

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Bayless,  
Frank Davis - Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Oct 1840 Poudlitor, Madison County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriett Dresser 5 Feb 1863 Concord, Minnesota

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Helped to finance and build the Congregational Church in Elkader;  
an organizer of the Elkader State Bank; financed and help start The Elkader  
Review newspaper

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Druggist

4. Church membership

Congregational

5. Sessions served

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly 1884, 1886,  
1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death

7 Nov 1920 California; Suicid

8. Children

Charles D.; John R.; Fred M.; Frank H. (predeceased his  
father in death on 21 June 1904)

9. Names of parents

Mills S. and Eliza A. (Reed) Bayless

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

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

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

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- He came west with his mother, a younger brother and two younger sisters in 1853 by ox team.
- In 1855 he moved with the family to Dodge County, Minnesota where he worked on their farm until 1856
- In 1856 he returned to Indiana and attended high school for 2 years
- In 1858 he went again to Minnesota where he farmed, taught school and studied medicines.
- Military service - Civil War - 2nd Minnesota Infantry, his health became impaired and received an honorable discharge. His health improved so he re-enlisted in the 3rd Minnesota Infantry. Later he was assigned to the medical department.
- In 1865-1866 he was employed as a drug store clerk in Manterville, Minnesota
- Desiring to have his own business he bought the Drake drug store in Elkader, Iowa in May 1866.
- He enjoyed training young men in his drug store, establishing them as business partners and then send them on to various other ventures.
- In 1897 he built Hotel Bayless in Elkader, Iowa
- He took over a building at present Prairie du Chien which became a splendid facility

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merican Legion Dance, St. Pat-  
Day, March 17th. Commences  
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cents, war tax included.—Ad-  
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on't forget the American Legion  
St. Patrick's night, March 17th.  
will be the first big event in the  
ance hall of the Elkader Opera  
—Advertisement.

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Jenkins, J. P." interspersed by  
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he last number of the lecture  
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The work on the dance hall is well  
away and when completed will im-

# FRANK D. BAYLESS CALLED BY DEATH

Former Prominent Resident Died  
in California.

NEARLY EIGHTY YEARS OLD

Favored Growth and Permanent  
Improvement of Elkader More  
Than Any Other Man.

Word was received here Monday of  
the death Sunday evening in California  
of Frank D. Bayless, formerly of El-  
kader.

Thus death has tolled the summons  
for the man who in his active business  
career did more to further the growth  
and permanent improvement of Elka-  
der than any other person.



Frank Davis Bayless was the son of  
Mills S. and Eliza A. (Reed) Bayless  
and was born in Pendleton, Madison  
county, Indiana, October 9th, 1840.

He came west with his mother, a  
younger brother and two younger sis-  
ters in 1853, the trip being made by ox  
team. In 1855 he moved with the fam-  
ily to Dodge county, Minn., where he  
assisted on the farm until the fall of  
1856 when he returned to Indiana and  
attended high school for two years. In  
1858 he again went to Minnesota where  
he was occupied with farming, teaching  
school and the study of medicine until

Responding promptly to the call of  
his country he enlisted in the Second

He is survived by his wife; three sons,  
Charles D. of North McGregor, John R.  
and Fred N. of Elkader, and one sister,  
Mrs. N. A. McFaul of Hollywood, Los  
Angeles, Cal. One son Frank H. died  
June 21st, 1904.

Mr. Bayless was not a man without  
faults. He was human and had a strong  
and positive character but he will be re-  
membered for the good he did while life  
lasts with those he helped and in the  
history of Elkader for all time, for, as  
we said in the beginning, he did more  
to further the growth and permanent  
improvements of our town than any  
other man.

His remains will be brought here for  
burial. It is expected that they will ar-  
rive Saturday and that funeral services  
will be held Sunday in the Congrega-  
tional church with Rev. C. H. Franke  
officiating.

### Altogether Too Much Light.

They stood together by the open  
door. What mattered the cold to these  
pulsating lovers? What mattered the  
icy wind that entered from the street  
outside and threatened to extinguish  
the flickering hall lamp? What, in  
fact mattered anything?

"Heart of my heart," he whispered  
"how I love you!"

"And how I love you," she answered  
back, "light of my days, light of my  
thoughts, light of my very existence,  
light—"

"Lucy," shouted her father's angry  
voice from above, "just put out that  
light at once and get to bed!"

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and 180 acres. For a quick sale will  
sell these tracts for \$10 per acre. R. &  
E. Burde., Millston, Wis. 9-4p.

FOR SALE — TWO SHORT HORN  
—male calves for sale.—One white and  
one red, about a year old. James Dow-  
R. R. No. Elkader, Iowa 9-4p.

FOR SALE—EIGHT SHORTHORN

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**D ROADS IN IOWA  
A BLOW TO TRAVEL**  
ossible For Autos to Get Throug  
Snow and Mud.

