

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator Nichols

John David - Represented Denton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 July 1834 Leeds County, Canada

2. Marriage (s) date place

(1) Mary Stewart 17 Oct 1854

(2) Phoebe Jane Brown 17 Mar 1872

(3) Caroline A Landgraff 12 Nov 1883

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1872

B. Civic responsibilities Ancient Order of United Laborers

C. Profession Attorney; minister

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 17th, 18th, 19th General Assemblies 1878, 1880, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local School director; Mayor of Vinton;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 June 1909 Vinton Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Mabel Emery; Clarence; Ada (Ada's husband preceded her father in death); Lucy (preceded her father in death); by 2nd wife Clifford, Benjamin

9. Names of parents Rev. Hugh and Ann (Sothell) Nichols

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- He lived in Leeds County, Canada with his parents until he reached manhood.
- He then emigrated to Henry County, Iowa in 1857. He lived there until 1863 when he moved to Urbana, Iowa where he lived in Benton County until his death.
- He moved to Winton, Iowa in 1870 where he read law with Howard Gilchrist.
- He formed a law partnership with Robert St. Clair.
- He practiced law until 1897 when his health began to fail. This partnership was with his son, Clarence or Nicholas and Melville.
- When a boy he was an apprentice for a wagon maker for 7 years, but before the 7 years had expired he purchased a release and worked for a while as a sailor on the lakes.
- After he retired he studied for the ministry and was ordained.
- His first wife, Mary, died 1 Dec 1870
- His second wife, Phoebe, died 27 Nov 1881

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HON. J. D. NICHOLS IS CALLED SUNDAY

One of Vinton's Most Promi-
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The death of John David Nichols Sunday, June 20, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m. marks the passing away of one of the strong characters of Benton county. Coming as he did to the county in the early sixties he became a strong factor in its building and development. He was a strong personality and solid judgment. But few important steps were taken in the civic and political life of the county without his advice and judgment.

He was born in Leeds county, Canada, July 22, 1834, and was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Nichols, his father being one of the strong ministers of that period. He lived there till he reached manhood when he emigrated to Henry county, this state. That was in 1857. He lived there till 1863 when he moved to Urbana, this county. Since that time his residence has been in this county.

He came to Vinton in 1870 and read law with Traer & Gilchrist. He was admitted to the bar in 1872 and formed a partnership with Robert St. Clair. He was in active practice till 1897 when his health gave way. The partnership was then Nichols & Nichols, the junior member being his son, Clarence. This partnership continued till his death.

The immediate cause of his death was paralysis. He was confined to his bed for a period of nine weeks and was a great sufferer. All during his illness he realized his condition and often expressed his willingness to go whenever the Lord willed it. All during his illness he was glad to have his friends call and expressed pleasure in seeing them. When a boy he was apprenticed under the old English system for finishing his trade before the seven years had expired he purchased his balance and for awhile was a suffer-

Hon. J. D. Nichols



NEW HITCH BARN READY THURSDAY

U. G. Adams Provides Great
Convenience for Far-
mers Who Come
to Vinton.

Mr. U. G. Adams, of the Adams department store, has just had erected the greatest convenience for farmers and others ever erected in the city. It is what is known as a hitch barn and it is located one-half block east of the court house on Jefferson street. It is 126 feet square. On the front facing Jefferson street is the driveway, business office and ladies waiting room. This waiting room is fitted for toilet conveniences. At this front are ten stalls. On the other three sides are fifty stalls. Each stall will accommodate a double team. The whole barn is equipped with a continuous feed box. There are no hay racks. When the farmer does not bring his own feed he can purchase the same from the barn at cost.

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All during his illness he was glad to have his friends call and expressed pleasure in seeing them. When a boy he was apprenticed under the old English system for seven years to a wagon maker. Finishing his trade before the seven years had expired he purchased his release, and for awhile was a sailor on the lakes. Retiring from that he resumed his trade. During that time he studied for the ministry was ordained and preached for several years. He was married Oct. 17, 1854 to Miss Mary Stevens. She died Dec. 1st, 1870. To this union four children were born, of whom M. E. Nichols, of St. Paul, and C. Nichols, of this city, are still living. His second marriage occurred March 17, 1872, to Phoebe J. Brennan, whose home was in Leeds county, Canada. To them two children were born, Clifford and Frank, who live in Chicago and Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Nichols died Nov. 27, 1881. Mr. Nichols was again married Nov. 12, 1883, to Caroline A. Landgraff, who survives him.

