

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Robinson, Gifford Simon Senator Robinson, Gifford Simon
Represented Pocahontas, Boone, Union, Palo Alto, Emmet, Woodbury, Plymouth,
Sioux, Lyon, Cherokee, Sac and Adair Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 May 1843 Vermont, Tipton County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date, place

① Mrs. Jennette M. Gordon Apr 1872

② Clairie Lundbeck 21 June 1910

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1870, member of the Board of Directors
the Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities GAR; American Legion

C. Profession Lawyer; Justice of the Supreme Court of Iowa; teacher;
Lecturer

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 16th General Assembly 1876 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 19th, 20th, 21st General Assemblies 1882, 1884, 1886 - Senate

A. Local Mayor of Storm Lake, Iowa

B. State Iowa Supreme Court Justice 1888-1899; member of State
Board of Control 1900-1913

C. National

7. Death 28 May 1936 Okoboji, Iowa; buried Storm Lake Cemetery, Storm Lake, Iowa

8. Children Leonard B.; Jessie; Helen;

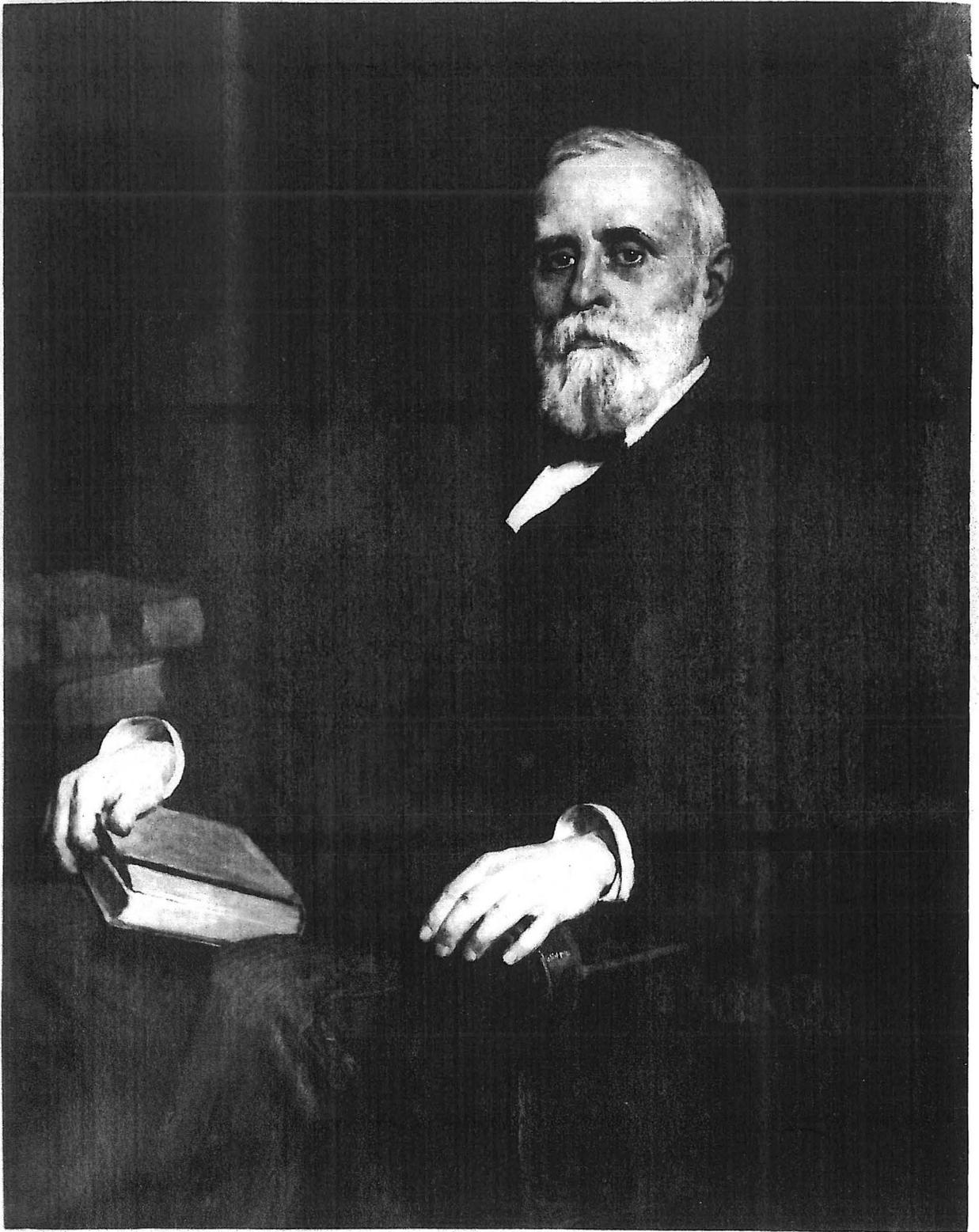
9. Names of parents Jessie S.

