

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Dows,

Stephen Leland - Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Oct 1832 New York City, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Henrietta H. Saylor 31 Oct 1855

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an Iowa millionaire, a self-made man, cast
in prison at a young age, self-educated, developed into a successful
mechanic and hairfold contractor

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

C. Profession Contractor

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 16th, 17th General Assemblies 1876, 1878

6. Public Offices

A. Local Trustee of Coe College, Cedar Rapids and Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 Mar 1908 Daytona, Florida; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Elizabeth (Mrs Thompson McClintock); Elma (Mrs Benjamin
Shaw); William G.; Stephen Leland, Jr. (died 5 Jul 1899 age 32); Henrietta (Mrs.
James E. Blake); Mynie M. (died at age 15)

9. Names of parents Adam and Maria (Lunday) Dows

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10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

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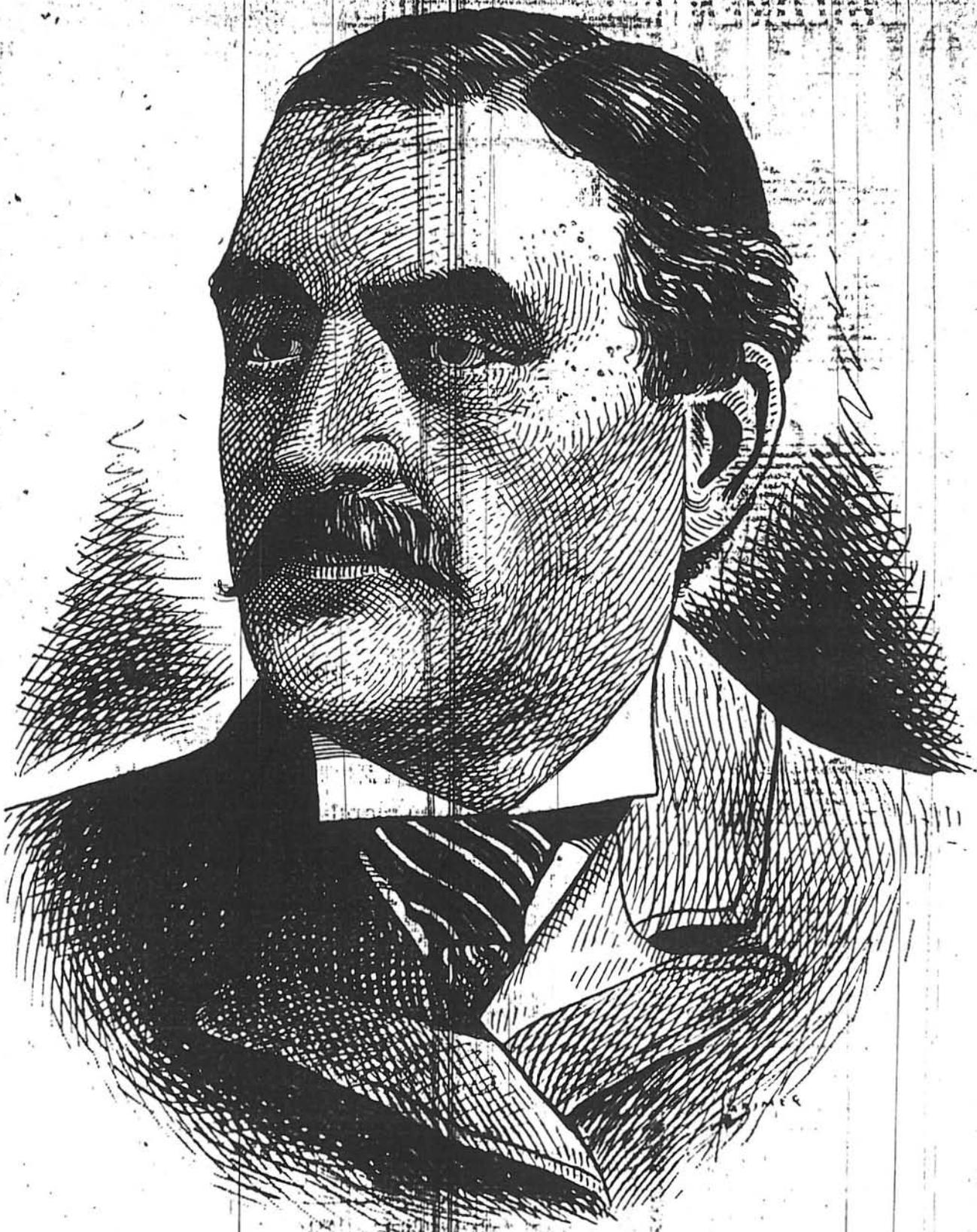
- At age 14 he engaged in working in a machine shop at Troy, New York where he lived with his parents.
- At age 16 he left Troy and started westward stopping first in Milwaukee and then to Green Bay, Wisconsin. There he spent a year in lumbering. He then moved on to Marquette where he worked in a machine shop for 2 years. He then returned to Green Bay where he was an engineer until spring 1853 when he went to Muskegon, Michigan working as a lumbering superintendent.
- In 1855 he moved to Cedar Rapids where he was the engineer and superintendent of the Variety Manufacturing Works.
- In 1860 he conveyed a quartz mill to Gold Hill in the Rocky Mountains returning in 1861.
- He returned to work in the Variety Manufacturing Works.
- Soon the war started - went to service 5 Aug 1862
- Military service - Civil War - Co. I, 20th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, he became disabled in a year and left 5 Jan 1863
- He worked in public works, railroad contractor, instrumental in building more railroads in Iowa than anyone else. He built many buildings in Cedar Rapids

