

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Larrabee,
William - Represented Fayette County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Apr 1832 Ledyard, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ann M. Appelman 12 Sept 1861 Clermont, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Teacher; farmer; miller; banker; secretary; Governor of Iowa

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th General Assembly 1868, 1870, 1872
1874, 1876, 1878, 1880, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Governor of Iowa beginning 1883 for 2 terms

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Nov 1912 Clermont, Iowa; buried God's Acre Cemetery, Clermont, Iowa

8. Children Charles; August (Mrs. Victor B. Belliver) preceded him in death;
Frederic; Helen (Mrs. B. Robbins); Julius (Mrs. Ann L. Love); Anna; William Jr.

9. Names of parents Adam and Hannah Belliver (Gentry) Larrabee

10. Education Educated in the common schools in the place of his birth; spent a few weeks in an academy

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came to Iowa after age 21 settling first in Clayton County, Iowa and then moved to Clermont, Iowa in 1857.
- He purchased a $\frac{1}{3}$ interest in the Clermont mill and then became sole owner within 3 years operating it until 1874.
- In 1874 he sold the mill and went into farming and banking.
- He offered his services in the military twice during the Civil War, but refused both times because of blindness in one eye.
- He was author of the book "The Railway Problem."
- He engaged in the banking business where he acquired large holdings of real estate.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

Obituary - The West Union Argos Gazette, West Union, Iowa,
Wed. Nov. 20, 1912, p. 1, col. 4, 5, 6 and p. 2, col. 1, 2

GOV. LARRABEE IS DEAD

EMINENT MAN PASSES AWAY SATURDAY AT CLERMONT

IN STUPOR SINCE TUESDAY MORNING

Aged Eighty Years—Had Given Large Service to County, State, and Nation

Former Governor William Larrabee died at 10:35 o'clock Saturday forenoon, Nov. 16, at his home in Clermont, aged eighty years. He had been in declining health since last spring, and confined to his bed almost three months. He had been in a stupor since the preceding Tuesday morning. His death had been expected day by day for weeks past, but his strong constitution and force of will kept life in his body for weeks after the ailments incident to old age would have caused the death of a man weaker in physical force and in will. Ten days before his death Governor Larrabee was taken in his son's auto to the polls to vote at the general election, and was given a last view of the new schoolhouse which is his gift to the town of Clermont.

William Larrabee, the most revered citizen of Fayette county and of Iowa, has, in the long and fruitful life in the county to which he came in his young manhood, illustrated the value of honest living, honest and clear thinking, and fearless action.

Born at Ledyard, Conn., Jan. 20, 1832, he came to Iowa on attaining his majority, first to Clayton county, and in 1857 to Clermont, which has ever since been his home. He then purchased a one-third interest in the Clermont mill, becoming sole owner within three years and operated it until 1874. He then sold the mill and has since been engaged in farming and banking. As state senator from 1867 until his election as governor in 1885 and as governor from 1886 to 1890, his services to the state and to the nation were incalculable. On his wisdom, integrity, faithfulness, and courage in influencing the railroad legislation of the state at that time and on his book, "The Railroad Question," written in 1893 and based on his experience with that legislation, chiefly rests his fame as a character of national reputation. Here in his home county, while all our people are proud of the wider record, he was also loved and venerated for his warm heart and generous support of all worthy public enterprise. His gifts to Upper Iowa university at Fayette, his generosity to his home town of Clermont, his gifts to his neighbors, his benefactions, endeared him to his neighbors. But after all, the best gift that William Larrabee gave to his



WILLIAM LARRABEE

William Larrabee, born Jan. 20, 1832, in Connecticut.

A pioneer of Iowa, coming in 1853. Married in 1861 and celebrated his golden wedding last year.

Is survived by Mrs. Larrabee and six of their seven children.

Schoolteacher, farmer, miller, banker.

Offered military services twice to the Union, but was rejected by reason of blindness in one eye.

