

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Russell, James J. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Jan 1854 Sag Harbor, Long Island, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Nellie A. Kane 12 Jan 1876 Muscatine County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Secretary of Irish Land League

C. Profession Lawyer; Lumber business

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 20<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local Muscatine postmaster; Muscatine city attorney 4 terms; Chairman of Muscatine County Democratic Committee

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

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 19 July 1927 Memphis, Tennessee; buried St. Mary's Cemetery, Muscatine, Iowa

8. Children John; James A. Edward; William J.; Nellie (Mrs. Harry Purdy); Marguerite (Mrs. Harry Austin)

9. Names of parents John and Ann (Boyle) Russell

Russell, James J.

10. Education He attended Muscatine, Iowa schools until 1865; he then  
went to school in Hilton Township

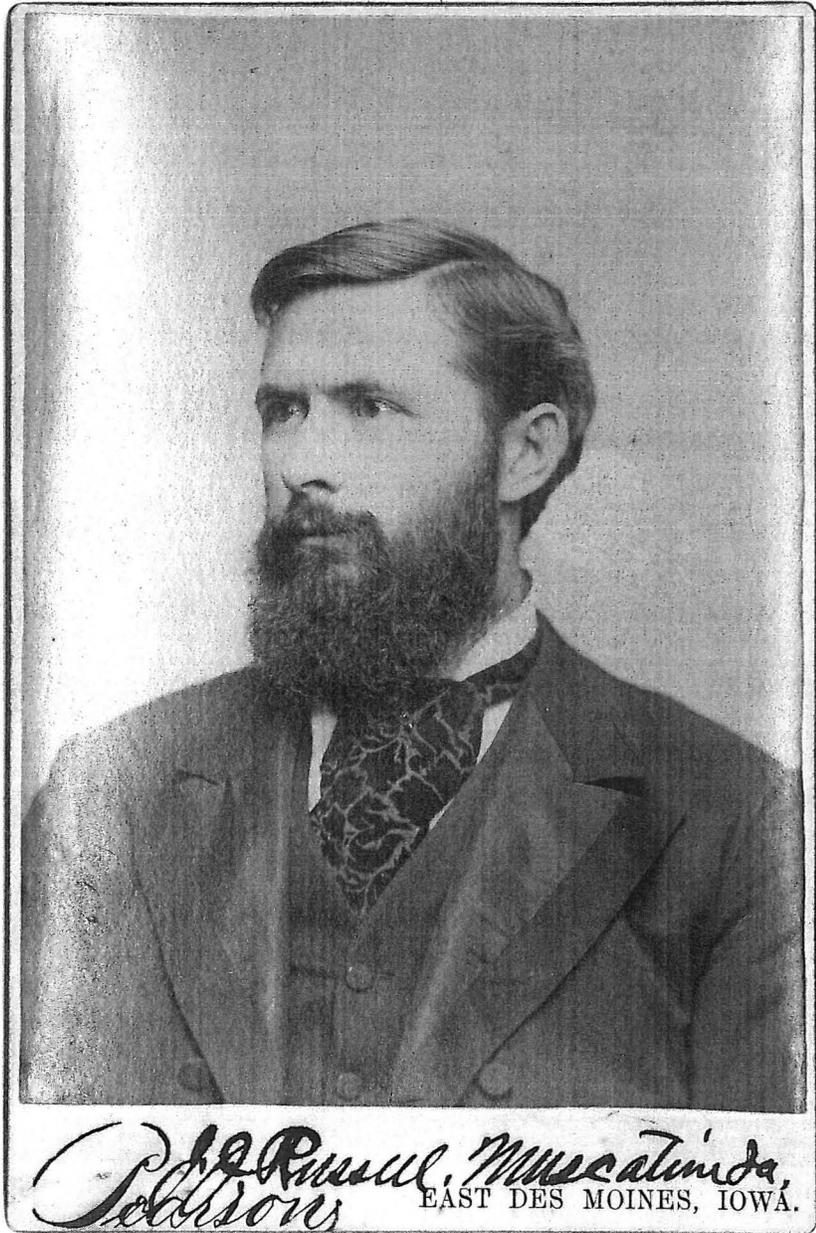
11. Degrees In 1872 he entered a course of study at Hilton College Institute at  
Hilton Iowa, he attended law school at the University of Iowa Iowa  
City Iowa, graduating in 1878, attended a Normal School and Scientific  
school in Muscatine

