

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stephen, Redman Davis Senator _____
Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Nov 1829 Greenwood, Steuben County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Louisa Prier 7 Oct 1857 Marion, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business He was admitted to the bar at Rochester, New York; president of
the Merchants National Bank; director of the Cedar Rapids Board of Trade;
president of First National Bank at Marion
- B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Attorney; Cedar Rapids Board of Trade director; bank
president; large real estate owner

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 18th General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of Board of Supervisors

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Mar 1883 Marion, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Mary; Louise; Redman D. Jr.; one additional
child died in infancy

9. Names of parents Alexander Hamilton and Mary M. (Davis) Stephens

10. Education Alfred Seminary, Alfred Center, New York
and earlier attended village school

11. Degrees Albany Law School, Albany, New York

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Linn County Iowa settling at Marion Iowa on 31 Mar
1855 after completing his education. He practiced law at Marion
- He gave up his law practice in 1863 to devote his time to banking.
- He was president of the Cedar Rapids Linnseed Oil Company;
president of the Cedar Rapids Grain Binder Company; local
treasurer of the Union Mutual Aid Insurance Company of Waterloo;
director of the Cedar Rapids Board of Trade; director of the Eagle
Woolen Mills

FOREVER AT REST.

Hon. Redman D. Stephens Suddenly Called to His Eternal Home.

DYING AT 2 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

General Sorrow Over the Event, and an Irreparable Loss to Cedar Rapids.

HIS LIFE, BUSINESS CAREER AND DEATH.

The tell-tale crape upon the door of the Merchants' National bank this morning, of itself bore the sad and unwelcome tidings of the death of President Stephens, whose life had been despaired of for several days, who at last succumbed to the call of nature, and whose spirit has taken its departure from this immediate world forever. It seems as if cruel fate had laid its hand upon this city, for every few months some business man in the prime of life is taken from us, and the very men, too, who are largely instrumental in the development and furtherance of the best interests thereof. Such a man was R. D. Stephens, and while he had been here but a short time, yet the result of his far-seeing ability, his various investments and general business, has already proved of great value to the city, and his untimely taking off is a serious blow, and the loss an irreparable one. Three weeks ago last Wednesday night, about 10 o'clock, Mr. Stephens was running to catch a train at Marion, and hitting his foot against some obstruction tripped and fell. One of his arms was somewhat injured and he was considerably bruised in several places, but nothing serious was supposed to have resulted, and he came home. Not feeling well he summoned his physicians, when it was discovered that he was suffering from a complication of diseases, which had existed, probably, for years, but which were hastened in their work by the fall. He grew worse rapidly and there has been little or no hope for his recovery during the past ten days. He has been unconscious a good part of the time, recovering consciousness at occasional intervals, but remaining

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Mr. Stephens was fifty-four years of age. He was a member of the Commandery at Marion, one of the directors of the Cedar Rapids Board of Trade, president of the Merchants' National bank, this city, and of the First National bank at Marion, president of the Cedar Rapids Linseed Oil Paint company, treasurer of the Cedar Rapids Grain Binder company, had extensive banking interests in Dakota and Kansas, and was the largest real estate owner in Linn county. He was a member of the state legislature in 1880, and was considered by all as the ablest man in the house, and but for his untimely death he would no doubt have been called to a much higher position in the line of political work. Few people knew of the ability this man possessed. He was probably the best informed man upon all subjects in Linn county, his fund of information being almost unlimited. No subject could be introduced upon which Mr. Stephens couldn't talk intelligently. Scientific subjects greatly engrossed his mind, and he was much interested therein. He was quick at repartee, and enjoyed a joke hugely whether upon himself or others.

One of the peculiarities of his father's family was their desire for each others company, and they seemed bound together by more than the ordinary relationship ties of affection. They were always desirous of being together, and his only sister, Mrs. Wm. G. Porter, of Greenwood, N. Y., removed here only five weeks ago with her husband that she might be with her brother

