

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Riley, Lewis Albert Senator _____
Representative Louisa County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Nov 1845 Holmes County, Ohio at
Nashville, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
Caroline Leanne Newell 24 Apr 1872 Medonia, Louisa County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Louisa County in 1871, member of the
Louisa County Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Attorney; teacher

4. Church membership Unionist

5. Sessions served 21st, 22nd General Assemblies 1886, 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local Louisa County Superintendent of Schools 1869

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 26 Dec 1914 Napella, Iowa; Buried Napella Cemetery, Napella, Iowa

8. Children Robert Leroy

9. Names of parents James and Anna (Hague) Riley

Riley, Lewis Albert

10. Education Attended the common schools in Louisa County, Iowa;
attended high school in Columbus City in Louisa County

11. Degrees He studied at a school in Wood Pleasant Iowa for a short time; he then
took a business course at Eastman's Commercial College in Poughkeepsie,
New York graduating in 1865; then attended Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois
studying Science

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Appello County, Iowa settling near Columbus City. 1852
- Military service - Civil War - he ran away from school
and entered the army, but was discharged after 6 months.
- After being discharged he went to school in New York and also in Galesburg.
- In his early youth he worked on the family farm near Columbus City in
Louisa County, Iowa. At age 19 he began teaching school for 5
years until being elected Louisa County Superintendent of Schools.
- He then studied law with D. N. Sprague of Appello. He formed a
law partnership with Mr. Sprague which continued a number of years.
- After high school he spent 2 years at Rome managing the family farm
- After college in Galesburg, Illinois, he returned home to teach school
then he studied law with Honorable D. N. Sprague and was admitted to the

bar

Riley, Lewis Albert

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PROMINENT WAPELLO ATTORNEY DIES

**Lewis A. Reiley Passes Away
 Saturday Morning.**

ERYSIPELAS IS THE CAUSE

**Deceased Was Seriously Ill But A
 Few Days—Death Is Mourned By
 Many—The Last of the Old Mem-
 bers of the Louisa County Bar As-
 sociation—A Prominent Man In Pol-
 itics—Funeral Held Monday.**

This community has lost another one of its prominent citizens in the person of Lewis A. Reiley, who died at his home early Saturday morning after a two weeks illness with erysipelas. It was only during the last three days that his condition was considered serious, and he failed rapidly. This office has been printing some interesting articles from his pen of his trip to the old country last summer and the series had not been completed.

The death of Mr. Reiley removes the last of the old members of the bar of Louisa county.

The funeral was held from the home Monday afternoon at 1:30 and was largely attended by old friends of the deceased from all parts of the county. The services were conducted jointly by Revs. Sydman and Brooks, and the Masonic lodge of Wapello, of which the deceased was one of its most prominent members.

Mr. Reiley was a leading lawyer of Wapello, Louisa county, had been a resident of this county since 1853 and had lived in the city of Wapello

house, were chosen on the first ballot to be two of the seven managers of the impeachment trial on the part of the house. Toward the close of the session it was deemed expedient to reduce the probable expense of the trial, so Mr. Reiley prepared a bill under which the legislature would adjourn as a legislative body and the senate convene as a court of impeachment to hear the charges preferred by the house against the auditor. The measure was introduced on Wednesday, reported favorably on Thursday morning, passed the house Thursday forenoon and the senate that afternoon, was enrolled in the evening, signed by the officers of the two houses and governor, published and became a law Friday morning.

Mr. Reiley entered upon the impeachment trial with the other managers and remained there until its close.

In Behalf of the Blind.

In the twenty-second general assembly Mr. Reiley took an active part in behalf of the blind people of the state and was thereafter appointed by Governor Ladrabee to be a member of a commission of three to visit and investigate the operation of various institutions in the United States devoted to the education and industrial improvement of the blind. The commission began work April 22, 1888, and visited the colleges and work shops for blind people in the United States and Canada, excepting those on the Pacific coast. The commission made a report to Governor Larrabee and its recommendations were laid before the next legislature which established the industrial home for the blind in Knoxville.

Survived By One Son.

