

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Upton Laskins Senator _____

Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Feb 1832 North Reading, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Builder; farmer; wood-cutter; mason

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 19th and 20th General Assemblies 1882 and 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clinton alderman; mayor of Clinton; county supervisor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Dec 1920 Mexico, California; buried Union Cemetery

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Eli, jr. and and Matilda (Parker) Upton

Upton, Larkin

10. Education Attended the academy at Hancock,
New Hampshire

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He started out on his own at age 14 securing farm work and
cutting wood
- In 1850 he began learning the mason's trade
- After attending the academy and meeting Hervey Bunker, a great
person, he worked at his trade and taught penmanship in
the winter
- In 1855 he came to Davenport, Iowa and taught penmanship and
elsewhere.
- He moved to Clinton in 1855, but returned to Davenport; in spring 1856
he moved to Durant, Iowa in Cedar County until fall 1858 and then
going back to Clinton.
- There he became a builder of some fine Clinton buildings
- He joined with his brother in 1867 he became the builder and contractor
for mason work for the C. and N.W. Railway from some Iowa to
Council Bluffs. In 1878 he started doing the business alone.
- In fall 1863 with his brother, Calvin and others he started for Montana
Territory returning back to Clinton

MORTUARY

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BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN

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Jim Franey, Joseph Franey, Richard Camp, Muriel Chittenden, Samany Valencia, Jack Sill, Margaret Nugent, Janice Colm, Arthur Barge, Agnes Hefferling, Mary Kedlan, Dixie Tatum, Jean Campbell, Kathleen Campbell.

The above group of children will appear in the various songs and dances presented. There will also be songs by little Miss Whiting. After the program Santa Claus will appear, and assisted by the hospitality committee will serve goodies to all the children there.

All the children of the city are included in the invitation to be present and share in the good time, and mothers, both club members and those who are not members are invited to come and bring the small children, as the matinee is particularly for the littler people.

Mrs. Orville Clark, hospitality chairman for December, is in charge of the social feature of the afternoon and will be assisted by the following: Mesdames J. R. Dibble, H. K. Dickson, D. M. Donahoe, James Egan, Georgena Erb, Paul Fechtner, I. H. Glenn, Martin Coyne, T. P. Cooper, Ben Garratt, Paul Greemore, Carl Ingalls, Everett King and Misses Charlotte Comlet and Helen Conon.

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JOE MASSE

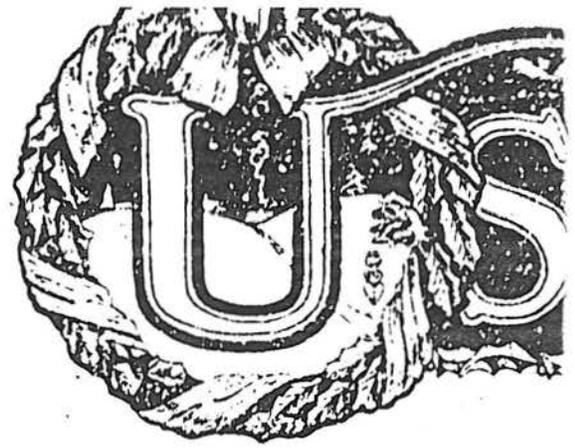
The funeral of Joe Masse, aged 51, was held this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Joseph's church in East Bakerfield. Rev. Father O'Connor conducted the services. Interment took place at the Union cemetery. The Doughty-Morton Funeral home had charge of arrangements. Mr. Masse died Wednesday morning at a local hospital.

MRS. MARTHA FULTZ

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Martha Fultz, aged 67, wife of John Fultz, pioneer rancher of Kern county, will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Payne-O'neara chapel. The Women of Woodcraft have charge of the funeral arrangements. Interment will take place at the Union cemetery. Reverend George Warner of the Methodist church, will conduct the services.

MRS. HENRY NEIL

Mrs. Henry Neil, aged 77, passed away about noon today at the home of her son, John Neil, near Maquon. Death followed a short illness. Mrs. Neil was a native of Ohio. The deceased is also survived by another son, residing in Blaine.