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only on a letter from one member to another in that generation; this letter is still extant, and is in the possession of Mrs. Updyke, of New York City, a descendant. In 1668, a census was taken of Stonington, Conn., and of the forty-three inhabitants, Henry Stephens and wife were two. They became members of the Congregational church, organized there June 3, 1674. Thomas, a son of Henry, married Mary Hall May 26, 1702; their children were Thomas, Phineas, Uriah, born January 21, 1708; Andrew, Benjamin, Samuel and Sebulon; by a second wife had Jessie, who died in infancy; these children were born at Plainfield, Conn. The father died at Canaan, aged 72 years, in 1750. Uriah married his cousin, Sarah Stephens, born May 4, 1708 (daughter of Richard); their children were Uriah, Jr., born August 27, 1730; Mary, Sarah, Lucy and Phineas, all born at Canaan, Conn., and admitted to the church there. Uriah held a captain's commission in the French war; was a member of the Susquehanna company, and one of the commissioners to purchase the Connecticut claim from the Indians; died in October, 1764, at Canaan. Uriah, Jr., married Martha Rathbun, and raised Sarah, Benjamin, who died in the revolutionary army; Polly, Uriah, also in the army; Martha, John, born April 10, 1766; Phineas, Elijah, Charles, William and a twin sister, and Benjamin, born after the death of the first of that name. At Canaan a colony of eighty-four persons, of whom nine were of the Stephens family, was formed and settled at Stillwater, N. Y.; Uriah was of this party; was also a member of the Susquehanna company, and moved to Wilkesbarre in 1773; was a town officer at the first election at that place, then called Westmoreland. The Connecticut settlers were all driven from the valley along the Susquehanna. Uriah settled at Comestock, N. Y., December 25, 1789, and there died in 1800. John Stephens married Olive, daughter of Russell Franklin, and niece of Capt. John Franklin, the hero of Wyoming; November 24, 1785; their children were Cynthia, Franklin, Uriah F., Phineas, Elias, John H., Alexander H., born September 8, 1801;

country for a number of years.
Carl Doran, of Mt. Vernon, is spending his vacation in Marion. He is a member of the sophomore class in Cornell College.

Frank Seaton is visiting friends at Council Bluffs.

Rev. Barclay returned from his lecturing trip west on Wednesday.

Messrs. Bauman, Myers Gillette, Henry, Kepler, Collins and Casley, all citizens of Mt. Vernon, were in town yesterday.

The last motor from Cedar Rapids last night was crowded to overflowing.

The matrimonial market is very quiet this week.

A new route to Dakota has been opened. You leave Marion at 5 o'clock p. m., going on the Farley train via Monticello, Calmar, Mason City and Algona, reaching Mitchell the next evening.

The Globe Hotel is being repainted.

Our fellow townsman, Dumont, will build a fine residence this season.

Van Lew's vocal concerts at Wesley and Prairie chapels are spoken of in complimentary terms.

The young people's missionary society of the Presbyterian church, meets at Mr. Stookey's this evening.

Miss Etta R. Vaughn left yesterday for a two week's visit in Sioux City. From there she expects to go to Meriden, Cherokee Co., to teach during the summer.

James D. Robinson has gone to St. Paul to engage in the lumber business.

Mr. James Lewis, who has been visiting in the city and vicinity for the past week, returned to his home in Orange City, Woodbury Co., yesterday.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Hon. R. D. Stephens.

Donavin's "Original Tennesseans" will be in the opera house Monday evening, and will give one of their excellent entertainments for the benefit of the Cedar Rapids public library. The cause is a worthy one, the entertainment will undoubtedly be good, and every citizen should feel at least fifty cents worth of interest in the matter and attend.

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ware, stoves, etc., Marion; born in Marion Feb. 12, 1855. He married Anna Toms Feb. 12, 1878; she was born Dec. 30, 1858. Mr. Smyth is a son of William Smyth, deceased, who was Colonel of the 31st I. V. I. during the war of the rebellion, and afterward Member of Congress from this district; he was one of the leading members of the bar of this State. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smyth are members of the Congregational Church.

SMYTH, WILLIAM, HON.

