

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sanforth, Loristan J. Senator _____

Represented Deane, Carroll and Calhoun Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19. Apr 1843 Pomfret, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Jennie J. Jan Nov 1873

② Mrs. Minnie E. (Decker) Harris 27 Dec 1899

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was elected vice president and director of the First National Bank in 1881 and in 1914 elected president until his death.

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; G. A. R.; American Legion

C. Profession General merchandise businessman; banker

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National Delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Chicago in 1883 which led to election of Grover Cleveland as President.

7. Death 8 Dec 1923 Lake City, Iowa; buried Lake City Cemetery, Lake City, Iowa

8. Children Lulu (an adopted daughter who preceded him in death, born 6 Jul 1881, died 2 July 1916, also buried in Lake City Cemetery, Lake City, Iowa)

9. Names of parents Hosaley and Sarah (Clark) Sanforth

10. Education Educated in the common schools in his
local in Vermont,

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Removes at

- His first wife, Jennie, born 29 Jan 1854, died 24 Jan 1894
- Military service - Civil War - Co. E 4th Vermont Infantry
- The year after the war was over he came west in 1866 spending
one year in St. Louis, Missouri and in 1867 he arrived in Iowa
stopping for a short time in Council Bluffs.
- Later he went across the state to Clinton County working in Clinton for
for a short time, after which he went to Boone County, Iowa and
in 1868 he moved to Lake City where he taught school until 1873.
- With J. J. Hutchinson he purchased the store of Peter Smith and
he and J. J. were in partnership until 1888. He then purchased
J. J.'s interest and continued on until 1901 when he retired.

HON. L. F. DANFORTH STRICKEN SUDDENLY

PIONEER OF COUNTY PASSES
AFTER FEW HOURS ILLNESS

L. F. Danforth was born at Pomfret, Vermont, April 19th, 1843, and passed from this life on December 8th, 1923, having lived a half score more of useful, active and contented years beyond his full three score and ten. His death came as a shock to all, for all knew him loved him. He was the living link that bound the past and the present together. The younger generation appreciated him, as the fathers and mothers knew him, with his broad and kindly vision, his honorable activity in public and private affairs, and unfailing youthfulness. The growing burden of his years was scarcely noticed by his friends and business associates, who, until the week of his death, enjoyed his cheerful aid and broad fund of experience.

As a pioneer, he lived to fashion the structure as well as the foundation, and whatever and whenever, he did, his work was honest and true. He was never jealous of the present, for he continued to be a part of it. Never magnifying the past, realizing the full value of the present, he welcomed from day to day the revelations of the future.

Mr. Danforth had native dignity, without pretense. He had poise and proceeded certainly. He could not be driven rashly or in haste. Time was his possession,—time to accumulate an abundance of material things, without greed,—time for business without enmity toward a competitor,—time for his friends and family, for visit and travel, for recreation and culture. His outstanding characteristic was his neighborliness and friendliness. He loved his fellowmen. His opinion was sought and respected.

He was one of the survivors of the

he retired from the general merchandise business. He carried a large and well selected stock, and his enterprise and industry brought to him richly merited success. He did everything within his power to please his patrons. His prices were reasonable, and his business methods honorable. In 1894, on the organization of the First National Bank, he was elected vice president and director, and continued in that capacity until the death of S. T. Hutchison, in 1914, when he became president of that institution, and could be seen almost daily at his desk until the time of his death. He made judicious investments in real estate and bank stock, and the property he has left was honestly acquired without exaction from friend or neighbor.

Mr. Danforth was the first candidate in 1869, initiated into the Masonic lodge, at Lake City, Iowa, and throughout the years he has developed in the teachings of Masonry, and at the time of his death was a member of all the Masonic organizations and auxiliaries, up to and including the Thirty-second degree. Probably no other man in this section of the state was as intimately and accurately versed in Masonic knowledge and history as was Mr. Danforth, and no man exemplified in private and public affairs more thoroughly the teachings he had mastered. During the years of his membership, he enjoyed all the honors and offices of the Order, and often was a delegate, not only of the local and state organizations, but represented other states, at the general conventions of this fraternity.

In all his political affiliations, Mr. Danforth has always been a democrat, and although in a republican community, has been honored with a number of public offices in which he has discharged his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. In an early day he was assessor, township trustee, and has served on the city council for several years, and also on the school board.

In 1882, he was elected to represent the District of Green-Cassell

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arduous pioneer days whose patriot
lives have stood out among us as
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objects of lofty ideals and true citi-
zenship, inspiring us all for better
and nobler achievements.

Mr. Danforth was the son of Hose-
ley and Sarah (Wood) Danforth,
both natives of the Green Mountain
state, and the ancestry of his family
is traced to Nicholas Danforth, who
settled in New England in the mid-
dle of the Seventeenth century.

In November, 1873, he was united
in marriage with Miss Jennie Fox, a
daughter of David Fox, a pioneer of
Lake City. For about twenty-one
years they traveled life's journey to-
gether, and in 1894, Mrs. Danforth
was called to her final rest.

On December 27th, 1899, Mr.
Danforth wedded Mrs. Minnie E.
Harris (nee Decker), of Antigo, Wis-
consin, who in loving faithfulness
and devotion has proved herself in
every way, a true helpmate, and who
survives her husband.

His home was the center of deep-
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happiest hours of his declining
years.