12. Other applicable information

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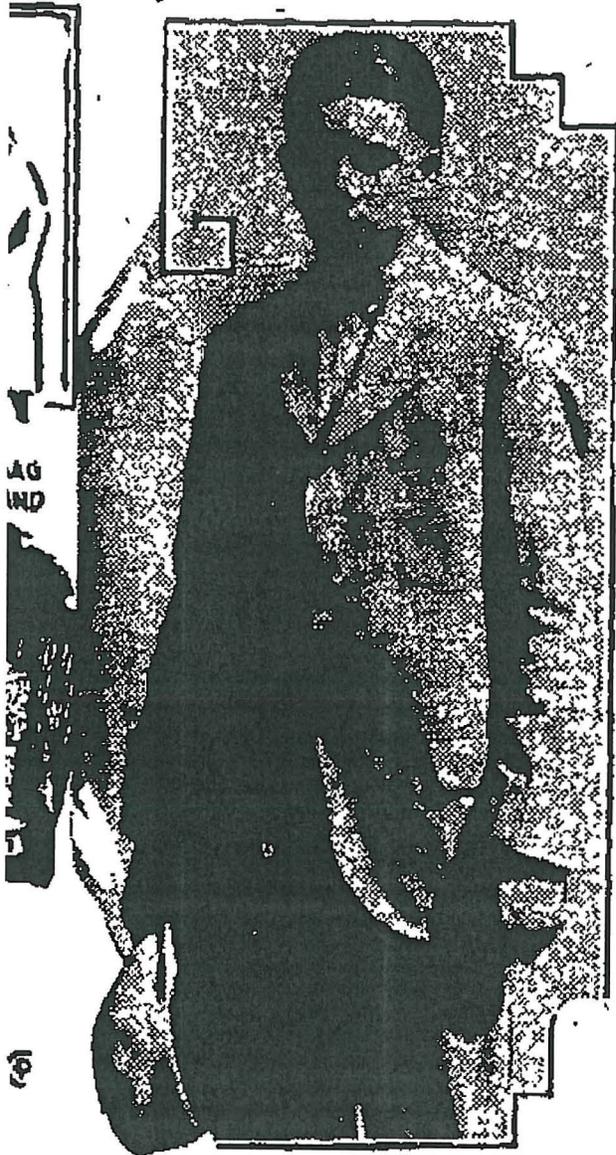
- He came with his parents from New York to Muscatine in 1857
- In 1865, the family moved to a farm in Hilton Township of Muscatine  
County
- He helped on the family farm in spring, summer and fall and attended  
school in winter
- After attending Hilton College Institute he taught school for 3 years
- He entered law practice with Judge J. Scott Richman and T. D.  
Burke under the name of Richman, Burke and Russell.
- He retired from law partnership in April 1886 and practiced law alone.
- Military service - Spanish American War -
- He later went to Memphis, Tennessee where he became a  
prominent figure in the lumber business.





*J. A. Russell, Muscatine,*  
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Baby Betty evinces no interest in big brother's feat, but a brother now in the third grade, who was balancing himself on the railing in imminent danger of tumbling backwards, wants to be understood that he's going to bring fresh honor to the family name as soon as he is old enough to enter the Washington competition.

**Prefers His Overalls.**

Like the Lindbergh who conquered the air, Dean Lucas, champion speller, is retiring and he would much prefer to don his overalls and ston about the farm than attend

**J. J. RUSSELL,  
MUSCATINE CO.  
ATTORNEY, DIES**

*Special to The Democrat*

Wilton, Ia., July 20.—News was received yesterday of the death Tuesday noon of J. J. Russell, former Muscatine postmaster and attorney, in Memphis, Tenn., where he had been engaged in the lumber business in recent years. Mr. Russell was 73 years old and had been in failing health the last six months.

He was born Feb. 2, 1854 in Long Island, New York, and when he was four years old, his family moved to Muscatine, later taking a farm five miles south of Wilton, where Mr. Russell grew to manhood. He was graduated from the Norton Normal and Scientific school here and later in 1881 was graduated from the law school at the University of Iowa.

He established a law office in Muscatine where he practiced 10 years. He was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and served in that capacity four years. He also served in the state legislature two terms. Later he went to Memphis where he became a prominent figure in the lumber business.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Harry Prudden of New York City and Mrs. Harry Austin of California; two sons, John in Texas and James of Denver, Col., and a brother, T. T. Russell, of this city. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell resides at 1015 Perry street, Davenport.

The body will be brought to Muscatine and funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in St. Matthias' church with burial in St. Mary's cemetery.