(deceased); the subject of this sketch was born Jan. 24, 1824, in County Tyrone, Ireland; when 14 years old, his parents emigrated to Bradford Co., Penn., and for the next six years they lived here and in Huntingdon Co.; in 1845, William settled in Franklin Tp., but soon after went to Iowa City, where he studied law under Judge James P. Carleton for two years; June 1, 1847, William was admitted to the bar at the first term of court ever held in Benton Co., the committee and candidate sitting on a log near Thomas Ways' cabin, two miles from Vinton, while they examined him; he began practice at Marion, where he resided till his death. Mr. Smyth was married to Mary Brier at La Fayette, Ind., Nov. 12, 1850, by whom he had six children—William, Jay J., Robert, David B., John, Stephen and Louisa, the latter deceased. In 1848, Mr. Smyth became Prosecuting Attorney of Linn Co., which he held till 1853, when he became Judge of the Fourth District; he resigned in 1857, and resumed the practice of law; in 1858, he was made one of the commission that prepared the code of 1860; in 1861, he was chosen as one of four to assist the Governor in the management and direction of the war and defense bonds of the State. He entered the army in the Fall of 1862, as Colonel of the 31st Infantry, and served with distinction and honor till Dec. 15, 1864, when he resigned and resumed his law practice till he was elected to Congress in the Fall of 1868. He died at his home in Marion, Sept. 30, 1870. Of his services in Congress, when the motion was made by Mr. Allison that the House adopt the usual badge of mourning, Mr. Julian, of In-

diana, said: "Mr. Speaker, I only desire to add a word to what has been so well said by the colleagues of the deceased. I know little personally of the facts which make up his biography, and which are so honorable to his career as a man and a public character, but it affords me a real pleasure to be able to bear witness to his uncommon personal worth and integrity. From the beginning of the present Congress to the close of the last session, my relations with him were most intimate and friendly. He served with me on the same committee, and during his brief service here was called upon to face some of the chief temptations which make public life a constant moral danger. His integrity was never found wanting, and he discharged all his duties with a fidelity and conscientiousness which did him the highest honor. He proved by acts, speaking louder than any words, how possible it is for an honest man to be a politician, and thus to rebuke the too prevalent popular skepticism in the virtue of public men. The example of Mr. Smyth is worthy of all honor, and does more than all else to reconcile his family and friends to his untimely death in the midst of a most honorable and useful career." The death of Mrs. Smyth occurred Jan. 29, 1861.

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STARBUCK, JOSEPH A.,

house, sign and ornamental painter, Marion; born in Logan Co., Ohio, Dec. 8, 1842; came to Marion in the Spring of 1866. Enlisted in Co. C, 2d Ind. V. C., Oct. 28, 1861; mustered out July 27, 1865. Mr. Starbuck has been engaged in his present business twenty years. He married Laura A. Cone Dec. 23, 1868; she was born in this county May 15, 1845; they have three children—Albert L., born March 21, 1869; Morris M., born Oct. 2, 1872, and Frank L., born Jan. 2, 1876. Mr. Starbuck resided three years at Duluth, Minn. Mrs. Starbuck is a member of the Baptist Church.

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STEPHENS, REDMAN D.,

of Marion, is one of the most prominent men of that city; the family from

which he sprang is traced back in an unbroken chain to the year 1630, and a brief abstract of the genealogical record will be found interesting, introducing, as it does, so many historical characters. On the twelfth day of June, 1630, John Winthrop, first Governor of Massachusetts Bay, landed at Salem with a company of 900. Among the number was Capt. John Gallup, who settled in Boston, and there became the father of a family consisting of several children. John, Jr., married a relative of Governor Winthrop, afterward became a Captain and moved to Pequot, Conn., where he raised a family of four boys and five girls. Capt. Gallup was killed Dec. 25, 1675, in the swamp fight in northern Rhode Island with the Narragansett Indians, under King Philip. His seventh child, Elizabeth, married Henry Stephens, who settled in Stovington, Conn.; their children were Thomas, born Dec. 14, 1678, and baptized Feb. 18, 1693; Richard, Henry, Elizabeth and Lucy. It is a family tradition that Henry Stephens was the oldest son of Nicholas Stephens, an officer in Oliver Cromwell's army, who fled from England to escape the persecutions of the Royalists after the death of Cromwell; but that record rests only on a letter from one member to another in that generation; this letter is still extant, and is in the possession of Mrs. Updyke, of New York City, a descendant. In 1668, a census was taken of Stonington, Conn., and of the forty-three inhabitants, Henry Stephens and wife were two. They became members of the Congregational Church, organized there June 3, 1674. Thomas, a son of Henry, married Mary Hall May 26, 1702; their children were Thomas, Phineas, Uriah, born Jan. 21, 1708; Andrew, Benjamin, Samuel and Zebulon; by a second wife had Jessie, who died in infancy; these children were born at Plainfield, Conn. The father died at Canaan, aged 72 years, in 1750. Uriah married his cousin, Sarah Stephens, born May 4, 1708 (daughter of Richard); their children were Uriah, Jr., born Aug. 27, 1730; Mary, Sarah Lucy and Phineas, all born at Canaan, Conn., and admitted to the church there.