Elected five times to state senate and served eighteen years, then resigning. Elected governor of Iowa in 1883 and served two terms, declining reelection. Was first chairman of the state board of control. Chairman of Iowa commission to St. Louis fair.

Author of book, "The Railway Problem".

For last twenty years of his life was active, as capitalist, student, and philanthropist, and was constantly consulted in problems of public life by statesmen from all over Iowa and the nation.

Died Nov. 16, 1912.

sensations of kindness and helpfulness to the last conscious hour of his life. At eighty years of age, worn down by disease and the weakness of great age, knowing that he was on his death bed, he was in thought and purpose as much disposed to take the forward look as ever before. His face was toward the sunrise.

At the little town of Clermont the people of Fayette county and the state of Iowa stand with bowed heads at the bier of William Larrabee.

ADAMS GOES TO DES MOINES

State Senator Becomes C. & N. W.

B. B. Assistant Attorney For State of Iowa

Hon. Henry L. Adams of West

TRIBUTE TO LARRABEE

FINE DAY PERMITTED GREAT ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL

SERVICES FREE FROM LEAST DISPLAY

Admirable Memorial Remarks by W. J. Ainsworth—Telegrams From Distinguished Men

The funeral of former Governor William Larrabee, held at 1 o'clock Monday at "Montauk", the Larrabee home at Clermont, was in complete keeping with the character of the distinguished man in whose honor over a thousand people gathered from all over Fayette county and from every adjoining county, as well as from various distant parts of Iowa. Pretense and display were as absent from the last services in memory of William Larrabee as they had been from every act of his life.

At midday Monday the weather was mild, fair and still. The casket was placed in front of the residence at Montauk, where the view of Clermont and of surrounding country for miles in several directions is a magnificent one, rivalling almost any landscape in all Iowa. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. Dr. R. W. Cooper, president of Upper Iowa university. Hon. William Larrabee, Jr., expressed in brief and fitting terms the gratitude of his mother and of the family for the kindness of Clermont and Fayette county at this and at all times. W. J. Ainsworth of West Union, son of one of Governor Larrabee's fellow pioneers, and himself a long time intimate friend of the deceased statesman, read a brief memorial address. Well covering the subject insofar as that could be done in the limits of a brief address, Mr. Ainsworth was admirable in his repression and self-restraint where the temptation was strong to extravagance in eulogy. Rev. Dr. Cooper closed the services at the home with a prayer, and after the long line of automobiles had accompanied the remains to the cemetery the rites were ended with another brief prayer by Dr. Cooper.

At the close of his address Mr. Ainsworth read a few of the many telegrams of condolence received. Those he read were from Governor B. F. Carroll; former Governor Frank D. Jackson; F. W. Hessfeld of North Carolina; Judge M. L. McKinley of Chicago; Judge Kenesaw M. Landis of Chicago; Henry Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer; George D. Perkins, editor of the Sioux City Journal; Col. C. A. Stanton of Los Angeles; the Republican state committee; Editor W. G. Young of Cedar Rapids; Judge C. W. Williams of

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Not only was Montauk a shrine for politicians and statesmen. The generous hospitality of the Larrabee home and the equally generous hospitality of mind made Mr. Larrabee welcome widely differing types of thinkers and writers from all parts of the country and from abroad. His constant growth and activity of mind and heart made these memorable occasions to his guests, with whom he discussed in his open-minded way a large variety of subjects.

William Larrabee was married Sept. 12, 1861, in Clermont to Ann M. Appelman. Their home has been blessed with seven children—Charles Larrabee of Fort Dodge, Mrs. Augusta Dolliver, now deceased, Mrs. Julia Love of Lincoln, Neb., Anna Larrabee of Clermont, Representative William Larrabee, Jr., of Clermont, Senator Frederic Larrabee of Fort Dodge, and Mrs. Helen Robbins of Cedar Rapids. The celebration of their golden wedding last year was the occasion of hearty congratulations from the entire state. No man has had a more enviable old age. His sons and daughters occupying honored and influential positions, the aide of his youth still by his side, his counsel and wisdom sought, not only by statesmen, but by the whole people, no man in Iowa was ever honored in his old age more than Gov. Larrabee. And no man was ever less spoiled by the honor paid to him. As in his earlier years, but with added wisdom, he was the same, fearless, patriotic, honest statesman to the last.

