

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clifton, Josiah Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Nov 1799 Sarry County, North Carolina

2. Marriage (s) date place  
 (1) Sarah Jane French 1819 Cass County, Kentucky  
 (2) Rosanna Conway 18 Jul 1868 Larace County, Texas

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1846

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace in Lee County, Iowa

B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Death 1 Apr 1876 Bastrop, Texas

8. Children Josiah; James Alexander; Francis Marion; Dorothy; Elizabeth; Sarah; Sophia; Josiah; John S.; Thomas L.; Job; Sarah Jane; William J.

9. Names of parents Job and Sarah Clifton

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

- The family moved from Kentucky to Macon County, Illinois in 1830 locating in what was later De Witt County, Illinois.
- Isaac H bought land from the Slatten brothers in Clinton Township and made quite an extensive farm.
- By 1835 the family had moved to Lee County, Iowa.
- By 1860 the family had moved to Lavaca County, Texas





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## Clark Leonard

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- *ID:* I18938
- *Name:* **Josiah CLIFTON**
- *Surname:* Clifton
- *Given Name:* Josiah
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 11 Nov 1799 in , Surry, North Carolina, USA <sup>1 2</sup>
- *Death:* 1 Apr 1876 in , Bastrop, Texas, USA <sup>2 3</sup>
- *UID:* 2FF0D0E21AB056449851D289B0087BDF8B9F
- *Note:*

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116.0 JOSIAH CLIFTON

Josiah and Sally were married in Casey County, Kentucky about 1819.

By 1830 the family had moved to Macon County, Illinois. DeWitt did not become a county until 1 May 1839; Josiah lived in that portion of Macon County.

Per the 1830 census for Macon County, Illinois Josiah Clifton, age 30 to 40, and his wife, age 30 to 40, and 6 children of the correct ages were living there. Also a male, 20 to 30, likely one of Josiah's step brothers.

1882 History - Clintonia Township, DeWitt County, Illinois



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The first land entries of Clintonia were as follows: November 29th, 1830-JOSIAH CLIFTON entered the east half of the north-east quarter of section 33. At the same date Samuel Curtright entered the south-east quarter of section 31. JOHN CLIFTON entered the west half of the north-east quarter of section 33, December 6th, 1830. The next entry was not made until April 1, 1834, which was the north half of the north- east quarter of section 34, which was by J. Allen and J. W. F. Clinton - - - - -

#### FIRST SETTLEMENTS

The first to settle within the limits of this township, were two brothers, Benjamin and LANDERS SLATTEN, natives of Kentucky. Their father, Joseph Slatten, came to Illinois in a very early day and settled in Sangamon county. In the winter of 1828-9), Benjamin and LANDERS left the parental roof, (then single men), and squatted in section 34, Clintonia township. They built a small cabin where they remained until the summer of 1830, cultivating a small patch of ground in corn and garden vegetables. In the above year JOSIAH CLIFTON bought out their little improvement right, and proceeded to break the prairie and improve quite an extensive farm for those days. Thomas Davenport, now residing in Texas township, drove the cattle to break the first prairie on this farm. This was the first farm improved in the township, and is now owned by Hickman Mills, and is situated a little west of Clinton. Benjamin and LANDERS afterwards married in the county and brought up families. The former married Miss Henrietta Lane of Waynesville, in 1832. But one child was born of this union, Eliza, now deceased. Mrs. Slatten lived but a few years after the birth of their child.

Benjamin afterwards married again, and moved to McLean county. A few years ago he moved to Missouri, where he died. LANDERS lived some years in the county, and subsequently moved to Kansas, where he yet resides. None of the family are now living in De Witt county. Alexander Barnett is the oldest pioneer citizen of - - -

- - - The first church-house was erected by the M. E. Church denomination in the south part of the city. It was a frame building and is now owned and occupied by the Rev. Adams for a residence. JOSIAH CLIFTON was elected first justice of the peace, and Jefferson T. Cross and Allen Nash were among the first. The first

Josiah served as a Private in the Macon County

Illinois Volunteers during the Black Hawk War of 1832.

He was mustered out of service in May 1832 at the end of the uprising. Only on 1 March 1839 were portions of Macon and McLean Counties made into DeWitt County.

By 1835 the family had moved to Lee County, Iowa.

Per the 1850 census for Lee County, Iowa Josiah Clifton, age 52, a farmer, born in Kentucky, and his wife, Sally, age 42, born in Kentucky, and 5 children, were living there. The 3 older children were born in Illinois and the 2 younger children were born in Iowa. Living next door was his half brother, William Clifton, age 45, a farmer, born in Kentucky, and his wife, Delila, age 40, born in Kentucky, and their 7 children. The 3 older children were born in Kentucky and the 4 younger children were born in Iowa.