On the 24th day of April, 1872, Mr. Reiley was married to Miss Carrie L. Newell, a daughter of Robert F. Newell, of Louisa county. They have one son who survives him, Robert Leroy, born February 23, 1873, who was until recently engaged with his father in the practice of law but who was

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Mr. Reiley was a leading lawyer
of Wapello, Louisa county, had been
a resident of this county since 1853
and had lived in the city of Wapello
for more than 46 years. He was born
in Nashville, Ohio, March 1, 1845. His
father, James Reiley, was of Irish
descent, born in Pennsylvania, and
died in 1855, two years after remov-
ing from Louisa county, Iowa. Mr.
Reiley's mother was Anna Hague, of
Scotch and French Huguenot descent.
She was married to James Reiley in
the year 1826, and died in 1868. The
Reiley's were farmers in comfortable
circumstances. Their son, Lewis, of
attended the common schools in Louisa
county, and in 1861 was a student in
the High school in Mt. Pleasant.
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tion, including a six-years' course in
Knox college, from which he was
graduated with honors in June, 1897.
Entering the law department of the
State University of Iowa, he was grad-
uated from that institution in June,
1900, and thereupon admitted to the
state and federal courts.

Mr. Reiley was a Mason and had
advanced to the thirty-second degree,
being the first one in this county to
attain that degree.

Ames Short Course.

Because the foot and mouth dis-
ease situation in Iowa has changed
enough for the better to make it safe
to give a farmers' short course at
Iowa State College, it has been de-
cided to enlarge the special work ar-
ranged for Story county and vicinity
and open it to the state. The course
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The work at Ames will include in-
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Mr. Reiley had for many years been a republican of statewide prominence and influence and an able advocate of the principles of his party. In the year 1855, he was brought out for representative from Louisa county in the Twenty-first general assembly and was elected over a strong opponent, Arthur Springer of Columbus Junction. He was re-elected to the Twenty-second General Assembly. In the first session he devoted himself to the work of revising the judiciary system of the state, especially perfecting the new Grand Jury law reducing the jury to less than one-half the number previously required.

The impeachment trial of John L. Brown, auditor of state, was the most prominent feature of the session of the Twenty-first General Assembly. Mr. Reiley and Judge S. M. Weaver of Iowa Falls, then a member of the

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Christmas at First M. E. Church.

The church never looked nicer than it did this Xmas time. Draperies of red and green were everywhere in evidence. The little folks did well. The exercises by the primary class was probably the cutest for even the mistakes of the tiny tots were interesting. However, the program and decorating committees deserve much credit for their faithfulness and the results obtained. Beautiful solos were rendered by Miss Ora Brown and Miss Gladys Friend. An exercise by older members of the school, "Searching for the Christ Child" was well rendered. Treats were provided for all members of the school, home department and cradle roll. Anyone not receiving the same please report to Mrs. A. W. McBlain.

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ELECTRIC SPARKS

An eastern concern is advertising a typewriter that can be held in the lap.

We trust the anti-booze movement will not reach so far as to effect the mince meat.

About the worst thing the good wife can start tomorrow is an account at the corner grocery.

The coal man's Christmas this year was about the happiest ever—the weather man's fault.

Well, some of us will not have to worry about neckties or bed room slippers for another year.

Practical jokes are sometimes funny, but very often they get the jokers into serious difficulty.

When a fair young damsel looks you square in the eye and says "No man is innocent," what is your opinion.

The Tribune office will be open all day New Year's. Bank checks will be accepted on subscription despite the fact that the banks will be closed.

A Happy New Year to every reader of the Tribune—to those who have paid their subscription and to those who have not paid their subscription.

This is the fifty-third issue of the Tribune during the year 1914. We note that some of the country weeklies over the state will not issue this week, but we think too much of our life to miss a week.

100,000 Belgians brought to Iowa could monopolize a great deal of work that can be done by Iowa people. Never notice the loafers on the streets. Don't call the man a loafer who has sleep in the city bummery until you have given him a chance to go to work.

THE TRIBUNE

With this issue of the Tribune another column in the history of the community is completed. The Tribune has worked hard and fought hard week in and week out during the last year for the real, practical betterment of this fine old community. Very worthy improvement has had our enthusiastic approval and our constant help. This paper has stood emphatically for a bigger and better community—for all better public necessities. Our readers have helped us wonderfully in the work of the year, and appreciate how willingly and promptly we have taken up the public tasks set for us. Many have already notified their intention of standing us for another year by calling and giving their subscription for 1915.

