

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lucas, William Dennis Senator _____

Represented Story County, Iowa _____

1. Birthday and place 5 June 1838 Danversville, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

_____ fall 1866

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Manager of the Valley National Bank

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; Loyal Legion

C. Profession Banker; mercantile businessman

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 18th General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 15 Aug 1892 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Howard; Winnifred; Mable

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- Military service - Civil War - assisted in organizing the 5th New York Cavalry, attaining rank of Captain, captured and held prisoner of war for 2 months
- He returned home because of illness, but re-enlisted in the same regiment until the end of the war
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- As his prosperity grew he became ambitious for a wider field and moved to New Moines where there were greater opportunities.
- He moved to New Moines in 1883 and became interested in the Valley Bank

ation of any lies." THE REGISTER challenges contradiction of any reference it has made to Mr. Baker. The Carroll Herald is abundantly able to take care of itself and will doubtless do so in a manner that will be interesting to the public and memory reviving to Mr. Baker.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEETING.

If there is any one church which has had a rapid growth in Iowa during the past few years it is the Christian church, which is now holding its annual convention in this city. A few years ago the followers of this good and earnest church were few indeed, to-day there are upwards of 30,000 members in good standing and over 200 ministers preaching the doctrines of Christ. If Alexander Campbell could have had a vision of what his church was to be in the West he would have realized more than he did that he had a distinct and great mission in the world. The convention this week will be one of unusual interest. The reports will show the church to be in a flourishing condition. In Des Moines the delegates from the various churches will be at home for Des Moines is in a sense the Mecca of the Christians of Iowa. It is here that the church has centered its educational influences and has built its fine church edifices. Drake University, continually growing and extending the field of its influence, is a worthy representative of the educational spirit of the church. It is an institution of which every member is proud, and which is honored in the city of its location. The well wishes of the people of Des Moines are with the gathering of good Christian people. May every interest of the church be furthered in the meeting.

THE NEW GRANT CLUB.

The reorganized Grant Club is a Republican organization which truly represents the Republicanism of the capital city. It is an organization of which every Republican in the city and state ought to be proud. Its membership is composed of representative business and professional men. It includes the working forces of the party in one of the banner counties in the state. The club not only has an excellent membership, but it is well officered. The president is Mr. E. G. Pratt, a man well qualified to give tone and dignity to the club, and to rally to its support the very best and most influential Republicans in the city.

The Republicans of Des Moines ought to give every possible encouragement to the club. On the 25th there will be a formal opening in which many of the best speakers of the state will participate. Among the speakers will be Mr. [Name] and Mr. [Name].

associations have been able to keep their promises.

DEATH OF CAPT. W. D. LUCAS.

A heroic struggle for life ended with the death of Capt. W. D. Lucas at the family residence in this city yesterday morning. The contest for supremacy began when the strong man and brave soldier was confined in Libby prison, during the war of the rebellion, and death slowly but surely gained the mastery until the long suffering but patient victim was too weak to continue the unequal struggle. Capt. Lucas was one of Iowa's best men, a good man in all respects and a leading citizen in all good work. He had been a resident of Iowa for about a quarter of a century and his prominence and general usefulness in business circles, as a member of the legislature and in all soldier and leading civil societies, gained for him a large state acquaintance, and his death will bring sorrow to nearly every social circle in Iowa.

Death had constantly hedged his path for over a quarter of a century, but for years and until disease began to make itself so strongly manifest his acquaintances knew nothing of the suffering the strong man was enduring. Three or four years ago, however, the struggle became unequal, but the brave soldier battled with all the old time heroism and with heroic cheerfulness until about a year ago when he began to close up his business to have everything in readiness for the coming summons that he knew was only a few months away at best. But a short time was required for this work as his strict and correct methods had always kept every detail of his business well in hand. After placing everything in proper and safe form for other hands he settled down for the last siege with the disease that had never released its grip and daily claimed an increasing portion of his little remaining strength. He had the best of medical skill and all that loving wife, children and friends could do to aid and cheer him, but all were unavailing and he gradually wasted away until there was no victory for death. So died one of Iowa's noblemen, a man of the strictest integrity in every phase of life, a soldier of chivalrous record, and a friend who never failed in distress or flinched in peril. The sorely bereaved wife and children will have the sincere sympathy of all who knew the loved husband and father, and always good man, a character so fitly and honorably represented by W. D. Lucas.

