

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Meyer, John Senator Meyer, John
Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Feb 1824 Clinton County, Pennsylvania
in Pittsburg Valley

2. Marriage (s) date place
Cornelia Beebe 25 Aug 1853 Mount Vernon, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was largely responsible for the fact that Newton, Iowa
first had an electric lighting plant and water systems

B. Civic responsibilities Trustee of Grinnell College

C. Profession Wholesale and retail grocer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 9th General Assembly 1862 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 11th, 12th General Assemblies 1866, 1868 - Senate
17th, 18th General Assemblies 1878, 1880 - Senate

A. Local City Council 10 years; School Board president 12 years

B. State Trustee of Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa (now known as Grinnell College)

C. National _____

7. Death 14 May 1902 Newton, Iowa; buried Newton Union Cemetery, Newton, Iowa

8. Children Charles Sumner, Ella, Cornelia, William, Joseph, Eva, Mary (de),
first child died in his age 7 months, the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th child all died at Newton, Iowa
from two to three years

9. Names of parents Valentine and Elizabeth (Hoy) Meyer

Meyer, John

10. Education He was educated at McMillinburg Academy in Union County, Pennsylvania -
11. Degrees He was educated at Oberlin College, Oberlin Ohio graduating in 1853
12. Other applicable information Free Soil Whig, later Republican
- He located in Newton, Iowa in 1857
 - Military services - Civil War - Company K, 25th Iowa Infantry and promoted to Colonel
 - His wife died in 1895
 - After college he taught school and also taught classes at Oberlin College. After marriage he was in partnership with his father-in-law, Ward H. Becke who was a horticulturist who later settled in Dubuque Iowa.
 - He came to Iowa in 1857 and settled in Jasper County at Newton, Iowa.
 - The history of this family as truly said - of 7 or 8 children, all but Corvelia, died in infancy or early youth.
 - His only remaining child was Corvelia, later Mrs. Neick.

Meyer, John

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-	Obituary	-	<u>The Newton Herald, Newton, Iowa,</u> May 16, 1902, p. 1, col. 3
-	Portrait	-	The original portrait is held in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa
-		-	<u>The United States Biographical Dictionary, 4th Volume, 1878, p. 720-721</u>
-	GAR Records	-	
-		-	ancestry.com (accessed 19 Aug 2011)
-		-	find a grave.com (accessed 19 Aug 2011)
-		-	<u>Western Life - Oct 1873 Vol 1, p. 205-206</u>



John Meyer
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DEATH OF COL. JOHN MEYER.

In the death of Col. John Meyer on Tuesday, Newton lost a citizen it will be difficult to replace. He was a man of brain and character, and thoroughly representative of the best citizenship. While a man subject to the limitations of his fellows, no one could impute to him other than the best of motives. He was born near Bellefountain, Ohio, over seventy-eight years ago, and a year or so ago visited the scenes with which he was familiar in childhood,



John Meyer

much to his gratification. In 1857 he located in Newton, and has been one of our staid and substantial citizens ever since.

In 1861 he was elected to the Iowa legislature and the following year went to the war as Captain of a company in the Twenty-eighth Iowa and was promoted successively to the positions of Major, Lieut. Colonel and Colonel and participated in many of the bloody battles of the war, Port Gibson, Champion Hills, Vicksburg, Jackson, Winchester, Cedar Creek.

Mr. Meyer was shot, but his life was saved by his sword and scabbard which received the ball. After Appomattox he was sent to the south for reconstruction purposes, having a detachment of troops and being stationed in South Carolina. He returned to Newton in September, 1865, and was elected to the legislature the same fall for four years, as Senator. In 1868 he was a Grant elector and in 1878 was again elected senator.

For twelve years he served as a member of the city council and it was here he wrought works that we trust will abide forever. He was one of the early converts to municipal ownership and was largely responsible for the fact that Newton now owns her electric lighting plant and water systems.

Col. Meyer was a member of the Congregational church where his funeral was conducted yesterday. His wife died in 1895, leaving the Colonel to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Fisk, who has been devoted to him ever since.

