

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lewis, Abner Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Fayette County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Apr 1819 near Canton, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Catherine Frank 17 Jan 1841

② Mary A. Yapp 30 Mar 1848

③ Elizabeth Vermilyea 8 Mar 1855

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a resident of Fayette County from 1874

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer; physician

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices \_\_\_\_\_

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 13 Jul 1908 Maynard, Iowa; buried Iowa WPA Cemetery Record: Woodlawn Cemetery, Delwain, Fayette County, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - William; Oliver (died in boyhood); by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife -  
Deville; by 3<sup>rd</sup> wife - James C.; Henry B. (died 9 Jul 1865); Ambrose E.; Jennie;  
Mary; Phillip (died 5 Apr 1862)

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Lewis, Abner

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

- His father died when Abner was age 8 leaving him to be a farmer boy. He and his wife, Catherine, made their home on this farm.
- His first wife, Catherine, died 17 Apr 1844. She and their son, David, are buried at Georgetown, Stark County, Ohio
- After his wife died he left the farm and studied medicine with Dr. Parkerson at Mogadore, Ohio. He then formed a partnership with Dr. Bushtel at East Liberty, Ohio
- After his second marriage he and his wife lived at McConnellsville, Ohio
- In 1851 they moved to Noble County, Indiana where he began to clear 80 acres of land and during the winter he taught school. When the doctor of the settlement died he then went into the practice of medicine
- His second wife, Mary A. died in Feb 1854
- He was a member of the Indiana Senate representing Elkhart and LaGrange counties moving to LaGrange County, Indiana
- The family came to Iowa in 1872 settling on 600 acres near Maynard, Iowa.
- They later lived in Fayette, Iowa, 2 years, and then to Sumner where he renewed his medical practice
- In 1889 they returned to Maynard, Iowa, moving to Oelwein in 1892 when finished with the Legislature

Lewis, Abner

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source      Non Applicable      Applicable      Information obtained

*Obituary - The Maynard News, Maynard, Iowa,  
Thurs July 16, 1902, p. 1, col. 3 and p. 8, col 1, 2*

Rev. A. E. Moody was at West Union Friday conducting a funeral.

Mrs. Dr. Baker came home last Tuesday morning from her eastern trip.

Ken Kidd and wife entertained his brother and family, of Ottumwa, last week.

Miss Gertrude O'Brien went to Des Moines Saturday for a short visit with friends.

Miss Carrie Cornick went to McGregor Friday for a visit with the Misses Quigley.

S. R. Munger had the pleasure of a visit with his mother last week from Elkader.

Wm. Bunnell and wife, of Fayette, were over Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. King.

Miss Bessie Boale, of Cedar Rapids, was a guest of Miss Grace Jamison a few days the past week.

A 12 pound son is the new arrival at the home of James Scothorn and wife. He came Saturday.

S. Weaver and wife have gone to Lone Geneva, Wisconsin, to look after their store interests there.

Mrs. I. Bogart and daughter, Miss Hattie, returned home Friday from a visit with relatives at Fayette.

Al Blunt and wife, of West Union, were over Sunday visitors with relatives and old friends in Oelwein.

G. W. Jamison and wife are entertaining two nieces, the Misses Alice and Bessie Shaw, of Boise, Idaho.

Dr. Fordyce and wife returned home Friday from a several weeks visit at the doctor's old home in Pennsylvania.

J. F. O'Brien underwent an operation in a hospital at Des Moines last week. He is reported to be getting along fine.

F. McGourty and family arrived home the first of last week from Mason City where they had been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Auten, who had been called to Coquette by the death of her father, Benj. Miller, came home last Thursday.

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Mrs. Fritz, who had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dunbar, went to her home at West Union, Friday evening.

Supt. Herr, who had been at Des Moines assisting in looking over the examination papers of the Iowa teachers, came home Friday.

After a pleasant visit of several days here with her many friends Miss Georgia Quigley returned to her home at McGregor Wednesday.

Mrs. F. Moyer and son have returned to their home in Cedar Rapids after a several days visit with her sisters, Mesdames S. Spoo and J. Manning.

L. N. Haskins, wife and daughter have gone on a trip to different points in the east, including his old home in Vermont. It will no doubt be an enjoyable outing for them.