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are Mary, born April 7, 1868; Louisa, born March 31, 1871, and Redman D., Jr., born May 30, 1874. Mr. Stephens, like the members of his family for all generations, is a Congregationalist in faith, and was largely instrumental in placing that society in its present elevated position in Marion; he has accumulated a large fortune, and is one of the respected and influential citizens of the city in which he resides. He has never held political office, except that of Supervisor, at which time his counsel in the Board was very valuable, and several of his suggestions are still heeded in public matters; he is an active Republican in politics, and a typical Western man in his successful business enterprises. He is still in the prime of life, with every reasonable prospect of enjoying the fruits of a careful, judicious and honorable career.

STINGER, F. B., proprietor of the Newhall House; transient rates only \$1.00 per day; house pleasantly situated, well furnished, etc. Mr. Stinger was born in Fayette Co., Penn., in Nov., 1844; came to Marion in 1874. Married Harriet Rundall; she was born in Ohio, March 17, 1847; they have two children—Frederick J., born June 2, 1868, and Effie E., Nov. 25, 1874.

STORRS, NORMAN E., dealer in flour and feed, Marion; born in Westport, Essex Co., N. Y., March 11, 1834; moved to Clinton Co., N. Y., in 1859; came to Marion in 1868. Married Jane M. Finney, Jan. 10, 1855; she was born in Clinton Co., N. Y., May 6, 1831; they have had three children; one daughter—Hattie L., died Aug. 19, 1868, aged 12 years and one month; the living are Clara H., born in Clinton Co., N. Y., Nov. 10, 1864, and Libbie Jane, born in Marion, July 19, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Storrs are members of the Baptist Church.

Stowe, Leonard, peddler.

SUTHERLAND, HENRY A., attorney at law; born in Toronto, Canada, Nov. 19, 1848; removed with his parents to Adams Tp., Delaware Co., Iowa, Dec. 15, 1857; in the Spring of 1869, he commenced attending school at Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Linn Co., Iowa; in June, 1874, he graduated

from that institution; he has taught in the Marion High School since Sept., 1875; read law with Thompson & Davis and Alexander Campbell, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1876.

Sutzen, H., retired.

TAYLOR, F. L., sewing machine agent.

Taylor, J. J., farmer.

THOMPSON, GEO. W., Marion, dealer in choice hardy fruit trees and general nursery stock, from Whitewater, Wis., grown by a reliable nurseryman in the North. Mr. Thompson was born in Hampton, Orange Co., N. Y., Feb. 15, 1824; in the Spring of 1850, he removed to Waukesha Co., Wis.; lived in Wisconsin six years, and came to Marion in the Spring of 1856; engaged in manufacturing and dealing in fanning mills until 1862; he has been engaged in present business for eleven years; he has been Township Constable, etc. Married Augusta A. Russell, Feb. 9, 1854; she was born in Geauga Co., Ohio, Oct. 13, 1833; they have two children—Chester R., born Sept. 7, 1855, and Arthur M., July 24, 1861; Chester resides in Racine Co., Wis., and Arthur in Marion. Mrs. Thompson is a Seventh Day Adventist.

THOMPSON, WM. G., attorney and counselor at law, Marion; born in Butler Co., Penn., Jan. 17, 1831; came to Marion in Dec. 1853; he was prosecuting attorney for Linn Co. from 1854 to 1856; was State Senator from this district from 1856 to 1859. Mr. Thompson enlisted in the 20th Iowa V. I., Aug. 25, 1862; was commissioned Major at the time of the organization of the regiment; had command of the regiment two years; was wounded at the battle of Prairie Grove, disabled for about thirty days; was in all engagements his regiment participated in, except the battle of Blakely; was mustered out as Major in Aug., 1864; he was Presidential Elector in 1864, and served as District Attorney for the 8th Judicial District from 1867 to 1874.

Toms, G. W., druggist.

Trott, David.

Twogood, J. C., clerk.

TWOGOOD, WM. S., of the firm of Twogood & Downie, merchants, Marion;

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son withdrew, and since which time our subject has carried on the business alone.