10. Education He obtained both a common school and a high school education in his native state of Illinois.

11. Degrees He pursued a course at the Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois; graduate of Washington University, Law School, St. Louis, Missouri in 1869.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - Civil War - Co. H, 115th Illinois Infantry
 - He taught at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri and at the same time studied in the law school from which he graduated.
 - He began practicing law in 1870 in Storm Lake, Iowa where he remained for 8 years.
 - He was elected to the Iowa Legislature in 1875. The following year he was appointed by Governor Kirkwood as a member of the Board of directors of the new state Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa.
 - After his year in the legislature in 1887 he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court and in 1893 he was elected a second time.
- After his year on the court, he joined his son, Leonard B. Robinson, in practicing law in Sioux City, Iowa.
- In 1890 he was appointed to a position in the law department of the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, which continued until 1900.
- In 1895 the university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Law.
- His cottage at Okoboji, Iowa was named 'Calmer' where he eventually died.
 - His first wife, Jennie, died 4 Nov-1893.



Over the Coffee

By H. S. M.

The latest art news makes me a little mad, not to say angry. They've discovered a new process for making tapestries & rugs which eliminates the fantastical figures & dull colors of tapestries many cultured young women like to hang over the davenport. They'll be able to use the most modern scenes & brighter colors.

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But, though they could manufacture these in such quantities as to put them within the reach of all of us, will they do this? No! They'll weave only a few of each design, so they'll be within the reach of only the rich boys who can pay hundreds & thousands.

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They'd make more money (that's what they're after, isn't it?) if they'd turn them out by the thousands & put beauty within the reach of all Incidentally, the experts say the colors in oil paintings are usually not what they should be; that infinitely better colors can be captured by the use of dyed wool & silk



"—only for the rich?"

... my taste, the prettiest of the foreign license plates seen on the transcontinental highways here are those of Hawaii & Virginia. On Arizona's appears the name of the country, not a bad idea.

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa.
Maine advertises it is "Vacationland."

JUDGE ROBINSON IS DEAD AT 93

Funeral Monday for Former Justice.

(The Register's Iowa News Service.)

SPIRIT LAKE, IA.—Judge G. S. Robinson, 93, former member of the Iowa supreme court, died late Thursday at his summer home on West Okoboji lake after a long illness.

He was born in Fremont, Ill., May 28, 1843. He was educated there and enlisted in Company H, 115th Illinois infantry. He was disabled in the battle of Chickamauga and returned home to enter Illinois State Normal school.

Later, he taught at Washington university at St. Louis, practiced law in Storm Lake and served both houses of the legislature, from 1876 to 1886. He was a supreme court justice from 1888 to 1900 and was on the state board of control from 1900 to 1913.

He was married twice. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and his second wife. He had lived here since 1913.

Funeral services will be at the cottage Monday at 1 p. m., with the Rev. Herbert Marsh in charge. Burial with military rites will be at Storm Lake.

YOUTH IS KILLED UNDER BIG TRUCK

Thrown From Bicycle at Davenport.

DAVENPORT, IA.—Thomas

10,000 Miles for an C



Kevin Rogers, 3-year-old Australian, is boarded a liner with his mother at Melbourne for a 10,000-mile journey to Temple university in Penn., where he will undergo an operation for an inch nail from his lung. Australian physician in attempts to dislodge the nail.

The Day's Record

The Weather

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1936.

LOCAL—Generally fair.

IOWA—Generally fair central and east, unsettled extreme west, rising temperatures and somewhat cooler northwest.

ILLINOIS—Fair today and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday and central

Des Moines

PASSMORE—Rette st., Friday
TALTZER—Harla, Friday at
Moines, Iowa.

