

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Reynolds, Simon Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Marion, Polk, Dallas and Jasper Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Mar 1786 Duchess County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place  
1 Honora Rowland 15 Jul 1805 Broome, Schoharie, New York  
2 Amanda Davitt 20 Apr 1823 Ohio

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 1st General Assembly 1846

6. Public Offices  
A. Local First Union Township clerk elected 20 Apr 1851  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 21 Apr 1852 Red Oak, Iowa buried near Conway Pleasantville Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Edwin; Mary Ann; David (died in infancy); John; Betsey;  
By 2nd wife - Abner (died in infancy); Alonzo; Robert; James (died young); Harry

9. Names of parents John and Mary (Morgan) Reynolds

Reynolds, Simeon

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Military service - War of 1812 or Mexican War, according to Marion County WPA records p. 93
- Wife, Amanda, born 1800, died 16 Aug 1868, first white woman to live here.
- He moved from Dutchess County, New York to Ohio in 1816/1817. From there he moved to Marion County, Iowa in Nov. 1845 in Union Township.
- He was a judge at the first election held in Union Township, Marion County on 2 Apr 1851. He was named township clerk at this first election.
- There is a disagreement with the place in which Simeon died. Many sources tell one he died at Red Oak, Montgomery County, Iowa. Another source gives the death date, but no place.
- One thing is known for sure and that he is buried in Reed Cemetery, Pleasantville, Marion County, Iowa noted by a very old, but readable tombstone.
- The family built themselves by hard work and out of housekeeping and farming. The first years, having arrived in November 1845, were very difficult. Simeon almost gave up and thought of returning to the East, but after a, meeting with all those about decided to stay.
- He did not marry again, only having been in Iowa about 6-7 years.



PIONEERS  
OF  
MARION COUNTY,

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General History of the County

FROM ITS EARLY SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT DATE. ALSO, THE GEO-  
GRAPHY AND HISTORY OF EACH TOWNSHIP, INCLUDING BRIEF  
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF SOME OF THE MORE PROMINENT  
EARLY SETTLERS IN EACH, TOGETHER WITH NUMEROUS  
INCIDENTS ILLUSTRATIVE OF PIONEER LIFE MORE  
THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

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By *W. M. M. DONNEL.*

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## CHAPTER XXII.

*Union Township—Geography and Early History—Township Officers—Names of First Settlers—Simeon Reynolds—A One-man Garrison—A Family Council—Andrew Startz—Hill Milling Adventure—A Dog Trial and a Big Drunk—Samuel Teters—Sickness and Privation—A Long Walk—A Successful Wolf Hunt—Saving the Corn—Borrowing—The First School Teacher.*

On the 7th of October, 1850, in compliance with a petition, it was ordered by the Commissioners that all of town. 76, range 20, south of the river, and all of 77, same range, south of the river, be called Union township, from and after the first Monday of April, 1851.

This township is bounded on the north by Red Rock, with the Des Moines river as its boundary line; on the east by Polk, on the south by Knoxville, and on the west by Pleasant Grove and Swan.

There is no stream of any considerable size coursing through this township, but many small creeks, the largest of which is Camp creek. That portion lying contiguous to the river is somewhat hilly, but well timbered. The strip margining the river is mostly flat bottom land, partly prairie, the most noted of which is Butcher's prairie. In some places the uplands terminate in abrupt rocky cliffs. The southern portion of the township is mostly upland prairie, and is a good farming district.

The first election in this township was held at the house of William Ballard, April 2, 1851. After the appointment of Wm. Ballard, Geo. Teters and Simeon Reynolds, as judges of the election, and Westley Teters and Wm. M. Norris, as

clerks, the following named officers were elected: Wm. M. Norris and Samuel E. Teters, *Justices of the Peace*; Andrew Startz, Wm. Ballard and Alfred Reese, *Trustees*; James Amos, *Treasurer*; John W. Broadess, and Robert Gusten, *Constables*; Andrew Startz and Samuel Ballard, *Road Supervisors*; and Simeon Reynolds, *Clerk*. No record of the number of votes cast.

The names of a majority of those who settled in the township at an early date are, Simeon and Geo. Reynolds, Wm. Richard and John Butcher, Hiram Steel, Duncan Neil, — Vandensford, John Flanders, Robert Gusten, Andrew Startz, Samuel, Geo. and Westley Teters, and Wm. Luty.

John Flanders now lives in Red Rock township, having sold his claim to William Ballard at an early date. Wm. Luty came from Ross county, Ohio, in 1843. Died August 21st, 1871.

Simeon Reynolds was born in Dutchess county, New York, March 16, 1786, moved to Ohio in 1816 or '17, and from thence to Marion county, November, 1845, elected a member of the State Legislature and served in the House in 1847. Died April 21st, 1852.

Mrs. Amanda Reynolds, his widow, still lives on the farm they first settled on, on Butcher's prairie, and his two sons, who also took claims at the same time, live in the neighborhood. Mrs. R. was the first white woman that became a citizen of this part of the country.