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SENATOR STEPHEN L. DOWS,

PIONEER RESIDENT OF CEDAR RAPIDS, WHO DIED AT DAYTONA, FLA., YESTERDAY, AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS—WAS ONE OF IOWA'S MILLIONAIRES AND A MAN OF GREAT LIBERALITY.

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PIONEER RESIDENT OF CEDAR
RAPIDS PASSED AWAY AT
DAYTONA, FLA.

Immediate Cause of Death Was Attack
of Grippe—Col. Dows Will Bring
Body Here for Interment—Funeral
Arrangements to be Announced
Later.

Mrs. Col. W. G. Dows yesterday received a message announcing the death at Daytona, Fla., at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, of Senator Stephen L. Dows, one of the pioneer residents of Cedar Rapids and one of Iowa's millionaires. No arrangements have been made as yet for the funeral, but it will probably be held from his late residence, 705 First avenue, Thursday afternoon.

Col. Dows left Thursday evening for Daytona, called there by a message announcing his father's serious illness, due to an attack of grippe. Senator Dows had been in Daytona since last fall, and several weeks ago suffered a slight attack of paralysis, from which he rallied quickly and was apparently in his usual health when stricken with the grippe.

End of a Useful Life.

Stephen Leland Dows was born in New York City on the 9th of October, 1832, his parents being Adam Dows, a merchant in early life, and Maria Lunday, a daughter of Captain Lunday of New York City. His grandfather, James Dows, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was killed at the battle of Ottawa while on picket duty.

At fourteen years of age Mr. Dows secured employment in a machine shop at Troy, New York, where his parents then lived. At the end of two years he left the city of Troy, and started westward with a cash capital of seven dollars and fifty cents and a pass to Buffalo on a line boat. He landed in Milwaukee with seventy-five cents in his pocket. After a little delay he proceeded to Green Bay, where he spent one year in lumbering; then went to Lake Superior, and was one of the first winterers in the then new town of Marquette, worked there in the first machine shop built, and ran the first engine ever started there. At the end of two years he returned to

number of his charitable acts inspired by reason of the fact that his welfare of children was involved.

