

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Parker,
Horace A. - Represented Winnebago, North, Cerro Gordo, Wright, Franklin
and Hancock counties

1. Birthday and place 20 Jul 1829 Oswego County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary A. Cook 1861 Mason City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; justice of Cherokee Township; county
recorder; county treasurer; man experiment

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace; County treasurer; clerk of court;
board of supervisors; city Council; school board

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Dec 1897 Mason City, Iowa; Elmwood St. Wagon Co., Mason City, Iowa

8. Children Maud G.; Laura L.; Earl; Carl A.; Mary M.

9. Names of parents Patten and Sally (Burr) Parker

Parker, Horace B.

10. Education

He was educated in schools of Oswego County, New York, receiving a substantial education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

He was raised on the family farm

In 1855 he went west and settled in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa and in the fall of 1853 he settled in Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, cultivating a farm on the north side of the lake

He was elected one of the first justices of Clear Lake Township

In 1859 he was elected Cerro Gordo County Treasurer and recorder.

With these positions he moved to Mason City, Iowa, the county seat. This was 1860 - 1862

In 1862 he associated with C. H. Johnson, a compositor in the office, and purchased the Cerro Gordo Republican newspaper. Mr. Johnson withdrew in the Civil War and Horace was left to manage both the mechanical and editorial duties.

In 1863, Silas Noyes, an experienced printer became his partner, but retired at the end of the same year.

He kept the paper until 1867 when he sold the paper to Silas Noyes and J. A. Strimes.

In 1863 he was elected to fill a vacancy in the office of the Clerk of Court and held the office until January 1865

He was elected in full 1870 a board of supervisor member, later became a Mason City town councilman and school board member

Along with A. T. Parker, they built the Mason City Opera House

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Potatoes	35

Local News.

Judge Sherwin is holding court in Hancock county this week.

Overcoats at 80 cents on the dollar at Ensign's.

The Congregational ladies will give an oyster supper on Friday evening at the church.

Have the baby's picture taken at the portable gallery. J. E. RICH, photographer.

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Don't fail to see Hawkins' holiday stock, larger in quantity, and prices lower than ever before.

Mr. J. A. Felchous of the Commercial Savings bank, has been in Dubuque this week on a business trip.

Ensign will give 20 per cent off the marked price on all Overcoats, commencing Dec. 16.

The bazaar given at the Congregational church on Friday afternoon and evening will be very fine. Remember to attend.

The Boy Quartette did not arrive to give a concert on Tuesday evening as was advertised. It had disbanded on the previous Saturday.

Dr. Earl McEwen has been elected superintendent of the Congregational church Sunday school. This is a position he has held with credit to himself before.

HON. H. G. PARKER IS DEAD.

The Death Summons Came on Thursday A. M. Dec. 16.

Close of a Long and Honorable Career.

Not unexpectedly, but nevertheless, causing much sorrow and regret, comes the news that our distinguished citizen, H. G. Parker, died this morning. He was given the best of nursing and medical aid, but sank gradually for a number of months. Hundreds of people will mourn his death, as he was kind and friendly to all.

Mr. Parker was born in Oswego county, New York, July 20, 1829, receiving his education in that state. In 1855, he came west, settling first at Clear Lake, and was elected one of the first justices of the peace in that township. He opened up and cultivated a farm north of the lake. He was elected county treasurer in 1859, and came to Mason City in the fall of that year to enter upon his duties January 1st, 1860, and filled the office acceptably two years.

In the spring of 1861, he was married in this city, to Miss Mary A. Coon, the faithful companion of nearly 37 years, who with the five sons and daughters, today, mourn an ever kind, loving husband and father.

In 1862 he became the editor and proprietor of the Cerro Gordo REPUBLICAN, a position he filled until 1867; through those critical years most earnestly sustaining the government in its great struggle—his paper the warm friend and hopeful and encouraging support of our soldier boys. In 1863 he was elected clerk of the courts of Cerro Gordo county. In the fall of 1870 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors. At the same time he was a councilman of Mason City, and a member of the school board.

In 1891 he was elected as state senator of this district; in that, as in all other positions of public trust, making a record of honor to his manhood and credit to his constituency. Of liberal means and public spirit, he has done much to improve his town and county, building the fine flouring mills on the east side of the city, and in 1883, building the fine opera house block.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the Congregational church.

turnout to hear his sermon on Sunday evening. He gave a good talk, ting forth the thought that Christianity would lead men to right living, a happy companionship with Him ended with an appeal for any feel so impressed to step forward join the church if they had not so before. At the close of the service many went forward to speak to Elder and renew acquaintance with him.