Thus in brief is a biographical sketch of the deceased Mr. Nichols, during his active life, can well be termed one of the strong men of Benton county. He served the schools as director; his city as its mayor and the county as its senator. He was a member of the legislature during the sessions of the 17th, 18th and 19th general assemblies. During the last session the prohibitory amendment was before that body and Mr. Nichols opposed it, being confirmed in the belief that it was wrong. Although it might have proved a popular move at the time to espouse the cause of the amendment he refused to be shaken from his belief and he voluntarily retired from the senate rather than cause trouble in his party. Mr. Nichols was a thorough believer in the principles of the republican party and gave all his strength to the party's maintenance. Even during his long illness he lost none of his abiding faith in the party of his choice. For years he was one of the leaders of the party in this state.

It was quite natural he took up with the law. He seemed, by his strong mind to be peculiarly fitted for it. He became a strong advocate and early in his practice took a leading position at the Benton county bar.

Little more need be said. His death marks the passing of a historical character of the county.

The funeral services will be held at the family residence this—Tuesday—afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Firemen's Field Meet.

Next Thursday will be the firemen's field meet. This is the year's event in the life of the Vin-

stalls. On the other three sides are fifty stalls. Each stall will accommodate a double team. The whole barn is equipped with a continuous feed box. There are no hay racks. When the farmer does not bring his own feed he can purchase the same from the barn at cost.

The roof is fully 22 feet and stands back sufficient to cover the team and wagon, so that a loaded wagon can be driven under shelter in case of rain or storm. Inside is a court 80 feet square allowing plenty of room to drive in and turn around.

Mr. Carson Cram will have charge of the barn and will be in constant attendance. Wraps and parcels can be left in the wagons and will be perfectly safe. A large watering trough has been erected on the south side so that a team can be driven up to it and watered without unhitching. A nominal fee of ten cents will be charged for the convenience and Mr. Adams expects the patronage to be such that this fee will pay the cost of maintaining it.

The opening day will be Thursday of this week. This is a convenience that should be appreciated by the farmers. Here they can drive their team and hitch it knowing that it will be safe till they return as Mr. Cram will be there and see that everything will be safe.

The thought of erecting such a barn was a good one of the part of Mr. Adams and we hope he will not be disappointed in the patronage he will receive.

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William A. Mall received a common school education and remained on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, when he established a lumber yard at Keystone, this county, which he conducted for seven years. In December, 1892, he sold his business and in the following month purchased a lumber and grain concern at Luzerne. On the 1st of January, 1901, he sold the latter business and located at Belle Plaine as assistant cashier of the First National Bank and manager of the electric light and power plant. Since 1907 he has maintained a separate office and, although he retains his bank position, he has devoted most of his time to the electric light business. He is also an active member of the school board and belongs to the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen.

On November 2, 1887, Mr. Mall married Miss Hattie Lorenz, born in Scott county, Iowa, July 31, 1864, daughter of John H. and Anna (Detlef) Lorenz. Both parents were born in Germany, but emigrated to this country comparatively early in life and were residents of Kane township for forty-five years. In 1902 they retired to Belle Plaine, where the father died in 1907, aged sixty-nine years, and where the mother still resides at the age of seventy. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Mall are the parents of four children, all living at home. William L., Frank, Ralph W. and Helen. Mr. Mall is politically a Democrat and been quite active in the local work of the party, serving as a committeeman, as a justice of the peace, as postmaster for two years at Luzerne, Iowa. He resigned that position at the expiration of that period.

HONORABLE JOHN D. NICHOLS, a prominent attorney of Vinton, Iowa, and senior partner of the firm of J. D. & C. Nichols, attorneys, was born in Leeds county, Canada, July 22, 1834. He is a son of Hugh and Avis (Schofield) Nichols, the former a Baptist minister, who died in Canada.