Mr. Bishop was married, Sept. 15, 1857, to Eliza J. Cook, a native of Henry County, Iowa, who bore him seven children: Jonathan was united in marriage with Cynthia J. Wink, and they are living in Anamosa; Alva R. married Alice Long and they are residents of Springville; Lena M. is the wife of James H. Chattin, of Jones County, Iowa; Corwin S. is working in his father's shop; Mattie died when three years old; Frank O. is learning the printer's trade; Norris G. is the youngest. Mrs. Bishop died at Springville, May 14, 1872, and our subject was again married, May 21, 1876, Miss H. E. Stone being the other contracting party. She is the daughter of Z. Stone, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, and was born in Brown Township. Of her union with our subject three children have been born—Orville R., H. Z. and Sarah E. Mr. Bishop is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also holds fellowship with William Carbee Post No. 270, of Springville. In politics he is a Republican, and religiously he and his wife are both believers in the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they are worthy members.

A lithographic view of Mr. Bishop's residence is shown on another page.

HON. R. D. STEPHENS. The biography of Redman Davis Stephens properly begins ten years after the first permanent white settlement in the United States; when, on June 12, 1630, there landed at Salem, with John Winthrop, Capt. John Gallup, who settled in Boston, and whose son, John, Jr., married a relative of Gov. Winthrop, and later, becoming a Captain, moved to Pequot, Conn. He was killed Dec. 25, 1675, in a battle with King Phillip, in the swamps of Northern Rhode Island, and left a family of four boys and five girls, the seventh of these children being Elizabeth, who married Henry Stephens. Upon the testimony of a letter now in the possession of Mrs. Updyke, of New York City, it is known that Henry was the oldest son of Nicholas Stephens, an officer in Cromwell's army, who fled to America

upon the return of the Royalists to power; tradition says that either Nicholas or Henry had brothers, from whom descended Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, and indeed, all the Stephenses in America.

The names of Henry and Elizabeth Stephens appear among the forty-three inhabitants enumerated by the census of Stonington, Conn., in 1668, and they were among those who organized the first Congregational Church of that place June 3, 1674. On Dec. 14, 1678, was born their eldest son, Thomas, who was baptized Feb. 18, 1693. He was succeeded by Richard, Henry, Elizabeth and Lucy. On May 26, 1702, Thomas married Mary Hall and they located at Plainfield, Conn., where were born Thomas, Phineas, Uriah, Jan. 21, 1708; Andrew, Benjamin, Samuel and Zebulon; and by a second wife, Jessie, who died in infancy. Thomas, Sr., died at Canaan, Conn., in 1750, aged seventy-two years; Uriah, son of Thomas, married his cousin Sarah, daughter of Richard, who was born May 4, 1708; their children were Uriah, Jr., born Aug. 27, 1730; Mary, Sarah, Lucy and Phineas; all belonged to the church at Canaan. Uriah, Sr., was commissioned a Captain during the French and Indian War, was a member of the Susquehanna Company, and one of the Commissioners to purchase the Connecticut Claim of the Indians. He died at Canaan, in October, 1764. Uriah, Jr., married Martha Rathbun, and to them were born the following children: Sarah; Benjamin died in the Revolutionary Army; Polly; Uriah, who was also in the army; Martha; John, born April 10, 1766; Phineas, Elijah, Charles, William, a twin sister, and another, Benjamin. Uriah, Jr., and eight other Stephenses were among the eighty-four colonists from Canaan who settled at Stillwater, N. Y. He belonged to the Susquehanna Company, and in 1773, moved to Wilkes Barre, then called Westmoreland, Pa., where he was made a town officer at the first election. With the other Connecticut settlers the family suffered death and loss in the valleys of Wyoming and the Susquehanna, and were gradually driven up into New York, where, Dec. 25, 1789, Uriah settled at Comstock; he died in 1800. John Stephens and Olive Franklin were married, Nov. 24, 1785, and Alexander H. Stephens, the father of R. D., was

