

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Holbrook, Norman Bruce Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Jewell County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Apr 1836 Somerset, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Lizzie S. Adams 23 Nov 1862 Losoga, Iowa  
② Ma J. Osmond 15 Aug 1883

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business An organizer of the Marengo Savings Bank and president also;

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Surveyor; newspaper publisher; real estate business;  
broker

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies 1878, 1884, 1886

6. Public Offices

A. Local Surveyor; Sheriff for 4 years

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 4 Nov 1903 Marengo, Iowa; buried I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Marengo, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Merritt L.; James B.; Sinclair; five other children  
preceded their father in death; by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife - Prudence (preceded her father in  
death 9 Dec 1894)

9. Names of parents Henry L. and Mary Holbrook

10. Education Received a good academical education as his father was for many years principal of the Somerset Academy, Somerset, Pennsylvania

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

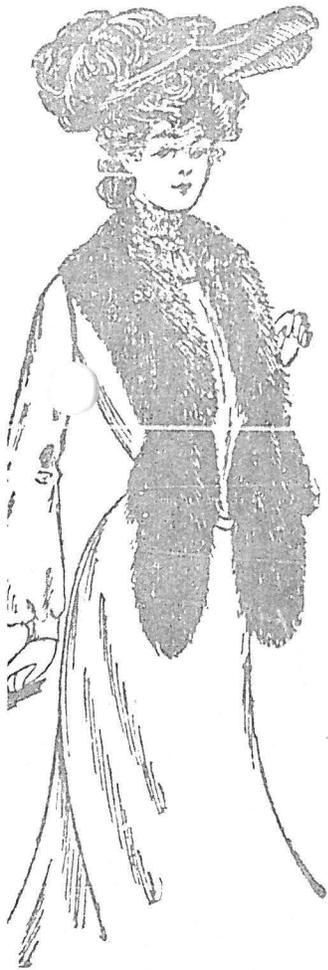
12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was raised on a farm near Somerset, Pennsylvania
- After his schooling he came west to Marengo, Iowa in 1857 where he worked as a surveyor, his profession.
- After working as a surveyor and sheriff, he published The Iowa Valley Democrat, a Marengo, Iowa newspaper. He did this for 2 years
- He then went to the real estate business until his death
- His first wife, Lizzi S., died in May 1882



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Washington....	41	90	48	80	42	90	41	91	47
York.....	77	87	101	65	73	93	68	96	81

#### DEATH OF HON. N. B. HOLBROOK.

Hon. Norman Bruce Holbrook, one of Iowa county's most prominent men, died at his home in this city last night between eleven and twelve o'clock. He has been very ill since returning from Washington suffering from an attack of peritonitis, and while he was known to be very low the death comes as a shock to the community. The funeral will take place Saturday at 2 P. M.

#### MAAS-SANDERSFIELD

On last Thursday, October 29th, the wedding bells rang for Mr. Fred Maas and Miss Anna Sandersfield at the Lutheran church in Iowa township. The marriage ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Baumhoefener at St. John's church. The bridesmaids were Misses Kate Sandersfield and Anna Maas and the groomsmen were August Maas and George Sandersfield.

The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sandersfield, where a wedding dinner and supper was served for all guests, which numbered about 300. As the day was a pleasant one, old and young alike enjoyed themselves very well in and out doors, returning to their homes at a late hour of the night.

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**HON. N. B. HOLBROOK IS DEAD.**

Was Prominent in State Affairs, Well Known  
as a Citizen and a Business Man in  
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**FUNERAL TO BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY.**

This morning the sad news was passed from one citizen to another that Hon. Norman Bruce Holbrook had died at his home about 12 o'clock midnight.

The news of his death was a surprise to the many who did not know that he was seriously ill. Mr. Holbrook was aged 67 years, 6 months and 10 days.

The city mourns the loss of one of its most prominent and enterprising citizens, and sympathizes with the family in their sad hours of bereavement.

The funeral is appointed to take place from the residence Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

**The New Iowa State Atlas.**

A proof sheet map of our county, designed for the new Iowa State Atlas being published at Davenport, Iowa, is on exhibition at the office of the county auditor this week, and citizens of the county are requested to call and examine same and point out any errors that they may discover, in order that they may be corrected. The publishers and the people of our county are mutually interested in having a perfect map, and any criticism or suggestion that will prevent an error in the smallest particular will be gladly welcomed.