The honorable career of Col. John Meyer ought to be an inspiration to the young men of today, leading to industrious and clean habits, business integrity and civic virtue.

date is excursion date on the C. R. I. & P. Ry., when the fare is one way plus \$2.00 for the round trip, or \$56.85 from Newton and only \$5.50 for berths for two, clear through to San Francisco, California, by the S. P. R. R. We could have gone to Omaha and by the same system, to McFarland, Kan., via Fairbury, Neb., but on advice of Mr. Warner, the Rock Island agent, we went over to Monroe and took the Rock Island train there, from Des Moines to Keokuk, and got off at Eldon, Ia.

At Monroe I saw the little old hotel, where, in the middle sixties as "manager" of an amateur Newton Minstrel company, I had left my father's watch for the board bill of the "Troupe," which I had borrowed for a "curtain raiser," but it proved a better "board raiser." We had "played" in Newton and thought there was a "pile of money" in a "star tour" of the "Mammoth Mastodon Minstrels" to Greencastle, Prairie City and Monroe, but alas! our "Advance agent," had given away too many "comps;"—we had "full houses" but empty purses, and so on a Sunday morning, over the hills and across the Skunk bottoms, we returned to our homes, sadder if not wiser boys. I afterward redeemed the watch, painting.

At Eldon we took the C. R. I. & P. through solid sleeper and Tourist train No. 29, called the "California and Mexico" for which we had waited several hours in order to get on a car that we would not have to change from until we reached San Francisco, which was the desideratum to come this route, and I can recommend it as the best way to go to the coast, and I have been over them all except the Canadian Pacific.

We passed through Lineville, on the Iowa and Missouri line, where I stopped on my way to Newton last fall. I was so sick. Today, thanks to Drs. Gorrell and Engle who made it a "labor of love" to cure me, I feel fine.

I got off the cars at Trenton, Mo., in the neighborhood of which I have so many relatives, hoping I might happen to see some of them, but did not. A man approached me and asked if I was looking for some "beer," having lately left Iowa, and I thanked him and said there was plenty back there for all who wish it if they go to the right places.

We passed Kansas City during the night, while asleep. Had we desired to "do" Kansas City, we could have taken a train on the Rock Island system, in waiting at Eldon, and gone right on and had several hours there, and then at 11 p. m. took the train we waited for at Eldon. I mention this for the benefit of anyone making such a trip, that may read this.

All through Iowa, Missouri and eastern and middle Kansas that we passed through, there had been plenty of rain, wheat looking fine, with corn land plowed and many places planted.

Out in western Kansas, notwithstanding the drouth last year there is a great deal of land put into wheat.

The improvement at Liberal, Kansas, was a surprise to me, as in fact, the whole country south of it, clear through

white trimmings. A magnificent steel bridge spans the Canadian river.

At Dal Hart Texas, and Santa Rosa, New Mexico, the Rock Island R. R. has already made extensive improvements, and both these towns, as well as the smaller towns along the route to El Paso are booming almost like mining towns.

As we passed through New Mexico over a red stretch of soil, a level valley perhaps 50 miles wide and maybe hundreds long, a man in our car was constantly berating the country, when suddenly to our left a glorious green spot was seen, an orchard of large trees of various kinds, large field of alfalfa, an "Ahameda" of lombardy poplars and other trees and shrubbery, when I triumphantly pointed to it and said, "there is what all this country could be made if statesmen could be sent to Washington instead of tools of the trusts, for this oasis in the desert was wrought by an irrigation ditch, or wells.

And yet when we made the march to Washington for government irrigation of these vast tracts of land, enough to make homes for millions of people, and to build good roads, we were put in jail for it, and men called us "fools," whose children will be "tramps" for lack of the legislation to accomplish what we petitioned congress to do. But I believe the building of this railroad will hasten the day of irrigation of these arid wastes. At Alamogordo, N. M. is a fine illustration of what irrigation will do. On one side of the tract is a vast stretch of level land bounded by blue mountains in the distance. The only verdure on the reddish ashy soil is greenwood, on the left, at the base of a mountain chain, from which the water is taken, is a Trent park of green trees, grass lawns, flower gardens and fountains playing.

From this point a standard gage road runs for 26 miles up to a point on the mountain side called "Cloud Craft," a summer resort where the temperature in August ranges between 60 and 70 degrees, quite a pleasant place to be at that time.