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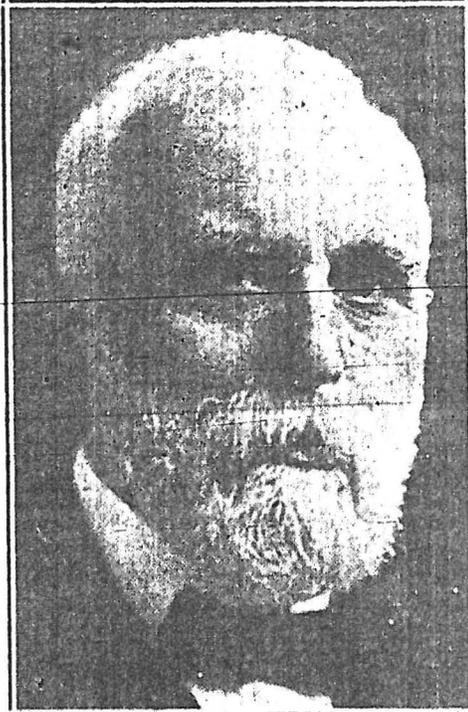
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Vernie Lawrence-
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Tuesday

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o'clock. Dr. Ed-
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Judge Robinson, Pioneer Attorney Is Laid to Rest at Storm Lake

Judge G. S. Robinson of Spirit Lake, a Civil war veteran and former Storm Lake lawyer, who died Thursday night was buried



JUDGE G. S. ROBINSON

with military honors in the Storm Lake cemetery Monday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at "Oakmere" his Egralharvg, West Okoboji lake, cottage under direction of Rev. Herbert Marsh of Spirit Lake, after which the body was brought to Storm Lake for burial. Members of the Spirit Lake Post of the American Legion served as bearers. Comrade C. P. Matson, Storm Lake's only surviving Civil war veteran, and a number of the

Death Summons Mrs. Dora Kruse

Taken Suddenly Ill While
Thought on Road to Recov-
ery—Burial Sunday.

Mainly friends were shocked at the sudden death of Mrs. William Kruse which occurred Friday night. The obituary, furnished to this newspaper reads as follows:

members of Shaeffer Post of the American Legion attended the services at the grave.

Dies on 93rd Birthday

Judge Robinson died at his summer home Thursday night on his 93rd birthday, after he had enjoyed a quiet birthday anniversary with his wife. He spent the winter bedfast in Spirit Lake.

Service to the youth of the mid-west, the state of Iowa and its people was the life of Judge Robinson. He obtained his schooling at Tremont, Ill., the home of his parents, and it was there that he enlisted in the union army with company H, One Hundred Fifteenth Illinois infantry. He was disabled in the battle of Chakamaqua and was returned to his home.

Immediately after discharge from the army, the youth attended Illinois State Normal college and then went to Washington university at St. Louis to teach. He held degrees from both Washington university and the University of Iowa.

In Law Practice Here

The young attorney established a law practice in Storm Lake in 1870 and continued there until 1888. During that time he served in both houses of the Iowa legislature. In 1888, G. S. Robinson was elevated to the supreme court bench of Iowa, where he continued to serve until 1900. During his term as a supreme court justice, he lectured in the law department of the University of Iowa from 1890 to 1900.

Upon retirement from the supreme court bench, Judge Robinson served as a member of the board of control of state institutions until 1913. At that time he retired from active service and established his residence at Egralharvg on West Okoboji. Judge Robinson was twice married. His first wife was Miss Jeanette Gorham. They were the parents of four children, all of whom survive. She died November 4, 1893. Judge Robinson married on June 27, 1910, Miss Claire Lundbeck, with whom he had been associated as a member of the board of control. Mrs. Robinson and his children survive.

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Than 37 Per Cent
Thus Far Rec

Willis C. Edson, candidate for lieutenant governor, was leading according to reports Moines this afternoon, with about precincts reporting that he may receive 37 percent and that they go to the state capital.

He is running a close race at present and hopes he will maintain his percentage.

Edson swept the county with 2,348 votes, while McBirnie polled 2,168. The tremendous local interest in the contest.

Later reports in Des Moines show Sen. Dickinson has received 30,000 votes more than half the precincts.

George A. Wilson also appears to have won the election for governor. He is the competitor of John M. Grimes, competitor and is gaining in the race.

Latest figures from Des Moines received this afternoon.

U. S. Senat

(1418 out of 2,442)
Dickinson—63,728.
Brookhart—32,598.
Linville—19,153.
Manning—21,103.
Baker—18,708.

