

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Scrimgour, George C. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Benton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 May 1834 Arbroath, Scotland

2. Marriage (s) date place

Isabel Margaret Ward 10 Jan 1861 Iowa City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1874

B. Civic responsibilities Mason;

C. Profession Lawyer; machinist; miller

4. Church membership Methodist

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Belle Plaine, Iowa; member of the city Board of Trustees; Justice of the Peace; Belle Plaine mayor 4 terms

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

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

7. Death 21 Feb 1890 Belle Plaine, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Belle Plaine, Iowa

8. Children Jennie (Mrs. Rippen); William Clyde; Cyril Archibald

9. Names of parents William and Margery (Miller) Scrimgour

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

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

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

- He came to America in 1852, locating in Pittsburg City. He then came west in 1854, settling at Toledo, Iowa in Jasper County until 1871 when he moved to Belle Plaine, Iowa in Benton County.
- When he moved to Belle Plaine, he began to study law, was admitted to the bar and practiced law until up to his death.
- He learned the machinist's trade in Scotland
- In Toledo, Iowa he was employed as a machinist and miller until 1871 when he moved to Belle Plaine



little snow on Saturday morning  
ing the brown earth look white.

Fike left Thursday on the morn-  
-Fain for Cherokee county, where  
pects to teach school.

all on Thursday at F. Kinder-  
er's, also in the evening a party.  
enjoyed themselves very much.

is said of a certain young man  
he is overly tall, good looking but  
l for nothing, still he never got  
ed on the hill.

ome young boys when sending  
ntines have forgotten the date,  
east, they did this year. After  
boys, be awake and send on the  
they are to be sent. Furthermore  
not tell of it. Please be smart  
ugh to keep it to yourself so you'll  
be found out.

BIG GROVE ITEMS, Feb. 22.

C. Larne is on the sick list.

farmers have been busy hauling  
r grain to town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Varney have gone to  
ine to visit his father and mother.

Mr. Black and family have moved  
k to his old home in Linn county,  
state.

E. Johnson a former residence of  
Grove is visiting his cousin Mr.  
r'l Page.

Mr. and Mrs. William Varney enter-  
ed a party of young people at their  
re Tuesday evening.

Thompson called on his neighbors  
week to help him haul his corn to  
Horno. He shipped three car-  
ls.

Kuehl has sold his fat steers to

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lawyer, industrious and painstaking in  
the practice of his profession and had  
an excellent reputation both among  
the bar and the people for the close at-  
tention and faithful care given to every  
interest committed to his charge. In  
his social relation he was always cour-  
teous and obliging and always actuated  
by a high sense of honor in all his re-  
lations and associations with his fel-  
low men. His mental gifts were many,  
being well read in the learning of his  
profession and the fields of science and  
literature. A large circle of friends  
and neighbors mourn his loss, and  
deeply sympathize with his family in  
their great bereavement.

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W. H. Ehred, of Blairstown; Sir Chas.  
Weir, of Belle Plaine; Sir Herman  
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Kelley, Sells, Thompson, Counts; also  
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positions of trust all of which he filled  
with honor to himself and fidelity to  
his constituents.

### Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.  
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.  
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.  
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Mr. Thompson, the Van Horne hog buyer, for two and three cents to be offered the first of March.

Eli Perry dehorned eight more head of cattle for W. and I. Jewett and 14 for W. Boyson this week. He and his brother have dehorned about 600 head this winter.

There was quite a large attendance at the Sunday school held in district No. 7. Mrs. Spencer Smith was appointed teacher of class No. 1; Mrs. L. E. Shutts for No. 2; Mr. G. Humphrey for No. 3; Mrs. H. Hunt for No. 4; Mrs. G. Culp for No. 5.

#### VAN HORNE VERITIES, Feb. 22.

Mr. Geo. Moyer, a lawyer from Nebraska, has been in Van Horne for several days endeavoring to sell the building formerly occupied by Geo. S. Porter as a drug and book store, of which he is the owner. He is offering the property at about one-third of its original cost for cash. Mr. M. is a German whose acquaintance is worth making, and with whom it is a pleasure to converse. He seems gifted to an eminent degree in detecting the spurious from the genuine.