IN GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Iowa will have plenty and to spare for

filled up with anarchy than with immorality. The government should not become party to the dissemination of this kind of literature.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer thus welcomes Dr. E. R. Johnstone, of Iowa, who has recently been appointed local surgeon of the Great Northern Railway and located at Everett, Washington:

Dr. Johnstone comes of an old American family, one of his ancestors having served in the Revolutionary war and been one of the original members of the Society of Cincinnati. His grandfather was formerly collector of the port of Philadelphia; his uncle, William F. Johnstone, was governor of Pennsylvania, and his father, Judge Edward Johnstone, migrated to Iowa with Governor Grimes when that state was a part of Wisconsin territory. The judge who died a year ago, was speaker of the Iowa constitutional convention, and at the time of his death was president of the Iowa World Fair Commission and of the Pioneer Land Makers' Association of Iowa. All his family are big men, the doctor being 6 feet 5 inches high, and none of his six brothers being less than 6 feet 4 inches.

The consistency of the southern members who opposed the Chicago World's Fair appropriation is not of a shining kind. The Washington Post shows that McMill, Dockery, Oates and others voted in 1885 a precisely similar appropriation for the New Orleans cotton exposition. It was an out-and-out gift of \$300,000 to the New Orleans affair for which these men voted, at their scruples as to the constitutionality that appropriation did not bother them a bit. New Orleans was a southern city and the Southern wing of the Democratic party is always looking out for the South. It takes no interest in anything that is for the North. It is the same narrow old Bourbonism.

The Minneapolis Tribune gives the following excellent summary of Democratic promises:

- (1) To repeal the McKinley tariff.
- (2) To carry free coinage of silver.
- (3) To kill the "reciprocity fraud."
- (4) To repeal the bounty on sugar.
- (5) To stop the subsidies for ocean mail.
- (6) To cut down appropriations \$100,000,000.

How have these promises been kept? How have they been carried out? The house was in session from December until well along in August, eight months of salaried drawing and running up expenses. None of the six promises enumerated was kept. They made no attempt to carry the reforms promised, or else divided their strength and frittered away the opportunity they had. In regard to appropriations there was an absolute abandonment of all promises: instead of reducing them the Democratic congress increased them by \$44,322,870.

Sioux Falls Argus-Leader: The gentlemen who have had in charge the Sioux Falls linen mill enterprise are entitled to a medal—not a leather one either. The enterprise was suggested last fall and a number of Sioux Falls gentlemen went to work. There was no brass band to lead the gentlemen; it was not a boom institution; the idea was to start an enterprise which would pay and form a nucleus for a wonderful industry here in the future.

When the Democratic convention meets at Davenport one of the chief ad-

where complaint is made that the sorry condition of the highways has very seriously interfered with the business of the people and their convenience. The road-taxes levied the past year amount to a vast sum, over a half million, exclusive of polls, and sufficient, properly expended, to bring a handsome return in improved ways. The trouble is, the work is done in piecemeal, frequently under incompetent and oftener careless supervision, and in large part by those who have no care in the matter save to put in the time and obtain credit for the day. I believe a betterment would result if the road-taxes were payable in money as other taxes, and the expenditure made under authority of a township road-master who should be held to the same rigid accountability for faithful service as other officers. Any legislation in the direction of more efficient highway service would be hailed with sincere gratification by the whole people. The subject is one of grave importance, and merits the serious attention of every citizen, especially of those charged with the making of the laws."—Governor Sherman, 1882.

AND BRIDGES ALSO.

"The legislative as well as the public attention has frequently been called to the necessity of some legislation which will conduce to the betterment of the roads of the state. We hold conventions, and there listen to theories advanced which are many and varied, but after all the discussion no satisfactory conclusion is reached, scarcely any two agree in opinion, save that the roads are not as good as may be, and finally adjournment is had, and we retire to our homes either confused respecting the whole matter, or solidly confirmed in our previous idea. The truth is, this subject of improvement of the public highways is an exceedingly difficult, as well as perplexing one, and will tax to the utmost ingenuity and wisdom of the legislative department.