On their arrival, November 2d, Mr. Reynolds and family took lodging in a little cabin formerly owned by Butcher, to whom the government had granted the privilege of making settlement there as early as 1842, in consideration of services he had rendered by repairing or making roads. The claim was at this time owned and occupied by Steel and Neal, of whom Mr. R. purchased it. Soon after this Vanderbilt entered a portion of this claim, securing a title theretofore, then took a fortified posi-

tion on the opposite bank of the river in order to hold it. But he was at length persuaded to capitulate by giving a deed for the land, which he did, and received his entrance money.

The first summer of their residence here was extremely warm, and for a time every member of the family was prostrated by the ague, and consequently much reduced in the way of subsistence. Discouraged at the prospect, Mr. Reynolds began to entertain serious thoughts of returning to the East; but this, he also thought, would be an arbitrary act, in case it should be contrary to the wishes of at least a majority of the family. So he convened a council of all who were of a sufficient age to understand and appreciate the importance of the question, to discuss it fully, and then vote as their judgments dictated. In spite of the most persuasive argument manifest in the pale faces of every member of this model republic in favor of returning to their old home, a decided majority was against it, and all peaceably yielded to the decision.

Some time during the winter of '45-6 Mr. Reynolds and his sons erected a new house 24 by 18 feet square, of hewed logs and lumber, there not being a sawed board about it. For some time this dwelling served as a house of entertainment for immigrants going up the country, and was often so full that there was scarcely room for all to lie down.

Andrew Startz was a native of Pennsylvania, from whence he began to move westward in 1805, till he arrived at Burlington, Iowa, in 1839, and from thence to the White Breast Settlement, in 1844 or '45, and finally settled in Union. Since then he has been to California two or three times. He is now a citizen of Missouri.

In 1844 Mr. Startz went to Burlington to get some corn he had cultivated there, and took thirty-six bushels of it to get ground at Waterville. In this trip he was greatly detained by high waters, and did not reach home till about the end of six weeks. During this time Mrs. Startz and two of the children cultivated fifteen acres of corn with hoes and kept it clean.



You searched for **Simeon Reynolds** in **Iowa**

1850 United States Federal Census

**Name:** Simeon Reynolds

**Age:** 65

**Estimated birth year:** abt 1785

**Birth Place:** Connecticut

**Gender:** Male

**Home in 1850 (City,County,State):** Marion, Iowa

**Family Number:** 170

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Simeon Reynolds	65
	Amanda Reynolds	49
	Albert Reynolds	21
	James Reynolds	28
	Harry Reynolds	21
	Hiram Reynolds	9
	Nancy Reynolds	19

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Simeon Reynolds**  
**Born:** 10 Mar 1786  
 Hill, New London, Connecticut, USA  
**Died:** 21 Jan 1852  
 Red Oak, Montgomery, Iowa, USA  
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Family Groups

Spouse 1

**Honor Nowlen**  
**Born:** 19 Dec 1783 in Norwich, New London, Connecticut, USA  
**Died:** 13 Aug 1822 in Mentor, Lake, Ohio, USA

**Marriage:** 15 Feb 1805 in Broome, Schoharie, New York, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
<a href="#">Edwin Reynolds</a>	M	1807 in Mentor, Lake, Ohio, USA
<a href="#">Mary Ann Reynolds</a>	F	17 Oct 1809 in Broome, Schoavie, New York, USA

Spouse 2

**Amanda Gavitt**  
**Born:** 1800 in Albany, Albany, New York, USA  
**Died:** 1868 in Mentor, Lake, Ohio, USA

**Marriage:** 20 Apr 1823 in Ohio, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
<a href="#">Harry Reynolds</a>	M	1839 in Little Mt, Geauga, Ohio, USA

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## Simeon Reynolds

Birth **10 Mar 1786** in Hill, New London, Connecticut, United States  
 Death **21 Jan 1852** in Red Oak, Montgomery, Iowa, United States

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### Timeline ( View details )

- 1786**  
10 Mar Birth Hill, New London, Connecticut, United States 1 source citation
- 1805**  
15 Feb Marriage to Honor Nowlen Delhi, Delaware, New York, United States  
Age: 18
- 1852**  
21 Jan Death Red Oak, Montgomery, Iowa, United States  
Age: 65

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#### Parents

- [John Reynolds](#)  
1761 – 1840
- [Mary Morgan](#)  
1759 – 1832

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#### Spouse & Children

- [Honor Nowlen](#)  
1783 – 1822
- [Gamaliel Reynolds](#)  
1805 – 1806
- [John Reynolds](#)  
1807 – 1884
- [Mary Anne Reynolds](#)  
1809 – 1889
- [Betsey Reynolds](#)  
1816 – 1897
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1819 – 1893
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1822 – 1904
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1839 – 1912

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**Name:** **Simeon Reynolds**

**Death Date:** **12 Apr 1852**

**Page #:** **63**

**Birth Date:** **1796**

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**Comment:** **wif: Amanda**

**Level Info:** **Cemetery Records of Marion County, Iowa**

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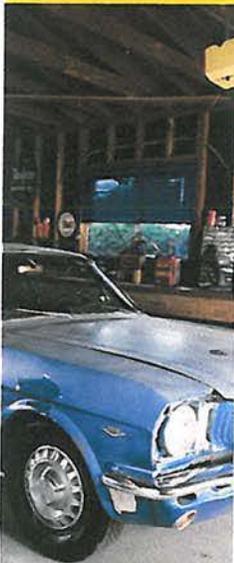
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