Had a good laugh just now. The porter was telling a lady a little hard of hearing, that he had a "brother six feet tall," and she understanding him to say his "brother had six feet," when the lady exclaimed, "Why, he ought to go to a museum," and every body laughed.

Our baby is standing the trip well. He is the only one, and it is astonishing how much amusement our fellow passengers have with him. The only king by "Divine Right" is a baby. His dominion is supreme and he always has "willing subjects" to do his bidding, and no anarchists plotting his life for his sway is founded on human love, an indestructible empire of more royal splendor than Sardannupalus ever dreamed or Solomon ever realized. As they say here, "Senor, Adios."

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JOHN MEYER,
GROCER, NEWTON, IOWA.

Was born in Mittnany Valley, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, on February 26th 1814. His parents and grand-parents were natives of America. His father's name was Valentine, born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1892. At the age of thirteen with his parents he moved to Union county, whereat twenty-one he was married to Miss Elizabeth Hay. Ten years later with his wife and three children emigrated to Center county, Pennsylvania, a part of which county was afterwards cut off and formed part of Clinton. He was a man of strong mind and a leader in educational, temperance and all other reforms, and his son Joseph's were the only votes in the township in 1852 for Hale for President, who was the candidate of the Free Soil party in that year. He died in 1859. The family of Valentine proper was four daughters and four sons. Mary, Samuel, Catherine, William, Elizabeth, John and Jasper. The first has been married twice, is now a widow, living in Bald Eagle Valley, Center county, Pennsylvania. The second is married the second time and resides at Stockton, California; has been a Representative and Senator in the California Legislature. The third is a widow living in Clinton county, Pennsylvania. The fourth is a farmer in the same place. The fifth died in June 1847. The seventh died after being married twice, in 1854, and the eighth died in August, 1858, in Newton, Iowa. The sixth who is the subject of this sketch, was sent to school in his boyhood, for several months during each winter and in the summer he worked on the farm until he was of age, after which he attended Mifflinburg academy for two terms, taught school in Bushville, Pa., in the winter of 1846; went to Oberlin college, Ohio, in the spring of 1847, and continued a student in that institution (teaching in the winters in the country) until August 1853, when he had received the degree of A. B. In that same month he was married to Miss Comelia Beebe, who also graduated from the ladies

department of the same institution in the same month. He moved to Newton, Iowa, in April 1857, where he has been ever since. They have had seven children, in the order named: Charles Sumner, Ella Comelia, Willie, Joseph, Eva, and May. The first died in Ohio seven months of age; the second, fourth, fifth and sixth died in Newton at ages from two to three years. The father has been engaged as wholesale and retail grocer in Newton for eleven years and is now engaged in that business. He has been a very zealous anti slavery man taking the stump since 1856 in every campaign and doing efficient service. In 1861 he was elected to represent his county in the 9th General Assembly of Iowa. In 1862 he assisted in raising four companies for the war, then raised one for himself which was subsequently known as Co. "K" 28th Iowa Infantry; went as captain of the cavalry until May 1863. During the siege of Vicksburg he was promoted for distinguished coolness and bravery at the battle of Champion Hills to the office of Major, which position he held to the close of the war holding at its close a brevet commission both as lieutenant colonel and colonel. He was engaged in the battle of Champion Hill, the siege of Vicksburg 40 days, the siege of Jackson and various skirmishes both in the Vicksburg campaign and under Banks in the Gulf department. In 1864 his regiment with others was transferred to the Shenandoah Valley under Gen. Sheridan was in the seven contested battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek, and various minor engagements and skirmishes attendant upon driving Gen. Early out of the Valley. In December was transferred to Sherman's army at Savannah, Georgia, with which he served with his regiment until the close of the war. Before he returned from the war, without any solicitation or knowledge on his part, he was nominated to the State Senate to which he was elected in 1865, and served as Senator with ability during the sessions of the Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies. In 1868

no inducement can obtain a place in the WESTERN LIFE BOAT for any sketch containing superficial flattery. The publishers seek to lay the truth before their readers—truth that will stand the criticism of time. Let those who have not the "pure metal" shun the ordeal. They will be more successful in obscurity. But for loyal souls with large brain, warm hearts and active lives—devoted to the well being of men—there is a welcome niche in its ample pages. Criticism will be free, truthful and independent. None but the superficial need have any cause to fear the scourge.