The Woman's Relief Corps elected the following officers for the evening at their meeting last Saturday evening: Mrs. Lurena Keerl, president; Mrs. Mary E. Wass, vice president and delegate; Mrs. Marie Lone, junior vice; Mrs. H. Pramer, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Nutting, treasurer; Mrs. Mary secretary; Mrs. Lizzie Wier, conductor; Mrs. Lizzie Bushman, guard; and Richards, alternate delegate.

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resented by E. A. Howland, Senator, and M. A. Leahy, Representative, both of Franklin county.

The sixteenth General Assembly convened at Des Moines in January, 1876. Hon. Lemuel Dwelle, of Northwood, Worth county, had been elected to succeed E. A. Howland, as State Senator, and Lorenzo D. Lane took the place of M. A. Leahy as Representative.

The seventeenth General Assembly convened at Des Moines in January, 1878. At this time Lemuel Dwelle was still Senator, representing the district of which Cerro Gordo county formed a part. John H. King, a lawyer, residing in Hampton, served this representative district in the House.

The eighteenth General Assembly convened at Des Moines in January, 1880. The State Senator from this district at that time was Hon. F. M. Goodykoontz, of Mason City. John H. King, of Hampton, had been re-elected Representative.

The nineteenth General Assembly convened in January, 1882, at Des Moines. F. M. Goodykoontz had resigned the office of Senator, and H. G. Parker, of Mason City, had been elected to fill the vacancy, and took his seat at this session. R. S. Benson, of Hampton, served the seventy-eighth district, of which Cerro Gordo county formed a part in the House.

In 1883 Cerro Gordo county comprised a representative district, and was associated with Franklin, Winnebago and Hancock counties as a senatorial district.

Senator H. G. Parker, of Mason City, has been so long identified with the best interests of Cerro Gordo county, that his name is inseparable from all her enter-

prises and projects for future well-being. All his career, since he cast his lot in Iowa, has been signally marked by his disinterested efforts for her general and local prosperity. Mr. Parker is a reformer in the best sense of the term; he judges measures by long observation of their influence on society, and endorses no general principle which promises no permanent benefit to the institutions in which he is most intimately interested, as a man and citizen. Personal aggrandizement is his special aversion; human merit has no claim on his attention, unless characterized by self-abnegation. Mr. Parker was born in Oswego Co., N. Y., July 20, 1829. His father, Patten Parker, was born Sept. 3, 1793, in Argyle, Washington Co., N. Y., and died Feb. 25, 1846. His mother, Sally (Burr) Parker, was born April 1, 1793, in Granby, Hartford Co., Conn. She died Jan. 23, 1873. Their marriage took place in Litchfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Oct. 20, 1816. They had three daughters and one son. The senior Parker spent his life in the pursuit of agriculture. H. G. Parker was carefully reared on his father's farm and received a substantial education. In June, 1855, he turned his face westward, and settled upon Cerro Gordo county as a field likely to afford scope to his energies and abilities. This section was then the Utopia of the pioneer; the broad stretch of prairie seemed a special boon to the early settler, who came here with little beside hope and manly strength as the basis of a successful future. In the fall of 1855 Mr. Parker located at Clear Lake. His connection with the politics of the county commenced with his advent, he being elected one of the first justices of Clear

Lake township. During his residence at Clear Lake, he opened and cultivated a farm on the north shore of the lake. In 1859 he was elected county treasurer and recorder, and removed to Mason City to enter upon the duties of his office, Jan. 1, 1860. He served two years, and, Jan. 1, 1862, associated with C. W. Tobin, a compositor in the office, purchased the Cerro Gordo *Republican*, a paper established in 1861. In the autumn ensuing, Mr. Tobin enlisted in the Union Army, and Mr. Parker was left to the mechanical as well as editorial management of the *Republican*. The patriotism of printers is a well remembered fact among publishers, and the dearth of typos sometimes interfered with the regularity of the issue of the *Republican* but it was a welcome visitor in the ranks of Iowa volunteers, who eagerly sought for news from home. At the beginning of 1863, Silan Noyes, of Clear Lake, an experienced printer and newspaper man, became a partner in the publication of the paper, but he retired at the end of the same year, and Mr. Parker operated alone up to the summer of 1867. His connection with the paper covered the most eventful period of the Nation's history, beginning with the outbreak of the rebellion, and terminating with the restoration of the National authority. In 1867 he sold the paper to Silan Noyes and S. A. Serrine. In 1862 Mr. Parker was appointed deputy clerk of the district courts and clerk of the board of supervisors. In 1863, after the death of H. B. Gray, clerk of the court, he was elected to fill the vacancy, and held the post until January, 1865, declining reelection on account of his editorial obligations. In the fall of 1870 he was elected