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- Beautiful Waists
- Sweaters
- Scarfs
- French Ivory
- Manicure Sets
- Toilet Sets
- Lunch Sets
- Table Linen
- Linen Napkins
- Boudoir Caps
- Boudoir Lamps
- Comfy Slippers



You searched for **Larkin Upton** in **Iowa**

1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Larkin Upton	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1832	
Age in 1870:	38	
Birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Home in 1870:	Clinton Ward 1, Clinton, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Lyons	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Rosa McGrogan	42
	Thomas McGrogan	20
	Patrick McGrogan	15
	Catharine McGrogan	10
	Sarah McGrogan	9
	Peter Mangan	17
	John Surgen	19
	Larkin Upton	38
	Henry E Poland	23
	George L Pebbles	38
	Phone P Stine	47
	Hattie A Rennard	23
	Sarah E Rennard	20
	Ann Murray	23

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: Clinton Ward 1, Clinton, Iowa; Roll: M593_384; Page: 117; Image: 236.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003. Original data: 1870. United States. *Ninth Census of the United States, 1870*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, M593, RG29, 1,761 rolls.
Minnesota. *Minnesota Census Schedules for 1870*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, T132, RG29, 13 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1870 United States Federal Census, the Ninth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age at last birthday, sex, color, birthplace, occupation, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1870 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)



You searched for **Larkin Upton** in **Iowa**

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Larkin Upton	
Home in 1880:	Clinton, Clinton, Iowa	
Age:	47	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1833	
Birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Relation to Head of Household:	Brother	
Father's birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Mother's birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Brick Mason	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	Calvin Upton	51
	Maria S. Upton	47
	George M. Upton	16
	Alda Upton	14
	Harry Upton	10
	Lottie Upton	9
	Sadie Welch	5
	Larkin Upton	47
	Levitt Knight	39
	Wm McLaine	52

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Clinton, Clinton, Iowa; Roll: T9_334; Family History Film: 1254334; Page: 157,3000; Enumeration District: 280; Image: 0314.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1880. T9, 1-454 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to 50 million individuals enumerated in the 1880 United States Federal Census. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, occupation, relationship to the head of household, race, sex, age at last birthday, marital status, place of birth, parents' place of birth. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1880 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)



You searched for **Larkin Upton** in **California**

1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Larkin Upton	
Home in 1920:	Township 15, Kern, California	
Age:	87 years	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1833	
Birthplace:	Massachusetts	
Relation to Head of House:	Uncle	
Father's Birth Place:	Massachusetts	
Mother's Birth Place:	Massachusetts	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Image:	836	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Lyman E Stebbins	50
	Charlotte Stebbins	48
	Lee C Eichel	34
	Maud Eichel	26
	Larkin Upton	87

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Township 15, Kern, California; Roll T625_100; Page: 54; Enumeration District: 110; Image: 836.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#).

Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 on roll 323 (Chicago City)

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920; (National Archives Microfilm Publication T625, 2076 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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CLINTON COUNTY, IOWA,

CONTAINING

Full Page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent
and Representative Citizens of the County,

