

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative O'Brien, Dennis Senator _____

Represented Dubuque County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1828 Tipperary, Ireland

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Julia

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th Board Assesses 1864, 1866, 1878, 1880, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Prairie Creek Township Justice of the Peace; member of Board of School Directors; member of Board of Supervisors 1861-1871

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Feb 1891 (Prairie Creek) Township, Dubuque County, Iowa; buried St. Patrick's Cemetery, Dubuque County, Iowa

8. Children Wm. William, John, Michael, Thomas, Henry, Pius, Joseph; the other daughter was not named in his obituary

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Received an academic education

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He emigrated to America at a very early age with his
parents settling in Baltimore, Maryland. He lived there
until he had enough money to go west.

- Around 1856 he settled in Prairie Creek, Dubuque County, Iowa
where he established a farm and where he died.

chirgt, Jr., Dr. N. Bray,
 following officers were then
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 sident—Fred A. Rumpf.
 e President—John Deery.
 asurer—W. J. Browne.
 ording Secretary—T. M. Irish.
 re ding Secretary—Wm. Gill.
 was decided to hold an exhibition
 g the second week of May.

MISS HATTIE HARVEY.

Attachment for an English Lover
 occasions a Big Sensation in
 Cincinnati.

Young Lady's Parents at Last Per-
 suade Her to Give Him Up and
 Return Home With Them.

Miss Hattie Harvey, the actress, who
 is known in this city, and who has
 acted here in "The Little Tramp"
 other plays, has, according to a
 dispatch from Cincinnati to a
 Chicago paper, caused a great sensa-
 tion by her perverseness in keeping
 company with a disreputable actor
 named Brooks. Her parents followed
 to Cincinnati and for sev-
 eral days tried to wean her from
 her infatuation that had seized her.
 They reasoned with her but all to no
 avail until yesterday, when they suc-
 ceeded in getting her to terms. Until late
 in the afternoon she declared her pur-
 pose to marry Brooks and tried to get
 her father and mother to consent to a
 month's engagement, which they
 refused to do. Several well-known
 gentlemen talked to the young girl
 in an effort to persuade her to give up her
 foolish infatuation, but she refused.
 At supper time Mr. Harvey told his
 daughter plainly that she must choose
 between the actor and her par-
 ents.

He would accept of no com-
 promise. After a good deal of crying
 she consented to give up Brooks, who
 has gone to New York,
 and she expects to meet
 Miss Harvey within a week or two and
 to marry her. The affair has caused a
 great deal of gossip both in Chicago,
 where Miss Harvey's parents reside, and
 in Cincinnati; and, notwithstanding her
 recent relinquishment of Brooks,
 there are many in both cities who are
 of the opinion that she is not sincere in
 her promise. Brooks seems to have gained a
 powerful hold on her, and it would
 surprise her friends if she should
 go to New York and marry him.
 She is now in Chicago with her parents.
 Her conduct of her daughter has pro-
 ceeded Mrs. Harvey, and she is now
 ill. Miss Hattie was the guest of
 the great singer, and spent last
 summer with her at her castle in Wales.
 She is a bright, vivacious, actress, and
 already gained quite a reputation
 as a soubrette.

ON EXHIBITION.
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A GOOD MAN GONE.

Hon. Dennis O'Brien, of Prairie Creek
 Township, Answers the Last
 Roll Call.

Dubuque county has lost one of its
 oldest citizens and most highly respect-
 ed men, in the death of Hon. Dennis
 O'Brien, which occurred at his home in
 Prairie Creek township about 8 o'clock
 yesterday morning. He was about 65
 years of age, and had been ill for some
 time with a complication of diseases,
 the immediate cause of his death being
 gastric fever. He passed away without
 pain and fully fortified by the last sac-
 raments of the Catholic church, of
 which he had all his life been a de-
 voted and consistent member. It
 was known to but few in the city
 that he was ill and his demise was
 therefore a surprise, followed by feel-
 ings of sincere sorrow.

Mr. O'Brien was born in Ireland, but
 at a very early age emigrated to this
 country with his parents and settled in
 Baltimore, Md., where he resided until
 he had attained man's estate, when he
 started for the west, settling in Prairie
 Creek about forty years ago, where he
 continued to reside until his death, and
 where he owned a large farm. He had
 received a good academic education,
 and being a man of great intellectual
 force and power he was at once recog-
 nized as a leader in the community in
 which he resided, and he continued
 to be so regarded throughout his long
 residence in Dubuque county. He
 was what in fact might appropriately
 be termed the father of his neighbor-
 hood. He was fair and just in all his
 dealings, and whenever any disputes or
 trouble arose between neighbors he
 was invariably selected as an arbitrator,
 and after careful consideration he
 would give a decision, and that deci-
 sion was never questioned, because
 the disputants knew that he had weigh-
 ed the matter conscientiously and
 would not decide against one unless he
 was certain that one was in fault.
 He was one of the first justices of the
 peace of Prairie Creek township, and a
 member of the Board of School direc-
 tors, and served as a member of the
 Board of Supervisors under the
 old law when each township
 had a representative on the Board.
 Finally it was decided to send him to
 the Legislature, where he served several
 terms, taking rank as one of the ablest
 members of that body, being instru-
 mental in securing the passage of sev-
 eral measures of great benefit to the
 farmers of the State as well as to those
 of Dubuque county, and Senator Shields

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 the Best Modern Fiction.