With the wisdom of years Mr. Edmunds has outgrown the net work of theology and politics, and now stands on an independent platform, acknowledging but one creed and one duty, fully set forth by these words of the poet:

"Bound to no sect, to no creed confined,
The world his home, his brethren all mankind;
Love truth, do good, be just and fair with all,
Exalt the right though every ism fall."

He is not only a writer and reformer, but a worker. He has traveled over thirty States and Territories, through the Canadas, Mexico and Central America, and is now on his way, making a tour of the capitals of the several States. He will devote some two years in traveling through the Rocky mountains and Pacific States and territories—visiting British Columbia and probably the Sandwich Islands, Mexico, Central and South America, and may continue his journey around the world. In addition to his biographical sketches for the LIFE-BOAT, he is contributing a series of articles on "Political Economy" and "Modern Civilization." He will also serve as Special Correspondent for the *Evening Wisconsin* and the Northwestern Newspaper Union, and his letters on the resources of the countries he visits will be published in their entire list of 150 papers. He will also contribute a series of articles for the State Printing Company, of Des Moines, Iowa, that will reach the public through their list of fifty papers. Through these channels his correspondence will reach an aggregate of 1,000,000 weekly readers. His familiarity with the Western country, with his ability to give forcible expression to his thoughts, cannot fail to make his contributions—"The Great West," and "Around the World," of more than ordinary interest to the general reader.

We bespeak for Mr. Edmunds a welcome and reasonable assistance in his labors, with all confidence that his work, in whatever form, will be well and faithfully performed.

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he was elected Grant presidential elector of his Congressional District, during which campaign he made speeches in every county in the district.

He has always been a temperance man of the strictest sense, having never used ardent spirits in any form, nor tobacco or any profane language; is a zealous educator; is a member of the school board; chairman of the committee of school building, since which position he has held, the school district have erected one of the finest school buildings in the State.

He is a member of the Congregational church; is five feet nine inches high; weighs 185 pounds; dark hair and eyes and has an excellent constitution, never having been sick. Such is an outline record of one of the most faithful and successful business men in central Iowa.

DELOS ARNOLD.

FURNITURE, MARSHALL, IOWA.

Medium stature—five feet ten inches; weight one hundred and thirty pounds; spare, but muscular frame, and fair mould; black hair, tinged with gray; motive-mental temperament, fair features, large active brain, well arched brows, and deep set eyes; full, round forehead, broad between the organs of combativeness, and deep between individuality to self esteem. He has a well balanced organization, and is calculated to succeed in life.

Delos Arnold is of Scotch-English ancestry, his paternal progenitors having emigrated to this country just prior to the Revolution, and settled in Providence, R. I. His great great-grandfather followed a sea faring life after his arrival in America, and was lost while in command of a vessel on a voyage from Bordeaux, France, to America. Many of the descendants still reside in Providence; others are found in various portions of the Republic, serving their generation in the several industrial pursuits that make up American civilization. The father of Delos was a native of New York, and a tanner and a trader by

occupation. He died while on a visit to his son at Marshall, in 1856. Delos Arnold is a native of Chenango county, N. Y., where he was born, July 21, 1830. When he was eleven years old he went with his parents to Chatauqua county, where he resided until his removal to Iowa in 1853. At the age of fourteen years he traveled, visiting the various cities in the country. After a year and a half he returned to his Chatauqua home, and began his studies for active life. He studied some two years in the Frederick Academy—teaching school during the winter—and in 1851 he entered the Albany, N. Y., Law School, where he was admitted to practice in 1853. He removed immediately to Marshall, Iowa, where he began practice, was appointed prosecuting attorney the next day after his arrival, and served some four years, being twice elected to the same position. In the winter of 1853-4, he taught the first school in the county, using the court house at Marietta for the purpose. In 1857, he was elected to the legislature, and served during the last session held at Iowa City. After the organization of the Internal Revenue Department, he was made the first Assessor of the 6th District, embracing one-third of the area of the State. He was removed by Andrew Johnson in 1865, and T. H. Barton, Jr., was appointed in his stead. In the fall of 1869 he was elected as Representative in the 13th General Assembly, and served through the session of 1870.