one of three supervisors, who were to constitute the board instead of one official from each civil township. Mr. Parker drew the short term and acted one year. At the same time he was councilman of Mason City, and a member of the school board of the independent school district. His labors in the latter capacity have their reward in the elegant school building whose erection is due to the efforts of Mr. Parker and his co-adjutors. In 1870 he built the flouring mill on Willow creek, known as the Parker Mills, at a cost of \$12,000. He re-appeared in public life in 1881, when he was elected to fill a vacancy in the State Senate, where his official record is one of honor to his manhood and credit to his constituency. He was married in 1861 to Mary A., daughter of Luke Coon of Wisconsin. Mr and Mrs. Parker have five children—Maud G., Laura L., H. Earl, Carl A. and Mary M. Mr. Parker has built his fortune from a small foundation. He ranks fairly with the capitalists of the northwest, and owes his prosperity to judicious management. In company with A. T. Parker, he is engaged in adding substantially to the beauty and permanent growth of Mason City, by the erection of an opera house, an investment of about \$25,000.

COUNTY JUDGE.

When Cerro Gordo county was organized, in 1855, and for several years thereafter, the office of county judge was the most important in the gift of the people. The judge originally performed all the duties now attended to by the board of supervisors, and much that now devolves upon the auditor and circuit clerk.

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HORACE G. PARKER, a pioneer identified with the growth and history of Cerro Gordo county, died at Mason City, December 16, 1897. Mr. Parker was born in Oswego county, New York, July 20, 1829. In 1855 he came west and settled at Clear Lake, where he was elected one of the first justices of the peace. In 1859 he removed to Mason City to discharge the duties of county treasurer. In 1862-'67, including the critical period of the war, he was editor and proprietor of *The Cerro Gordo Republican*. He served as State senator in the 19th General Assembly.

MRS. ELIZABETH STAFFORD, for over sixty-three years a resident of Dubuque, died in that city February 26, 1898. She was born in Galena in 1833, and the same year her parents settled in the frontier mining camp of Dubuque. Here her mother kept the first boarding-house, called the "Farmers' Home." Mrs. Stafford's husband was also an early settler. In 1839 he ran the first ferry across the river from the Iowa side, and the next year was employed on Gen. Jones' horse-boat. Mrs. Stafford was well known and highly respected.

CHARLES BALDWIN, a resident of Van Buren county for 57 years, and one of the early and well known pioneers of Keosauqua, died January 28, 1898. Mr. Baldwin was born in Ohio, July 18, 1818. In 1841 he settled in Van Buren county, Iowa. He served as clerk of the court in 1854-55. At one time he engaged in the practice of law in partnership with his brother-in-law, the late Judge George G. Wright, and later with Judge H. H. Trimble. During President Cleveland's first administration he served as postmaster at Keosauqua.

MRS. SUSANNA BOONE, a pioneer of Dallas county, died on her farm January 22, 1898, at the age of 87. She was born in Indiana in 1814. In 1847 she removed with her husband, a cousin of Daniel Boone, to Dallas county. It was for him that the town of Booneville was named. The old log hut, where they endured the hardships of pioneer days, still stands. By the practice of strict economy they acquired a fine farm of 2,000 acres, of which she had the entire management after her husband's death thirty-five years ago.

MRS. MAJ. GEN. BENJ. S. ROBERTS died at her home at Fort Hamilton, New York, on the 25th of March, 1898. She came with her husband to this State in 1835, at which time he was 2d Lieut. in the 1st U. S. dragoons commanded by Col. Henry Dodge. Lieutenant Roberts resigned in 1839 and was in civil life until 1846, when he entered the army as 1st Lieutenant of Mounted Rifles. He distinguished himself in the Mexican war and also in the War of the Rebellion, rising to the rank of Major-General of Volunteers.

DR. WARREN C. HOBBS was born in Kentucky, July 4, 1814, and died in New London, Iowa, March 3, 1898, aged 84 years. He was one of the pioneers of Des Moines county, having, with his young wife, settled there as early as 1839. In 1846 he removed to New London, where for most of the time since he has made his home. His oldest son, Hon. Wesley C. Hobbs, whose death occurred in 1884, was widely known in southeastern Iowa as an able lawyer and orator.

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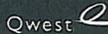
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