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HE BROKE THINGS.

An Asbury Man Makes Lively Times in That Quiet Rural Hamlet.

A man named Neegan, residing at Asbury, filled up yesterday with a combination of rot gut, vitriol, red pepper and other delicacies and when the process of fermentation took place he became unmanageable. He at once proceeded to drive his family out of the house and then began the work of demolishing all movable articles. A neighbor named Kerwin undertook to enter the house and quiet him, but just as he was entering the door Neegan threw a plate at him which struck him on the forehead, breaking the plate into small fragments and making a very ugly cut over one eye from which the blood flowed in a stream. Kerwin retreated, and left the wild man to himself. He then made another vicious attack on the shed and furniture and demolished all. No arrest has as yet been made.

Grand Lunch.

At Alex. Gratz's saloon, 127 Clay, tomorrow evening. Potosi beer will be served. The first ever brought to Dubuque.

ed the matter conscientiously and would not decide against one unless he was certain that one was in fault. He was one of the first justices of the peace of Prairie Creek township, and a member of the Board of School directors, and served as a member of the Board of Supervisors under the old law when each township had a representative on the Board. Finally it was decided to send him to the Legislature, where he served several terms, taking rank as one of the ablest members of that body, being instrumental in securing the passage of several measures of great benefit to the farmers of the State as well as to those of Dubuque county, and Senator Shields says that at the last session of the Legislature more inquiries were made regarding Mr. O'Brien than any ex-member he could name. He was always calm, under the most trying circumstances, and if a favorite measure of his should be defeated he never grumbled or threatened to retaliate, always respecting the judgment of the majority of his colleagues as better than that of the individual. He was popular with everybody in the Legislature; and he always had a smile and cordial greeting for all, and this characteristic was as well known of him at home as abroad. He was a great reader, with a very retentive memory, and was as well informed on the general issues of the day as any man in the country. He was always a staunch democrat, but never a strong partizan; he was not one of that kind of men who cannot see good in any party but his own; and the result was that he had great influence in the politics of Dubuque county. His record as a citizen and as a public official is without a blemish, and all who know him will say that this is absolutely true. A wife, six sons and two daughters, are left to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent husband and father. One of the daughters is the wife of Mr. William Dunn, brother of Hon. J. J. Dunn of this city, and the sons are John, Michael, Thomas, Henry, Pius and Joseph, all of whom except John, who is in Europe, reside in this county.

In the fullness of years and after a life well spent he has gone to the other shore. Time left its mark in the silvered crown of honored age. The announcement of the summons had no terrors for him. He received it calmly and serenely, and closed his eyes in the slumber of a happier spirit. The star of faith and hope that had guided him through all his life grew more brilliant as he sank into the darkness on the shores of Time, and stood as a beacon light whose glorious rays illumined his pathway to the land of rest.

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THE COMMITTEE AT WORK.

The Examination of the Books Now in Progress in the County Clerk's Office.

The committee of the Board of Supervisors, consisting of Messrs. Schueller, Stewart, McNamara and Schemmel, with County Attorney Matthews, has been engaged for the past two days in an examination of the books and accounts of the late County Clerk Dunn and others. The investigation is conducted openly, and any citizen or taxpayer has full liberty to be present and satisfy himself that everything is conducted properly. So far no discrepancy of any character has been discovered. It is a searching investigation and nothing will be left undone to make it thorough in all respects.

There were no police cases at the central police court this morning.

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OAK GROVE COUNTRY CLUB. Social club organized on October 16, 1914, at the home of W.A. Fairburn north of **CASCADE**. With the purpose of providing an opportunity for neighbors to gather, share ideas and better their community, the entire family was welcomed. When gas rationing began in 1942, meetings were changed from twice monthly to the second Wednesday of each month. Activities of the Club included anniversary parties, a contribution to the Cascade High School Band uniform drive, various sports activities for members, and a debate team which won the State Farm Bureau Championship in 1925.

OAKLAND POST OFFICE. Postal station. Opened on March 29, 1852, by Henry Smith, the office was located in Sections 1 and 12 **NEW WINE TOWNSHIP** probably on the Kluesner Road. Named for a nearby stand of trees, the office closed on November 3, 1859.

OAKLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. Located in Sections 10, 15-16, and 21-22 of **DUBUQUE TOWNSHIP**, the district was about four square miles but drew from a large population living on the outskirts of the City of **DUBUQUE**. It was absorbed by the **DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT** in 1960. The old school sat on the west side of Kennedy Road a few hundred feet south of West 32nd Street.

OAKLEY, Annas. (**DUBUQUE, IA**, Apr. 13, 1919—**Dubuque, IA**, June 22, 1992). Bowler. Oakley, a member of the Dubuque Bowling Hall of Fame and the 700 Club, was a former president of the Dubuque Bowling Association. A veteran of World War II, Oakley served in the decisive Battle of the Bulge and was awarded three Bronze Stars.

OAKVILLE SCHOOL. Dubuque's last urban-rural schoolhouse named for a grove of trees which surrounded the building. The school came into existence between 1850 and 1855 when the building was constructed and a board of education was chosen. One of the first teachers was Louise Stewart Waples, the wife of Dr. Marshall Waples whose father constructed Dubuque's first hotel. The annual expenses for operating the school, including salaries, was \$300. The city-county status of the school began in 1946

when the Dubuque school district annexed the Oakville district. The Oakville board had realized that the construction of homes in the John Deere development would mean an increase in enrollment that the one-room building could not accommodate. In July 1950, the 117-year history of Oakville School came to an end. Beginning in September of that year, all pupils of Oakville, located west of the city limits, were transported to **DUBUQUE** schools.

OBERBROECKLING, Frederick William. (Westerlo, Germany, Nov. 10, 1844—**LUXEMBURG, IA**, Nov. 6, 1929). Priest. Oberbroeckling, ordained to the priesthood on December 22, 1871, by Archbishop John **HENNESSEY**, said his first Mass on December 25, 1871, at **SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH** in **NEW VIENNA**. Oberbroeckling took charge of the Luxemburg parish on February 22, 1872, and from May 1873, to July 1874, traveled twice each month on horseback to the mission of **LATTNERVILLE**. Soon after coming to Luxemburg, he began supervising the construction of **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** which was dedicated on July 11, 1875. He remained the pastor of the church for 52 years.

OBERFOELL, Victor. (**EPWORTH, IA—DUBUQUE, IA**, 1975). Beekeeper. A member of various beekeeping associations, Oberfoell served as president of the **DUBUQUE COUNTY Beekeepers Association**.

O'BRIEN, Dennis. (Tipperary, Ireland, circa 1828—**PRAIRIE CREEK TOWNSHIP, DUBUQUE COUNTY, IA**, Feb. 5, 1891). Supervisor. O'Brien moved to Prairie Creek Township in late 1856 and remained there all his life. O'Brien ran for County Treasurer in 1875 and served in several township offices and on the **DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** from January 1, 1861, until December 31, 1871. He served in the Iowa Legislature from January 1, 1864, until December 31, 1867, and from January 1, 1878, until December 31, 1881.

O'BRIEN, Howard Francis. (**DUBUQUE, IA—Independence, IA**, Oct. 2, 1973) Highway patrolman. Originally an employee of **GENERAL DRY BATTERIES** of Dubuque, O'Brien became one of the first fifteen highway patrolmen in Iowa.



You searched for **Dennis O'Brien** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Dennis O'Brien	
Birth Year:	abt 1826	
Birth Place:	Ireland	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Dubuque	
Locality:	Prairie Creek	
Roll:	IA_54	
Line:	14	
Family Number:	61	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Dennis O'Brien	30
	Julia O'Brien	30
	William H O'Brien	7
	Anastasia O'Brien	5
	John O'Brien	3
	Michael O'Brien	2
	William O'Brien	22

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Dennis O'Brien	
Birth Year:	abt 1823	
Age in 1870:	47	
Birthplace:	Ireland	
Home in 1870:	Prairie Creek, Dubuque, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Peosta	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Mary McLaughlin	62
	Catherine McLaughlin	27
	Dennis O'Brien	47
	Julia O'Brien	43
	William O'Brien	21
	Anastacia O'Brien	19
	John O'Brien	18
	Michael O'Brien	16
	Agnes O'Brien	13
	Thomas O'Brien	10
	Henry O'Brien	8
	Matthias O'Brien	6
	Joseph O'Brien	3
	Michael O'Brien	21

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: *Prairie Creek, Dubuque, Iowa*; Roll: M593_390; Page: 412B; Image: 182; Family History Library Film: 545889.

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- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Dennis O'Brien**
Death Date: **15 Feb 1891**
Page #: **173**
Cemetery: **St Patrick's**
Town: **N. Garry Owen**
Level Info: ***Cemetery Records of Jackson County, Iowa***

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