If we were to try to pick out the most distinguishing characteristic of Governor Larrabee we suppose most of those who knew him would expect us to mention his unpretending sincerity and simplicity. But to us the most marked aspect of his character was that youthfulness of nature which kept his mind open to new truth and his heart open to new

ADAM'S GUESS TO DES MOINES

State Senator Becomes C. & N. W. R. R. Assistant Attorney For State of Iowa

Hon. Henry L. Adams of West Union, state senator for the Fayette-Allamakee district, has accepted a position as assistant general counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co. for Iowa, and will leave not later than Dec. 15 for Des Moines. The position, which came to Mr. Adams unsolicited, is along that line of legal practice in which he has shown much aptitude. The salary to begin with is \$3000 a year. Mr. Adams will be assistant to James C. Davis, the Northwestern's general counsel for Iowa. He and his family will be especially missed in the social and intellectual circles of West Union.

Mr. Adams has made Fayette county his home all his life. He served several years as county superintendent, and after studying law in the state university began practice here in 1907. He was elected state senator in 1908, which office he still holds.

HAGENSICK'S JAW HURT

Dislocation Stops Wrestling After 65 Minutes of Fast, Close Bout With Brown

After wrestling steadily for sixty-five minutes without either man getting a fall, the match between Carl Brown and Jack Hagensick ended Thursday night at the rink in West Union when Hagensick's jaw was dislocated. The honors had been even to that time, and as the two men had wrestled to a long-drawn-out tie in Elgin about a year ago the curiosity of the mat fans is still unsatisfied as to which is the better wrestler. Some suggested that Hagensick's injury was a fake, but Dr. T. A. King, who was summoned, said there was no question as to the injury being what the wrestler claimed. There was a big out of town attendance, auto loads coming from Clermont, Elgin, Volga, and Elkader. Fred Johnson, the promoter, finds a great desire on the part of fans to see the two men matched again, and hopes to be able to arrange a meeting. Ed Sheehan of Clermont was referee.

Stock Show Excursion

On account of the International Live stock exposition at Chicago, Nov. 30 to Dec. 7, the C. M. & St. P. Ry. will run a special sleeping car from West Union to Chicago, leaving West Union Monday, Dec. 2. Secure your berth reservations from the undersigned as early as possible. JOHN R. COOK, 12-21 Special Excursion Agt.

Chicago; Judge Kenneth B. Smith of Chicago; Henry Wallace, editor of Wallace's Farmer; George D. Perkins, editor of the Sioux City Journal; Col. C. A. Stanton of Los Angeles; Chairman Charles A. Rawson of the Republican state committee; Editor W. G. Young of Cedar Rapids; Judson C. Welliver, the Washington correspondent; and United States Senator A. B. Cummins.

The pall bearers were three sons of the deceased—Charles Larrabee and Senator Frederic Larrabee of Ft. Dodge, and Representative William Larrabee of this county; two sons-in-law—Mayor Don L. Love of Lincoln, Neb., and Judge C. B. Robbins of Cedar Rapids; and an old friend of the family, Frank Frisbie of Clermont.

In line in the funeral procession were the workman on the fine new schoolhouse which is being erected as Governor Larrabee's gift to his home town. And when the procession passed the present schoolhouse all the teachers and pupils stood reverently in line in front of the grounds.