In 1861 he abandoned the profession of the law, and at the close of his official term he engaged in real estate and money loaning, and in 1870, took charge of a furniture store, which he has since conducted. In the summer of 1872 he took an extended tour in company with several other Hawkeyes, through Colorado and the Rocky Mountains, returning in the fall much improved in health and spirits.

He began without means and has acquired a fair competency as a reward for his years of industrious toils.

He married in 1854, to Miss Hannah Mercer, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of a Buckeye farmer. They have a family of three children.

Politically he is a Republican—straight. He gave his first vote for General Scott and in 1856 voted for Fremont and has fought it out on that line ever since.

JOHN MCKEAN,

STATE SENATOR, ANAMOSA, IOWA.

John McKean is the son of Rev. James McKean and Nancy McKean. James McKean was the son of Hugh McKean and wife, who both came from Antrim county, Ireland, near the close of the Revolutionary war, and settled first near Washington, Pennsylvania, about 1795, where James McKean was born. In 1800 they moved to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, near Neshannock creek, seven miles above New Castle, in what is now Lawrence county. The father of Hugh McKean was a Scotsman, who settled in Antrim county, Ireland at the close of the war of 1688-90. Nancy McKean, the mother, was a daughter of Fergus Smith and wife, whose maiden name was Giffin—Smith was a protestant Irishman, and his wife an American lady from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Nancy McKean was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and she and her parents moved about in 1810 near to C Spring, Mercer county, Pennsylvania. John McKean, was born June 19th, 1835, in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; had six brothers and one sister; she died 32 years. Three of his brothers live in Jones county, Iowa. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and served at Erie, Pennsylvania. John's youth was spent on a farm in Cuyahoga county, Ohio. He attended the common schools during the winter and labored during the summer until 16 years of age. This time had obtained in the common school a good knowledge of algebra and all inferior mathematics, and had learned Latin. He then attended an acad-

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consequence that he would accept since he became a resident of Iowa.

He passed all the chairs in Odd-Fellowship many years ago, and belongs to the encampment in the Masonic order. In religious sentiment, he is a Universalist, but there is no church of that order in Fort Dodge with which he can connect himself.

Mr. Meservey was first married in 1840, to Miss Elizabeth Nelson, of Indiana. She died in 1844, leaving one daughter, Jane, who is now the wife of George Green, of Denver, Colorado. His present

wife was Miss Amanda C. Robbins, of Clinton, Illinois. She has had six children, of whom only four are living. Stillman T. is a druggist in Fort Dodge; Adolphus F. is a lawyer in the same city; Alice is the wife of Oliver M. Welch, of Fort Dodge, and William is at home attending the graded school.

Mr. Meservey is five feet six and a half inches tall, rather stout built, and weighs two hundred pounds. He is a well-read man, not only in law and politics, but on general subjects, a good converser, and very genial in the social circle.

HON. JOHN MEYER,

NEWTON.

JOHN MEYER, the present state senator from Jasper county, is a native of Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 26th of February, 1824. His parents were Valentine and Elizabeth Hoy Meyer, members of the agricultural class. The Meyers were originally from Switzerland or Germany, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania, two hundred years ago. The subject of this notice was educated at Mifflinburgh Academy, Union county, Pennsylvania, and Oberlin College, Ohio, going to Oberlin in 1847 and graduating in 1853. He commenced teaching school in his twenty-first year and taught while fitting himself for and passing through college, thus defraying most of his expenses at that period. During the last two years at Oberlin he taught under classes in the college.

On graduating, he married Miss Cornelia Beebee, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, on the 25th of August, 1853, and for two or three years was in partnership with his father-in-law, Ward W. Beebee, a prominent and successful horticulturist, who afterward settled in Dubuque, Iowa, where he died in December, 1868.

In April, 1857, Mr. Meyer immigrated to Iowa, and settled in Newton, which place has since been his home. Twenty years ago an effort was made to establish a college at Wittemburg, four miles north of Newton, under the patronage of the Free Presbyterians, and Mr. Meyer was engaged as teacher during one season.

In 1859 Mr. Meyer commenced business on the corner of McDonald and Spring streets, and has never moved.

