of Delaware county, Iowa, and has reached the venerable age of seventy-one years. Of the three children born to these parents, our subject is the eldest—Clark Henry, the next in order of birth, lives in Chicago, Ill., and the youngest, Nellie E., wife of Charles H. Day, is a resident of Manchester, Iowa.

In October, 1855, Charles E. Bronson was brought by his parents to Iowa City, Iowa, and here supplemented his earlier education by an academic course of study. In the spring of 1864 he went to Chicago, Ill., entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, and received his diploma from that institution the following fall. Returning to Iowa City, he entered the law office of Fairall & Boal, and under their tuition acquired so thorough a knowledge of law that he was admitted to the bar in December, 1866, and at once settled in Manchester for practice, and that he made a phenomenal success in this and also won a high position in the favor of the general public is evidenced by the following facts: In the fall of 1877 he was nominated on the democratic ticket for state senator to fill for two years a vacancy caused by the resignation of that office by L. G. Hersey, of Earlville. At that time, Delaware county constituted the thirty-sixth senatorial district, and gave a republican majority of fully eight hundred, but Mr. Bronson was nevertheless elected by a majority of four hundred, so popular was

he with all parties. While in the senate, he was appointed one of the legislative commission and joint committee of the general assembly to investigate the affairs of the state penitentiary, located at Fort Madison; he was also a member of the judiciary committee and of a number of other committees of almost equal importance, and, it is needless to state, was equal to the task imposed upon him by each and all of them. In 1880 he was nominated on the democratic ticket as candidate for supreme judge, but the state was overwhelmingly republican, and consequently Mr. Bronson met with defeat, the contest having been conducted on strictly party lines.

Just after Mr. Bronson had been sent to the state senate, he became one of the proprietors and editors of the *Manchester Democrat*. This journal was established January 20, 1875, by a joint stock company, E. M. Carr at its head, and was conducted under his auspices as a weekly newspaper until April, 1878, when Mr. Bronson and E. M. Carr purchased and took possession, and under their able management it soon reached a circulation of one thousand six hundred copies weekly, and it is needless to state that the able pen of Mr. Bronson had much to do with the bringing about of its great popularity and in raising its subscription list to this, for a village journal, unwontedly large size. The *Democrat* is a ten-column folio, is "printed all at home," and every Wednesday is sent forth to its expectant patrons.

Since January, 1875, Charles E. Bronson and E. M. Carr have been associated together in the newspaper business, and since July, 1884, have been law partners; in which latter they have met with abundant

success in a pecuniary sense, and in a professional sense stand at the very "head and front" of the fraternity. Mr. Bronson was appointed postmaster of Manchester in April, 1885, and filled the position to the entire satisfaction of the public until February, 1890. He has also held the office of city attorney, and has been a member of the school board for a number of years.

June 29, 1868, Mr. Bronson was united in marriage with Miss Jennie E. Shelden, who was born in Berea, Ohio, December, 1848, and is a daughter of Justus Shelden. This union has been crowned by the birth of five children, named—Earl, Wirt, Leo, Byron and Henry. Mr. Bronson is a Master Mason and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and he ever meets his friends on the level and parts with them on the square.

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**G**EORGE H. DUTTON, an enterprising farmer of Milo township, Delaware county, is a native of Aurelius township, Washington county, Ohio. He comes, however, of Virginia ancestry, his parents and grandparents on both sides having been natives of the "old Dominion." His grandparents moved to Ohio at an early date and the childhood of our subject's parents was spent in that state, but the families having returned to Virginia, his parents, Hanson and Elizabeth James, were there married and there resided for a short time after their marriage. They moved, however, to Ohio and settled in Washington county, where they afterwards lived and died.