

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Belfrage, John Senator _____

Represented Woodbury County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 June 1837 Cairnholm, Scotland

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth J. Jones 21 Nov 1865 Kane County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Secretary of Soldier's Relief Commission

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Served in many county offices

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 May 1917 Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; Buried Sergeant's Bluff Cemetery, Sergeant's Bluff, Iowa

8. Children Anna S.; Jennie A.; Wilfred L.; Edward M.; Mary A.; Thomas L.

9. Names of parents Robert and Annal (McLellan) Belfrage

10. Education Received education at Maitland Park and
Christ's Hospital College in London, England; later
engaged in surveying and the study of
architecture

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- Republican*
- Military service - Civil War - 13th Illinois Volunteer, later 105th Illinois
Infantry
 - He moved with his parents from Scotland to London, England at
age 2.
 - On 14 Jul 1855 he took passage to America
 - He went to all large cities in the east looking for employment.
He worked at various places until the Civil War began.
 - He was wounded in the Battle of Shiloh, discharged 7 June 1862
at Washington, D.C. and returned to Kane County, Illinois
when he had been living.
 - In 1866 he came to Iowa County, Iowa, staying for 8 years in
farming.
 - In 1874 he went to Guthrie County, Iowa for 2 years.
 - In 1876 he moved to Woodbury County, Iowa, purchased 100
acres of land in Section 17 in Liberty Township.

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SURVIVES MONS' TIMES

London, May 19.—On an ordinary back fence, yowling his love song in the moonlight, Mike wouldn't be considered much of a cat. But in Red Cross auctions so far he has realized \$2,380 for wounded soldiers and his money powers seem good for that much more. Mike is the doggondest, unimpressive cat to look at! Tail, ears, eyes, fur, purr and whiskers are his inventory. He isn't a mouser and he has a lazy predilection for lengthy snoozes in the sunshine. But he is a hero and that makes him valuable. Mike stuck around in the bitterest fighting at Mons and has been in nine other fierce engagements on the western front. Private Bradley, a kilted Scotch lad, rescued him and brought him to Aberdeen where Mike began being sold back and forth by Red Cross patrons.

**CAPT. BELFRAGE FUNERAL,
SERGEANT BLUFF, SUNDAY**

Funeral services for Capt. John Belfrage, who died at his home at Sergeant Bluff yesterday, will take place from the home at 2:30 tomorrow. Burial will be at Sergeant Bluff, in charge of the G. A. R., the sermon by Rev. J. A. Smith. The G. A. R. will escort the body from the Westcott undertaking parlors at 1 o'clock.

Captain Belfrage, a native of Scotland, had been in America 55 years. He was a veteran of the civil war and was in Sherman's command on its march to the sea. He was mentioned for military honors by Generals Dutton, Dustin and Benj. Harrison.

CRITICIZES THE RICH.

New York, May 19.—Speaking before members of the National League for Women's Service at the home of Miss Anne Morgan, here today, Nathan Strauss, merchant and philanthropist severely criticized the rich of New York for their failure to make larger donations to war charities.

BRITISH BUSY RAIDING.

London, May 19.—"We made a successful raid last night northeast of Gouzeaucourt and brought back prisoners and a machine gun," says today's official statement on the Franco-Belgian front operations.

"Hostile raids were repulsed east of Loos, northeast of Armentieres and east of Ypres."

CAPTAIN'S WIFE DIVORCED.

San Francisco, May 19.—Mrs. Margaret C. Crimmins was granted a divorce here today from Capt. Martin L. Crimmins, reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the United States army. She alleged desertion and was given the custody of two sons, 14 and 11 years old.

SEEK MILLIONAIRE'S SLAYER.

El Paso, Tex., May 19.—Police officers and deputy sheriffs were working on every possible clue to the murder of Thomas C. Lyons, an aged millionaire cattleman of Silver City, N. M., whose body was found in a canyon in Highland Park here.

FIRE AT NIAGARA FALLS.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 19.—Fire of unknown cause did damage estimated at \$300,000 to the store house of the National Electrolitic company here late yesterday. During the fire several of the workmen was injured.

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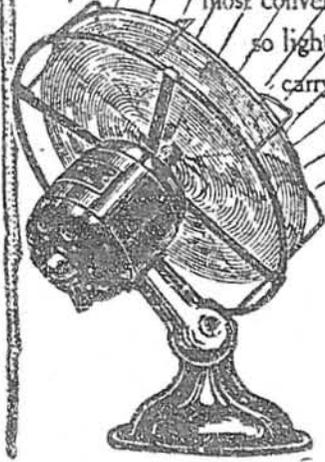
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OF THE

COUNTIES OF

Woodbury and Plymouth,

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INCLUDING AN EXTENDED SKETCH OF

SIOUX CITY,

THEIR EARLY SETTLEMENT AND PROGRESS TO THE PRESENT TIME; A DESCRIPTION OF THEIR HISTORIC AND INTERESTING LOCALITIES; SKETCHES OF THE TOWNSHIPS, CITIES AND VILLAGES; PORTRAITS OF SOME OF THE PROMINENT MEN, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF MANY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

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and located in Columbia county, N. Y. He received his education at the academy at Homer, Cortland county, N. Y. He continued to reside with his parents on the farm until 1864, when he came west with seventy families to Dakota, where he remained until September, 1864, when he came to Woodbury county, and purchased forty acres of land in Woodbury township. He worked the land in summer, and taught school in Sergeant's Bluff and vicinity several years. He remained there until 1871, when he purchased 120 acres of land where he now resides, which he has succeeded in getting under a good state of cultivation, and here he raises a general crop of farm produce, and gives considerable attention to live stock, such as Holstein cattle, Berkshire hogs and good horses.