We would like to see the Tribune family increase by several hundred in the next few weeks, and our present subscribers can help us greatly in increasing our subscription list by saying a good word for us. The sub

L. A. REILEY DEAD

Prominent Attorney Succumbs to Erysipelas Dec. 26—Funeral Monday.

L. A. Reiley, a prominent attorney of Louisa county, died at his home in this city about 12:40 o'clock last Saturday morning, December 26, at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 25 days. He had been ill but two weeks with erysipelas.

Mr. Reiley was born in Nashville, Ohio, March 1, 1845. In 1853 he moved with his parents to this county. He attended the common schools, and in 1861 was a student in the High School at Mt. Pleasant. When the civil war broke out he ran away from school, entered the army, and remained south about six months when he was discharged. Afterwards he spent a year attending school in New York and took a year's work in Knox college at Galesburg, Ill. In his early youth Mr. Reiley worked on the home farm near Columbus City, and in his nineteenth year began teaching school. He continued in this occupation until five years later, when he was elected county superintendent of schools. He declined reelection to continue the practice of law which he had commenced.

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Upon admission to the bar Mr. Reiley formed a partnership with Mr. Sprague, which partnership continued for a number of years.

In 1885 Mr. Reiley was elected representative on the republican ticket and served in the Twenty first and Twenty-second General Assemblies.

On the 24th of April, 1872, Mr. Reiley was married to Miss Carrie L. Newell, who passed away in this city two years ago. They leave one son, Robert Leroy, born February 23, 1873, who was until recently associated with his father in the practice of law, but who has been elected auditor of Louisa county.

The funeral services were held from the family home Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, and were largely attended by friends, members of the Masonic Fraternity, Grand Army of the Republic, and Louisa County Bar association. The services at the home consisted of two solos sung by Mrs. J. E. McCray, a prayer by Rev. D. Froeschle, and a short talk by the Rev. E. C. Brooks, of Columbus Junction. At the Wapello cemetery the Masonic burial service was given by Wapello Lodge, No. 5, of which the deceased was an honored member.

A photo of yourself—get it now of Baker at Wapello every Saturday.

THE NEW CENSUS.

County Auditor Receives Cards from State Department—Assessors Must Be Competent.

County Auditor Baker received word Tuesday that the cards to be used by the assessors of the county in taking the census had been shipped from the state department to Des Moines. The state takes the census every ten years, and this year the department is determined to have the work done right. From a letter of instructions to the auditor, we take the following: "These cards must be kept clean and in good order. Before delivering to anyone, convince yourself that the assessor has been sufficiently instructed, so that he can fill them out correctly and in a neat manner. Many assessors have had little clerical training. The books and cards must be correctly marked and in a manner that can be easily read. If persons have been elected assessors who cannot do the work, they should not be permitted to destroy the cards but a fit person appointed. It is the duty of the county auditor, under Section 173, Chapter 8, Title II, Supplement to the Code of 1907, to appoint some suitable person to take the census of any township when the assessor fails." The auditor must satisfy himself of the qualifications of the assessor, and require evidence that the assessor can correctly perform the duties. This is an embarrassing position in which the auditor is placed, but he himself is held responsible for the work and will be obliged to comply strictly with the law. No one can do the work who is not a legible writer. The enumerator must have sufficient native ability and education to discern the intent or purpose of the information sought by the department. There are also many habits that would disqualify an assessor for the work. The assessors of the various townships and corporations of the county will probably have a meeting soon to discuss the duties.

HOME DESTROYED

Family of M. F. Archibald Routed from Their Slumbers by Fire Sunday Morning.

At an early hour last Sunday morning, between three and four o'clock, M. F. Archibald awakened from a sound slumber and discovered that his house was on fire. He could not reach the telephone to turn in an alarm, and hastily awakened his wife and two babies and took them to the home of a neighbor. The alarm was given and the firemen were soon on

ADDITIONAL

Try a loaf of butter at Obibald's Restaurant. Mrs. Guy Wiley are spending the holidays. Mr. Neal Hill was overburg last Monday attendance matters.

Miss Alice Hobart returned Monday from a visit in Winfield.