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PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF ALL THE GOVERNORS OF IOWA, AND
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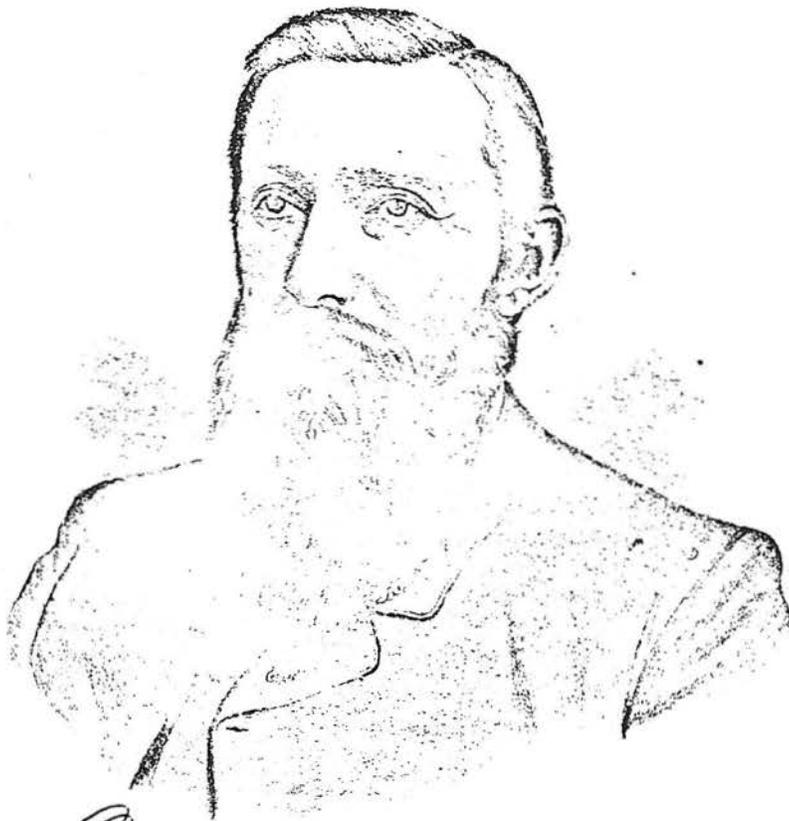
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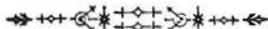
Historical Department of Iowa



*Yours truly,
Sarkem Upston.*

was born in Pultney, in that county. She died May 13, 1885, and was mourned by a wide circle of friends, who knew and loved her for her many personal and mental endowments. She was laid to rest in the family plot in Springdale.

Here let her sleep with the sunlight above her,
Under the violets, dewdrops and clover,
While the long grass shall a green mantle cover
Over her resting-place. Sweet be her sleep.



JOHN LARKIN UPTON, whose portrait is on the opposite page, is a prominent, influential and enterprising citizen of Clinton, Iowa, and is a gentleman whose name is widely known throughout the Hawkeye State, and indeed in many other parts of the Great West his name is a familiar word, as embodying very much of worth, intelligence, enterprise and all the qualities that go to make up a first-class and valuable citizen. He was born at North Reading, Mass., Feb. 4, 1832. He is a descendant of John Upton, one of the early settlers of Massachusetts, who emigrated from England soon after Gov. Endicott's colony settled at Salem. John Upton settled on what is known as Upton's Hill, adjoining the Endicott grant, which was incorporated into the town of Danvers June 16, 1752, and is now in the town of Peabody. His wife was a native of Scotland. Soon after settling here, Mr. Upton went among the Indians, where North Reading now is. He had an excellent pony, which the Indians took a fancy to, and gave him a large tract of land in exchange for it. He also traded off his clothes for land, and when he returned home his wife said to him, "John, you must wear mine until I have time to spin and weave you some." He purchased all the land up to what is now North Reading Centre, a strip nearly four miles long. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War there were thirteen families of Uptons living on this tract. The male members of these families all enlisted in the army, and at the close of the war most of them settled in different sections of the country.

Larkin Upton is of the seventh generation of this family in America. He is the youngest son of Capt. Eli Upton, Jr., and was the eighth child in

order of birth; Lydia S. died Dec. 21, 1844; Edwin, living in Massachusetts; Mary M., wife of Henry Putnam, died July 6, 1844; Emeline, wife of William Parker, died Oct. 29, 1852; Austin served in the Union Army, and fell at the battle of the Wilderness; he was a shoemaker by trade, a very intelligent man, well acquainted with the political history of the country, and was a student with Fowler & Wells, of New York. He was of a scientific turn and practiced and lectured on phrenology and physiology. He enlisted in the Andrew's Sharpshooters, Mass. Vol. Inf., and participated in most of the battles of the Army of the Potomac. Calvin is a resident of Clinton; Franklin lives in California, and Sylvia L. in Massachusetts. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Matilda Parker, of Chelmsford, Mass.; she was a granddaughter of Lieut. Col. Parker, commanding the minute-men at Lexington, April 19, 1775, and the regiment from that section at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was shot through the knee and taken prisoner by the British, who placed him on a pony and drummed him through the streets of Boston, as a warning to all rebels. They then amputated his limb, and left him without further attention. The British General refused to permit his wife to come to Boston to take care of him, and he died July 4 of the same year, a victim of the brutality of British soldiers. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in the service. The father of our subject died June 18, 1834, and left the mother with a large family; she was a woman possessed of excellent judgment, and managed the farm and educated her children to become useful and worthy men and women.