Mr. Danforth is also survived by
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of East Barnard, Vermont. Four
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his only adopted daughter, Miss Lulu
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In 1883, he was a delegate to the
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Friday and Saturday
December 14-15
Harold Lloyd in
"GRANDMA'S BOY"

Our Hero is— And You Will—

Awkward,	Giggle
Bashful,	Chortle,
Helpless,	Laugh
Brave,	Shake
Bold,	Quake
Fearless,	Roar

A laughing joy—"Grandma's
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And—
A Larry Semon Comedy "NO
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10 and 35 cents

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If the folks of yesterday met the people of today—what would happen? Here's a comedy-drama with the quaint customs of 1850 and the jazz revel of today, a real novelty.

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10 and 30 cents

Wednesday and Thursday
December 19-20

Mae Murray in

"BROADWAY ROSE"

A romance of the most dangerous street in the world. In which a girl sacrifices her career for a vain love. Monte Blu is in the cast.

Comedy—"THE UNCOVERED WAGON"

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The following year Mr. Danforth came to the west. He spent one winter in St. Louis, and in 1867, arrived in Iowa, stopping for a short time at Council Bluffs. He drove across the state and for a short time worked in Clinton County, after which he went to Boone County, and in 1868 became a resident of Lake City, where he followed school teaching until 1873. With J. J. Hutchison, he then purchased the store of Peter Smith, and the partnership of Hutchison & Danforth continued until 1888, when Mr. Danforth purchased his partner's interest and carried on the enterprise alone until 1901, when

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nation and election of Grover Cleveland as the President of the United States. At the call of his party in 1901, he again became candidate for the State Legislature, and although Calhoun county was strongly republican, and gave McKinley a majority of seventeen hundred votes, Mr. Danforth was defeated by only three hundred twenty-two votes. The fact that he ran far ahead of his ticket without personal effort on his part is an indication of his popularity, and the confidence reposed in him by those who knew him best. In 1906, he was nominated for the office of State Treasurer on the democratic ticket.

Not content to serve his country in its hour of need, Mr. Danforth through life served his comrades in arms, cared for their widows, and counselled their orphans. A loyal member of the G. A. R., no march was too long, no service to exacting or humble to cause him to shirk the duty. Today there is sorrow in the thinning ranks. Mr. Danforth was nurtured in a New England home, and the sense of responsibility to the state and its subdivisions, and to his neighbors, instilled into his mind at his mother's knee, remained with him throughout life.

The history of Calhoun county holds in memory no man in higher

esteem, or who, to a greater degree deserves the regard of his fellowmen, than does Frank Danforth, who, in the various relations of his life, has ever won the respect of his fellowmen by his sterling worth, his unwaivering purpose, and his unflinching devotion to duty.

"Be noble, and the nobleness that lies in other men,
Sleeping, but never dead,
Will rise up in majesty to meet thine own."

The funeral services were conducted from the home at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon by Rev. M. C. Powers.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. L. F. Danforth wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to the many friends, the G. A. R., American Legion, Masonic Fraternity and all others, who by their kindly acts and sympathy assisted her in her recent bereavement. The beautiful floral offerings were also much appreciated.

SCHOOL NOTES

The local declamatory contest was held in the Community building Friday evening. The contest was a close one, but the ones winning first places were Foster Sapp, Beatryce Jones and George A. Taylor. The senior class claims some of the honors because all three winners are seniors.

Miss Avis Grawe, state normal training high school inspector and Miss Helen Wilson, county superintendent, visited the high school Friday afternoon.

William Daly, known on the lecture platform as "Bill" Daly, who is lecturing on lyceum in this part of the state spent Saturday and Sunday with his chautauqua friends, Supt. Lewis and Miss Chatman and his cousin, Miss Margaret Foley. Mr. Daly gave a splendid talk before the high school assembly Monday morning.

Miss McCabe was absent from school Tuesday morning on account of sickness. During her absence Violet Miles, of the normal training department supplied.

Miss Zetta Snyder is absent from school because of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred Sunday afternoon when the car in which she was riding skidded into the ditch.

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The large number of friends present and the profusion of flowers showed only in a small measure the high esteem in which Mr. Danforth was held by his acquaintances. His comrades of the Civil War, the World War veterans and members of the Masonic order were present to pay their last respects to their departed brother.

At the grave, the American Legion paid military honors by firing three volleys and sounding "Taps".

The burial service was conducted according to the ritual of the Masonic fraternity, in charge of Past Worshipful Master, O. W. Lundberg.

Out of town relatives who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Max Decker, of Sioux City, Arthur W. Decker and Mrs. A. W. Wallace, of Council Bluffs.

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Donnabelle Smith left school Monday. She will move to Alexandria, Minn.

Letha Prickett and Evelyn Taylor were in Des Moines Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Marian Barber spent two days last week at Iowa Falls.

An interesting debate on "Resolved that the Civil war decided a greater question than the Revolutionary war" was given in the 8th grade Tuesday afternoon Dale Madden and Margaret Hutchison debated on the affirmative and Oscar Wright and Edwin Hobart on the negative.

Marvel Harriott went to Des Moines with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce for the week end.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Danforth, Loriston F
 Residence
 Occupation Merchant
 Date birth 1843 Place Pomfret, Vt.
 Date death Dec 19, 1923 Place Lake City, Iowa
 Cause Lake City Cem Place burial Lake City
 War record
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 1 Jennie Fox, dau of David Fox
 Children m. Nov 1873; died 1894
 2d wife Mrs. Minnie E. Harris, nee
 Decker of Antigo, Wisc
 One adopted daughter: Lulu Danforth
 Sources
 EX. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: (L.F.) -
 Lake City. // Rev. Roster Vermont Vols:
 Danforth, Loriston F/Carroll Herald
 Dec 12, 1923

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Veteran's name Danforth, L.
 Offices of honor in G. A. R.
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Record Membership and Dues Paid

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L. J. & W. G. Smith
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L. J. & W. G. Smith

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