Frank Deford was at Columbus Junction last Monday with his young friends.

Mrs. Kate Pollock at Winfield Christmas day at home of R. H. Rock.

W. V. Banks, from in the city over Sunday with his cousin, Mrs. Tillmann.

R. E. Eland and Christmas with his Lydia Eland, in Mepia.

Attorney Fred Cou Morning Sun last Monday at the funeral of L. A. R.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. over from Brighton last Christmas with their

Miss Hazel Matson at Columbus Junction Monday with the Frank Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. George returned home Monday with relatives near Bu

Mr. and Mrs. C. returned home Monday with Dr. and Mrs. Rex He Iowa.

Mrs. Dora Halblieb came Saturday to visit with Bon Jackson, and at Pease.

Miss Grace Gardner last Saturday from a visit with her mother and from Union.

The Knights of Py issued invitations to a meeting which will be held tonight.

Judge, Jones and family from Ohio last Sunday on a short visit at the home of Mrs. James Bevans.

John Browning and family returned to their home Monday evening after a visit at the home of W. C. Hunt.

Miss Ida Brooks returned from Columbus Junction Monday morning and spent the afternoon with her friend, Miss Ruth Hoc

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. I. ter, Lora, were up from Christmas day visit with Fred Keck and R. I.

Miss Vera Smith, visiting at the home of B. Vanhorn, returned Monday Morning Sun Saturday with John Cline of Crab

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—OF—

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OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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fifteen children: John and James, both now deceased; Eliza, wife of John Sterrett, of Morning Sun Township; Robert, who died at the early age of two years; Thomas, who enlisted in the 1st Iowa Battery, and died from disease contracted while in the service; Hannah, wife of David Ferris, of Burlington, Iowa; Mary A., wife of Thomas R. Wilson; Martha, the deceased wife of John McCaw; Nancy, who is single; James, a resident of Polk County, Neb.; Ella, the deceased wife of Josiah Ferris; Margaret, who died in infancy; Frances, wife of Isaiah Ferris, who is living in Des Moines County; William, a resident of Morning Sun, and Preston, now deceased.

In early life Mr. and Mrs. Brown were members of the old-school Presbyterian Church, but in later years joined the United Presbyterians. They were always active in church work, and he served as Ruling Elder for many years. His death occurred April 21, 1888, and his wife departed this life March 31, 1884. He was a man of sound judgment, unswerving integrity, and was well posted in the affairs of the country.



HON. LEWIS A. REILEY, of Wapello, Iowa, a prominent member of the Louisa County bar, and the present Representative of the Twenty-second District, was born in Holmes County, Ohio, March 1, 1845, and is a son of James and Ann (Hague) Reiley. His father was born in Fayette County, Pa., March 26, 1805, of Irish descent, and was married to Miss Ann Hague, Jan. 24, 1827. Mrs. Reiley was also born in Fayette County, Pa., and was descended from Scotch ancestry. They removed to Holmes County, Ohio, in 1839, and from there to Louisa County, Iowa, in 1853. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and four daughters are now living. Mr. Reiley was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred April 2, 1855. His wife survived him several years, her death occurring in 1868.

Lewis A. was reared on his father's farm, receiving his primary education at the district schools. At twelve years of age he entered the Columbus

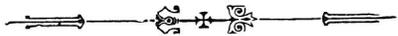
City High School, which he attended four years, after which he spent two years at home in the management of the farm, and subsequently attended school a short time at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He next took a business course at Eastman's Commercial College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and was graduated in the class of '65. He then entered Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., where he took a two-years scientific course, at the close of which he returned to Iowa and engaged in teaching school. In 1869 Mr. Reiley was elected County Superintendent of Schools, and entered upon a course of legal studies as he found leisure from official duty. He subsequently read law with the Hon. D. N. Sprague, of Wapello, then serving as District Attorney. Mr. Reiley was admitted to the bar in April, 1871, and at once formed a law partnership with his preceptor, Mr. Sprague, which connection continued until 1879, since which time he has been alone in practice.

In Louisa County, Iowa, April 24, 1872, Mr. Reiley was united in marriage with Miss Carrie L. Newell, a daughter of Robert F. Newell, and a native of Concord Township, this county. Her father was born in Holmes County, Ohio, and settled in Concord Township in 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Reiley have one child, a son, Robert Leroy, born at Wapello, Feb. 21, 1873.

