

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Updegraff, Thomas Senator _____

Served from Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Apr 1834 Hillsboro, Iowa County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
 ① Laura Amanda Platt June 1858
 ② Florence Knight 1867

3. Significant events for example:
 A. Business Admitted to the Iowa bar in 1860
 B. Civic responsibilities _____
 C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Quaker

5. Sessions served 17th General Assembly 1878-1879

6. Public Offices
 A. Local Clerk of the District Court of Clayton County - 4 years in 1856
 B. State _____

C. National United States Congressman 1878, 1880, 1892, 1894, 1896 which was the 4 Mar 1879 - 3 Mar 1883 and then had later 4 Mar 1893 - 3 Mar 1899

7. Death 4 Oct 1910 Mc Gregory, Iowa; buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Mc Gregory, Iowa

8. Children Edgar (died in infancy); Kate (Mrs. H. S. Blunting - she died in 1900); Guy (died in infancy); Ella (died in infancy); Ely, both

9. Names of parents Rachel (Smith) Updegraff

10. Education He was educated in private schools in his home
area in Pennsylvania

11. Degrees Attended Notre Dame for several months and later
studied privately with a Harvard graduate in Binghampton,
New York.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His father died young. The family moved from Williamsport,
PA to Rensselaer, Indiana
- at age 12 he left school and worked several years as a
store clerk and he studied on his own. He was 21.
- 1854 - came west to join his brother-in-law, Elijah Adell, who
had settled at Yoncalla, Ind.
- He read law with Mr. Adell for 4 years.
- After being admitted to the bar he joined in partnership with
Mr. Adell for the firm of Adell and Updegraff in McHenry, Ind.
- First wife, Laura Amanda, died in 1866.
- Second wife, Mary, died in Oct 1902.
- He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The March Loyal Times</u> , <u>McGregor Iowa</u> , <u>Iowa Oct. 20, 1910</u> , p. 5, col 5
-			<u>The History of Iowa by Guss 1903, Vol IV, p. 271</u>
-			<u>Recollections and Sketches - Early Loyalists and Public Men of Iowa</u> , <u>by Stiles 1916, p. 881-882</u>
-			<u>Iowa: Its History and Its Heroic Citizens by Brigham Vol I, 1916</u> , p. 442, 450, 544, 565, 687
-			Obituary - <u>The Hudson Reporter</u> , <u>Hudson Iowa</u> <u>Iowa Oct 13, 1910</u> , p. 1, col 2
-			Obituary - <u>The Waterloo Reporter</u> , <u>Waterloo Iowa</u> <u>Iowa Oct 5, 1910</u> , p. 6, col 4
-			Obituary - <u>Bellevue Daily Reporter</u> , <u>Bellevue Iowa</u> <u>Iowa Oct 5, 1910</u> , p. 1, col. 1 and <u>Iowa Oct 19, 1910</u> p. 1, col. 5, 6, 7
-			Findagrave.com (accessed 22 Feb 2009)
-			Iowa Divis Records - WPA, <u>Clayton County, Iowa</u>
-			ancestry.com (accessed 25 Oct 2009)

two mates, sentenced to prison for two years for the crime of bringing African negroes to the United States to be sold into slavery.

Twenty-five Years Ago Today.

Charles Stewart Paruell, Ireland's "uncrowned king," opened the famous electoral campaign of 1855 as leader of the New Irish Party at Wicklow.

THOS. UPDEGRAFF EX-CONGRESSMAN DEAD

Recalls Contest Between Blythe and Updegraff When Haugen Received Nomination.

McGregor, Ia., Oct. 5.—Hon Thomas Updegraff, who died at his home in this city yesterday, was for four years one of the forces in republican circles in Iowa. He is best known from his memorable fight for renomination in 1898 against James Blythe, of Mason City. This fight ended in the nomination of Gilbert N. Haugen, of Northwood, as republican candidate for congress from the Fourth district. Mr. Haugen has been in congress ever since.

Mr Updegraff had served twelve years in congress when he became a candidate for renomination in 1898. Opposed to him was Attorney James Blythe, of Mason City, and one of the leading politicians of the state. The Blythe and Updegraff forces appeared to have about equal strength when the convention assembled and it was conceded one of them would be nominated, but their friends did not reckon Haugen a factor in the race. The convention was deadlocked for days Updegraff and Blythe having about equal strength while the Worth county delegation remained loyal to Haugen, who was then a comparatively unknown banker at Northwood. Finally a political sensation was created when the Updegraff forces went over to Haugen thereby securing his nomination and the defeat of the Mason City politician.