**ASSIGNMENT FOR WEEK COMMENCING  
NOVEMBER 9, 1903.**

MONDAY, NOV. 9TH.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10TH.

**FORKS AND FASHION**

**A Young Girl's Embarrassment  
a Token of Appreciation**

She had lived all her life in a country village, a daughter of the poor country doctors, and when her father visited him in his great surgeon who once had befriended her father visited him in his the pretty daughter was invited to dinner and reception at his Aglow with excitement, the girl put on her "Sunday dress" and took the train for New York.

When the guests were all seated at the dinner she hesitated at the shiraz tray of silver beside her plate and picked up her meat fork and beat her oysters. Glancing uneasily at the guest nearest her, she blushed crimson as she realized her mistake.

Her hostess, perceiving her embarrassment, quickly drew attention to herself by telling a story, which she drew out to the length of the story. At the end of the story, in a fit of point, she held up a fork, saying "And the stem of this was a flower was no longer than the fork."

The social novice was further embarrassed at the meat course when a fork quietly dropped on the table from the same hand that placed the plate before her.

When the evening's entertainment was over, as she approached her hostess, the young girl, unobserved by one else, took from her corsage a beautiful rose, which she laid in the hand extended to say "Good night." New York Press.

**THE FOOL WHO WOULD**

**Horse Greeley's First Experience  
In New York City.**

When Horace Greeley first came to New York city, a green, awkward country boy, he met with discrimination. For two days he tramped the streets, visiting two-thirds of the business offices in the town and always receiving a cold refusal of his services.

His biographer, Mr. W. A. Linn, says that by Saturday night Greeley had given up all hope of a living. He decided to go for the country on Monday, but

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## N. B. HOLBROOK

N. B. Holbrook was born in Somerset, Pennsylvania, the 25th day of April 1836 and was a son of Henry L. and Mary Holbrook. The pioneer of the family in America, Thomas Holbrook, sailed from Weymouth, England, March 20th, 1655 and settled in Weymouth, Massachusetts where he lived until 1674. His son, born in England in 1625 died in Braintree in 1697. Deacon Peter Holbrook, his son, born in 1665 died in Meriden, Mass. in 1712. His son, Joseph Holbrook, born in 1671 died in Bellington Mass. in 1765. Josiah, his son, born in 1714, was a colonial soldier in two French wars and moved with his family from Massachusetts to New York settling in Pompey. He was twice married to Peggy Ives and to Mary Moffit and died in 1783. His son, David, born in 1760, served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war and was severely wounded at the battle of Bennington.

After the Revolution he settled in Latahette, N. Y. where he practiced medicine until his death in 1832. His son, Henry L. was born in 1799. He moved to Somerset, Pa., where he was for many years principal of the Somerset Academy and it was here N. B. Holbrook was born. He was raised on a farm and received a good academical education. He came west to Marengo in 1857. He was a surveyor by profession and followed that occupation until 1857 when he was elected sheriff holding that office four years. In 1862 he published a paper in Marengo called the Iowa Valley Democrat. He edited the paper for two years when he sold out and took up the real estate business continuing in this line until his death. He represented Iowa county in the General Assemblies of 1877 1883-1887 and 1889. was president of the Board of Supervisors under the old law and held many more offices of trust.

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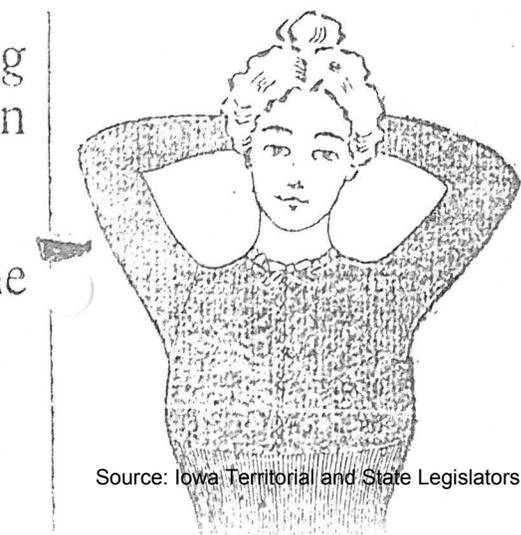
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He was one of the organizers of the Marengo Savings Bank and was for a number of years president of that institution.