their son. Olive Franklin was the daughter of Russel Franklin, a brother of Capt. John Franklin, the Hero of Wyoming. He was born at Woodbury, Conn., and was twice married. His life was one of terrible hardship amid the wilderness and the most savage tribes of America; yielding at last to an insane impulse, about 1791-92, he shot himself. His children were Joseph, born 1764; Olive, 1767; Russell, 1769; Susannah, 1771; Thankful; Stephen, 1777, and Ichabod, 1779. Thankful died of smallpox in 1778. At the age of twelve years Joseph was left in the care of a neighbor, who was killed, his house burned, and his family captured by the Indians; the boy ran for the river but was wounded in the thigh and carried away. Sore and worn out, the next day he was left behind with two Indians, who murdered and scalped him. While yet children, Russel and his cousin Arnold were captured; together they ran the gauntlet and escaped to the British garrison at Ft. Niagara, where the former served as an officer's waiter, and later, barely escaped scalping by an Indian in Canada. In the spring of 1781, at the age of twelve years, he was exchanged as a prisoner of war, and returned to his father, to learn of his mother's death and the loss of baby Ichabod. April 8, 1781, as Susannah was going to the spring for water, she was taken by an ambush of Indians, who then rushed upon the house, fired it, and hurried the mother and children into the forest. Several days later they were overtaken by a party of rescuers, and in the battle which ensued the prisoners came between two fires. Lying close to the ground the children escaped, but the mother, anxious for the result of the conflict, exposed herself. Susannah saw a large Indian approach and warned her mother to lie down, but ere the warning could be obeyed she was shot, and died without speaking. The baby had been taken into the forest by the Indians, and was never seen again. Olive, Susannah and Stephen lay low by the dead mother until they heard the cry: "Run! you dear souls, run!" Olive said afterward: "I had Stephen on my back, and when we heard the voices of our friends we flew to meet them." Such are the hardships demanded of those who build an empire. Russel married and lived in Cayuga County, N. Y., and Olive, as before

stated, married John Stephens; she lived to a ripe old age, near Seneca Lake, N. Y. Their children were Cynthia, Franklin, Uriah F., Phineas, Elias, John H., Alexander H., Frederick, Daniel McHenry and Pamela.

Alexander Hamilton Stephens was born Sept. 8, 1801, and married Mary M. Davis. He was a farmer and miller, and an early settler at the village of Greenwood, Steuben Co., N. Y. He spent several winters in the West with his son, R. D., and in early life was a member of the New York Legislature. Industrious, economical and shrewd, he acquired a considerable fortune, and lived to be a hale, cheerful old man; dying in the fall of 1881. His wife, who died many years ago, was a sister of the late Hon. John Davis of Greenwood, and a daughter of Levi S. Davis, who, with Ira Davenport, erected and operated one of the pioneer taverns of Steuben County. Besides R. D. their children were Mary M., Mrs. Joseph Woodberry, born Dec. 23, 1832, died in 1881; she resided in Greenwood; Charlotte A., Mrs. William A. Crandell, born Nov. 5, 1837; she lived near Elmira, and about 1866 removed to Marion, Iowa, where she died May 3, 1871; Merrit A., born in March, 1845, was drowned in 1847; Sabrey H. was born at Greenwood, and spent several winters in the West with her brother; she married William G. Porter, a merchant, in 1872-73, and removed to Iowa in the latter part of 1880, but upon the death of Mr. Stephens returned to New York and located at Canisteo, where Mr. Porter is engaged in banking; she was born in March, 1852.

Redman D. Stephens, our subject, was born at Greenwood, Nov. 2, 1829. He worked upon the farm and in the mill, attending the village school in winter. His father designed for him to be a merchant, but the boy was ambitious; he prepared for college, and graduated from Alfred Seminary, Alfred Center, N. Y., with the class of 1851. He taught school at Cuba, in Allegany County, and in 1852 began to read law in the office of R. L. Brundage, at Hornellsville, being admitted to the bar in September, 1853. During the winters of 1854-55, he attended lectures at the Albany Law School. He arrived in Marion, Iowa, late on the night of March 31, 1855, with a cash capital of \$23. He

was entitled to come by stage, but he came much of the way from Big Creek, carrying a lantern so as to direct the stage driver from the deep snow drifts. He entered the law firm of Isbell & Hubbard, from which Mr. Isbell retired to the Supreme Bench of Iowa, and practiced until 1863, and when he died was regarded as thorough in commercial law. He was no orator, but stated his facts and convictions with force and precision. In November, 1855, Maj. Robert Holmes and he examined an applicant for the principalship of the first graded school at Marion. The gentleman was unsatisfactory, and Mr. S. organized the school, being its Principal for one month, and receiving \$40. He always felt a deep interest in education, was forward in promoting the public school system, and a Trustee of Iowa College, at Grinnell, and of College at Cedar Rapids. He manifested this interest by constant self-education, particularly in the sciences and travels; caring little for *belles lettres* or purely speculative philosophy. By the purchase of the works of the best authors he accumulated a large and fine library, and kept acquainted with each new progress through papers and periodicals. He possessed a powerful memory, and rare ability to assimilate knowledge rapidly and effectively.