"For myself, I confess my opinions of the best methods of dealing with the question are not as satisfactory as I could wish, but I am well convinced that something needs to be done in improvement of our road system. With a road tax of nearly a half million dollars, it does seem to me the general condition of the highways should be bettered. The law allows a large portion of the road tax to be paid in labor, and therein I think is much of the difficulty under which we are laboring.

This tax was all payable in money, as I believe it should be, the same in the hands of a competent supervisor would accomplish much more than is now possible, and better roads would result. This will be conceded by every one.

"Again, I incline to the opinion that it would be far better if we had but

W. D. LUCAS DEAD

Founder of the Valley National Bank Passes Away at 7:45 This Morning.

He Leaves a Wife and Three Children—The Funeral Will Occur Wednesday Afternoon.

Hon. W. D. Lucas, formerly, cashier of the Valley National bank, died in his home, 1325 Center street, at 7:45 o'clock this morning. Deceased was born in East Gainesville, New York, June 3, 1838. At the commencement of the war he helped to organize the Fifth New York cavalry and entered the army as second lieutenant in that troop. He soon rose to a captaincy. In 1866 he came to Iowa.

July 6, 1863, he was taken prisoner at Hagerstown, Maryland; prior to which time he had been promoted to the captaincy of his company. He was a prisoner of war about twenty months, being paroled March 1, 1865, at Wilmington, N. C. He was first taken to Libby prison, Richmond; then to Macon, Charleston, Raleigh and Columbia. His health was very much impaired by his prison experience. After his parole he went home for a short time to recuperate and then returned to his old regiment and re-enlisted, remaining in the service until Lee's surrender, when he was mustered out.

In the fall of 1866 he was married and went to Bristol, Illinois, where he remained until the following spring.

He was engaged in the mercantile business at Ames for a number of years, then instituted the first bank in Story county, at that city. In 1882 he removed to Des Moines and entered the Valley Bank out of which he formed the Valley National. He had there been a long honored and faithful cashier. Last spring he sold his stock to M. M. Craftsman.

He leaves a wife, his emigration for 27 years, and three children, Annie, Howard and Winifred.

The funeral of the late Capt. W. D. Lucas will be held on Wednesday at 4 p. m. The funeral will be in charge of Temple Commandry No. 4, Knight Templar, and the G. A. R. and Loyal Legion will act as escort.

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

Following committees were appointed, Dr. A. I. Hobbs, president, presiding:

- On credentials: H. Stark, W. A. Black, J. H. Painter.
 On auditing: D. Pettit, S. C. Slayton.
 On nominations: B. [unclear], J. H. Stark, H. Painter, W. H. Bryan, M. Chilton, A. J. Hobbs.

The discussion of the afternoon was directed in a large part to the plan of work, the result of which has been outlined.

The Women.

The Christian women's board of missions met at University Church of Christ yesterday. There was a large attendance, most of the delegate members being present.

Mrs. Peake opened the programme with an address of welcome followed by a response on the part of the visiting ladies. Mrs. Odenweller, Mrs. Pearre, one of the first of the original members of the board in Iowa, in which she was one of the leading spirits, but now a resident of Indiana, was present and made an address which gave very great pleasure to the association meeting. Missionary talks were afterwards given by Mrs. Major of Winterset and Mrs. Todd of Des Moines.

Reports were presented by the superintendent of children's work, Mrs. C. Slayton. Mrs. W. C. Huffaker also presented a report showing the following results:

Number members	101
Dues for three-fourths of year	\$1,132.24
Organizer's fund	67.60
Special	205.79
Grand total	\$1,468.00

District managers reported as follows: Fifth district—Mrs. Johnson, of Marshalltown; Seventh district, Mrs. Infield; Eighth district, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

An address was made by Mrs. J. Mad Williams, president. Mrs. Williams has been president of the organization for five consecutive years. She felt that it was due the board to make an address at this time. To a reporter she said she would not accept the position another year despite the evident desire of the board to have her serve in that capacity.