When he came to Liberty township there were about three settlers here. He has witnessed all the improvements in the county from its infancy, and the entire growth of Sioux City. Politically he is a democrat, and has held all the offices of the township. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. September 23, 1830, he married Sarah J. Ripley, of New York, and they have three children: Albro, Emma and Ernest. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES C. CURRIER, banker, Salix, the senior member of the firm of Currier & Sons, also a farmer and stock-raiser in section two, Lakeport township, was born in Thompson, Orange county, Vt., May 2, 1830, and is a son of Moses and Mary (Carter) Currier, both natives of New Hampshire. Moses Currier was a farmer in Orange county, Vt., until his death, in 1845; his wife lived until about the year 1875, when she died, aged eighty-eight years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James C. was born and reared on a farm in Vermont. At the death of his father he started to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed about twenty years, thirteen years of which he carried on business in Northampton, Mass. The last contract he took was to build the Memorial Hall at Northampton, at a cost of \$60,000. He then engaged in the mercantile trade at Pittsfield, Mass., for five years, and in 1878 came to Woodbury county, Iowa, and purchased 320 acres of land in Lakeport township. He has added to it since, and now owns 500 acres of land, all under a good state of cultivation.

In 1886 he erected a building in Salix and engaged in the banking business. In 1887 he also engaged in the lumber business. Politically he is a republican, and has been township trustee about four years. Mr. Currier was married in 1853 to Sarah C. Harriman, and they have two children: Ethan B. and James W. Both he and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN B. BELFRAGE, farmer, Sergeant's Bluff, is a son of Robert and Ann (McLellan) Belfrage, natives of Scotland, but who lived in London, England,

the latter part of their lives. Robert Belfrage was a cabinet-maker and upholsterer, and had the contract for fitting up Buckingham Palace, the Queen's London residence, so moved to London, taking his wife with him. He died there November 5, 1846, and his wife remained near London until her death, which occurred January 23, 1869. Both were members of the Congregational church.

John B. Belfrage was born in Cairngorm, Scotland, June 16, 1837, and was only two years old when his parents moved to London. There he received his education at Maitland Park, also attending Christs Hospital college. He afterward engaged in surveying and the study of architecture, and drew the working plans of the Pompeian Court in the present Crystal Palace at Sydenham, near London, England. July 14, 1855, he took passage for America, and went to nearly all the larger cities in the east, looking for employment in his line, working in various places until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted for one hundred days in the Thirteenth Illinois volunteers, and afterward enlisted in the 105th Illinois infantry. He was in the battles of Shiloh, Resaca, Dallas, Cassville, Kenesaw Mountain, Culp's Farm, Golgotha Church, Ezra Church, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Lawtonville, Averysboro, and Bentonville. He was wounded at the battle of Shiloh. June 7, 1865, he was discharged, at Washington, D. C., and returned to Kane county, Ill., where he was when he enlisted.

In 1866 he went to Iowa county, Iowa, and was there eight years, farming. He then went to Guthrie county, where he remained two years, and in 1876 came to Woodbury county, and purchased 100 acres of land in section seventeen, Liberty township, where he has resided ever since. He was one of the early settlers here, and has held many of the township and county offices. He is secretary of the Soldiers Relief Commission, and was member of the legislature from Woodbury county in 1880. He is at present senior vice-commander of G. A. R. Post, No. 22, (B. F. Smith), at Sioux City, a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and in politics a republican.

November 21, 1865, he married Elizabeth J. Jones, of Kane county, Ill., and they have six children: Anna S., Jennie A., Wilfred L., Evan M., Mary A. and Thomas L.

JOSÉPH DAVIS, an old settler and farmer now residing on section thirteen, Liberty township, was born in Adams county, Ohio, August 7, 1819, and is a son of William and Nancy (Zumalt) Davis. His father was engaged in farming in Polk county, Iowa, at the time of his death, which occurred in 1875. His mother died in 1887; both parents were of Welsh descent and members of the Church of Christ.

Joseph Davis was born in Adams county, Ohio, and received a common-school education in a log school-house in Rush county, Ind. He remained

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Belfrage, John B

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Residence

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Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth 16 Je 1837 Place Cairngorm, Scotland

Father Robert

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Date death 18 My 1917 Place Sergeant Bluff, Ia
Cause Holman Cem. Place burial Woodbury Twp

Mother Ann (McLellan)

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Wife Elizabeth J. (Jones)

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Evan M.

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Enlisted 13 Ag 1862

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Mary A.

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Sources Adjt. Gen. Rept. Illinois
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886:- Hosp.
Steward-Sergeant Bluff./ Post 22, List
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