At Marion Mr. Stephens met Miss Louisa G. Brier, who came West in 1852, and Oct. 7, 1857, they were married, at the home of the late Judge Gregory, La Fayette, Ind. They lost one child in infancy, and three are still living: Mary, born April 27, 1868; Louisa, March 31, 1871; Redman Davis, May 30, 1874. Mrs. Stephens was born in Fountain County, Ind., Jan. 28, 1834. Mr. Stephens was eminently a home man, and no one ever enjoyed a frolic with his children more than he, and, no matter how busy or dull the day, he wrote to his father, during each day of absence from him. Soon after marriage he insured his life for \$50,000, which secured him from anxiety for the future of life. Late in the fifties he entered the banking firm of Winslow, Hubbard & Stephens, and in 1863 organized and became Cashier of the First National Bank of Marion, charter No. 117, the third one established in Iowa. In 1864 he became its President, and so remained till his death, being succeeded by his widow, the third lady who ever held

the position of a National Bank President. About 1867 he became one of Linn County's Supervisors, and as such performed much valuable and lasting service. In 1868 he participated in the organization of the Sabula, Ackley & Dakota Railway Company, and became its President. The road was built from Sabula to Marion, and some years later was sold to the C. M. & St. P. R. R. Co. During the great county seat war between Marion and Cedar Rapids, in 1871, Mr. Stephens was one of the most vigorous of the remonstrants. Several years later he became much interested in the development of the Iowa dairy industry, and died Treasurer of the Cedar Rapids Dairy Board of Trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens were Congregationalists, and were prominent workers in the church at Marion. When, in 1877, it was decided to build a new church edifice, Mr. S. agreed to bear one-sixth of the cost, if the church was made large enough for extraordinary occasions. He gave much labor and attention to its construction, and later, to liquidating the society's debt. He was a Deacon in the church when he died. His sentiments were deep and strong, but he rarely spoke of them. He hated shams and affectations, and had ample humor and sarcasm with which to mock at them; vice pained him and he was fearless in its denunciation. He freely aided those who showed the spirit to aid themselves, but felt that it was effort wasted to aid those who had not. He was very companionable and fond of society, and knew the name of everyone for miles around. He was a liberal patron of every public enterprise that promised success. In 1879 he was elected to the Legislature, where he won high distinction for good sense and business ability; a brilliant political career seemed in store for him, and he was re-nominated. The campaign was peculiarly bitter, every advantage being taken of the popular prejudice against bankers and wealth, and he was beaten. In 1880 he was largely instrumental in having the C. M. & St. P. R. R. extended from Marion to Council Bluffs, and in 1882, from Cedar Rapids to Kansas City.

During the fall of 1880 a committee of Cedar Rapids business men waited upon Mr. Stephens and asked him to come to Cedar Rapids and establish a bank. He gave them a list of twenty names of

leading business men, and told them if they would get those gentlemen to go into the combination to start a bank he would go to Cedar Rapids and organize and run it. The combination was made, and in the spring of 1881 the Merchant's National Bank was organized with twenty-one stockholders and a capital of \$100,000, with \$20,000 surplus paid up, Mr. Stephens being elected President. Up to that time this was the only bank ever opened with a paid-up surplus of twenty per cent, and it at once took rank among the solid institutions of the West. With accustomed energy he entered into the business life of his new home. He was, when he died, President of the Merchant's National Bank of Cedar Rapids, President of the First National Bank of Marion, and President of the Cedar Rapids Linseed Oil Company; of the Cedar Rapids Linseed Oil Paint Company, and the Cedar Rapids Grain Binder Company, local Treasurer of the Union Mutual Aid Insurance Company of Waterloo, and a Director of the Cedar Rapids Board of Trade and the Eagle Woolen Mills, a member of Patmos Commandery Knights Templars, of Marion, the largest land-owner in Linn County, and had banking and landed interests in Dakota, Kansas and New York; and in none of these affairs was his position merely nominal.