Governor



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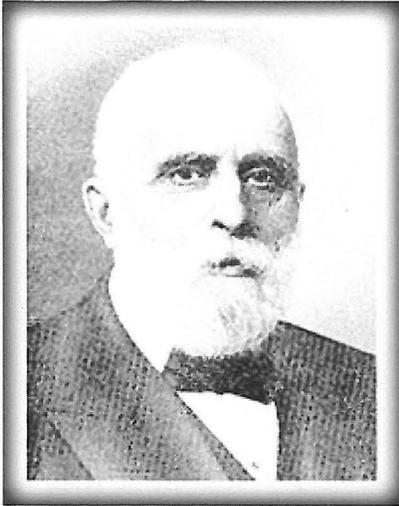
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He was a member of the House of Representatives in the Sixteenth General Assembly and a Senator in the Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first General Assemblies. After his service on the court he was appointed to membership on the Iowa Board of Control where he served from 1900 to 1913.

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Robinson, Gifford Simeon

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Lawyer

Nearest relatives

Date birth 28 May 1843 Place Tremont, Ill

Father

Nativity

Date death 28 May 1936 Place Spirit Lake, Ia.
Cause Place burial

Mother

Nativity

Age 93
War record Pvt. H 115 Ill. Inf.

Wife

Janette E. Graham

Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Res. Prairie Creek

Children

Leonard S Spirit Lake, Ia.

Jessie Price

Helen Riker

Clara Lembeck

Enlisted

12 Aug 1862

Disch. 27 May '64 Wounds

Sources Adj. Gen. Rept. Illinois
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: -Storm
Lake. / Letter G.S. Robinson 11 J1, 1936

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

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Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Gen. Hancock	22	Sioux City	2d term 195

Edward D. Baker 80(21) Storm Lake

General Hancock 396 Sioux City

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Post 22, list 1926: Member also in 1916					

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount
1931-35		5.00

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Died

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Member at Large	1931-1935		
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Grandson, Harlan C. Robinson			Amount

Member-at-Large

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Nativity

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Cause Storm Lake Cem Place burial Storm Lake, Ia

Mother

Nativity

War record Pvt H 115 Illinois Vol. Inf.

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Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Rept. Adjt Gen Illinois: Robinson, Gifford/S
Res. Prairie Creek, Ill

Children Leonard

Enlisted Aug 12, 1862. Disch Sept 13, 1862
Date Place

Clara Lembeck Spirit Lake, Iowa

Jessie Price

helen Riker

Disch May 27, 1864 wounds.

Sources

Post 83 Desc Book 21: Disch on account
gun shot wound-joined 1883? age 40
Dept Roll had no record

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

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Graves Reg.: Robinson, Gifford Simeon - Pvt H 115
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Storm Lake Pilot Trib June 1936.
Storm Lake Beacon June 6, 1936

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THE BENCH AND BAR
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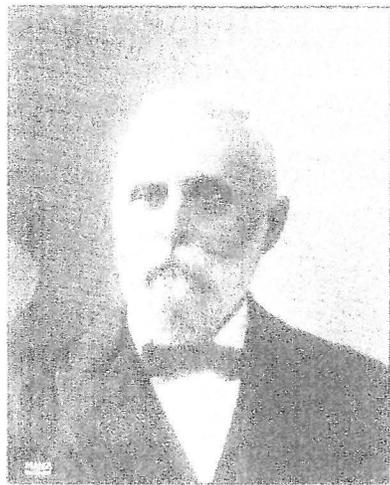
some hundreds of votes. As such reporter he edited and published volumes 59 to 80 inclusive, of the decisions of the Supreme Court. In 1894 Western College conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D. In 1896-7 the General Assembly of Iowa made a complete revision of the statutes of Iowa, resulting in the enactment of the "Code of 1897," which was edited by Mr. Ebersole, he having been chosen editor by the unanimous vote of the Legislature. He has devoted most of his time for the last nine years to the preparation of a work to be known as the "Iowa People's Law Book." This work (which will make a royal octavo volume of about 1,400 pages) is nearly completed. It is designed to present in a plain but reliable and orderly manner so much of the common and statute law of Iowa as citizens of ordinary intelligence can and ought to understand, or at least have the ready means of learning. Mr. Ebersole considers this book the crowning work of his life, not only on account of the amount and quality of the labor required in its preparation, but because of its usefulness to the common people of his state.

HON. GIFFORD SIMEON ROBINSON.