John D. Nichols spent his boyhood in Canada, and came to Henry county, Iowa, in 1856, and in 1863 located in Benton county. He was formerly a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and preached a number of years in Iowa. In 1871 he was admitted to the bar, and has since continued in the practice of this profession. Since 1892 his son Clarence has been his partner. Mr. Nichols has distinguished himself as a criminal lawyer, and has defended twenty-two persons accused of murder, of whom all were acquitted save one. His reputation as an able lawyer has traveled outside of the state, and he has always had a large practice.

In 1878 Mr. Nichols was elected state senator, and served three sessions. He served as chairman of the Committee on In-

surance and was the author of the present insurance laws, as well as of many other important bills, including the law for bidding for the printing of law books. He opposed the Prohibition Amendment, on a legal technicality, and made his influence felt during his service in the Senate. He has always been very prominent in local affairs, and served four years as mayor of Vinton, and has also been a member of the school board. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and was formerly Grand Master of the State of Iowa.

In 1854 Mr. Nichols married Sarah Stephens, also of Leeds, Canada, who died December 1, 1870, aged thirty-four years, leaving two sons, M. E., a lawyer of St. Paul, and Clarence Nichols, of Vinton, Iowa. Mr. Nichols married (second) Phoebe J. Brennan, who died in 1881, and they had children as follows: G. C., of Cedar Rapids, and B. F., of Chicago. They are engaged in the railway service, and run on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway.

Clarence Nichols was born July 16, 1870, in Taylor township; he received his early education at Vinton, afterward attended Tilford Academy and the University of Iowa, and was admitted to the bar May 11, 1892, since which he has been a member of the firm. He is a bright lawyer, and has the promise of a successful future. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to Vinton Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Consistory and Shrine (Thirty-second Degree). He married Alice, daughter of John and Margaret (Hall) Meakins, from England, who came to the United States in 1875, and they have two children, John D., Jr. and Sarah Margaret.

JOHN H. SCHROEDER.—Among the prominent and well known land owners and farmers of Monroe township is numbered John H. Schroeder, who was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, August 23, 1861, a son of John and Dorothy (Biersebenk) Schroeder. The mother died in Germany, but the father came to Benton county, Iowa, in 1885, and died at the home of his son John on the 26th of December, 1903, when past seventy-seven years of age. He was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, as was also his wife, and he had lived retired after coming to the United States. John H. Schroeder is one of the five children born to John and Dorothy Schroeder, all of whom came to this country, namely: J. H.; Reinhardt, who resides at Paton in Greene county, Iowa; Mrs. Julius Bachman, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Anderson Tirnupseed, who died on the 24th of December, 1900, at her home in Wellmann, Washington county, Iowa; and J. W., a Monroe township

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John David NICHOLS (AFN: 1HRK-S65)**Sex:** M[Pedigree](#)[Family](#)

Event(s)**Birth:** 22 Jul 1834
Bronxville, Leeds Co, On, Can**Death:** 20 Jun 1909
Vinton, Benton Co, Ia

Parents**Father:** [Hugh NICHOLS](#) (AFN: 1HRK-S2B)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Avis SCOFIELD](#) (AFN: 1HRK-S3J)