He was married in Kosz'za, November 23, 1852 to Lizzie S. Adams a native of Oneida county New York. By this union eight children were born, three of them now living, Merrett L., James B. and Sinclair. Mrs. Holbrook died in May 1872 and August 15, 1881 he was married to Ida K. Omond. To this union was born a daughter, Prudence who died Dec. 9, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook spent the summer with his sons in the east and while there he had a severe attack of illness. He returned here in the early part of October and appeared in very good health and took up business duties. About two weeks after his return he was stricken with peritonitis and although he was under the best medical care nothing could be done for him and he passed away about midnight November 4th.

The funeral was held from the Holbrook residence and was conducted by Rev. Theo. Morning of the Presbyterian church assisted by Dr. S. M. Osmond. The body was interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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HON. N. B. HOLBROOK.

Hon. N. B. Holbrook died at his home in this city last Wednesday night at 11:40 o'clock, after an illness of somewhat over three weeks, from peritonitis.

The news of his demise was a surprise to most of our citizens, who heard it with unmixed sorrow. Mr. Holbrook had been so long and so thoroughly identified with the lives of our people, and with the various enterprises of the city, that his loss is felt in a manner and degree that would be occasioned by the death of perhaps no other citizen of the town.

He had passed the summer in the west with his family, where he visited his sons, who live there; it is learned that while he was there he had a severe attack of illness, but when he returned here about the 8th of October, his appearance indicated good health, and he looked unusually well; he took up his labors here, and for about a week or ten days was as strong as usual; at that time, however, he was compelled to take to his bed, and though he had the counsels and services of physicians, and all the other care that a difficult and critical case seemed to demand, there was no remedy to reach his malady. It was hoped by those who saw the progress of the disease that he would recover, until a few days before he was taken away, when it became evident that his chances of again being a well man were comparatively slight. For the last few days of his life his decline was marked, until just before mid-night on the 4th of November, when he he went to join the myriad who

ton Holbrook, of Onawa, Iowa, and Marcellus Holbrook, of Springfield, Mo.; and two sisters, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Freeland, of Onawa.

His funeral occurred on the 7th of November from his late residence, conducted by Rev. Theo. Morning, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. Dr. S. M. Osmond, Mrs. Holbrook's father. His body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery in the presence of many sorrowing friends.

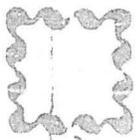
His life was one of unusual activity, supported by untiring energy; his mental habit was to master every problem presented to him, whether in his private or his public work, and he applied his energies to the bringing about of that which to him seemed to be the right of the matter, and in this he was more successful than most men, in like situations. He was a quick and certain judge of men, a leader by nature. He was, in short, one of the most perfectly balanced men it has been our pleasure to know. He was relied upon, not only in civic, but in private matters of our citizens. In fact, no one can read the annals of his public life without having an understanding more adequate than any words can give, of his well rounded character; of the fact, that while he was often trusted, he met the demands of the trust; and filled the measure of the expectations of his neighbors, who, as we have seen, so often called upon him to represent them in various ways. These things ought to be final evidence of greatness of mind, firmness of character, poise and conservation of energy.

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board, in which latter position he  
was largely instrumental in the re-  
organization of the frontier system  
into the present system of graded  
and high school, and it is largely  
owing to his prudent and studious  
watchfulness of the new regime, in  
its earlier days, that it became  
what it is, the pride of the city and  
alone a sufficient monument to the  
public spirit and wisdom of any  
citizen. In 1877, 1883, 1887 and  
1889 he was elected member of the  
House of Representatives of the  
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acterized with his usual judgment  
and conservatism, and won for him  
the regard of men of all parties in  
all parts of the state. In the mem-  
orable dead-lock of 1888, he was  
the democratic candidate for  
speaker, and the leader of the min-  
ority on the floor of the House.

He married Miss Elizabeth Sin-  
clair Adams in 1862, and the union  
brought them eight children, of  
whom four died in infancy, and  
Agnes, an unusually gifted young  
woman, and from whom much could  
have been expected with confidence,  
was called away in 1896. There sur-  
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James B., and one daughter, Char-  
lotte Sinclair. Mrs. Holbrook died  
in 1880, and in 1883 Mr. Holbrook  
married Ida K. Osmond, who sur-  
vives him. The daughter, Pru-  
dence, the only fruit of this mar-  
riage, was taken from them in 1899.  
He also leaves surviving four  
brothers, C. H., B. D. and Eggle-

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A. A. McMillan and John Hunzel-  
man were in Marengo Wednesday.