Mr. Reiley is an earnest Republican in politics, and a Universalist in religious belief. He was elected Representative to the Iowa Legislature from the Twenty-second District in 1885, was re-elected in 1887, and is now serving his second term. He has proved an able and useful representative, and has won prominence by his course in the case of the impeachment trial of State Auditor John L. Brown, and as the author of the present Grand Jury law of the State. He framed the law and engineered its passage, under which the Legislature organized as a court of impeachment in the John L. Brown trial, of which the expense to the State was reduced \$34,000. The bill had the phenomenal record of having passed both Houses, and received the signature of the Governor within twenty-six hours of its presentation in the Lower House. The present Grand Jury law, which was framed by Mr. Reiley, has proved a wonderful im-

provement on the former system, and has been of marked benefit to both the courts and the people, saving upward of \$60,000 annually. Mr. Reiley is an able lawyer, and is conceded to be entitled to rank among the leading members of the Iowa bar. He is a 32d degree Mason, a member of Wapello Lodge No. 5. A. F. & A. M.; of St. Omer Commandery, of Burlington, and of DeMolay Consistory, of Lyons, Iowa.

A portrait of Mr. Reiley appears in connection with this sketch.



ZADOK JARVIS, deceased. In recording the sketch of Mr. Jarvis we furnish an item of interest to the readers of the ALBUM, not only of this generation, but of coming generations, he being one of the most prominent pioneers of Louisa County. He was born in Rowan County, N. C., Dec. 28, 1809, but when he was twelve years of age the family removed to Union County, Ind., making that their home until 1847, when they removed to Louisa County, Iowa. In 1832 Mr. Jarvis went to Cass County, Mich., and while in that county was united in marriage with Jane Gardner, a native of Mifflin County, Pa., and a daughter of Hugh and Mary (McFadden) Gardner, the mother a native of Pennsylvania, and the father of Ireland. The marriage of Mr. Jarvis and Miss Gardner was celebrated in 1836, and the following year he brought his young wife to Louisa County, Iowa, locating on the west side of Virginia Grove, on what is now section 22, Morning Sun Township, the present owner being Hugh Gardner. There they began in earnest life's work, subjected to all the hardships and inconveniences, trials and privations of pioneer life. After eight years of happy married life the wife was called to her final rest, Feb. 6, 1844. She was the mother of five children, only two of whom are now living: Mrs. James N. Chapman, of Morning Sun Township, and Mrs. J. T. Gawthrop, of Burlington. In 1847 Mr. Jarvis was again married, Charlotte Spafford becoming his wife. She is a daughter of Orlin Spafford, one of the early and respected settlers of the county. Of the six children born of the second

marriage four are still living, three sons and one daughter: Margaret L., now Mrs. John Wood, of Nebraska; John R. and Leander M., of Morning Sun, and Edward E., supposed to be in Kansas.

In many respects Mr. Jarvis was a remarkable man. Deprived of the advantages of acquiring even a common-school education, he yet had been endowed by nature with superior judgment and considerable talent. As a business man he developed splendid executive abilities, which were everywhere recognized, and his wise counsel was sought for by his neighbors far and near. Always generous to a fault, the home of this plain and honest man was for years in the early history of the county the abode of genuine hospitality. Sterling integrity was another of his striking characteristics, his word being as good as his bond, and although through business entanglements with others he suffered financial misfortune, his honor and his good name through all the varying scenes of a busy life ever remained unstained, and in him one could see a fulfillment of the "noblest work of God—an honest man." Mr. Jarvis was always a Democrat, firmly clinging to his political convictions, yet cheerfully acceding to others the right of opinion, a trait precious on account of its scarcity in this age of partisan bitterness.