In August, 1862, Mr. Meyer went into the army as captain of company K, 28th Iowa Infantry, and

served three years. He was promoted to major in 1863, after the battle of Champion Hills, holding that commission, together with those of lieutenant-colonel and colonel, at the close of the war. Besides Champion Hills he was in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Jackson, Mississippi, and Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek under General Sheridan in 1864, and several other battles. At the battle of Cedar Creek, out of eight field officers of his brigade four were killed, two wounded, he having his sword struck with a musket ball, and only one of the eight was untouched.

Major Meyer was elected to the Iowa general assembly in 1861, and served in the regular and extra sessions of 1862; was a member of the state senate in 1866 and 1868, and was elected to the same body in October, 1877, for another term of four years. He is very attentive to his duties and makes a judicious legislator.

Colonel Meyer has been a member of the school board of Newton city several years, and its president most of the time, some of his best work for the public having been done in that connection. In many respects he is a very useful citizen. He has been connected with the Congregational church for twenty-five years, and most of the time has held some office in that body, being deacon at this time. He has lived a very pure life.

In politics, Colonel Meyer was originally a free-soil whig, and has acted heartily with the republican party since its formation. He cherishes his political sentiments with the same sincerity that he does his religious. While in Ohio in 1856 he took the stump for Colonel Fremont for the Presidency; was district

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elector in 1868, and spoke in every county in the district, and usually does more or less canvassing when an important election, like that of governor or President, is to take place.

The history of his family is truly sad. Of eight

children, the fruit of the union formed in 1853, only one child, Cornelia, is living. She is a teacher in the public schools of Newton, aged twenty. Mrs. Meyer, like her husband, is an active christian, and one of the leaders in all benevolent enterprises.

HON. ROBERT SLOAN,

KEOSAUQUA.

ROBERT SLOAN, for the last ten years a circuit judge, is a son of Robert and Elizabeth Steapleton Sloan, and was born in Wayne township, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 21st of October, 1835. The Sloans are of Scotch-Irish descent. The great-grandfather of Robert Sloan was an officer with General Braddock, and was a captain in the revolutionary army. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the old country; he emigrated to this country and settled near Philadelphia. Robert Sloan, senior, was born in the county of Antrim, Ireland, and came to this country when seven years old.

The subject of this notice was employed in farming until about seventeen years of age, receiving a common-school education during this time, with one year's attendance at a high school in New Lisbon, under Professor Reuben McMillen.

In the spring of 1853 Robert Sloan, senior, emigrated with his family from Ohio to Iowa, settling near Iowaville, Davis county; and for the next seventeen years teaching was the occupation of his son, mainly in Davis county.

In 1860 he entered the law office of Judge George G. Wright, of Keosauqua; was admitted to the bar at this place, the seat of justice of Van Buren county, in March, 1861, and was in practice here from

that date until he went on the bench. In the autumn of 1866 he was elected judge of the first circuit, second judicial district; went on the bench in January following; four years later was elected circuit judge of the second judicial district; was reelected in 1876, and his term will not expire until the 31st of December, 1880. As a lawyer, Judge Sloan is thoroughly wedded to the profession, and is a studious, growing man. As a jurist, he is self-possessed and dignified, full and clear in his charge to a jury. His popularity on the bench is seen in his repeated reelections.

Judge Sloan was made a Freemason a short time after he became of age; has been master of the Keosauqua Lodge, and is a Knight Templar. He has paid, however, of late years, but little attention to the order, letting nothing interfere with his studies pertaining to the office of a jurist.

He has acted with the republican party since 1856; has very decided views as to his duty in politics, but is not an office seeker. In all respects he is high-minded and a man of many fine qualities. He is a communicant in the Congregational church.

On the 15th of July, 1863, Miss Mary Brown, of Keosauqua, became the wife of Judge Sloan, and they have six children, five girls and one boy.

ENOCH D. WOODBRIDGE,

NASHUA.

ENOCH DAY WOODBRIDGE, the first settler in Nashua, and a son of Timothy Woodbridge, a farmer of Vermont, was born in that state at Middlebury on the 3d of March, 1806. His mother was Lydia Chipman, daughter of Judge Chipman, of the same place. Enoch farmed in his native town until eleven years old, when the family moved to Ohio and settled on land twenty miles west of Cleveland.