About 10 o'clock the night of March 7, 1883, while running to catch a train at Marion, he slipped on some ice and fell upon some stones; leaping up he hurried on, feeling jarred and hurt. The pain became more intense after his arrival home, and toward morning a physician was summoned, when it was learned that his right elbow was dislocated and that he was otherwise bruised. His injuries healed rapidly, and all were looking forward to his recovery, but the pain increased, and symptoms of purpura appeared. Convinced that death was near, he expressed himself as ready to die, and during his lucid moments directed the preparation of his business affairs for the end. During a small part of the time he was unconscious, and in that condition sank quietly into death, at 2 o'clock A. M., March 30, 1883, just twenty-eight years after his arrival at Marion, and in the fifty-fourth year of his life. He had acquired wealth and distinction, with honor to himself and benefit to his fellow-men.

C J. IVES, one of the most prominent and well-known citizens of Linn County, has attained especial prominence in railroad circles through his ability and competency as an official. He is President and General Superintendent of the B., C. R & N. R. R., with residence at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Ives was born at Wallingford, Rutland Co., Vt., Oct. 4, 1831, and is a son of John and Lucretia (Johnson) Ives. His parents were also natives of the Green Mountain State, where the father of our subject was engaged in mercantile pursuits. Of the parental union six children were born, two of whom are yet living, the subject of this biography, and Nathaniel L.

C. J. Ives was brought up a farmer's boy, and received the advantages afforded by the common schools. Developing into manhood, he continued at agricultural pursuits in his native State until 1847, when he came to Iowa and settled on a farm in Lee County, and continuing at his chosen vocation, met with fair success. Oct. 1, 1862, Mr. Ives entered the railway service, and from that time until July 1, 1870, was engaged on the Burlington & Missouri River road in various capacities. From the former date until April 5, 1863, he was clerk for that company at Mt. Pleasant, this State, and from April 5, 1863, until Jan. 15, 1864, served in that capacity at Ottumwa. He was then clerk at the local freight office at Burlington, Iowa, until Jan. 1, 1867, and then clerk in the general freight office until July, 1870. Since that time he has been connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota, and its successor, the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad. Until 1871, he was General Freight Agent of the first division of the road from Burlington to Cedar Rapids. He was then, until Oct. 5, 1874, General Passenger and Ticket Agent. From Oct. 15, 1874, to Oct. 28, 1875, he was General Freight, Passenger and Ticket Agent. From Oct. 28, to Nov. 26, 1875, he was acting Superintendent and General Freight, Passenger and Ticket Agent. From Nov. 26, 1875, until Nov. 28, 1879, he was Superintendent and General Freight, Passenger and Ticket Agent. From Nov. 28, 1879, to June 14, 1884, he was General Superintendent, and at the latter date, was elected President and



1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	Redman D Stephens	
Age:	21	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1829	
Birth Place:	New York	
Gender:	Male	
Home in 1850 (City,County,State):	Greenwood, Steuben, New York	
Family Number:	1629	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Alexander H Stephens	48
	Mary Stephens	40
	Redman D Stephens	21
	Mary Stephens	19
	Charlotte Stephens	13
	Elias Albart	23

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1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Redman D Stephens	
Age in 1860:	29	
Birth Year:	abt 1831	
Birthplace:	New York	
Home in 1860:	Marion, Linn, Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Marion	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Redman D Stephens	29
	Louisa Stephens	25
	Mary Breer	75

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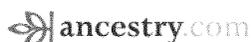
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Redman D. Stephens	
Home in 1880:	Marion, Linn, Iowa	
Age:	50	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1830	
Birthplace:	New York	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Louisa B.	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Banker	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Redman D. Stephens	50
	Louisa B. Stephens	46
	Mary Stephens	12
	Louisa Stephens	9
	Redman D. Stephens	6
	Mariah L. Wagor	31
	Annie Shobaskey	21
	George Murphey	19

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Louisa Gertrude Brier
Born: 28 Jan 1834 in Fountain, Indiana, USA
Died: 4 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA

Marriage: 7 Oct 1857 [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
Mary Stephens	F	7 Apr 1868 in Marion, Linn, Iowa, USA
Louisa Stephens	F	31 Mar 1871 in Marion, Linn, Iowa, USA
Redmond Davis Stephens	M	30 May 1874 in Marion, Linn, Iowa, USA

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Name:	Redman D. Stephens
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Town:	Cedar Rapids
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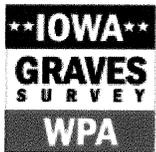
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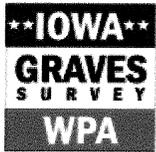
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Born: 1834
Died: 1908
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