Larkin Upton, at the age of 14 years, started out for himself, securing farm-work and cutting wood at \$6 per month. In 1850 he commenced learning the mason's trade; the previous winter he had attended the academy at Hancock, N. H., and while here received instruction from the celebrated penman, Hervey Bugbee. This gentleman was considered the best penman in New England—in fact, the best in the country. It was the desire of Mr. Upton to qualify himself to teach the art of penmanship. He worked at his trade when able and taught penmanship in the winter. He had re-

ceived a severe sunstroke, which came near proving fatal, and thus had to contend with many difficulties, in the pursuits of both manual and intellectual labor. In 1855 he came to Davenport, Iowa, and taught penmanship there and elsewhere in the West. He received the first prize for penmanship at the State Fair at Muscatine, in 1856, against a large number of competitors. He became a resident of Clinton in 1855, but returned to Davenport. In the spring of 1856 he went to Durant, Cedar County, where he lived until the fall of 1858 and finally located at Clinton the latter season, working at his trade and cutting wood on the islands in the winter. He has been the contractor for and builder of some of the finest buildings in the city of Clinton. In company with his brother Calvin, in 1867, he became the builder and contractor for masonry work for the C. & N. W. Ry., from Boone to Council Bluffs, and since then has been engaged much of the time with this company. Since 1878 he has carried on business by himself.

Mr. Upton was elected Alderman of Clinton in 1860. In the fall of 1862 he visited Washington, D. C., stopping at Harper's Ferry, where an attack from Gen. Stonewall Jackson was expected. He here found many of his former townsmen in the 14th Regt. Mass. Vol. Heavy Artillery, and at once volunteered his services and assisted in placing the batteries in position on Maryland Heights. He remained there until there was evidently no prospect of an engagement, and with many thanks from the boys proceeded to Washington, where he was employed in the service of the Government. The exposure during that winter brought on a serious illness, and he went to his native State, hoping to recuperate his health, but with little improvement. In the fall of 1863 he returned West, and in the following spring, in company with his brother Calvin, Capt. William H. Ankeny, Mr. M. Eastabrook and Frank Jurney, started for Montana Territory. They went as far as Colo. Iowa, which was then the terminus of the railroad, and from there drove an ox-team to Virginia City. They traveled up along the Platte River, through the Black Hills, above Fort Laramie, there joined Mr. Bozeman's train, and proceeded to cross to the Powder River, thence on the east side of the Big Horn Mountains to Clark's

Fork, where they intersected Maj. Bridger's route. There were eighty-three teams and over three hundred men, women and children; it was the first train that ever passed through that country. After a long route, through many interesting scenes and places, he set his face homeward once more. This was during the time of the Indian difficulties, and much of their road lay through a hostile country, but after many adventures he finally returned to his old home, Clinton.

In 1878 the citizens of Clinton, appreciating the moral worth and intellectual capabilities of Mr. Upton, elected him Mayor of the city, both that year and the succeeding one. He was nominated for County Supervisor in 1880 on the Democratic ticket, and with the candidates on that ticket that year met with defeat, it being the year of the presidential election, and the county strongly Republican. This event, however, did not materially interfere with his political preferment, and in 1881 he was elected to the 19th General Assembly of the State of Iowa, by a large majority; and was re-elected to the 20th Assembly with the majority increased. He is a life-long Democrat, and at the early age of 12 years began taking an interest in the political affairs of the country. Every nomination which he has received came to him unsought on his part, thereby attesting the appreciation in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. During his residence in Massachusetts, even before he was a voter, he took an active part in political affairs. He was an active advocate of the coalition of the Democrats and Free-soilers, which resulted in the election of Charles Sumner to the United States Senate for the long term and Robert Rantoul, Jr., a Democrat, for the short term, and George S. Boutwell, Democrat, for Governor. He was also an active opponent of the Know-Nothing party. In 1852 he took an active part in the election of Gen. Banks, the Democratic candidate for Congress, in a very strong Whig district. The contest resulted in the election of Banks by a small majority. Banks, being a machinist by trade, received the support of the workmen. In 1854 he was a delegate to the Democratic State, Congressional and County Conventions.