Mr. Updegraff was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1834, and came to Clayton county, Iowa when a young man. His first public office was clerk of the district court of Clapton county, which position he held for four years. While in this office he studied law, was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession here in 1861. In 1877 he was elected to the Iowa assembly and a year later elected congressman from the Fourth district. In 1890 he was re-elected and served four years. Four years later when a candidate for congress he was opposed by L. H. "Calamity" Weller, a fusion candidate and was defeated. In 1892 Mr. Updegraff was again elected to congress and again in 1894 and 1896.

—PAINTING and PAPER HANGING promptly and neatly done. H. J. HAND, 403 First St. East. 53d12-7w2pd

tee and Given Seat of Honor.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—The senatorial committee which is investigating the Lorimer case failed to carry out its intention of announcing whether or not State Senator John Broderick, Lee O'Neill Browne and Robert E. Wilson, alleged distributors of Lorimer money, would be compelled to testify. The committee had declared that it would decide the question with regard to Broderick in its next session. However, after the committee went into secret session and after deliberating for 35 minutes had reached no conclusion when the hearing began in public.

Legislator Groves Recalled.

Instead Representative Jacob Groves was recalled to the stand to correct his testimony in one particular. The record read that Groves had declared that Henry Tyrrell was paid \$1,000 for his vote for Lorimer, when it should have read that he could have got \$1,000 for his vote.

The next witness called was James W. Doyle, a machinist on the Wabash railroad, who was put on by the defense to contradict the testimony of Charles A. White.

Says White Made Demand.

Doyle testified that while in Springfield a few days before the Lorimer election White approached him and demanded to know whether he thought White and the other legislators could live on wind and demanded that he "come across." On cross-examination the witness admitted that he was in Springfield as a labor lobbyist, that White knew he represented labor and that labor never had any money at Springfield for influencing legislation.

The name of John G. Drennan, counsel for the Illinois Central railroad, was brought into the hearing when Doyle said that it was because he and Drennan, who were boys together, were in each other's company at Springfield that White approached him.

Senator Cummins Appears.

As Doyle was leaving the stand a commotion was caused when Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa entered the committee room. Senator Cummins was passing through the city and dropped in to greet his colleagues. He was greeted cordially and invited to a seat of honor with the committee.

F. L. Brown, a railroad conductor, was the next witness called.

If Broderick, Browne and Wilson are excused from taking the stand at the present time the committee probably will wait until their trials in the criminal courts are over and then summon the three legislators to Washington to testify.

If the men are not compelled to testify the hearing here will be closed within a short time, as there are only four or five witnesses for the prosecution remaining, including Homer E. Shaw, Daniel D. Donahue and Henry Terrill, members of the forty-sixth assembly, who were mentioned by Legislator Jacob Groves yesterday as having made statements of being approached with Lorimer bribes.

Defense Puts on Witnesses.

While the Broderick-Browne-Wilson question was in abeyance and in the absence of other witnesses for the prosecution, Attorney Hanecy, representing Senator Lorimer, consented to put on a number of his witnesses out of their regular order. George F. Gloss, Mrs. Gloss, Edwin J. Bell, F. G. Hull and William Russell were called to contradict the testimony of Representative Charles A. White in several minor particulars. All had testified previously in the same case.

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NOTED MAN DEAD

FORMER CONGRESSMAN THOMAS
UPDEGRAFF PASSES AWAY IN
HIS M'GREGOR HOME.

Former Senator Henry H. Brighton
Succumbs at Fairfield—Busy and
Useful Careers Close.

McGregor, Ia., Oct. 5.—Former Con-
gressman Thomas Updegraff died at
his home here at 11 o'clock yesterday
morning. He served in congress from
1879 to 1883. He was a candidate for
re-election in 1882, but was defeated
by L. H. Weller, better known as
"Calamity" Weller, a populist. He
was one of the early settlers in this
part of the state and practiced law
here for many years.