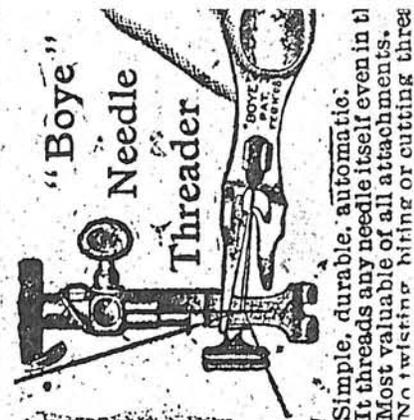
Miss Florence Gremmels, who has a position as book keeper in her uncle's store at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is home for a visit with her parents, Henry Gremmels and wife.

George Hanson departed last Thursday morning for Kramer, North Dakota, where he has a position as book-keeper in a bank. He has been employed in the First National Bank here for some time.

Dr. A. Lewis, who has been in feeble health for some time, died very suddenly at his home in this city Monday morning. The deceased had been a resident of Fayette county since 1874. He was eighty-nine years old the 12th day of last April. He leaves a wife, two daughters and three sons who deeply mourn his loss.

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## OBITUARY

Abner Lewis was born April 12, 1819, near Canton, Ohio. His father died when the boy was eight years old, leaving him to the life of a farmer boy in a new country. On January 17, 1841, he was married to Catherine Frank, the new home being on a farm. Two children were born to this union, William, of Goshen, Indiana, and Oliver who died in boyhood. Oliver and his mother who died April 17, 1844, are buried at Greentown, Stark county, Ohio. After the death of his wife Mr. Lewis left the farm and studied medicine with Dr. Parleman at Mogadore, Ohio, and after finishing his course he formed a partnership with Dr. Buchtel at East Liberty, Ohio. It was Dr. Lewis' privilege on July 2d, 1908, to spend a day visiting with a son of his old partner who is the distinguished governor of Colorado. The evening after their visit the Governor wrote the following letter:

My Dear Dr. Lewis:—

I am writing to tell you how very glad I have been made today in the privilege of meeting you. It was very good of you to come to West Union to see me. I shall tell my wife and my children about you at once on my arrival at home. Can you not send me a photograph of yourself? Please mail one to me at the State House in Denver. On my arrival at home I will mail you a picture of myself as a souvenir of this happy day.

Very sincerely,

Henry A. Buchtel.

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Mrs. Lewis died in February 1854, and the family was again left without a home maker. Of the bravery and generosity of father and mother in those trying years of life in a new country children and friends bear witness. On March 8, 1855, Dr. Lewis was married to Elizabeth Vermilyea. To this union were born James C., of Maynard, Iowa, Henry B. died July 9, 1860, Ambrose E., of Corvallis, Oregon, Jennie and Mary, of Oelwein, Iowa, and Philip who died April 5, 1862, while the family were at Elkhart, Indiana, enroute for Iowa. Dr. Lewis represented Elkhart and Lagrange counties in the Indiana senate in 1866, removing to Lagrange in 1867. During the years of the war most of his large income was spent in helping the needy families of his acquaintance. He was a generous and temperate man and during his residence in Lagrange county his influence kept it clear of saloons. The family came to Iowa in 1872 and settled on a 600 acre tract of wild land ten miles north of the present home. Lumber was hauled from Postville for the building, and farming and medicine were combined. While living here the Maynard Presbyterian church was organized and Dr. Lewis was made an Elder in the church. The family subsequently lived in Fayette two years and removed thence to Sumner where the Dr. renewed his practice only to be laid aside by serious illness.

They returned to Maynard and in 1889

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islature. The family removed to Oelwein in the fall of 1892 where they have since resided. Dr. Lewis was a man of high christian character, generous nature, and much ability; he kept an active interest in the affairs of life up to the last. He attended a special service for old folks in his church on July 5th, and was unusually well up to within a few days of his decease. He fell asleep in his chair quietly and peacefully at 7:50 o'clock Monday morning, July 13, after having eaten his breakfast and assured his family that he was feeling well. "His children rise up and call him blessed" and we can join in the christian song of the poet of Hoosierdom:

I cannot say, and I will not say  
That he is dead.—He is just away.

The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church at Oelwein Wednesday afternoon with interment at that place.

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### Back From Minnesota

We have wondered if possibly a few of your readers would be interested enough to care to read a few notes by the way.

At least ye editor expected to hear some large fish stories and it seems hardly just the thing to disappoint him, when there were such quantities of ma-

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