

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Henderson,
John Kimberley - Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Feb 1819 Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary Perry 1840 Stark County, Illinois
② Elizabeth Butler Ward Oct 1857 Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Stockholder and treasurer of the Farmers Mutual
Insurance Company; vice-president and director of the Merchants National
Bank

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF; Mason;

C. Profession Underwriter

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st General Assemblies 1880, 1882, 1884, 1886

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clerk of the circuit court - 6 years; first postmaster of Toulon,
Illinois; Stark County sheriff 2 years; County Recorder 4 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 8 Nov 1908 Cedar Rapids, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Children by first wife - Mary Ann (Mrs. Joseph A. Shroy) and two
others died young; children by second wife - Kate (Mrs. James E. Sevier); John,
Edward (died at age 14); George; Elroy (Mrs. D. E. Burr)

9. Names of parents William D. and Lucinda (Kimberly) Henderson

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information *Independent, later Democrat*

- *He moved with his family to La Salle county, Missouri in 1831 establishing a little colony and stayed there 5 years*
- *They then moved to Stark County, Illinois until 1846. His father was in the Illinois State Legislature and John served as the assistant to the clerk*
- *In 1846 they moved to Johnson County, Iowa*
- *He grew to manhood in Stark County, Illinois*
- *In 1853 he moved to Linn County, Iowa where he farmed 4 years and also for 4 years he carried on merchandising at Western College, but in 1865 he sold his land and moved into Cedar Rapids*
- *His first wife, Mary, died in 1846*
- *His second wife, Elizabeth, died in 1889.*

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And on the morning of the eighteenth day of September, 1908, that scene was as fresh and vivid as ever in the mind of Pius the Tenth. Once more he was kneeling, as a young, freshly-ordained priest, before that altar on which he said his first mass in union with the ordaining prelate. Once more that burning act of thanksgiving to God for His unutterable gift, was surging up from the depths of his heart. And day by day during these weeks that have since elapsed, he has stood at the altar in the spirit of his youthful thanksgiving,—only with a profoundness of trembling adoration which is the outgrowth of the fifty years of priestly holiness that have since elapsed. With all our hearts let us share in that thanksgiving; it is what he has begged of every priest, and of every Catholic believer in the whole wide world.

Two months the young priest was allowed to consecrate to his own individual thanksgiving for the heavenly gift which had transformed his life. Then came to him the call for priestly labors, which were thenceforth to engage all the energies of his being. The inner voice that had said to him: "Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech," now thundered in his soul: "Sacerdos propter alios." "Thou art a priest for the good of others." And he took in as he never (did) before the full meaning of those sublime words: "Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnated by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man." Fifty years ago, that thought kindled in his soul a burning zeal for the salvation of souls, for the spreading abroad of the graces of the Redemption wrought for all men by the world's Savior. And during all these fifty years that zeal has animated his labors,—as assistant priest, as pastor, as professor in the diocesan seminary, as bishop, as archbishop, and patriarch, as pope. Every morning at the altar he has witnessed, and taken part in the immolation of the Lamb of God, "who died for all men and gave Himself a redemption for all." And as Divine Providence lifted him higher and higher in the office of the priesthood of Christ, he saw in an ever wider and wider horizon the harvest-field of souls in all the world, "white for the harvest," as our Lord declared; and yearning zeal for their salvation has become the one absorbing passion of his life. This, therefore, is the side of his priesthood, for which he is to render thanksgiving in his mass of November 1908. The territorial and State Legislators come of his own little chapel, but in the glorious Basilica of St. Peter's, surrounded by the tens of thousands who will

PASSING OF A PIONEER

HON. JOHN W. HENDERSON DIED SUNDAY NIGHT.

Had Lived a Long, Useful, and Honorable Life and Was Held in the Highest Esteem in This City.

Hon. John W. Henderson, affectionately known in Cedar Rapids as "Uncle John," died at 9:21 Sunday night at the ripe old age of 89 years. He has long been one of the respected and beloved patriarchs of Cedar Rapids. For several weeks he had been failing and his friends have known that the end must speedily come. He had lived a long, active and useful life and had played an active part in much of the interesting history of the state of Illinois and Iowa. During later years he has lived at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ella R. Burr, and the sunset years of his life have been happy and unclouded.

Born in 1810.
 Mr. Henderson was born in Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee, July 26, 1819. His father and his grandfather were prominent citizens of that state. In 1831 his father, Colonel William Henderson, went to Illinois, and established a little colony in La Salle county. Five years later he removed to Toulon, Stark county, where he made his home until 1846, when he came to Johnson county, Iowa.

Survived an Indian Massacre.
 Mr. Henderson's mother's maiden name was Luchinda Wimberly. She died when he was a child. His father moved to Brownsville, Tenn., and when Mr. Henderson was 12 years old he removed with two uncles to the site of the present city of Ottawa. Those were wild days and there followed an Indian massacre in the settlement. Mr. Henderson was one of those who escaped through the aid of one of the Indian chiefs.

At some exercises recently held in Ottawa in commemoration of the massacre, Mr. Henderson was the sole survivor of that bloody period in the early history of the town.

Mr. Henderson went back to Brownsville, after the massacre, and then his father moved to Illinois. The first Henderson home in Illinois was built at Toulon.