Mr. Updegraff was born in Tioga
county, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1834.
He received an academic education
and removed to Iowa, locating in
Clayton county, where he was ap-
pointed clerk of the district court in
1856, holding the position four years.
He studied law and began the practice
of that profession here in 1861. In
1877 he was elected on the republican
ticket to the general assembly, serv-
ing one term. In 1878 he was elected
to congress and re-elected in 1880. He
was a candidate in 1882, but was de-
feated by Weller.

In 1892 Mr. Updegraff was again
elected and served until 1896.

Senator Brighton Dead.

Fairfield, Ia., Oct. 5.—Ex-State Sen-
ator Henry H. Brighton died at the
home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Frush,
in this city of heart trouble. His
death marks the close of a busy and
useful career. He was born in Ohio
fifty-nine years ago and received his
principal education at DuPaw univer-
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Thomas Updegraff died at his home in McGregor Tuesday morning, October 14th, from cancer.

Mr. Updegraff was a congressman. The first time he served the old Fourth district two terms in congress, being elected in 1878 and 1880. By the re-districting of the state following the census of 1890 he was thrown into the same district with N. C. Deering, who was then our congressman. Then as now the four eastern counties could outvote the six western counties of the district and Mr. Updegraff defeated Mr. Deering for the nomination, but L. H. Weller defeated Mr. Updegraff the ensuing election. That was in 1882. Ten years later Mr. Updegraff was again nominated by the republicans of the Fourth district and was elected and kept in congress for three terms. Mr. Haugen then thought "Tom had had it long enough," and in a three cornered fight put an end to the political career of Mr. Updegraff twelve years ago.

An editor was asking for admission

was married September 25, to Mr. Frank Hoppner, at Aberdeen, S. D. The bride was born and grew to womanhood in this community, going to Webster, S. D. about two years ago where she met the young man who is now her husband. She is a young lady well qualified to preside over a home of her own and has many friends who will congratulate her on her new estate.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of South Dakota and the young people will live on a farm near Webster owned by Mr. Hoppner's father.

Kunkel-Beckmann Nuptials.

The Dyersville Commercial contains the following account of the Kunkel-Beckmann wedding mention of which was made in our last issue:

In St. Francis church, of this city at eight o'clock, on Wednesday morning, October 5, 1910, occurred the marriage of Miss Meta Kunkel of this city and Mr. Charles Beckmann, of Nashua, Iowa. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father W. Kunkel of Nashua, brother of the bride, in the presence of a party of relatives and friends of the young couple, who had

secretary, Waterloo, Iowa.

WANTED AT ONCE—Hampton's Magazine wants a reliable man or woman in Nashua to sell the fastest growing magazine in America. Earn \$1.50 to \$5.00 a day. Write immediately for "Salary Plan" and FREE outfit. Address "Von," Sales Mgr., Hampton's Magazine, 85 West 35th St., New York. 7t4

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Mel Cook Succumbs to Ty

The remains of Mel Cook, his family moved to Mont June, were brought back to home for burial Monday night. Mr. Cook moved to Mont this place last spring and du early fall they were all taken phoid fever, the father being one to come down with the and being greatly worn with and working over his loved was unable to withstand its. The wife and children were come to Iowa with the rema child being still quite sick and from the fever. The father Cook, who was at his son's brought the remains to Ion whence they were taken to t of his parents, two miles wes public.

Monarch Shirt, \$1.00

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THE ELDER'S AMEN

Story Recalled by the Death of "Tom" Updegraff.

The death of "Tom" Updegraff has recalled to a pioneer Dubuquer an incident of the convention which gave him his first nomination for congress. The convention was held at McGregor, then a part of the Third district, and Updegraff's opponent was the late Judge D. N. Cooley of Dubuque. Winneshiek county had eight votes in the convention and Elder Swearingen,

for a number of years presiding elder of the Methodist church in this district, was the recognized leader of the delegation. The elder greatly admired Judge Cooley, whose Methodism was as strong as his own, but Updegraff had claims upon him which entitled him to consideration. So the elder split the vote ballot after ballot, four for Cooley and four for Updegraff. Winneshiek was the last county on the list, and on what proved to be the final ballot the vote of the various counties was so cast that it put it in the power of Win-

neshiek to name the candidate. There was an ominous quiet while the convention waited for the announcement. Clearing his throat Edler Swearingen arose to the fullness of his six feet and in stentorian voice thundered out, "Eight votes for Updegraff."

"Dam Winneshiek," ejaculated a disgusted Cooleyite.