The Rev. Garlock is still holding meetings in the German Evangelical Church, which was so crowded on Lord's day evening, Feb. 16, that chairs had to be brought from the Baptist church. Quite a number have been aroused from the slumber of sin, and some hopefully converted, especially among young English speaking Germans. Rev. Adam Holm, of the M. E. church, the pastor of the German Evangelical church, and the Baptist minister, Rev. C. W. Skemp, have been assisting, though the latter has been fighting la grippe and neuralgia in the head, all the time. Mr. G. is a Boanerges. He sings, prays and preaches with all his might, and is producing quite an impression. It is earnestly to be hoped that the result will be enduring and that all who go forward to the altar, will go forward in the divine life; will not be like those who, anon, receive the word with joy;

#### DEATH OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN.

Geo. C. Scrimgeour, of Belle Plaine, one of the leading members of the bar of the county passed away last Friday.

The announcement last Friday morning that Geo. C. Scrimgeour, of Belle Plaine had died took our people by surprise. It was only a short time before that he was seen in his usual good health. Some days before his death he fell and injured one of his legs from which came the cause of his death.

His death is universally mourned in the county for his prominence in the bar and in business and political circles had given him an extended acquaintance.

Mr. Scrimgeour was a native of Scotland and possessed all the ruggedness of character possessed by this people. He was born in 1834 and came to this country in 1852, locating in New York. He did not stay there long however coming west in 1854 and locating in Toledo, Tama county. At that place he employed himself at his trade until 1871 when he removed to Belle Plaine. He then began the study of law and was admitted to the bar, and has practiced from that time until his death.

The deceased was married in Iowa City, Jan. 10, 1861 to Miss Sarah Ward, who with three children mourn the sudden departure of husband and father.

The funeral services were held in large Methodist church of that city last Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. and even the church was too small to accommodate the large concourse of people who wished to attend the last rites. Services were opened by Rev. Geo. Ballou, the M. E. pastor, reading a passage of scripture, Rev. R. Stapleton of the Congregational church following with a short but very impressive sermon. Rev. R. W. Milner also occupied the pulpit. The singing by a quartette was very excellent. The Knights Templar under whose charge the funeral was conducted followed with their funeral services led by Mr. Thos. J. Lawrence, eminent commander, of St. Bernard Commandery of Belle Plaine of

1 Lot of Men's Button, Lace and

Men's Felt Boots 50 and 75 cents  
Men's Felt Boots Rubbers 95 cents

1 Lot Men's Calf Boots.....  
1 Lot Men's Best Quality Oil Gravel  
\$3.75. We have been selling

1 Lot Boys' Shoes.....  
1 Lot Boys' Shoes.....  
1 Lot Boys' Shoes.....  
1 Lot Boys' High Button Shoes..

These are Only a Small Part  
a Reduction on for the  
for

## February 2

### HAYWARD

# New Goods

We will offer  
choice selected  
Goods. Each  
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**VINTON MARKET.**

REPORTED SEMI-WEEKLY FOR THE EARLY  
VINTON, IOWA, February 24,

Wheat No. 3.....	.....
" Rejected.....	.....
Corn.....	.....
Oats.....	.....
Barley.....	.....
Rye.....	.....
Timothy Seed.....	.....
Flax.....	.....
Buckwheat.....	.....
Clover Seed.....	.....
Hops.....	.....
Potatoes.....	.....
Butter No. 1.....	.....
Butter No. 2.....	.....
Butter, (No. 1 dairy in tubs.).....	.....
Butter (unsalted).....	.....
Eggs.....	.....

**CHICAGO MARKET.**

February 22

Wheat.....	.....
Corn.....	.....
Oats.....	.....
Rye.....	.....
Barley.....	.....
Timothy, prime.....	.....
Flax.....	.....
Cattle, shipping steers.....	.....
Hogs, heavy.....	.....