By 1860 the family had moved to Lavaca County, Texas.

Per the 1870 census for Lavaca County, Texas, Josiah Clifton, age 70, a farmer, born in North Carolina, and his wife, Rosina, age 52, born in Tennessee, and William Conway, age 17, and Martha Conway, age 14, likely Rosina's children, both born in Texas, were living there. They are living next door to the family of Rosina's son, Henry Conway, age 21, and his family.

For more complete details see the work of Pattie Carter and her mother at PIES GENEALOGY on World Connect at rootsweb.com.

- *Change Date:* 21 Mar 2006 at 09:44:33

*Father:* Job CLIFTON b: ABT 1765 in , North Carolina/Maryland, USA

*Mother:* Sarah b: ABT 1770 in of , Surry, North Carolina, USA

*Marriage* 1 Sarah Jane "Sally" FRENCH b: 12 Feb 1799 in , Adair, Kentucky, USA

- *Married:* ABT 1819 in , Casey, Kentucky, USA

#### Children

1. Dinah CLIFTON b: 28 May 1820 in Liberty, Casey, Kentucky, USA

2.  James Alexander CLIFTON b: 28 Mar 1822 in Liberty, Casey, Kentucky, USA
3.  Francis Marion CLIFTON b: 14 Feb 1823 in Liberty, Casey, Kentucky, USA
4. Dorothy "Dolly" CLIFTON b: 1 Feb 1826 in , Casey, Kentucky, USA
5.  Elizabeth "Betsey" CLIFTON b: 1 Jan 1828 in , Casey, Kentucky, USA
6. Isaiah CLIFTON b: 28 Sep 1829 in , Macon-now DeWitt, Illinois, USA
7. Sophia CLIFTON b: 17 Apr 1831 in , , Illinois, USA
8. Josiah CLIFTON b: 17 Jun 1833 in , , Illinois, USA
9.  John F. CLIFTON b: 18 Feb 1835 in , , Illinois, USA
10.  Thomas L. CLIFTON b: ABT 1836 in , , Illinois, USA
11.  Job CLIFTON b: 5 Jun 1838 in , Lee, Iowa, USA
12. Sara Jane CLIFTON b: 20 Oct 1840 in Fort Madison, Lee, Iowa, USA
13. William J. CLIFTON b: 4 May 1842 in of , Lee, Iowa, USA

*Marriage* 2 Rosanna "Rosina" CONWAY b: 1818 in , , Tennessee, USA

- *Married:* 18 Jul 1868 in , Lavaca, Texas, USA

#### Sources:

1. Repository:
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Title: The Leonards and Related Families; 1993 (revised 2006)

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Josiah Clifton

Pedigree

**Birth:** 11 NOV 1799 , Surry, North Carolina**Christening:****Marriage:** Before 1820 <, Lee, Iowa>**Death:****Burial:****Wife**

Sarah Jane French

Pedigree

**Birth:** 12 FEB 1799 , , Kentucky**Christening:****Marriage:** Before 1820 <, Lee, Iowa>**Death:****Burial:****Father:** John Elson French

Family

**Mother:** Dolly Spencer**Children**

1. Sarah Jane Clifton

Pedigree

Female

**Birth:** 20 OCT 1840 , Lee, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 03 JAN 1911**Burial:**

2. Thomas Clifton

Pedigree

Male

**Birth:** < 1842> <, Lee, Iowa>**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**

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## 1850 United States Federal Census

Name: **Josiah Clifton**  
 Age: 52  
 Estimated birth year: abt 1798  
 Birth Place: Kentucky  
 Gender: Male  
 Home in 1850 (City,County,State): Division 28, Lee, Iowa

Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: Division 28, Lee, Iowa; Roll: M432\_186; Page: 354; Image: 150

## Source Information:

Ancestry.com, 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census, *Seventh Census of the United States, 1850*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1850; M432, 1,600 rolls.

## Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1850 United States Federal Census, the Seventh Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color, birthplace, occupation of males over age fifteen, and more. 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 1850 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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**Husband**

Josiah Clifton

[Pedigree](#)**Birth:** About 1787**Christening:****Marriage:** < 1839> <Des Moines Co, , , Iowa>**Death:****Burial:**

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**Wife**

Sarah Jane French

[Pedigree](#)**Birth:** About 1789 <Des Moines Co, , , Iowa>**Christening:****Marriage:** < 1839> <Des Moines Co, , , Iowa>**Death:****Burial:**

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**Children**

None



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## Family Data Collection - Births

Name: **Sarah Clifton**  
Father: **Josiah Clifton**  
Mother: **Sarah Jane French**  
Birth Date: **8 Jun 1840**  
City: **Lee**  
State: **IA**  
Country: **USA**

**Source Information:**

Edmund West, comp., *Family Data Collection - Births* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2001.

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