"Amen," said the deacon, as the Updegraff men carried him off in their joy.—Dubuque Telegraph-Herald

—Watch the little want ads increase in number.

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To

—Edward Spaulding has gone to Chicago.

—J. Leo Brennan arrived home from Colorado yesterday.

—EGGS—Jordan & Hatch pay 25c. per doz. for fresh Eggs.

—A. J. Widman was looking over land in western Michigan last week.

—Jordan & Hatch have their first shipment of Buckwheat in. It is fine.

—Prof. B. Dimmitt attended the Teachers' Association at Mason City last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gerich of Milwaukee, are here to attend the wedding.

—Knut Knudson of St. Olaf, Republican candidate for County Auditor, was in town Tuesday.

—Bulk Mustard, 10c. a pint; bulk Peanut Butter, 18c. a lb.; bulk Mince Meat 10c. at Jordan and Hatch's.

—Ex-Senator F. D. Bayless of Chicago, has been here the past week, visiting in Elkader and McGregor.

—The Eastern Star held a very entertaining meeting Monday evening, with a banquet and toasts, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the chapter in McGregor.

—The annual Ball given by Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 will be held in Sullivan's Opera House, Friday evening, Oct. 28. Music by Walter's Orchestra. Tickets \$1.00. Everybody invited.

—Will Robinson went to LaCrosse last Saturday. He has been having trouble with his foot, something like rheumatism, and has gone to a Hospital for treatment, and possibly for an operation.

—The Warner Comedy Co. gave entertainments here last week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and gave eminent satisfaction. The Company is composed of ladies and gentlemen artists in their profession. The musical numbers were fine. The crowded houses on all nights attested to the popularity of Warner and his Company.

—J. W. Ford, the Cartoonist, furnishes the first number of the Lecture Course and promises to be highly entertaining, instructive and amusing. The course is guaranteed to furnish high class entertainment to the public, the proceeds are for the support of the public school library. At Sullivan's Opera House, Friday, Oct. 21st. Admission, single tickets for this number, 36c., school children, 25c.

—The district court convened Monday afternoon, Judge A. N. Hobson of West Union presiding. The following gentlemen were chosen to serve on the grand jury.

John H. Spiles, Glard, foreman.

H. J. Wingen, Mendon, 1st.

Wm. Keisler, Boardman.

Henry Whitford, Sperry.

Chris. P. Larson, Highland.

E. E. Lundgaard, Marion.

Henry Nieland, Jefferson.

B. Falkenhainer is serving as clerk.

The grand jury, having finished its work for the session, adjourned just before noon today and court may adjourn tomorrow or Friday, but will convene again after election.—Democrat.

Wedded

Last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Gerich, Rev. S. T. Kildler officiated at the marriage of Miss Sophia Gerich and Mr. Victor O. Knaak. Miss Sophia is one of our most estimable young ladies, and we understand Mr. Knaak is worthy such a fair bride. He is a business man of Watertown, Wis., where they will reside. The best wishes of all are extended to them.

—Friends here are interested in a wedding which occurs this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lembker, near Froelich. Their daughter, Miss Alvina, will be united in marriage to Mr. Theodore Klotzbach. They are both fine young people, and are deservedly popular with all who know them. We extend hearty congratulations. They will reside on R. F. D.

IN MEMORIAM.

HON. THOMAS UPDEGRAFF.

When a man of conspicuous intellectual endowment and proved integrity of character, united with marked physical presence and dignity of bearing ceases to walk the streets of the town where he has long resided the loss is keenly felt by all its citizens. If in addition such a man has reflected honor upon his town and county by efficient service in the state and outside, the people of the locality feel a still greater deprivation when he is removed by death. Such grief and loss were felt in Clayton county when Thomas Updegraff breathed his last on Tuesday morning, October 4, 1910, at his home in McGregor.

Knowing the character of the man in maturity, we naturally inquire what kind of antecedents and environment shaped his life. Thomas Updegraff was born in Williamsport, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, April 3rd, 1834. His ancestors were Holland Dutch Quakers. His grandfather Updegraff, a Quaker preacher, was his earliest guide and teacher. Losing his father rather early in life he became a devoted son to his mother. While he was still a lad the family moved to Indiana. Mr. Updegraff never forgot the trip by train from Williamsport to Coopers-town, and thence by wagon across country to Rensselaer, Indiana.