SIoux CITY.

Gifford Simeon Robinson, ex-judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa, was born in Tremont, Tazewell county, Ill., May 28, 1843. In his native state he obtained a common and high school education, and subsequently pursued a course at the Illinois State Normal University, of Normal, Ill. During the Civil War he served as private in Company H, One Hundred and Fifteenth Illinois volunteer infantry, being discharged on account of a wound received at the battle of Chickamauga.

Judge Robinson was a teacher for a time in Washington University, St. Louis, and at the same time studied in its law school, from which he graduated in the class of 1869. He at once entered into successful practice and thus continued until January 1, 1888, when he was elevated to the bench of the State Supreme Court, retaining that position until January 1, 1900. He has served as a representative of the lower house in the sixteenth General Assembly and as a senator in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first General Assemblies. From 1890 to 1900 he was a lecturer in the law department of the State



University, which in June, 1895, conferred upon him the degree of LL. D. Since February, 1900, he has served as a member of the board of control of the state institutions of Iowa.

One of the most popular and able members of the state supreme bench writes as follows regarding our subject:

"Judge Robinson was a member of the supreme bench of this state for twelve years, and for three of these years was its chief justice. He also served in both branches of the Legislature, and was for many years a lecturer in the law department of the State University. He is now a member of the board of control. In every department of public service he has done most thorough and conscientious work. The responsible character of the labor required on the supreme bench, coupled with his innate love of justice, caused him to study each case in all its details and to find a way to do absolute justice between parties litigant.

"A thorough master of details, when others grew tired of some of the drudgery connected with Appellate Court work, Judge Robinson seemed to delight in unraveling complicated cases and in applying to them the fundamental principles of the law. With a deep and accurate knowledge of elementary principles, he ever sought for correct conclusions, and although a firm believer in the doctrine of stare decisis, he did not hesitate to overrule a previous case when abidingly convinced that it was erroneous. As a rule, however, he did not profess to be wiser than his predecessors, and was content to abide by former decisions, seeking to distinguish rather than to overrule.

"His chief characteristics are conscientious devotion to duty and thorough mastery of detail. In consequence, his decisions show absolute accuracy of statement, and careful application of proper principles of law. His mind is essentially analytical and his opinions will live, because of his mastery of detail and undivided devotion to duty.

"He pioneered the way in many instances, and bench and bar are content with the conclusions reached.

"No man can have his characteristics without being a hard worker. This he has always been—indeed, at times his labor seemed almost intemperate. It need hardly be added that in his judicial work, he knew neither friend nor foe, and that he had the same rules for the 'favorite at court and the countryman at plow.'"

PAST AND PRESENT

OF

SIOUX CITY

AND

WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA

HON. CONSTANT R. MARKS,

Associate Editor.

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“A People that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote generations.”—MACAULAY.

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farming and also worked as a common laborer until 1857. Believing the middle west would furnish him better business opportunities he then came to Sioux City, arriving here on the 23d of May of that year. Here he was employed in various ways for a time and later he procured a tract of land in what is known as Bacon's Hollow and began farming. When the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad was built to Sioux City he erected the Mountaineer Hotel, at the corner of Virginia and Fourth streets, and conducted it with success for about nine years. He then returned to his farm and in connection with its cultivation he also did various odd jobs, successfully turning his hand to many kinds of labor. During this time he rented the hotel, but when Sioux City experienced its first boom he sold his property to good advantage, and purchased of S. T. Davis a residence, which he occupied from 1889 until 1904, when he sold the property. Economy, careful management, good business judgment and energy have brought to him the success which he now enjoys and which makes him one of the substantial citizens of northwestern Iowa.

Mr. Kelly was married in 1854 to Miss Bridget Clancey, who was born in Ireland in 1826, and came to the United States in the same year in which her husband crossed the Atlantic, landing also in Boston. They were married in Exeter, New Hampshire, and her death occurred in October, 1901. She was a member of the Catholic church, to which Mr. Kelly also belongs, and he gives his political support to the Democratic party.

JUDGE GIFFORD S. ROBINSON.