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WITH RIOTING**

Vienna, July 20.—(AP)—Now that order has been restored after the serious rioting that broke out in Vienna Friday, the authorities are seeking to punish the instiga-

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# BURY FORMER TAMMANY MAN AT MUSCATINE

## Body of James J. Russell Arrives from Memphis; Funeral This Morning.

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Muscataine, Ia., July 21.—The body of James J. Russell, former Tammany Hall leader in New York and for many years a prominent attorney of Muscatine and Wilton, arrived here this morning from Memphis, Tenn., where he died Tuesday night.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock this morning in the St. Mathias church, with the Rev. Father W. L. Hannon in charge. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery. The pallbearers were P. J. Barry, L. P. Flannery, L. J. Moran, J. F. Devitt, George Delaney of Muscatine, and Dennis Dwyer of Wilton.

Mr. Russell was born Feb. 2, 1854 on Long Island and came to Muscatine with his parents when four years old. The family later moved to a farm near Wilton.

## BRENDEL INFANT DIES, FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Special to The Democrat

Muscataine, Ia., July 21.—Marguerite Darlene Brendel, 11 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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Muscataine, Ia., July 21.—Members of the G. De Molay, held a dancing party at the Masonic temple. A orchestra furnished the music for the dancing.

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Muscataine, Ia., July 21.—Action in the city of Muscatine, Ia., in the type of material used for resurfacing in the streets No. 51 and No. 52 was discussed at the regular session of the city council.

The contract for the resurfacing of the streets was still unsettled today, rumors of difficulties having been reported by contractors and by those who are manufacturing the material.

As the time for the completion of the contract has passed, it is expected that the city will have to pay for the work.

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born Jan. 24, 1855; Louisa E., deceased, born June 7, 1857; Mary W., born Jan. 15, 1861, also deceased; Mary Alice, born Aug. 9, 1864, is now the wife of John Emmack, a resident farmer of Jasper County, Iowa; Zilpha S., born March 10, 1868, and Arthur M., March 25, 1871, are yet residing with their parents.

**H**ON. J. J. RUSSELL, Postmaster at Muscatine, Iowa, and a leading attorney at that city, is a native of New York, and was born at Sag Harbor, on Long Island, Jan. 26, 1854, and is a son of John and Ann (Boyle) Russell. When he was but three years old his parents removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where he attended the city schools until 1865, when the family removed to a farm in the township of Wilton, Muscatine County. The youth and early manhood of our subject were passed on the farm, he being employed at farm labor during the summer season, and attending the country schools in the winter time. Not satisfied with this limited education, he pursued his studies out of school during his leisure time, and in 1872 entered upon a course of study at Wilton Collegiate Institute. After two years spent at Wilton in close and successful study, he engaged in teaching school, in which occupation he was employed during three school terms. Having by his own unaided efforts and industrious study acquired a fair collegiate education, he chose the law as a profession, and became a student of the law department of the State University at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with honors in the class of '78. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Muscatine, by forming a law partnership with Judge J. Scott Richman and W. D. Burke, under the firm name of Richman, Burke & Russell. Possessed of that essential element of success, the habit of applying himself with energy to whatever was the duty of the hour, supported by good ability and studious habits, Mr. Russell rapidly rose in his profession until he acquired a prominent place at the bar. He was four times elected City Attorney, and discharged the duties of the office with

ability and fidelity. By instinct and education he was a thorough Democrat, and being gifted with oratorical powers of a high order, he soon became prominent in campaign work. The elections in Muscatine County had invariably returned Republican Representatives to the Legislature for many successive years, but some sanguine Democrats were hopeful of reversing that order of things, and of sending a Democrat to the General Assembly. By common consent young Russell was chosen to lead the forlorn hope. He accepted the nomination, and went into the fight to win. The Republicans, appreciating the fact that they had a popular and able man to oppose, nominated as Mr. Russell's opponent a gentleman of age and experience, the Hon. R. M. Burnett, whose former successes in the political field gave him prestige with the people. The election was hotly and ably contested. The Republican nominee having issued a challenge to his young opponent to a joint debate, fifteen joint discussions were held between the opposing candidates. Mr. Russell displayed rare ability, courage and manliness during these discussions that won for him the respect and esteem of the fair-minded Republicans, and he came out of the fight a victor. He entered the Legislature in January, 1884, for the term of 1884 and 1885, the youngest man, with one exception, in that body, being under thirty years of age. He was assigned to the following standing committees: Judiciary; Private Corporations and Judicial Districts, on which he worked with his customary energy and ability, and was recognized as a useful and able member. The following extract we quote from the *Iowa Review*, an independent political journal of Des Moines. In closing a biographical sketch of Mr. Russell, it says: "Always a close student, as well as a logical and eloquent speaker, he has won high honors on the floor of the House, and has taken a leading position in the discussion of all questions of importance coming up for discussion and action. Courteous and gentlemanly toward all, though never hesitating in discharging his whole duty, however disagreeable this at times may be, he has added to the number of his friends and to the reputation which had preceded his appearance in the Legislature. Making so excellent a start in public life, the

friends who know him have no fears for his future career. He has the native strength and rapidly increasing knowledge to sustain himself with honor in any position the future may have in store for him." Mr. Russell resigned the office of City Attorney to accept the appointment of Postmaster at Muscatine, on the 1st of April, 1886, which appointment was tendered him by President Cleveland. At the same time he retired from the law firm of Richman, Burke & Russell, since which time he has carried on the practice of his profession alone with marked success.