Before the close of the meeting the following committees were appointed:

- On enrollment—Mrs. M. L. Ross, Mrs. H. W. Daniel.
 On press, Evangelist and Standard—Mrs. Odenweller; Oracle, Mrs. Huffaker; Tidings, Mrs. Niekhizer.
 On nominations—Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Mehan, Mrs. Cornell.
 On reports—Mrs. Maulsby; Mrs. N. G. Miller; Mrs. S. B. Ross.
 On resolutions—Mrs. A. M. Wickhizer, Mrs. C. Huffaker, Mrs. Major.
 On ways and means—Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. S. C. Slayton, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Eva Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Gaston.
 On literature—Mrs. Kent and Mrs. McCammon.
 On life membership—Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Hull.
 At last night's meeting the convention enjoyed an address by Mrs. Wickhizer.

Adjourn to meet at once and organize Iowa Better Roads association.

DEATH CLAIMED HIM.

Capt. W. D. Lucas Succumbs to the Final Summons.

The death of Capt. W. D. Lucas, for nine years past associated with the management of the Valley National bank, and a gentleman esteemed as widely as known, will cause profound regret among the hundreds of business associates and wide circle of friends to whom he was known. The death of Captain Lucas occurred at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at his home on Center street, where, surrounded by the members of a sorrowing and devoted family, he quietly passed away. He was conscious to the last, and while aware that death hovered near, he faced the grim spectre with the same dauntless courage and moral fortitude that won for him fame and distinction on many desperate fought fields in the war of the rebellion. The disease which terminated his life, was contracted by Captain Lucas while confined as a prisoner in Libby, Charleston, Raleigh and other southern prisons during the war, and though he repeatedly brought to his service the most eminent medical skill, the insidious disease fastened itself firmly upon his system and held on with an iron grip until death ensued to release him from years of suffering.

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Upon motion of Wise, the mayor was directed to appoint a policeman to patrol the river banks for sixty days from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. Alderman Wise explained that his purpose in asking for the appointment of the officer was to give protection to ladies and gentlemen who go boating on the river. He said that for some time past a number of young toughs have been in the habit of making indecent exposures to parties boating on the river, while others have established resorts in ravines along the river to which they repair to drink beer and raise H—alfax, much to the annoyance of ladies passing up and down the river.

The King Bridge company, having the construction of the Ninth street bridge under contract, petitioned the council for an additional thirty days beyond the time stipulated to complete the bridge. Referred to committee on bridges and the city solicitor.

The appointment of Tom Laws as city jailor to succeed Charles Rickards deposed, was affirmed.

The paving committee, which has in a casual and informal way, been examining the brick question, and as a result of its intellectual labors, submitted a report reflecting to some extent upon the brick manufacturers of Des Moines in general and S. A. Robertson in particular, showing how much cheaper brick were furnished at Ottumwa, Galesburg, Atchison and other points. Mr. Robertson was present and proceeded to metaphorically box the ears of the paving committee.

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Today the sessions will close with the election of officers after the adoption of the reports submitted by the committees appointed yesterday.

This afternoon the first regular session of the Christian convention proper will convene at 2 o'clock. About five hundred delegates will be in attendance.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES EARLY IN A RAILROAD ACCIDENT NEAR BLUE ISLAND, ILL.

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De Witt's Little Early Risers—best pill.

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Lucas, William D
Residence
Occupation Banker
Date birth Je 5, 1838 Place Gainesville, N.Y.
Date death Ag 15, 1892 Place Des Moines, Ia
Cause Woodland cem Place burial "
War record Capt. F 21 N.Y. Inf.
" " F 5 N.Y. Cav
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 22
Enlisted 12 My 1861 as Prvt at Elmira, N.Y.

War
Battles, etc.
Nearest relatives
Father Nativity
Mother Nativity
Wife
Children

Discharged

Date

Place

Source

Roster N.Y.S.V.

Desc. Book Post 12: Enl Ap 1861 Co F 21
N.Y. Inf. Disch 19 Jl 1865 as Capt Co G
5 N.Y. Cav. / Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa
1886: Des Moines

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Lucas, William D

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined		
Ellsworth Tr. 16 F '84	30(7)	Ames	16 F 1881		
Crocker	12	Des Moines	14 Mar 1884		
			age 46		
Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Post #30	Desc	Book: barker			

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount

Suspended

Died