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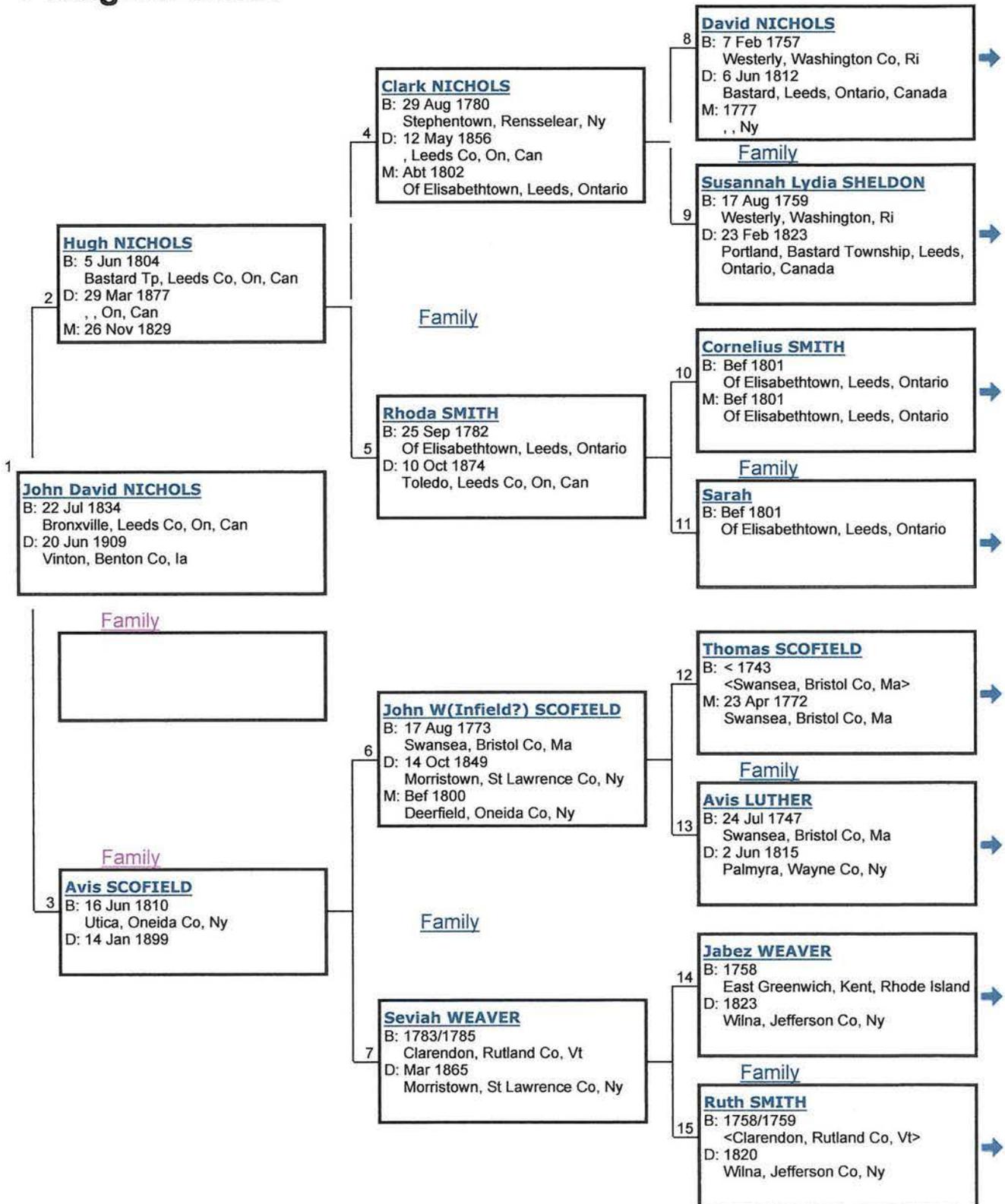
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John David NICHOLS Compact Disc #65 Pin #234631
Sex: M

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Event(s)

Birth: 22 Jul 1834
Bronxville, Leeds, Ontario, CAN
Death: 20 Jun 1909
Vinton, Benton, IA
Burial:
Vinton Cypress Cemetery

Parents

Father: [Hugh NICHOLS](#) Disc #65 Pin #234624
Mother: [Avis SCOFIELD](#) Disc #65 Pin #231163

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Sarah STEVENS](#) Disc #65 Pin #234632
Marriage: 17 Oct 1854
Bastard, Leeds, ONT, Canada
Spouse: [Phoebe Jane BRENNAN](#) Disc #65 Pin #234635
Marriage: 17 Mar 1872
Iowa Falls, IA
Spouse: [Caroline Amelia LANDGRAF](#) Disc #65 Pin #234636
Marriage: 21 Nov 1883
Cleveland, Oswego, NY

Personal Information

Occupation:
Lawyer, judge, Senator

Notes and Sources

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John David NICHOLS

Male

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Marriages:**Spouse:** [Caroline Amelia LANDGRAF](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 21 NOV 1883 Cleveland, Oswego, New York