January 12, 1876, at Muscatine, Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Kane, a native of Philadelphia, Pa. Five children have been born to them, four sons and a daughter—John, James, Edward, William J. and Nellie, all born at Muscatine. Mr. Russell has taken an active part in political matters for many years. He has served as chairman of the Muscatine County Democratic Committee three years, and has been a member of the Democratic Congressional Committee of his district for four years. His legal business is rapidly increasing in volume and importance, and his reputation as a lawyer has been built on a safe foundation of ability, close application and unswerving integrity. His administration of the post-office has been efficient, and he has exercised good judgment in the employment of a competent, faithful and courteous corps of assistants.



ALEXANDER HINES, a retired farmer residing in Atalissa, Iowa, is a native of Allegheny County, Pa., born in 1815, and was the second in a family of four children born to Daniel and Mary (Alexander) Hines, the former a native of County Down, Ireland, and the latter of New Jersey. Daniel Hines left his native land, and at the age of sixteen settled in Pennsylvania, where he was afterward married and there engaged in weaving. In connection with that line of work he also carried on farming, and subsequently removed to Wayne County, Ohio, locating near Wooster, where his death occurred in February, 1845, caused by a cancer. After the death of

her husband Mrs. Hines removed to Iowa City, Iowa, in 1846, there residing until she too passed to her reward.

The days of his early life our subject spent upon a farm, and he afterward followed that occupation for a livelihood, but later engaged in the brewery business. On the 29th of October, 1835, while residing in Wayne County, Ohio, he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Mary Boydston, who was born in the Buckeye State, and was a daughter of Benjamin and Civilla (Hoover) Boydston, who were natives of Virginia, but who emigrated to Ohio at a very early day, being numbered among the pioneers of that State. After their marriage the young couple began their domestic life in Ohio, where they resided until 1845, and then came West, landing at Bloomington, Iowa, now the city of Muscatine, on the 2d of November, 1845. Thence they went directly to Rochester, Cedar County, and later removed to Pedee. Entering land Mr. Hines improved it, but later sold and removed to a farm south of that village near the county line, where he also improved a farm, both tracts of land comprising 200 acres.

In 1854 Mr. Hines was called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died August 2, at the age of thirty-seven years. By their union a family of seven children were born, four of whom are yet living: Dorcas, widow of Jacob Douple, resides in Cedar County, Iowa; Daniel, born May 6, 1839, is a lumber dealer of Washington Territory; Catherine, born July 21, 1842, is now Mrs. Crees, of Audubon County, Iowa, where her husband is engaged in farming; Jacob F., born Jan. 27, 1845, is married and resides in Pottawattamie County, Iowa; David B., born Jan. 19, 1848, died May 26, 1879, at the age of thirty-one years; Alexander, Jr., born Aug. 15, 1851, died Dec. 1, 1863; William B., born Aug. 25, 1854, died when only a few days old. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hines returned to Wayne County, Ohio, and there on the 27th of September, 1855, was united in marriage with Catherine Moorehead, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Parks) Moorehead, who were also born in the same State, but who went to Ohio at an early day. Mr. Hines continued to reside on his farm until March 8, 1881,



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#### Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: **James J. Russell**

Spouse: **Nellie A. Kane**

Marriage Date: **22 Jan 1876**

County: **Muscatine**

State: **IA**

**Source Information:**

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000.  
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Name:	<b>James J Russell</b>	
Birth Year:	abt 1854	
Birth Place:	New York	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence County:	Muscatine	
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Family Number:	202	
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	James J Russell	31
	Ellen Russell	32
	John Russell	8
	James Russell	6
	Edward Russell	4
	Nellie Russell	1

#### Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.  
Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses. 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

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**Born:** 02 FEB 1854  
**Died:** 19 JUL 1927  
**Cemetery:** ST. MARY'S  
**Location:** MUSCATINE, BLOOMINGTON TWP  
**County:** MUSCATINE CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** SPANISH AM. WAR VET.; F/O MRS. HARRY PRUDEN, JOHN, JAMES

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