Only a few weeks ago Mel. Frazee, representing a committee of Central Park church in charge of raising a fund for the establishment of a gymnasium in the basement of the church, a room 40 by 60, with shower baths and a liberal amount of apparatus, wrote Mr. Dows concerning their plans and stating that they hoped to raise \$100. In just a week Mr. Frazee received a letter from Mr. Dows, dated at Daytona, in which he said:

"I note what you say about organizing a boys' club in connection with Central Park church. I am glad to know that you are personally becoming interested, and as this is a very good work, and as good men like yourself and Mr. Tom Sloss are interested, I am led to believe that it will be a success, and I am glad to have the opportunity to assist you in your praiseworthy effort. I enclose a check payable to your order for \$100.

"Fix up your gymnasium and train the boys to be good and strong in play and in work for the Lord."

He Had Other Plans.

It is an open secret that Senator Dows had long considered the proposition to build and endow a manual training school in Cedar Rapids, to be known as "The Dows Manual Training school," and there is a possibility that such a magnificent institution is provided for in his will, but this will probably not be known for some days. The plan, it is said, had the enthusiastic support of Col. Dows and the other children, who may build a manual training school as a memorial to their father, in event that he has not anticipated it in his will.

MARION NEWS



Marion Office at 1160 Sixth Avenue.
Office Phone 1 on 142. Residence Phone 460.

No marriage licenses were issued Saturday.

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Came to Cedar Rapids in 1855.

In 1855 the health of Mr. Dows failed, and he came to Cedar Rapids and became engineer and superintendent of the Variety Manufacturing works. In company with other men connected with these works, in 1860, he conveyed a quartz mill to Gold Hill in the Rocky Mountains, and with two young men returned overland the next winter, driving a pair of mules from Denver to Omaha in seventeen days, and having on one occasion a narrow escape from Indians, being saved from robbery, and perhaps murder, by the coolness and self-possession of Mr. Dows.

After superintending the Variety Works another season, in August, 1862, he went into the army as first lieutenant of Company I, Twentieth Iowa volunteer infantry. In a short time he was promoted to acting brigade quartermaster of the First brigade, second division, army of the frontier. He became disabled as a result of exposure and overwork and was obliged to leave the service in one year.

Was Successful Business Man.

Since 1863 and until his retirement a few years ago, Mr. Dows had been engaged in public works and manufactures. He was a successful and extensive railroad contractor, building more miles of railroad than any other man in the state of Iowa. He was one of the men instrumental in building the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railroad, and was instrumental in bringing the Illinois Central into Cedar Rapids. He started, in connection with Mr. J. H. Shaver, an extensive cracker factory in this city, which they operated for many years, but which has since gone into the trust and is now closed down entirely. He built, with Dr. J. F. Ely, the Dows and Ely block, better known as the old postoffice block, at the corner of Second avenue and Second street, which was for years the finest building in this city.

Mr. Dows had other property in the city and outside of it, and had always been a great encourager of manufacturing and other industries tending to advance the material interests of Cedar Rapids, and in this work probably no man had done more than he. In 1875 he was elected state senator to represent Linn county, and in the sessions of the general assembly held in 1876 and 1878 he was chairman of the committee on public buildings and

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Mr. and Mrs. John Grote were over-Sunday guests of relatives at Van Horne.

Thomas Flannigan has returned from a visit with his son and family in Chicago.

Conrad Kimm was home from the State university for an over-Sunday visit with his parents.

Mrs. C. M. Snyder and Mrs. R. E. Pollard have returned from a few days' business trip to Chicago.

Lou Beauchamp, at the M. E. church Monday evening, March 10, in the M. Y. P. U. course. Don't miss it.

Mrs. Dr. Templeton of Ames was in the city Saturday to attend the funeral of her brother, Earl Granger.

Miss Alice Cox and Miss Pearl Thurston have returned to their home in Waterloo after a visit with friends here.

E. D. Eckman of Oxford Junction was calling on friends here Saturday, leaving on the afternoon train for an over-Sunday visit at Perry.