When a little more than twelve years old, he left school and for several years following worked as clerk in a store. During all this time, however, his education was progressing for he studied Latin and English Grammar diligently evenings and read eagerly every book which the small circulating library of the town afforded. When he was eighteen or nineteen he refused an excellent offer of advancement in the mercantile business, having fixed his mind on attending school. He went to Notre Dame, Indiana, for several months, and later to Binghamton, New York, where he studied privately with a Harvard graduate.

In 1851 Mr. Updegraff came West to join his brother-in-law, Elijah Odell, who had settled at Garnavillo, Iowa. He was first employed in the County Clerk's office, and when the county seat was moved from Garnavillo to Guttenberg in 1856, he was elected Clerk of the District Court for Clayton County. During the four years in which he held this office he read law with Mr. Odell. Natural quickness of perception, combined with habits of concentration secured in his previous years of study and his experience as Clerk of the Court, enabled him to acquire a knowledge of the law rapidly. In 1862 he was admitted to the bar, and in 1861 entered the firm of Odell & Updegraff in McGregor. He soon won a reputation as a strong trial lawyer. He entered into his cases with enthusiasm, prepared them with the utmost thoroughness, and was a clear and emphatic speaker. A natural aptitude for business made him a valuable business as well as legal adviser for his clients and led to his choice by the Milwaukee road as corporation counsel. This connection was particularly valuable in extending his acquaintance throughout the state.

Mr. Updegraff was married in June, 1855 to Miss Laura Amanda Platt of Newark, Ohio. Two children were born; Edgar, who died in infancy, and Kate, who lived to maturity, married H. S. Huntington, and died in 1909, leaving two children, Laura and Payson. Mrs. Updegraff died in 1901. In 1907 Mr. Updegraff was united in marriage to Miss Florence Haight of Gleason Falls, New York, who died in October, 1902. Four children were born of this union: Guy and Ella, who died in infancy, and Elizabeth and Rachel who reside in McGregor. Mr. Updegraff's two younger sisters, Mrs. Sarah Crooke and Mrs. Lucy Jarrett of Hinsdale, Illinois, also survive him. Through the losses in his own home he was singularly fortunate in having these sisters and their

tached. The intimate companionship of his two daughters has been his solace in his later years.

In 1877 Mr. Updegraff was elected to the State Senate on the Republican ticket, serving one term. In 1878 he was elected to Congress, reelected in 1880 and again in 1892, '94 and '96. Both in the state legislature and in Congress he made an enviable record as an intelligent, far-sighted and efficient statesman. He was not a politician in the ordinary sense of the word for he could not descend to the methods of the common politician. He scorned flattery and the lavish expenditure of money in political campaigns, choosing rather to trust the truth directly to the people and to depend upon their unbiased judgment. Party or party dictation never controlled him against his better judgment. His conscience was his guiding star and duty his compass. He was persistent and thorough in his work, and never betrayed a client nor a trust reposed in him. Unusually he not only retained the respect and friendship, but held to an unusual degree the love of both early and late associates. He was tolerant with those who did not agree with him and even with the unfortunate ignorant, but he could not restrain his impulsive nature from denouncing a man, or a party, or a thing, bordering on dishonesty or graft, either in private or public acts. This was illustrated by a speech made by him in Congress in his early Congressional career. The River and Harbor bill had been growing for many years, until the sum of its appropriations had become extravagant—enormous. So many Congressmen were interested in the spoils that it was unpopular for one to raise a dissenting voice, yet Mr. Updegraff assaulted it in the most rigorous and forceful manner. This remarkable speech attracted much attention from the leading press from one end of the country to the other. One expression was singularly felicitous. "It should be a point of honor for one of the Atlantic Ocean and a dewdrop where appropriations should be limited."

Another illustration of his moral courage and sense of public duty was his vote in 1895 upon the bill providing for a loan to protect the U. S. Treasury from the imminent danger of depletion. As a result of the act of 1890 and previous pernicious legislation requiring the purchase and storage of silver by the government, the gold reserve of the Treasury was nearly exhausted and unless promptly replenished threatened the nation with financial catastrophe. The Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of Mr. Cleveland, had contracted with responsible parties for the amount of gold requisite to avert the impending danger of a monetary crisis. The price of the gold was fixed at one and one-half per cent interest. These parties, however, offered to take three per cent if the bonds were made payable in "gold" instead of "coin," as had been provided in former issues of bonds. This would have saved for the government \$16,000,000. Of all the Iowa members of the House, only Mr. Updegraff alone had the courage and good sense to vote for the three per cent issue.