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Husband

[John David NICHOLS](#)[Pedigree](#)

Birth: 22 JUL 1834 Bronxville, , Leeds, Ontario
Christening:
Marriage: 17 MAR 1872 Iowa Falls, Hardin, Iowa
Death: 20 JUN 1909 Vinton, Benton, Iowa
Burial: Vinton Cypress Cemetery

Wife

[Phoebe Jane BRENNAN](#)[Pedigree](#)

Birth: 10 JAN 1843 , Leeds, Ontario
Christening:
Marriage: 17 MAR 1872 Iowa Falls, Hardin, Iowa
Death: 27 NOV 1881 Vinton, Benton, Iowa
Burial:

Children

1. [George Clifford NICHOLS](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

Birth: 16 SEP 1873 , Benton, Iowa
Christening:
Death: 1928 Mexia, Limestone, Texas
Burial: Vinton, Benton, Iowa

2. [Ben Franklin NICHOLS](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

Birth: 22 DEC 1875 , Benton, Iowa
Christening:
Death: 1919 Chicago, Cook, Illinois
Burial: Vinton, Benton, Iowa

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

John David Nichols
Born: 22 Jul 1834
 Bronxville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada
Died: 20 Jun 1909
 Vinton, Benton, Iowa, USA
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Spouse

[Sarah Stevens](#)
Born: 26 Mar 1836 in Leeds, Ontario, Canada
Died: 1 Dec 1870 in Vinton, Iowa, USA

Marriage: 17 Oct 1854 in Bastard, Leeds, Ontario, Canada

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Children

[Ada Ophelia Nichols](#)
[Lucy Nichols](#)
[Malcolm Emory Nichols](#)

Sex

Birth

F 7 Sep 1859 in Henry, Iowa, USA
F 4 Jun 1862 in Henry, Iowa, USA
M 26 Mar 1864 in Iowa, USA

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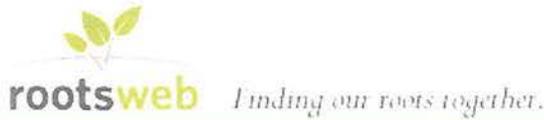
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Sex: M

Birth: 22 JUL 1834 in Bronxville, Leeds, Ontario, CAN¹

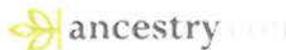
Death: 20 JUN 1909 in Vinton, Benton, IA

Burial: Vinton Cypress Cemetery

Occupation: Lawyer, judge, Senator

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Last Name

Father: [Hugh NICHOLS](#) b: 5 JUN 1804 in Bastard, Leeds, ONT, Canada

Mother: [Avis SCOFIELD](#) b: 16 JAN 1810 in Utica, Oneida, NY

Marriage 1 [Sarah STEVENS](#) b: 26 MAR 1836 in Leeds, Ontario, Canada

- *Married:* 17 OCT 1854 in Bastard, Leeds, ONT, Canada

Children

1. [Ada Ophelia NICHOLS](#) b: 7 SEP 1859 in Henry Co., IA
2. [Lucy NICHOLS](#) b: 4 JUN 1862 in Henry Co., IA
3. [Malcolm Emory NICHOLS](#) b: 26 MAR 1864 in Salem, Henry Co., IA
4. [Clarence NICHOLS](#) b: 16 JUL 1870 in Taylor Twp., Benton, IA

Marriage 2 [Phoebe Jane BRENNAN](#) b: 10 JAN 1843 in Leeds, Ontario, Canada

- *Married:* 17 MAR 1872 in Iowa Falls, IA



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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: John D. Nichols

Home in 1880: Vinton, Benton, Iowa

Age: 45

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1835

Birthplace: Canada

Relation to Head of Household: Self (Head)

Spouse's Name: Phebe J. Nichols

Father's birthplace: New York

Mother's birthplace: New York

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Occupation: Lawyer

Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Male

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Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane:

Household	Name	Age
Members:	John D. Nichols	45
	Phebe J. Nichols	36
	Malcom E. Nichols	16
	Clarence Nichols	9
	Clifford G. Nichols	6
	Frank B. Nichols	4
	Sadie Baldwin	22

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