Miss Beulah Blunt of West Union and Miss Mabel Blunt of the U. I. U. at Fayette are guests of Miss Sanderson at the M. E. parsonage.

Amiego Club.

No meeting of the Amiego club will be held this week.

Trustees' Meeting.

The trustees of Marion township will meet at the court house Saturday afternoon, March 14, to consider the matter of road work for 1908.

Federation Meeting.

The Federation of Women's clubs will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. at the library. The program will be in charge of the Therestrial club.

Therestrial Club.

The Therestrial club will meet Monday evening instead of Tuesday, with Mrs. J. T. Gallivan. The change is made on account of the entertainment in the M. Y. P. U. course.

Will Give Kensington.

The young women's foreign mission society of the M. E. church will give a Kensington at the home of Miss Addle Reichard Wednesday

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propriations, penitentiary, etc. In 1878
he was chairman of the committee ap-
pointed to visit the penitentiary at
Fort Madison. His practical turn of
mind, his solid good sense, his sound
judgment and great industry made
him a valuable legislator. On mat-
ters pertaining to mechanical arts he
was regarded as the nestor of the up-
per house. He had always been a re-
publican from the organization of the
party. He was a member of the Sec-
ond Presbyterian (now Westminster)
church of this city, and had been an
elder of the same for a great number
of years. He was also superintendent
of the Sunday school for many years.
He was a man of benevolent disposi-
tion, very generous to the poor, dis-
pensing his charities in a most sacred
manner.

On October 31, 1855, Mr. Dows was
united in marriage with Miss Henri-
etta W. Safely, daughter of Thomas
Safely of Waterford, New York, and by
this union six children were born.
These were: Minnie M., who died at
the age of fifteen years; Elizabeth, now
Mrs. Thompson McClintock of Phila-
delphia, Pa.; Elma, now Mrs. Benjamin
Thow, of Pittsburg, Pa.; William G. of
this city; Stephen Leland, jr., who
died July 5, 1899, at the age of 32
years, and Henrietta, now Mrs. James
E. Blake of Chicago. Mrs. Dows
passed to her reward August 7, 1893.

A Self-Made Man.

Mr. Dows was purely a self-made
man. Cast upon his own resources at
an early age, he educated himself, de-
veloped into a skillful machanic, and
later in life into an eminently success-
ful railroad contractor, and a legisla-
tor with few peers in the common-
wealth. He was unusually successful
in business, and although he had lived
in retirement for the past few years he
still retained his interests in several
business enterprises.

Interested in the cause of education,
he was a trustee of both Coe college
in this city and Cornell college at Mt.
Vernon. Fraternally, he was a member
of Apollo commandery, Knights Tem-
plar and of the I. O. O. F.

Was a Friend to the Boys.

One of the strong traits of Senator
Dows' character was his love for chil-
dren. He always had a kindly word for
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March 11. All are cordially invited.

For Miss Gould.

Saturday evening the D. D.'s enter-
tained at the home of Mabelle Wood-
ard with a spread in honor of Miss Ella
Gould, who has accepted a position as
stenographer to one of the leading at-
torneys of Estherville. Miss Gould
left this morning to take up her new
work.

Predicting by Bones.

Is it not strange that, although the
Transvaal has been conquered by
whites since 1836, the belief in Kaffir
doctors and their wizarding has not
died out? Nearly every old Kaffir has
always with him a bag of bones—
knuckles and joints of animals. With
these he pretends to be able to fore-
tell the future. He throws the "do-
los," as they are called, and then reads
out the omens. Should a white man
wish to confer with the oracle he must
throw the bones himself. I have
known, says a Transvaal traveler,
many whites who firmly believe in the
ability of the Kaffir doctor to cure
them from sundry ills, and I have
been informed that in Rhodesia the
Kaffir doctors save many whites from
the ravages of the terrible fevers that
rage there in addition to coping suc-
cessfully with the toothache and other
ills.

An Odd Old English Law.