**Wanted!**

All the dead hogs. There be cholera they can be hauled in and  
G. D. BAC  
104be2w Northeast part of V

**For Rent!**

Henry Miller's farm of 303 ac Eden township.  
102tf GILCHRIST & WHIPP

**Now is the Time**

to bring in your Plows, Corn Shovels, Drag Teeth and Pulve and have them sharpened and po ready for spring use, and at S. I son's is the place to have it done.  
101f

**Meats Smoked.**

These wishing meats smoked  
H. T. Jones' meat market.

PORTRAIT AND  
BIOGRAPHICAL

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OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO:

CHAPMAN BROTHERS,

1887

ing small, and his services not being required thereon, he went forth to fight life's battle alone. He engaged with George and William Parker at Oswego, Ill. and while an inmate of their home attended the academy at that place. He completed his education at the Northwestern College at Plainfield, Ill., and while working for the Parker Brothers saved sufficient money to enable him to engage in business.

At twenty years of age Mr. Burrell came to this county, and with \$1,000 which he had saved, he purchased a stock of dry goods and groceries of E. Culver, at Urbana, and engaged in merchandising. The stock was valued at \$1,850, and Mr. Burrell was compelled to borrow \$850 to pay for the same, which he did on his individual note without security. He commenced business in an old, dilapidated building, but, being a gentleman of considerable energy and strictly honest in his dealings with his fellow-men, he made money from the very day that he first opened the doors of his establishment to his patrons. He continued in this business until 1875, at which time it had increased to such an extent that he was compelled to erect another and larger building. In the summer of that year he built a two-story business house, and had just completed it and moved his stock of goods into the same, when the fiery element swept it away together with the entire stock. The loss was estimated at \$6,000, with no insurance, and in attempting to save a portion of the stock, the hands and face of Mr. Burrell were badly burned. He, however, was not disheartened by this calamity to the extent of giving up, and in less than twenty-four hours after the destruction of his property was again selling and taking in money at the rate of \$100 a day. His customers and creditors upon learning of his great misfortune, came to his assistance, and he soon found himself again on the road to prosperity. His business steadily increased, and now he has a good and constantly increasing trade. At present he is making a specialty of mowing and binding machinery. He is a thorough-going business man, full of enterprise, and attributes his success in life to his fair and honest dealings with his patrons. He is doing an annual business of from \$30,000 to \$36,000.

Soon after engaging in the mercantile business, Mr. Burrell was appointed Postmaster and held the office for a number of years, giving entire satisfaction, but was finally removed for offensive partisanship. In 1880 he was again appointed to the office which he has held until the present time. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was a charter member of Altar Lodge. He has held nearly all the offices in the lodge and has also represented it in the Grand Lodge. Mr. Burrell also belongs to the I. O. O. F., holding membership with Lodge No. 328, Marysville, and is also a member of the encampment at Vinton. He has held a number of township offices, among which were Township Clerk for a number of years, and at this writing is Notary Public.

Mr. Burrell was united in marriage, Sept. 20, 1871, with Miss Josie Spencer, and they are the parents of six children, named Ada, Willie, Arthur, Clarence, Maud and Abbie.

Mr. Burrell and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Urbana. Mr. Burrell owns the store building which he occupies, and four others in Urbana. He is also the possessor of a farm of 160 acres on section 8, Polk Township, also other small pieces of land in the township. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, always ready to forward any enterprise for the benefit of his community or his fellow-men.

**G**EOERGE C. SCRIMGEOUR, attorney at law, Belle Plaine, was born in Arbroath, Scotland, May 30, 1834, and is the son of William and Margery (Miller) Scrimgeour. He learned the machinist's trade in his native country, and in 1852 emigrated from Scotland to America. He made his home in New York City for two years, but, like many other enterprising young men of that city, turned his face Westward, in the hope of finding a larger field for future growth, and in 1854 came to Iowa and located at Toledo, Tama County. He was employed at his trade and milling until 1871, when he removed to this place and

began reading law with Messrs. Johnson & Tewksbury, a prominent firm of this city. He was admitted to the bar in 1874, and has been in practice here continuously since. He possesses a keen, discriminating mind, and, although a Democrat, plain and outspoken in his views, and his party largely in the minority, has been chosen to fill various positions of honor and trust. He has served as Assessor of the city of Belle Plaine, has been a member of the Board of Trustees, Justice of the Peace, and four times Mayor. He was elected to the Twentieth General Assembly of Iowa from the 47th District (1883-84), and served on important committees.