Probably the finest piece of constructive statesmanship accomplished by Mr. Updegraff was the Judiciary Bill which provided for the payment of U. S. marshals and district attorneys. The passage of this bill brought an end to abuses which had grown to scandalous proportions.

But it is not alone as a public servant that Mr. Updegraff will be remembered. For nearly fifty years he has been known in McGregor as a prudent, successful business man, and a generous and public spirited citizen. His success was sought in ways through legitimate means, and his clients were served with an ability, honesty and liberality which retained them as life-long friends. The poor man or woman with a hard case and small purse was served with the same painstaking fidelity as the client from whom a large sum of money was received. He never underrated their ability and knew how to make them feel more competent. Mr. Updegraff's personal friends were deeply attached to him. His interest in history, especially in that which related to the development of liberal free men, much interested and women mourn his loss as they recall the gracious courtesy and patience with which he explained to untutored minds the intricacies of legal proceedings. To women especially, who in helpless bewilderment appealed to him for counsel he was a safe and sympathetic adviser. He never underrated their ability and knew how to make them feel more competent. Mr. Updegraff's personal friends were deeply attached to him. His interest in history, especially in that which related to the development of liberal free men, much interested and women mourn his loss as they recall the gracious courtesy and patience with which he explained to untutored minds the intricacies of legal proceedings. To women especially, who in helpless bewilderment appealed to him for counsel he was a safe and sympathetic adviser. He never underrated their ability and knew how to make them feel more competent.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

McGregor Congregational Church. Everybody welcome.

Christian worship every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Hills School at noon. Y. P. S. C. E. at 4:45. E. E. Tappe, "Gospel Sermons," led by Miss Laura Huntington.

Minister's subjects, Oct. 23, morning, "Lydia, the lady of the Cotton Heart." Evening, "The boy and the Big Brother." Men and boys specially invited.

Mid-week Fellowship meeting this Thursday evening. Preview of S. S. lessons for months, with Chapter II. of Margaret Slattery's "Talks with the Training Class." All the S. S. teachers are requested to attend and bring Bibles.

Women's Monthly Missionary Meeting, Friday p. m., with Mrs. M. J. Harnage, leader, Mrs. Kidder.

Bible Club meets on Monday at Mr. Chapman's. General topic, "Bible poetry outside the Psalms." Recitation from memory of Ps. 121.

Methodist Notes

Next Sunday morning the Sunday School will give its annual Rally Day program at the usual hour for preaching services. There will be a program of recitations, song and music by the Junior choir, and address by the pastor on "The Call of the Child." There will be a freewill offering for the expense of programs, music, etc. The regular session of the School will follow the program. Remember the birthday box.

In the evening there will be the devotional meeting of the Epworth League at 8:30. Topic, "The Universal Kingdom and Peace." At 7:30 there will be evening worship, with preaching by the pastor, who will have for his subject, "The Divine Trice."

Everybody will find a hearty welcome to all services.

There will be preaching at North McGregor at three o'clock next Sunday afternoon. Topic, "Christian Contemplation."

After the Prayer Meeting, this Thursday evening, the Mission Study Class will be re-organized for the coming fall and winter. All Epworthians who will take up this course now will find very interesting mission study.

The Junior Choir will rehearse Saturday night this week.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES

First Sunday of the month Mass at McGregor S. M., at N. McGregor 9 A. M. All other Sundays one mass at McGregor at 10 a. m. A sermon at every mass. Rosary and Benediction every Sunday at 7:30. An invitation to attend any and every service is extended to all.

Christian doctrine, N. McGregor Saturdays 9:15 a. m. McGregor, Sundays, 2 p. m. Catholic parents are earnestly requested to send their children. Non Catholic parents may send their children, if they feel so disposed.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST holds services in the Barron Block Sunday service 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 11:30 A. M. Wednesday service at 7:30 P. M. Reading room open every Wednesday from 2:00 to 1:00 p. m. Subject for Oct. 23, "Prayer after Death."