Among the distinguished men from a distance who attended the funeral were the following:

United States Senator W. S. Kenyon;

Congressman J. W. Good of Cedar Rapids;

Governor-elect George W. Clarke; John Cowrie, formerly of the board of control;

Senator James A. Smith of Osage; Senator Joe H. Allen of Pottawatomie;

Editor W. G. Young of the Cedar Rapids Gazette;

Editor Cyrenus Cole of the Cedar Rapids Republican;

Mayor Harry Green of Decorah; Col. J. H. McConlogue and John Glass of Mason City;

J. O. Crosby of Garnaville; O. P. Miller of Rock Rapids;

James J. Trewin of Cedar Rapids; C. A. Cummings of Des Moines;

Editor F. R. Conaway of the Mason City Times-Herald;

Editor E. F. Medary of the Waukon Democrat;

Hon. B. W. Newberry of Strawberry Point;

R. A. Wallace, Charles A. Dieman, and Arthur Poe of Cedar Rapids;

Hon. D. D. Murphy, H. H. Barnard and R. E. Price of Elkader;

Hon. F. A. O'Connor of New Hampton.

Mr. Davis of Pipestone, Minn.

MR. AINSWORTH'S ADDRESS

The complete text of the memorial address delivered by Attorney W. J. Ainsworth is as follows:

William Larrabee was born at Ledford, Conn., Jan. 20, 1832; he was the seventh of a family of nine children. His father, Adam Larrabee, was a graduate of the military academy at West Point and a veteran of the war of 1812. His mother was Hannah Gallup Lester, a woman of sterling New England character. He was educated in the common schools at the place of his birth and spent a few weeks only in an academy at that place.

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"Oct. 17, 1853, he came from Connecticut to the home of his sister, the wife of Judge E. H. Williams, who lived in Grand Meadow township, Clayton county, Iowa.

"He taught school in Hardin, Allamakee county, for a time, and then for three years worked as foreman of the farm belonging to Judge Williams. In 1857 he engaged in the milling business in Clermont; he labored as a miller from this time until the late sixties, and retained an interest in the business until about 1873. He also engaged in the banking business and acquired large holdings of real estate, giving active attention to each of these enterprises.

"When the war of the Rebellion broke out he offered himself as a volunteer, but was rejected on account of physical infirmity, having lost an eye in boyhood. Later he organized a company to go to the front, and as an officer again tendered his services to the nation, but was again rejected by those in authority.

"With Senator Doolittle of Wisconsin and former Governor Dillingham of Connecticut he served as an arbitrator to appraise the property of the Green Bay & Mississippi Canal Co. when these properties were taken over by the government.

"In 1868 he was elected to the state senate and was four times renominated by acclamation. He was for years chairman of the committee on ways and means, and both in the committee and on the floor of the senate he was a commanding figure and impressed his views upon the legislation of the state.

"In the fall of 1885 Senator Larrabee resigned to accept the Republican nomination for governor of Iowa. He was elected, and two years later was re-elected, holding the position of governor from Jan. 14, 1886, to Feb. 27, 1890.

"He was appointed by Governor Shaw as a member of the first board of control in 1898, and acted as chairman from then until 1900. He retired as soon as he felt that the board had outlined definite plans for the future management of the state institutions, and that the welfare of the inmates of these institutions was as fully protected to insure with the powers granted them. He was president of the Iowa commission to the Louisiana purchase

the way was pointed out the people of the nation would advance along the avenues of justice and wisdom to that ideal condition where favor and influence count for naught and abstract right is the guiding star for the citizen, the legislator, and the judge.

"A gracious God created a noble woman whose ancestry, training, and personality fitted her to be the mate of this man; and at the time in his career when, in order to bring to fullest fruition the wonderful genius he possessed for the uplifting of society, it was necessary to have an ever present companion who could understand the workings of his mind and by giving from a wealth of knowledge and an unwavering loyalty the encouragement and suggestion that the most evenly balanced of men needs must have at times lest they falter in the course they have planned, she came into his life. Together they read and discussed the history of other nations and compared the cause of weakness or source of strength with conditions they found in the history of our own people, and together they reached the conclusion that the strength of any form of government was exact proportion to the respect given by those in power to the rights of the individual citizen, that the surest sign of weakness was the surrender of any governmental agency to the domination of a portion of society. The remedies they outlined and planned. And when he entered the Iowa senate he came with a well defined purpose and equipped to give effective service as were few men of his time.