Mr. Scrimgeour was married at Iowa City, Jan. 10, 1861, to Miss Sarah Ward, daughter of Chauncey R. Ward. Her parents were among the early settlers of this State. Her father was born in New York and her mother in Virginia. They were residents of New York prior to coming West. Mr. and Mrs. Scrimgeour have three children—two sons and a daughter—all born in this county: Jennie B., the eldest, was born Oct. 19, 1861; William C., Nov. 17, 1863; Arch C., Aug. 26, 1865. Mrs. Scrimgeour is a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. Scrimgeour has been very successful and has built up a splendid practice; he is widely known in this and the surrounding counties as a man of ability and integrity.

**C**HARLES P. HOSMER, dealer in hardware, stoves and tinware, established his business in 1880. He was born at Beaver Dam, Wis., Jan. 26, 1852, and is the son of James Hosmer. He began working at the tinner's trade when fourteen years old. In January, 1871, he came to Belle Plaine and went into partnership with J. T. McManes, which connection continued until November, 1872, after which he worked for W. P. Tuttle some years, and in 1876 started a job shop which he continued until 1880, in which year he set up as above stated. He does a good business,

keeping three men employed most of the time, and carrying an average stock of \$2,500.

Mr. Hosmer was married at Belle Plaine, Nov. 24, 1874, to Miss Emma J., daughter of John and Jane Duval; she was born in Oneida County, N. Y. Mr. Hosmer is politically independent, but voted for Cleveland in 1884.

**S**TEPHEN DEXTER REDFIELD is a native of Claremont, Sullivan Co., N. H., born Oct. 11, 1806. He was named in honor of Stephen Dexter, his grandfather on his mother's side, and a Revolutionary soldier. His father was Warriner Redfield, born July 1, 1785, and who in 1804 married Ruth Dexter, born Feb. 4, 1787, a daughter of Capt. Stephen Dexter. They were the parents of fourteen children, who are scattered from Maine to California—Heman, born Jan. 9, 1805; Stephen D.; Wyllys, born Jan. 16, 1808; William, Aug. 5, 1810; Sarah G., June 11, 1814; Lucia Ann, April 13, 1816; George S., born Jan. 21, 1818, died Nov. 16, 1838; Warren F., born Nov. 17, 1819; Sabrina T., Oct. 14, 1821; Harriet E., Sept. 8, 1823; Lovina E., July 13, 1825; Timothy G., Oct. 18, 1827; David D., born July 8, 1829, died July 12, 1829; Elizabeth P., born July 4, 1830. The father of Stephen was a boot-and-shoe manufacturer, which occupation he followed for many years. He was an old-line Whig and a man well posted in the affairs of his country. Stephen's mother died Oct. 18, 1840, and his father some years later.

Stephen received a common-school education in his native town, attending school two and a half miles from his father's residence. When quite young he learned the trade of a boot-and-shoe maker, and at the age of eighteen years went to Albany, N. Y., where he worked at his trade for some time. He then went to Cazenovia, N. Y., where he became acquainted with Miss Rosannah Clark, whom he married April 3, 1834. She was a daughter of Othniel and Marion (Walker) Clark, from Connecti-



You searched for **George C. Scrimgeour** in Iowa

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>George C Scrimgeour</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1835</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Scotland</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Benton</b>	
Locality:	<b>Belle Plaine</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_146</b>	
Line:	<b>23</b>	
Family Number:	<b>439</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	George C Scrimgeour	<b>50</b>
	Sarah M Scrimgeour	<b>43</b>
	Jennie Scrimgeour	<b>22</b>
	William Scrimgeour	<b>21</b>
	Cyrl A Scrimgeour	<b>18</b>

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