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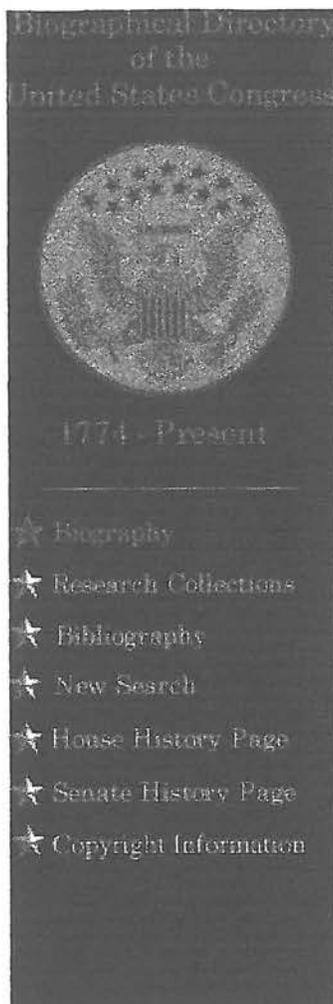
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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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without extraordinary early advantages, but a natural student. By dint of this latter faculty, he delved in different directions of learning and came to be regarded as a man of wide knowledge. In short, he was not only a fine lawyer, but a man of scholarly attainments. He was an omnivorous reader, had an insatiable thirst for knowledge, was fond of philosophical research, and it is said, read Bacon and Locke with as much delight as he did Smollett and Fielding. From Judges B. T. Hunt, Samuel Murdock and Charles T. Granger, the testimony is unanimous that Mr. Crosby was a strongly marked individual and a highly accomplished man. His acquisitions were not only enlarged by traverse in judicial and literary fields, but also by travel and observation. He toured the most important portions of his own country and of Europe. He was made President of the Iowa Commission at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, in which he practically applied some of the wide knowledge he had obtained. He manifested an active interest in the leading political questions of the time, but was not an aspirant for official honors. In argument and speech, he was remarkably clear, analytical and strong.

I am informed that he is still living at an advanced age. In a communication recently received from Judge Charles T. Granger, he gives me this information concerning him:

James O. Crosby, who is now considerably more than eighty years of age and admirably well preserved, came into northeastern Iowa when a young man, and has been one of its most brilliant and successful lawyers. He is a man of wonderful versatility, who has enriched his mind by extensive reading and travel, and as a conversationalist he has few superiors. At this advanced age he retains his interest in legal affairs, and is a regular attendant on international, national, state and county legal associations. In a recent visit with him I was astonished and charmed at the minuteness of his detail of the different proceedings.

Of him, Judge Murdock thus writes (one would almost think extravagantly):

There is no trade or calling that he does not to some extent understand; there is no branch of practical knowledge that he is not familiar with, and no branch of science that he has not investigated.

He was born in Warren County, New York, and received his education at Seneca Falls and the Fredonia Academies; studied law and was admitted to the bar in the State of New York. He removed to Clayton County and settled at Garnavillo, in 1854.

Thomas Updegraff, Benjamin T. Hunt, John T. Stoneman.

Thomas Updegraff was a native of Tioga County, Pennsylvania, where he was born in 1824. He was a man of exalted character and achieved a high reputation as a lawyer and it may be properly said, as a statesman. He ably represented his County in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1877, and his District in the Congress of the United States, to which he was elected in 1878; again in 1880; again in 1892; again in 1894; again in 1896. He displayed signal ability and was highly distinguished for the value of his services and the purity of his prin-

ciples. He was a natural born gentleman, pleasing in address, vivacious in movement, and attractive in conversation.

His early education had been quite liberal, and he entered upon his legal studies well equipped. He became prominent as a lawyer, and potent before both court and jury. During his term in the State Legislature he was Chairman of the special committee and drew the bill for the creation of the State Board of Charities, which became a law. His high character, coupled with his splendid abilities, gave him great influence with the people of his County and that part of the State, as well as in the official positions which he held. Of him, Judge Charles T. Granger thus writes me:

Thomas Updegraff was too well known to require especial mention from me. He was highly successful in every department of life in which he engaged and possessed of a forceful personality. He had a legal equipment that made him strong before the court, and back of it an integrity that gave him strong moral support. His impulsiveness made him a figure of interest before a jury or any other audience, and his consistent course of life caused him to be dubbed "Honest Tom."

He was undoubtedly one of the rarest men that have appeared in that part of Iowa.