"Consistent and persistent opposition to every measure which tended in any way to extend the participation of the privileged classes in the affairs of the state marked his early career. He seldom over-estimated the strength of the sentiment in favor of remedial legislation, and proposed reforms only when he knew the people of the state would take sufficient interest in their welfare to insure the enactment of laws to make them effective.

"When the people of the state realized that a man had arisen among them who would not be swerved from what he believed to be right by any consideration of self interest or party policy, and with the capacity to combat the tendency to corporation rule, then dominant in the state, they extended his power and prestige by advancing him from the senate to the governorship. The effort to render a service along the lines planned before he entered political life immediately brought him into open conflict with the ablest men in the service of the corporations of the middle West. He accepted the gage of battle and openly attacked the laws in force in Iowa which countenanced discrimination and extortionate charges by the railways, and by having in readiness a plan of action both definite and eminently fair to the immense interests concerned, he met objections raised and by convincing and forceful statements of his own ideas prevailed upon the legislature to adopt laws which have become models for advanced legislation in the sister states, but in congress as well. He retired from the office of governor with the honor of a

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"He was a philanthropist in the highest sense of the term, but gave only when he knew that the cause was worthy. His public beneficences have always resulted in great good to their objects. The last of these was the erection of a public school building in his home town of Clermont, a monument to this glorious man and a mark of the high esteem in which he held the little children.

"His private benefactions were numerous, but were known only to the recipients and the persons through whom they were conferred, the needy widows and children; and those who when suffering from accident or illness were given a new hope and courage by his timely assistance in money or in the services of physicians and nurses, are now in every walk of life.

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"No man ever more completely lived the life of an ideal father and no citizen ever more fully impressed his personality upon the community in which he lived; what he was to this family and this community is too sacred to each to be reviewed at this time. When the keen sense of the overwhelming loss is past, and in words of encouragement spoken and kindly acts done by others we recognize the fruit of his precept and example, then from day to day, by remarking the similarity to the things said and done by him, the full measure of tribute and respect will be paid in the manner which would be most gratifying to him could he return among us.

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"He retired from the office of governor with the love and respect of the ablest statesmen of the times, and for over twenty years it has been given to him to be treated by the men engaged in carrying forward the fight for genuinely progressive legislation as one of their most valued counsellors and advisors. Thirty years in advance of his contemporaries he saw and appreciated the issues which would inevitably become of greatest importance to the people, but the same foresight which gave him the ability to part the curtains of the future and depict the battle lines as they would be drawn, warned him that the people must be given their own good time in which to grasp the full import of the trend of affairs.

"Whenever a champion of the cause of the common people has started on the path to more complete equity and justice, he has found that this pioneer in legislation had mapped the route and blazed the way at a time when men engaged in political life in the ordinary acceptance of the term scoffed at the suggestion that changes could or need be made. He proposed and planned; he suggested and instructed; he was called into counsel by many prominent men in the nation, and it was given to him to live to see both the great political parties abandon the issues which they had emphasized as of most importance and re-align their forces and each ask for support by reason of their allegiance to principles declared by him to be vital in the early eighties.

"He was a believer in young men. When youth and inexperience were urged as objections, he would invariably answer that if habits and disposition were right, all other things would come to the man who would apply himself, and would come more quickly to youth than to age.

"When the history of the nation during the period in which he lived is finally written, William Larrabee's name will appear high on the scroll which bears the record of men of greatest achievement, purest ideals, fullest confidence in American citizenship, abiding faith in young men, and unflinching love of all mankind.

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"A mind so generously broad that it could grasp and hold the plan and scheme of a governmental structure as gigantic as our own, and yet so delicately attuned as to enable it to detect the smallest fault in the existing structure, made his every effort effective. A capacity to labor incessantly, the heritage of a vigorous ancestry, preserved by his own exemplary habits, made it possible for him to read and retain all the best in history and political economy, and hold the forceful arguments of other master minds in readiness to serve him when occasion might require.

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