Iowa with its automobiles for every residents could have carried its e population in cars this winter, if Clayton county is a criterion ge of the state, by far the most he rrying has been done by. Do That is, what carrying has been e, which, in the case of farmers and r-families, has been mighty little. ording to report only one automo- has come over the country roads ing into McGregor since the first December and that was a Ford with axles cut down. The driver managed ull through recently from Elkader, ough he reports a smewhat strenuous as every so often the car got off the k into the deep snow at the side and ad to lift it back an again. he trouble came from the fact tha automobile can't force a way thro- the drifts as Dobbin and his wagon . Horse vehicles make the road and er teams my follow, but it is too nar- for the car. So, though traveling h a team may become fairly easy, omobiles is taboo. The unusual ount of snow has aggravated condi- is this winter. Two feet on the level l-drifts four to six feet high have v" d. Thawing will not improve s. tion. The worst mud of any ing in a long time is anticipated this nth. It now looks as though it may April before the farmer s can get to n with a car. This will mean far- rs' cars have been utterly useless to m for four months.

assisted on the farm until the fall of 1856 when he returned to Indiana and attended high school for two years. In 1858 he again went to Minnesota where he was occupied with farming, teaching school and the study of medicine until the breaking out of the Civil War.

Responding promptly to the call of his country he enlisted in the Second Minnesota Infantry in 1861 and served creditably in the Kentucky and Tennessee campaigns, but his health becoming impaired he received an honorable discharge and returned to Minnesota. On Feb. 5th, 1863 he was married to Miss Harriett Dresser at Concord, Minnesota.

With returning health Mr. Bayless was not content to remain at home while his country was still in danger and his comrades making their supreme offering on the battle fields of the south, so the following winter he re-enlisted in the Third Minnesota Infantry. For a time he was assigned to the recruiting service and in April 1864 joined his regiment in Arkansas with over two hundred recruits. Soon afterward his knowledge of medicine and drugs caused his assignment to the medical department where he served faithfully until the close of the war, receiving his final discharge September 21, 1865.

During the winter of 1865-1866 Mr. Bayless was employed as a clerk in a drug store in Manterville, Minnesota, but his desire to be in business for himself caused him to buy the Drake drug store in Elkader and move here in with his family in May 1866. Here his ability as a business man became evident in the rapid building up of a large and profitable business, and the establishment from time to time of branch stores at other points. A feature of Mr. Bayless' life was his training of young men in the home store and then establishing them as business partners in one or the other of his various ventures. Numbers of young men have owed much to the business training and assistance given them by Mr. Bayless in this way and we may add that these young men were markedly faithful and successful.

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sell these calves for \$10 per head. E. Burde., Millston, Wis. 9-4p.

FOR SALE — TWO SHORT HORN male calves for sale. One white and one red, about a year old. James Downey, R. R. No. 1 Elkader. 9-3p.

FOR SALE—EIGHT SHORTHORN bulls, red, white and roan, of good quality, will also sell a few females; prices reasonable. J. C. Wahls, St. Olaf, Iowa. 11-4c.

FOR SALE—ONE TON FORD truck in good condition. Inquire of L. L. Hulverson, Elkader, Iowa 10-tfc

FOR SALE—EGGS FOR HATCH- ing from a selected flock of bred to- lay strain of pure White Leghorns. Ad- dress Geo. J. Hochhaus, Elkader. 10-4p.

FOR SALE—A SPLENDID HOL- stein Bull with good A. R. O. back- ing, about 3 months old, nicely mark- ed and well grown, will sell reasonable if taken at once. Geo. J. Hochhaus. Elkader, Iowa. 10-2p.

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Doctors have had a particularly hard time of it. Few of them keep horses nowadays. Many towns are without ambulances and a team for hire is not to be obtained.

**SCHOOL ELECTION PASSED OFF QUIETLY**

Only 168 Ballots Were Cast at The Election.

The school election passed off quietly here last Monday afternoon. Three officers were to be elected: two directors and the school treasurer.

Three candidates had been nominated for directors as follows: H. D. Brown, Geo. Ehrhardt and D. D. Murphy. The first and the last named were candidates for re-election and received the largest number of votes.

A. J. Carpenter was the only nominee for treasurer and was elected to succeed himself.

The vote was as follows for school directors:

H. D. Brown	105
Geo. Ehrhardt	49
D. D. Murphy	153

J. Carpenter received 148 votes as treasurer.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Bert Benson—Pauline Fishel.

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Always active for the welfare and advancement of the community he gave freely of his time and means to its interests. He was a member of our school board continuously for twenty-four years and of the town council for a long time.

Mr. Bayless was long intensely interested in political affairs wielding a large influence in local politics although not a seeker after political offices. He was, however, elected State Senator in 1883 and served in that position for eight years with honor to himself and the county. In fact his ability and sound common sense gained wide influence among his fellow members of the Iowa legislature.

Mr. Bayless retired from active business some years ago and he has since lived in Chicago and for some years in

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