There is a law on the statute books
of England designed for the protection
of the persecuted male sex which no
man has ever had the courage to in-
voke. It was passed during the reign
of Queen Elizabeth when parliament
solemnly enacted that "any woman
who, from that date, would deceive or
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hair or any other thing false in connec-
tion with her body or by the use of
paints or cosmetics would be punished
as for fraud and deceit, with intent to
defraud."

FUNERAL OF HON. S. L. DOWS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

Remains Arrived in the City Yesterday
Evening on Special Car, Accompanied by Relatives.

The funeral of the late Senator S. L. Dows will be held at the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Burkhalter, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

The remains arrived in the city at 7:50 last evening, on a special car from Daytona, Fla.

The out-of-town relatives who are already here are: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson McClintock of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thaw of New York, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Blake of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blake of Burlington, Iowa. John Dows of Armstrong, Iowa, will be here to attend the funeral, as well as all the grandchildren of the deceased. Colonel Dows' son is expected to arrive in the city tonight.

Joseph Dows of West Deperre, Wis., who is a brother and almost 90 years of age, is unable to attend on account of his health.

CHILEAN STORY EXAGGERATED

Incorrect as to Details and Date of Occurrence.

San Francisco, March 12—The story coming here of a greater conflict between the government forces and strikers at Iquique, saying that 2,500 men were laid low, evidently is an exaggeration and incorrect as to date.

dated December 28, said that according to official statements the recent

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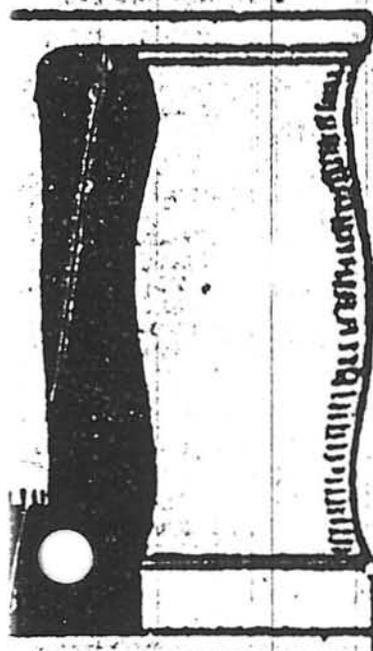
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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Dows, Stephen Leland War

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Occupation Capitalist Battles, etc.

Date birth Oct 9, 1832 Place New York City Nearest relatives

Date death Mar 8, 1908 Place Daytona, Fla Father Adam Dows Nativity

Cause Oak Hill Cem Place burial Cedar Rapids, Iowa Mother Maria Lundy Nativity

War record Lt. I 20 Iowa Inf. Wife Henrietta W. Safely d. 1893

Rank Company Regiment State Organisation Children

Age 29 Res Cedar Rapids nat Wm Greene Dows (Margaret Cook)

NY Appointed 1st Lieut Ag 5, Col. 49th Iowa (Spanish War)

Enlisted Date 1862; must Aug 25, 1862 Place died Nov 25, 1926

Resigned Jan 5, 1863, Spring- Elizabeth Dows McClintock

Field, Mo Sources Edna Dows Thaw/Henrietta Dows Blake

Discharged Date Place Roster Iowa Soldiers/ Ex-Soldiers

Living Iowa 1886: Cedar Rapids/

Department of Iowa
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Veteran's name Dows, Stephen L. Record Membership and Dues Paid

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Member-at-Large

Served also as Brigade Quartermaster, 1st Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Frontier. - Informant

Was State senator 1875 Son Wm Greene Dows was born Aug 12, 1864

Long Obituary of son Wm in Marquette, Ia married Margaret Cook O. S. 1890

Cedar Rapids Repub Nov 26, 1926 Cedar Rapids, -ch. Sutherland & Margare

ret Henrietta. Wife, dau. J. S. Cook

Grandson, Sutherland Cook Dows living

Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1908

Cedar Rapids Gaz Mar 9, 1908 Long obit.

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