In 1870 Mr. Jarvis united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lived a consistent member of that body until his death, which occurred June 24, 1886. When the news of the death of this good old man became known, while not unexpected, a feeling of universal sorrow was manifested on every hand. His long-continued illness, with his old age, gave his friends little hope for any other result, though everything that medical skill could employ or loving hands provide was brought into requisition for his relief, but it was evident that the sands of life had about run out. He fell peacefully asleep, and without an apparent struggle his spirit passed to Him Who gave it. In his death the county lost one of her best and truest citizens. None knew him but to love him, for his many acts of kindness shown to those in distress, need or sorrow, could not but win the hearts of all. Although surrounded by trials and difficulties, he always overcame every obstacle and came out conqueror in the

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business and professional men of the city supported him for a second term, and in compliance with their expressed wish Hon. George M. Curtis, Congressman from the Second district, recommended Mr. Rowland. He took possession September 1, 1898. For a number of years he was secretary of the Iowa County Agricultural Society. He was a leader in the organization of the Knights of Pythias fourteen years ago and is a member of Marengo Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M. and Jerusalem Chapter No. 72, R. A. M., having served as secretary of the Chapter from 1891 to 1899. He has also served as Worthy Patron of Marengo Chapter No. 123, O. E. S. His wife is also Worthy Matron of the same Chapter. He has served in official capacity in the A. L. of H., Iowa Legion of Honor, A. O. U. W. and M. W. of A. He was married October 30, 1870, to Miss Benine Hill of Springfield, Keokuk county. They have nine children: Snowden Hill, born August 31, 1871; Mary, born May 2, 1873; Francis William, born January 4, 1875; Grace, born December 8, 1876; Sumner Evans, born January 21, 1879; Lincoln Garfield, born January 29, 1881; Robert Blaine, born December 7, 1882; Faith, born December 8, 1885, and David Allison, born November 22, 1887.

REILEY, LEWIS ALBERT, a leading lawyer in Wapello, Louisa county, has been a resident of that county since 1853 and has lived in the city of Wapello for more than thirty years. He was born in Nashville, Ohio, March 1, 1845. His father, James Reiley, was of Irish descent, born in Pennsylvania, and died in 1855, two years after removing to Louisa county, Iowa. Mr. Reiley's mother was Anna Hague, of Scotch and French Huguenot descent. She was married to James Reiley in the year 1826, and died in 1868. The Reileys were farmers in comfortable circumstances. Their son Lewis attended the common schools in Louisa county and in 1861 was a student in the high school in Mt. Pleasant. When the civil war broke out, young Reiley ran away from the high school, entered the army, and remained south about six months, when he

was discharged. Afterward he spent a year attending school in New York and took a year's work in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois. In his early youth Mr. Reiley worked on the home farm near Columbus City, Louisa county, and in his nineteenth year began teaching in the public schools. He continued in this occupation until five years later, when he was elected county superintendent of schools. He declined reelection, to continue the study and practice of law which he had commenced. He studied for admission to the bar with Hon. D. N. Sprague of Wapello, then the able prose-



cuting attorney of the old First district of Iowa, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1871, in the district court of Louisa county, Hon. Joshua Tracy of Burlington presiding. Upon his admission to the bar Mr. Reiley at once formed a partnership with Mr. Sprague, his preceptor and friend, which partnership continued for a number of years. The firm had a large business, although Mr. Sprague was compelled to be absent much of the time for twelve years, on account of his official duties.

Mr. Reiley has for many years been a republican of state-wide prominence and influence and an able advocate of the principles of his party. In the year 1885 he was brought out for representative from Louisa county in the Twenty-first General Assem-

bly and was elected over a very strong opponent, Arthur Springer of Columbus Junction. He was re-elected to the Twenty-second General Assembly. In the first session he devoted himself to the work of revising the judiciary system of the state, especially perfecting the new grand jury law reducing the grand jury to less than one-half the number previously required.

The impeachment trial of John L. Brown, auditor of state, was the most prominent feature of the session of the Twenty-first General Assembly and Mr. Reiley and Judge S. M. Weaver of Iowa Falls, then a member of the house, were chosen on the first ballot to be two of the seven managers of the impeachment trial on the part of the house. Toward the close of the session it was deemed expedient to reduce the probable expense of the trial, so Mr. Reiley prepared a bill under which the legislature would adjourn as a legislative body and the senate convene as a court of impeachment to hear the charges preferred by the house against the auditor. The measure was introduced on Wednesday, reported favorably on Thursday morning, passed the house Thursday forenoon and the senate that afternoon, was enrolled in the evening, signed by the officers of the two houses and governor, published and became a law Friday morning. Mr. Reiley entered upon the impeachment trial with the other managers and remained therein until its close.