Held Many Offices.

Before he attained his majority Mr. Henderson was appointed clerk of the circuit court by Judge Ford, this being a temporary appointment until he reached his twenty-first birthday. He was retained in that position for about six years, or until Judge Ford was elected governor and was succeeded by Judge Catton, who, being a democrat, deposed Mr. Henderson as the latter was a whig in politics.

Mr. Henderson was then appointed the first postmaster of the new county seat, Toulon. Later he was elected and served two years as sheriff of Stark county, and four years as recorder. He also represented the district comprising Stark, Henry and Rock Island counties, in the Illinois legislature. Subsequently he filled political position in Washington, D. C., for one year and then returned to Illinois.

In 1840 Mr. Henderson married Mary Ann, and a daughter of Swift Perry, who removed from the old Dominion to Illinois in the pioneer days. They

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of over four hundred acres. Which all goes to show not only that brains are now taking the place of brawn on the farm, but it also shows what high and diverse attainments are possible to the American girl of the period."

(4) Thomas G. was graduated from Cornell College in 1881, and then took a course of lectures at Rush Medical College, where he was graduated in 1883, with the degree of M. D. He is now successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at West Chicago, Illinois, and is serving as county coroner at that place and as surgeon for two railroads that pass through there. He has also held the office of mayor of the city for two or three terms. He married Miss Lizzie Jones, of Geneva, Illinois, and they have two children, Paul Alonzo and Helen Louise.


 HON. JOHN W. HENDERSON.

There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name initiates this review, since his mind bears impress of the historical annals of the state from early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the communities where he has made his home. He is one of the revered patriarchs of Cedar Rapids, and by his numerous friends is familiarly known as Uncle John.

Mr. Henderson was born in Dover, Stewart county, Tennessee, July 26, 1819. His paternal grandfather, John Henderson, was a native of Virginia and one of the first settlers of Kentucky, in which state our subject's father, Colonel William H. Hen-

derson, was born in 1793, and there grew to manhood. When a young man the latter removed to Tennessee, where he served as colonel in the state militia, and was also a soldier of the war of 1812. He was married, in Tennessee, to Miss Lucinda Wimberly, a native of that state and a daughter of Levi Wimberly, who moved there from North Carolina at a very early day. In 1831 Colonel Henderson and others went to Illinois and established a little colony in La Salle county. Five years later he removed to Putnam county, that state, taking up his abode near what is now Toulon, Stark county, where he made his home until 1846. There he took a very prominent and active part in public affairs, and represented his district in the state legislature for one or more terms, while our subject served as assistant to the clerk in the house every other day. In 1846 Colonel Henderson removed to Johnson county, Iowa, and spent the last years of his life with his son, H. C. Henderson, in Marshalltown, this state, where he died at the age of seventy-one years. His wife survived him several years and died at the same place, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. One of their sons, Colonel Thomas J. Henderson, is an ex-congressman residing at Princeton, Illinois, and is a prominent statesman of that locality.

John W. Henderson, of this review, was seventeen years of age on the removal of the family to Illinois, and he grew to manhood in Stark county. There he was married, in 1840, to Miss Mary Perry, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Swift Perry, who removed from the Old Dominion to Illinois in pioneer days. Before he attained his majority Mr. Henderson was appointed clerk of the circuit court by Judge Ford,

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In 1853 Mr. Henderson came to Linn county, Iowa, and purchased land in the southern part of the county on the Johnson county line, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for about four years. For about the same length of time he carried on merchandising at Western College, but in 1865 he sold his property there and purchased a residence in Cedar Rapids, where he has since made his home. He accepted a position with the old Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, and in 1868 was one of the prime movers in re-organizing the same into a stock company, of which he has since been a stockholder and treasurer, having now filled that position for nearly a third of a century.

Mr. Henderson's first wife died in Stark county, Illinois, in 1846, and two of the three children born of that union are also deceased, the other being Mary Ann, wife of Jacob A. Shuey, of Red Oak, Iowa. He was again married, in Illinois, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Butler, by

whom he had five children, namely: Kate, wife of James E. Sevilier, now of Tennessee; John B., secretary of the Farmers Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids; Edward, who died at the age of fourteen years; George, who also holds a position in the office of the Farmers Insurance Company; and Ella, wife of H. G. Burr, of Cedar Rapids. The mother of these children departed this life in 1889.

In his social relations Mr. Henderson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Knight Templar Mason, and a prominent member of Crescent Lodge, F. & A. M., in which he has served as treasurer continuously since 1868. On coming to this county he found Cedar Rapids a small cross roads village with only two or three business houses, and has since watched with interest its growth and development. He was vice-president and director of the Merchants National Bank on its organization and for some years. He has been prominently identified with public affairs, and served as mayor of the city two terms. He also represented his district in the state senate for eight years, and has filled other positions of honor and trust, always proving a faithful and efficient officer. After a pure, honorable and useful life, actuated by unselfish motives, prompted by patriotism and guided by truth and justice, Mr. Henderson well deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held by his fellow citizens.

ELIJAH G. CHAMBERLIN.

Elijah G. Chamberlin, a well-to-do and successful agriculturist, owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 33, and eighty acres on