Karl Gunzenhauser was on the sick  
list last week.

John Newkirk was a county seat  
visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Mike Remfelle and Mrs. John  
Gelger, of Marengo, visited at the  
John Gunzenhauser home last week.

Lue Wiese, of Sumner township, at-  
tended C. E. at Conroy Sunday.

Gertie Evans visited a few days in  
Marengo with her friend, Wallie  
Schonborn.

There will be a box social held in  
Ahren's hall at Conroy on Friday even-  
ing. All are invited to come and  
bring their boxes with them.

Frank Disterhoft and Arthur Jacobs  
made their regular trip to Hilton Cen-  
ter Sunday evening. Come again,  
boys.

J. Plagmann was on his farm in Iowa  
township Monday.

Chas. Hofmeister and sister Anna  
attended C. E. at Conroy Sunday.

Geo. Lienen delivered a fine bunch  
of hogs to South Amana Tuesday.

#### Victor.

W. R. Griffith was in town Friday.

L. J. White was in Marengo Satur-  
day.

Mr. Lewis, of Ladora, spent Sunday  
in Victor.

Miss Mary Whitworth visited in  
Iowa City and Marengo Saturday and  
Sunday.

Ellis Bowman, who is attending  
school at Ames, was home over Sun-  
day.

Mrs. Thos. Harper is home after a  
visit with her daughter, Mrs. McMil-  
len, in Nebraska.

The Misses McGary and Mrs. Fred  
Schroeder visited in Marengo Satur-  
day.

Ed Hanson, who is braking on the  
road, spent Sunday at home.

Chas. Ferguson and family, of Wal-  
cott, are visiting their parents here.

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of Marengo, visited with Mrs. Howard  
one day last week.

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again being a well man were comparatively slight. For the last few days of his life his decline was marked, until just before mid-night on the 4th of November, when he yielded the unequal struggle, and he went to join the myriad who had gone before, in the land we dread, but which, if our faith is sincere, is much better than this of the earth.

Norman Bruce Holbrook was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, April 25th, 1836, son of Henry L. and Mary Holbrook. He grew to manhood there, and received a good English education. At the age of twenty-one years he came to Iowa, then of the far west, and cast his lot with the people of this county. His first home here was in the neighborhood of Millersburg, where he taught school, surveyed, and did such labor as offered to an industrious young man without capital. In 1859 he was elected Sheriff of the county, and held the office four years; in 1862 he became the proprietor and publisher of the Iowa Valley Democrat, which he conducted for two years, when he sold it, and engaged in the practice of law, and in the real estate business; finding, later, that the demands of the latter were sufficient to occupy his full time, he devoted his attention to it exclusively, and never entered the practice of law again.

From the time of his coming to Marengo, for many years there was seldom a time when he was not identified in some way with the official life of the community; he was repeatedly a member and chairman of the county board of supervisors; for many years a member of the town council, and of the school board, in which latter position he

as we have seen, so often called upon him to represent them in various ways. These things ought to be final evidence of greatness of mind, firmness of character, poise and conservatism of conduct.

Probably no man ever meant more to his home and to his family than did Bruce Holbrook to his; and none better appreciated the blessings of domestic surroundings than he did. And certainly there was no man in the community who was so valuable to his neighbors, scattered over the city and county, as was he. His public spirit was not confined to the satisfaction of ambition, but was based on his natural desire to see his country, and especially his home, prosper; his counsels and his services in matters of public interest were not measured by official terms, but were sought and rendered on many occasions regardless of his holding office calling for his advice or action.

He was the friend of every worthy man, and no doubt there could be found evidences of many an act of quiet charity by which he added a little brightness to the lives of many of his fellows; in this, however, as in all the work of his life, he was unpretentious and unassuming. His "right hand knew not what his left hand did."

His death makes a change in the community that will be felt for a long time, and calls forth the genuine grief of a multitude of people of every station in life.

Hilton-Iowa.

A. A. McGiverin and John Hunzelman were in Marengo Wednesday. Karl Gunzenhauser was on the sick list last week. John Newkirk was a county seat visitor Wednesday. Mrs. Mike Remile and Mrs. John Gelger, of Marengo, visited at the

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