In the Twenty-second General Assembly Mr. Reiley took an active part on behalf of the blind people of the state and was thereafter appointed by Governor Larrabee to be a member of a commission of three to visit and investigate the operation of various institutions in the United States devoted to the education and industrial improvement of the blind. The commission began its work April 22, 1888, and visited the colleges and workshops for blind people in the United States and Canada, excepting those on the Pacific coast. The commission made a report to Governor Larrabee and its recommendations were laid before the next legislature which established the Industrial Home for the Blind in Knoxville.

On the 24th day of April, 1872, Mr. Reiley was married to Miss Carrie L. Newell,

a daughter of Robert F. Newell of Louisa county. They have one son, Robert Leroy, born February 23, 1873, now engaged with his father in the practice of law. He was given a classical education, including a six years' course in Knox College, from which he was graduated with honors in June, 1897. Entering the law department of the State University of Iowa, he was graduated from that institution in June, 1900, and thereupon admitted to the state and federal courts. Mr. L. A. Reiley is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has advanced to the thirty-second degree, being the first one in Louisa county to attain to that degree.

RICHARDSON, GEORGE H., was born in Waterloo, Canada East, February 7, 1844. His family came back to the United States in 1852 and settled in Illinois. His father had been a resident of Canada about twenty-five years. He is a lineal descend-



ant of Samuel Richardson, who emigrated from England in 1836. There were three brothers. Ezekiel came with Winthrop in 1630, Samuel and Thomas following six years later. They located in Charleston,

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"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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In 1869 he was again elected to the State Senate and served in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. That his legal abilities were considered of a high order was shown by his appointment as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He introduced the bill which became a law regulating the taxation of railroad property. In his eight years of service in the Senate, he contributed largely in shaping the legislation of the State and the future of her institutions.

Mr. Hurley died in the prime of life, in 1884. He had attained a high standing at the bar and became favorably known to the lawyers throughout the State. He and John Hale were for a number of years partners, built up a large practice and the firm was considered one of the strongest in the district.

John Hale, who has been referred to as a partner of Mr. Hurley, was a native of Greene County, Ohio. He came with his father's family when a lad, to Louisa County, in 1839. His education was not liberal, but by reading and observation, he greatly made up for what he lacked in that direction. While a young man, he was elected Clerk of the District Court, and was re-elected several times to the same office. This delayed his entering upon the practice of his profession until comparatively late in life, but he soon attained the rank of being one of the best lawyers in the County. He is said to have had a large amount of common sense and a naturally legal mind. His long experience as Clerk of the Court was advantageous, he had formed a wide acquaintance with the people, and they had perfect confidence in both his ability and integrity.

Lewis A. Reiley became a member of the Louisa County Bar and entered upon the practice at Wapello about 1870. He had received a liberal education in eastern institutions. He was a graduate of Troy College, New York, and afterward pursued a classical course of two years at Knox College. Before his admission to the bar, he had been a teacher, and was for two years County Superintendent of schools. He gained the reputation of being a good lawyer and built up a respectable practice. He was a man of varied accomplishments and learning.

Damon N. Sprague, I knew personally. He was a most agreeable gentleman. He was very companionable and very pleasing. He was, in fact, a general favorite among his acquaintances. He was also a lawyer of high repute in that part of the State. He died in 1902. He had been a widely practicing lawyer in southeastern Iowa for forty-five years. He represented Des Moines and Louisa County in the Seventh General Assembly. In 1870 he was elected District Attorney of the Burlington District and ably served in that capacity for four years. He removed from Wapello to Burlington, but at what date, I am unable to say. He was born at Cooperstown, New York, in 1832, and died at Richland Springs in that State. His remains were brought to Wapello for interment.

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Holmes Co., Ohio
Death: 26 Dec 1914
Wapello, Louisa Co., Iowa
Burial: 29 Dec 1914
Wapello Cemetery, Louisa Co., Iowa

Parents

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Caroline Leanne Newell](#) Disc #143 Pin #4393392
Marriage: 24 Apr 1872
Fredonia, Louisa Co., Iowa

Other Event(s)

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