Judge Gifford Simeon Robinson, late chief justice of the supreme court of Iowa and now chairman of the board of control of the state, is one of the most conspicuous figures in the history of jurisprudence in this state, having gained distinctive preferment at the bar, which

led to higher honors until he was called to the most important office within the gift of the state of Iowa in connection with the judiciary department. He entered upon the practice of his profession in 1870 and his success came soon, because his equipment was unusually good, he having been a close and earnest student of the fundamental principles of law. Strong mentality and forceful individuality, combined with deep and unselfish interest in the welfare of his adopted state, have so entered into his nature as to render him a leader of public thought and a mold of public opinion.

Judge Robinson has spent his entire life in the Mississippi Valley. He was born in Tremont, Tazewell county, Illinois, May 28, 1843, and was reared upon a farm, to the work of which his attention was directed through the summer season, while in the winter months he had the opportunity of acquiring a much coveted education, his district school privileges being supplemented by study in an academy. An experience entirely different from anything he had as yet known came to him when he was nineteen years of age. His country was involved in Civil war and the patriotism of his nature being strongly aroused he offered his services in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, with which he remained in active service until after the battle of Chickamauga, in which he sustained a serious wound that incapacitated him for further field service and caused his discharge May 27, 1864.

Following his return home Judge Robinson engaged in teaching district schools for a year and then resumed his own study at the Illinois State Normal School, at Normal, Illinois, where he spent two years. During two years' service as a tutor in Washington University at St. Louis, Missouri, he also gave considerable time to study in the law department of that institution, and in May, 1869, on the completion of the regular course, he was graduated



Very truly yours,
L. S. Robinson.

and was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Missouri.

Since 1870 he has been a member of the Iowa bar, beginning practice in that year at Storm Lake, where he remained for eighteen years. He has gained distinguished honors and successes as a representative of his chosen calling, owing to the ability without which there is no advancement in his field of labor. He has moreover exercised strong and beneficial influence in public affairs and has been the acknowledged leader in many movements which have had as their basic element the progress of the commonwealth. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Iowa legislature, and the following year he was appointed by Governor Kirkwood a member of the board of directors of the new state Normal School at Cedar Falls, and was active in the organization and management of that institution for nearly six years.

In 1881 Judge Robinson was called upon to represent his district in the state senate and was re-elected in 1885. In 1887 he was elected a judge of the supreme court of his state and in 1893 was renominated by acclamation and re-elected for a second term of six years, so that he served upon the bench in the court of last resort in Iowa for twelve years and for three years was chief justice of the state. A man of unimpeachable character, of unusual intellectual endowments, with a thorough understanding of the law, patience, urbanity and industry, he took to the bench the very highest qualifications for this most responsible office in the state government, and his record as a judge was in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by unswerving integrity and a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution. Upon his retirement from the bench he joined his son, Leonard B. Robinson, in the practice of law in Sioux City, and was thus engaged for a few months.

Judge Robinson, in April, 1872, had married Mrs. Janette E. Gorham, formerly precep-

ress of the Kansas State Normal School at Emporia, Kansas, who died in November, 1893. There were four children of this marriage.

Judge Robinson is not only widely known as a lawyer, lawmaker and judge, but also as a lecturer upon the subject of jurisprudence, for in 1890 he was appointed to such a position in connection with the law department of the State University of Iowa, and so continued until 1900. In 1895 the university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Law. He was appointed by Governor Shaw a member of the board of control of state institutions, February 27, 1900, and is now connected therewith. He has always been a supporter of the Republican party, but in office has ever placed the welfare of the commonwealth before partisanship and the advancement of public measures before personal aggrandizement. His course has been such as to reflect honor and credit upon the state that had honored him.

O. A. PATTERSON.

O. A. Patterson has reached the seventy-seventh mile-stone on life's journey and is now living retired in Sioux City. Nature seems to have intended that man should enjoy a period of rest in the evening of life. In early manhood he is full of vigor, energy and hopeful plans; later comes more mature judgment to guide his actions and render his labors effective as factors in the business world; and then with advanced age his powers are somewhat diminished, although in intellectual and moral strength his growth may be continuous. It is well when his efforts of mature manhood have resulted in the acquirement of a handsome competence that enables him to enjoy leisure and rest in later life. Such has been the career of Mr. Patterson, now an honored and esteemed resident of Sioux City. He was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, in 1827, a son of Peter H. and Elizabeth (Bausman) Patterson. His pa-

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HISTORY OF IOWA

FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES
TO THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