In 1835 Enoch removed to Southport, now Kenosha, Wisconsin, and bought and sold land there for several years; spent some time on a farm in Rock county, Wisconsin, and in 1854 pushed westward into Iowa, dealing in merchandise a year or two at McGregor, and in July, 1855, settling where Nashua now stands. At that time Bradford, then the seat of justice of Chickasaw county, had quite a cluster of dwelling

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U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **John Meyer**
Residence: **Newton, Iowa**
Age at enlistment: **38**
Enlistment Date: **14 Jul 1862**
Rank at enlistment: **Captain**
State Served: **Iowa**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in [Company K, Iowa 28th Infantry Regiment](#) on 10 Oct 1862.
Promoted to Full Major on 14 Apr 1863.
Promoted to Brevet Colonel on 13 Mar 1865.
Mustered out on 31 Jul 1865 at Savannah, GA.
Promoted to Full Lt Colonel on 15 Jun 1865.**
Birth Date: **abt 1824**
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion
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U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: **John Meyer**
Side: **Union**
Regiment
State/Origin: **Iowa**
Regiment
Name: **28 Iowa Infantry**
Regiment Name **28th Regiment, Iowa Infantry**
Expanded:
Company: **K**
Rank In: **Captain**
Rank In **Captain**
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Rank Out **Major**
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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Meyer, John

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation Merchant

Nearest relatives

Date birth Feb 26, 1824 Bellefonte, Pa. Clinton Co. Pa.

Father

Nativity

Date death May 13, 1902 Place Newton, Iowa
Cause Union Cem., Place burial Newton, Iowa

Mother

Nativity

War record Maj. 28 Iowa Inf.

Wife Cornelia Beebe

Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Res. Newton age 38

Children

Enlisted J1.14,1862 Co. K (Capt.)
Date Place

Appointed Captain J1 14 '62
Brevet Colonel Mr 13 '65

Source Roster Iowa Sold./ Ex. Sold.
living in Iowa, 1886: res. Newton./
Graves Reg.: Meyer, John P., born
Bellefonte, Pa., d. My 14, 1902/

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Meyer, John

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name
Garrett

Post No.
16 (23)

Place
Newton

Date Joined
Ag 20 '79
age 55

Member-at-Large

Year Date Paid Amount

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount
Member of Congregational Church Newton since 1857
Graduate of Oberlin College in 1853, likewise his
wife - and soon after married. Came to Iowa in
1857 - was serving in State General Assembly when
war broke out. - left and organized 3 companies.
From 1861 to death was a trustee of Iowa College
From Grinnell at his funeral were Prof. S. J. Buck
R. M. Heines and Rev. C. C. Harrah, a former
pastor. Rev. R. Lavender of Newton assisted in
service. After war was elected twice to Iowa
Senate; 10 years member Newton town council, and
12 years, president school board.

Suspended

Died



You searched for **John Meyer** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John Meyer**
 Home in 1900: **Newton, Jasper, Iowa**
 [Newton, Jasper, Iowa]
 Age: **76**
 Birth Date: **Feb 1824**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Marital Status: **Widowed**
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Meyer	76
	Cornelia M Fisk	42
	Roy B Fisk	19
	Amanda Fisk	14

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: *Newton, Jasper, Iowa*; Roll: T623_439; Page: 1B; Enumeration District: 29.

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Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, relationship to the head of household, color or race, sex, month and year of birth, age at last birthday, marital status, number of years married, the total number of children born of the mother, the number of those children living, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, if the individual was foreign born, the year of immigration and the number of years in the United States, the citizenship status of foreign-born individuals over age twenty-one, occupation, and more. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1900 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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John Meyer

Birth **26 FEB 1824** in Walker Twp., Centre Co., PA
Death **AFT 1899** in Iowa, USA

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Timeline [\(View details\)](#)

1824
26 Feb [Birth](#)
Walker Twp., Centre Co., PA

1853
25 Aug [Marriage to Cornelia Beebe](#)
Age: 29

1899
AFT [Death](#)
Iowa, USA
Age: 75

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[Valentine Meyer](#)
1793 - 1859

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[Cordella Meyer](#)
1857 -

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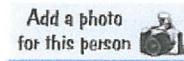
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 Trustee Iowa (Grinnell) College - 1894 - Civil
 War veteran Col 28th IA infantry

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 Plot: Sec 7 Lot 3 Block 1

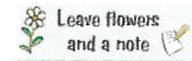
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