He came to Clayton County when quite a young man, and in 1856 was appointed Clerk of the District Court. He was admitted to the bar and commenced practice at McGregor in 1861, where, after a long and useful life, he died in October, 1910.

Benjamin T. Hunt, I knew intimately. We served together in the State Senate in 1866, had adjacent seats, boarded at the same place, and were much together. I can see him as plainly as if he stood before me—round bodied, full and somewhat florid faced, and rather majestic in bearing. He was of good height, deep chested, plethoric, and carried the visible indications of a man that liked good living. He was one of the most companionable and interesting men I have ever known. He had touched the world on many sides and knew it well. He was an intuitive student of human nature. He also knew that well, and how to play upon its different chords. He was always splendidly dressed, and his commanding appearance attracted attention wherever he went. But his majesty was on the outside, for within he was a most kindly and convivial gentleman. He was an epicure, liked good things to eat and drink and was fond of amusements. We boarded on the east side of the river and he liked in the evenings, to go over to the other side, for a game of billiards or to attend a show, and I generally accompanied him. The return to our lodgings was usually crowned with oysters or some other epicurean refreshment. But beneath all his love of pleasure and good living, there was a well-balanced mind, a keen and discriminating judgment. He was one of the strongest men in the Senate. He was a keen observer of its proceedings, and when he had



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Name:	Thomas Updegraff
Date of Birth:	3 Apr 1834
Date of Death:	4 Oct 1910
Elected Office(s):	Representative, Delegate
Elected Date(s):	4 Mar 1879 [4 Mar 1893]
State:	Iowa, Indiana
Country:	USA
Biography:	<p>a Representative from Iowa; born in Tioga County, Pa., April 3, 1834; attended private schools, the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and an academy in Binghamton, N.Y.; clerk of the district court of Clayton County, Iowa, 1856-1860; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1860 and commenced practice in McGregor, Iowa; member of the State house of representatives in 1878; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; member of the board of education and city solicitor of McGregor, Iowa; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1888; elected to the Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1899); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1898; engaged in the practice of his profession until his death in McGregor, Iowa, on October 4, 1910; interment in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.</p>
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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Thomas Updegraff	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1834	
Age in 1870:	36	
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Home in 1870:	McGregor Ward 3, Clayton, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	McGregor	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Thomas Updegraff	36
	Florence Updegraff	22
	Katie Updegraff	9
	Elizabeth Oleson	19

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: McGregor Ward 3, Clayton, Iowa; Roll M593_983; Page: 380; Image: 486.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Thos. Updegraff	
Home in 1880:	McGregor, Clayton, Iowa	
Age:	46	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1834	
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's Name:	Florence	
Father's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Attorney & M.C.	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Thos. Updegraff	46
	Florence Updegraff	31
	Kate Updegraff	19
	Bessie Updegraff	5
	Rachel Updegraff	2

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: McGregor, Clayton, Iowa; Roll: T9_333; Family History Film: 1254333; Page: 492.1000; Enumeration District: 142; Image: 0627.

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Thomas Updegraff	
Birth Year:	abt 1835	
Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Clayton	
Locality:	Mendon	
Roll:	IA1885_167	
Line:	1	
Family Number:	199	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Thomas Updegraff	50
	Florence Updegraff	37
	Kate Updegraff	24
	Bessie Updegraff	10
	Rachel Updegraff	7
	Tiller Wernberger	24

Source Information:
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You searched for **Thomas Updegraff** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Thomas Updegraff**
 Home in 1900: **Mendon, Clayton, Iowa**
 Age: **66**
 Birth Date: **Apr 1834**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Race: **White**
 Ethnicity: **American**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Spouse's Name: **Florence D H**
 Marriage year: **1867**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Years Married: **33**
 Residence : **McGregor City, Clayton, Iowa**
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Thomas Updegraff	66
	Florence D H Updegraff	52
	Elizabeth Updegraff	24
	Rachel Updegraff	22
	Tillie Olson	25

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: *Mendon, Clayton, Iowa*; Roll: T623_425; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 59.

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Thomas Updegraff

Birth: 1834
Death: 1910

US Congressman. Elected to represent Iowa's 3rd and 4th Districts in the United States House of Representatives, he served from 1879 to 1883, and 1893 to 1899. He also served as a Member of the Iowa State Legislature. (bio by: Kris)



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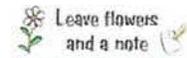
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