FOUR VOLUMES ²³/₃₅

BY BENJAMIN F. GUE

*Illustrated with Photographic Views of the Natural Scenery of
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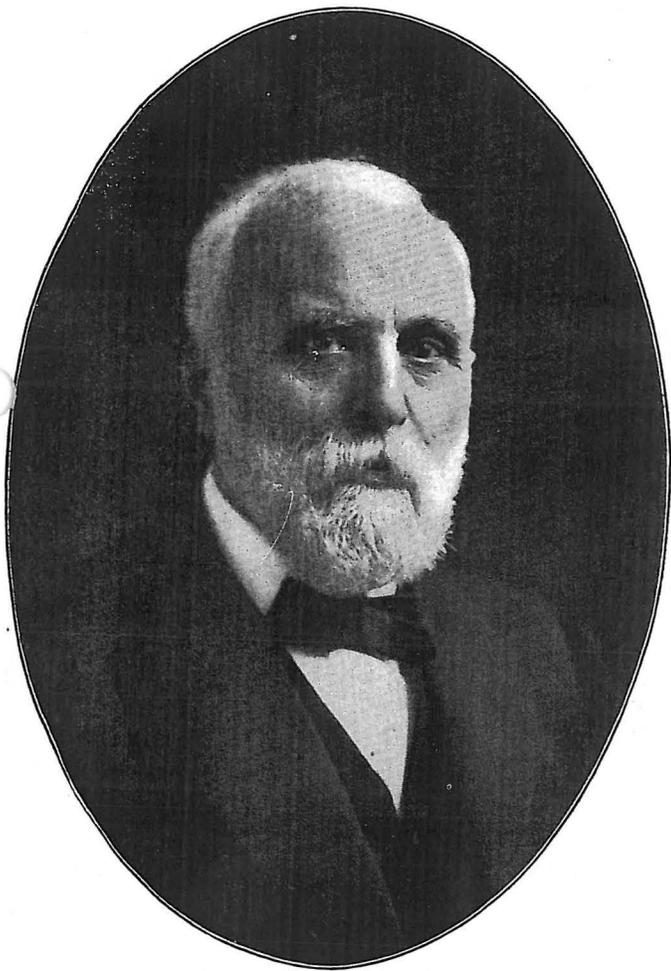
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W. S. Robinson.

campaign of 1896 as the author of a reply to Harvey's "Coin's Financial School" which was used as a campaign document by the Republican National Committee. He also wrote a work on the money question called "Iowa and the Silver Question," which was an able discussion of the financial issues involved in the campaign. These publications were regarded as among the best statements of the financial policy of the Republican party in that campaign and brought the author into prominent notice. When Lyman J. Gage became Secretary of the Treasury he tendered to Mr. Roberts the position of Director of the United States Mints, which he accepted and at the close of a term of four years he was reappointed by President Roosevelt. In June, 1902, he with some associates purchased the *Iowa State Register* and the *Des Moines Leader* which were consolidated under the name of the *Register and Leader*. Mr. Roberts assumed editorial control of the united daily journals.

GIFFORD S. ROBINSON was born on the 28th of May, 1843, in Tazewell County, Illinois. He spent two years in the State Normal University, then took a two-year course in the Law Department of Washington University at St. Louis. He taught three years, a portion of the time in the Preparatory Department of the University. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served in several of the great battles of the war, among which were Franklin and Chickamauga, where he was severely wounded and discharged from the service in consequence. He came to Iowa in 1870, locating at Storm Lake in Buena Vista County where he entered upon the practice of law. Mr. Robinson was soon after chosen mayor of the town and in 1875 was elected to the House of the Sixteenth General Assembly to represent the Seventy-first District, consisting of the counties of Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Palo Alto and Emmet. Becoming widely known as a legislator of unusual ability in the fall of 1881 he was nominated by the Republican Convention of the district composed of the counties of Woodbury, Plymouth, Sioux, Lyon, Cherokee and Buena Vista for State Senator. He was elected, serving six years with marked ability. In the spring of 1887 he was appointed Railroad Commissioner by Governor Larrabee, but declined. At the Republican State Convention in the summer of 1887, he was nominated for Judge of the Supreme Court and elected in October. He became Chief Justice in 1892 and at the close of his term was reelected. He retired in January, 1900, removed to Sioux City and resumed the practice of law. But he was not long left in private life, for in February of the same year he was appointed by Governor Shaw member of the State Board of Control for six years. Judge Robinson was a lecturer before the Law Department of the State University, from 1890 to 1900. In June, 1895, the State University conferred upon him the degree of LL.D.



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