Calvin Upton, the brother, who was associated

with our subject after he began his operations in the West, was born at North Reading, Mass., June 15, 1828. He began his life labors on the farm, which were interspersed with teaming until 1845. He then became an apprentice to learn the mason's trade. He carried on business in Danvers from 1850 to 1855. He came to Davenport, Iowa, in the latter year, and in the latter part of that year went to Chicago and engaged in working at his trade. In 1857 he came to Clinton, and since then has been engaged as a builder and contractor, both in Clinton and for the C. & N. W. Ry., from Clinton to Council Bluffs. He has also been engaged in the manufacture of brick, and was superintendent of the mason-work on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. Calvin Upton was united in marriage with Miss Maria L. Remard, a native of Westboro, Mass. They have become the parents of eight children, as follows: George C. died in Massachusetts; Florence Celestine died at Clinton, Feb. 8, 1861; Lucelia Maria died Feb. 4, 1861; Charles E. learned the trade of a mason, and married Miss Nettie Simons, a native of the State of New York; George B. married Lilian Sanford, of Lyons, Iowa; the others are Aldebrento, Henry E. and Charlotte.

M W. BANNISTER, now residing at No. 526 Third avenue, Clinton, was born in Saint Lawrence County, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1843, and removed with his parents, in 1856, to Illinois. He enlisted in Co. B, 147th Ill. Vol. Inf., in February, 1865. This was the last call made by the Government for 100,000 men, and he showed himself a brave soldier, doing service wherever his duty called him and actively engaging in a number of battles.

On returning home he engaged in farming, and in 1869 located on new land in Cedar County, which he continued to improve and cultivate. It included 160 acres, which he worked until 1874. He then engaged as a druggist at Stanwood, Iowa, until 1874, when he sold out and joined his brother.

Our subject was united in marriage at Stanwood, Iowa, with Louisa Dobson, a native of Henderson County, Ill., whose parents were natives of Ken-

tucky. They have two sons, Arthur Herbert and Tracy Ernest, and one daughter, Eona Blanche, living. They buried their eldest child, Elsie May, at Springdale Cemetery. They are good and reliable members of society and earnest workers for good in the community to which they belong.

Mr. Bannister belongs to Gen. N. B. Baker Post, No. 88, G. A. R., located at Clinton, Iowa.

E LLEN ROSSITER. The subject of this biography, who is the widow of a farmer, and whose home is situated on section 3, of Washington Township, and who is well known throughout Clinton County, is a woman of great intelligence and good business ability, and of English parents, her father and mother being natives of England. She was born in Somersetshire County, in the city of Bath, England. She is the daughter of James M. Bryant, and her mother was Annie Badeau. The dates of his birth and death are not exactly known, but his wife was born in 1778, and died in August, 1862.

Our subject was united in marriage with Mr. James Rossiter Jan. 14, 1849. He was a native of England and was born May 1, 1811, and died Oct. 27, 1872. They emigrated, on the 7th of April, 1849, to America, and were on the ocean seven weeks, landing in New York May 8, 1849. They then went to Scranton, Pa., where they staid five years and then emigrated West. Starting for Iowa, they landed at Rock Island, May 7, 1854, and, crossing the river to Davenport, came direct to this section of country. Here he purchased sixty acres of land, to which they added until the wife, who survives him, has now 200 acres, forty of which she has purchased since the death of her husband, at \$40 per acre. She has also paid a debt of \$1,600 that was due when her husband died, and has in countless ways shown herself possessed of that noble strength of womanhood which is able noiselessly to cope with the world and fight its own battles. In her husband she lost a congenial friend and companion and true-hearted man. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had for forty years stood a valiant soldier under