

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brown, William Senator _____
Represented Ringgold County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Dec 1836 Monmouth, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Sarah Ralston 12 Aug 1858 Warren County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Minister; farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 22nd 23rd General Assemblies 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 2 Jan 1912 Fowlerville, California; buried

8. Children Thomas L.; Andrew R.; Lillie (Mrs. Eliza Ralston);
Carrie; Winifred J.

9. Names of parents John Haldane and Jane (Struthers) Brown

10. Education He was educated in common schools

11. Degrees He graduated from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois
in 1856; in 1866 graduated from Theological College,
Monmouth, Illinois

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was raised on a farm

- He moved with his family to Mount Ayr, Ringgold
County, Iowa in 1868

- He built and United Presbyterian Church at Mount Ayr of
which he was the pastor for 6 years.

- He started a mission at Eugene, Iowa in 1875

- He had a church at Inglyf, Iowa

- Military service - Civil War - Company A, 138th Illinois
Infantry

the barn as he was unbuckling the lines and threw off the lap robe. He had scarcely completed this task ere he fell backward in the sleigh and expired without a groan. He had been in usual health up to that time and death came without warning. When the news was conveyed to Mrs. Bement she was completely prostrated. Dr. Bement had been a resident of Ringgold county for most of the time since the latter part of the '70's, settling first near old Goshen. He was for a few years a resident of Kansas, returning to this county and beginning a practice at Mt. Ayr about 18 years ago. He had been married three times, his first wife, the mother of his four boys, Lin, Lee, Hugh, and Fred, dying while he was in Kansas. His second wife and his sons, Lee and Hugh, dying since he returned to Mt. Ayr. His last wife was Miss Anna Sloan, and she and little daughter, and his sons, Lin and Fred, and families, besides a very large circle of friends are left to mourn. The editor's acquaintance with and friendship for Dr. Bement dates back to 1884, and we never had a better or truer friend—in fact we loved him as we would a brother, and a great sense of personal loss and bereavement comes to us as we pen these lines. He was our family physician for years and the shock of his death seemed very hard to bear. He was a devoted Christian man and a leader in the Methodist church for years. His worth was recognized by the city of Mt. Ayr, he being a member of the city council, and prominent in all

Kansas about two years ago. His death was caused by neuralgia of the heart, and was very sudden, he having been in fairly good health up to that time. He was back here last spring on a visit and seemed to like his Kansas home real well. Although not a member of the church he was regarded as a good moral man and a good citizen.

D. J. ARMSTRONG'S SUDDEN CALL

The many friends of D. J. or "Jim" Armstrong of Liberty township will be grieved to learn of his sudden death which took place Monday afternoon at his home. He was about 70 years of age, and one of the oldest residents of his township. He had been complaining for some time, but his death was very unexpected. The Vindicator editor had known Mr. Armstrong for many years and can bear testimony to his sterling worth as a citizen.

DEATH OF REV. WM. BROWN

Rev. Brown died Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at his home in Fowlerville, Calif., after a lingering illness. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago and never rallied from the effects of it. In 1868, while he was the U. P. pastor at Mt. Ayr, he organized a mission at Eugene, and in 1875 he was called to the pastorate there. The congregation has since moved the church to Shannon City. Rev. Brown was instrumental in building a church edifice at both Mt. Ayr and Eugene while he served the congregations. He graduated from Monmouth

Anderson.

Dr. Harry Gray of ... came last week for a visit to his brother, Frank, and family.

Grandma Mariner is ill cousin of her son, M. Mariner, south of Tingley. She is 88 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe Johnston Ayr were guests at the Jacob baker home over Friday night.

J. A. Engle of Lotts Creek to visited his brother, G. W. Engle, wife of the Engle House over night.

David Hurm, who makes his home with his brother-in-law, S. H. Plepton, left Monday for a visit to Pennsylvania.

Mrs. C. M. Jenks went to Bedford and was joined there today by Mr. Jenks. They returned home Monday.

Rev. J. G. Duling went to Garden Grove where he delivered an entertainment that evening, returning home Saturday.

Geo. McGandy of Washington but who had been visiting in Minnesota, came last week to visit his brother, John, and family.

Hugh Hogue, who has been ill with pneumonia for the past few days, is getting along nicely in the care of Dr. S. W. DeLong.

Mr. and Mrs. Snook of Reynolds who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Graves in Liberty township, returned Saturday to their home.

W. A. Wiles of Council Bluffs had been visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, M. D. Graves, in Liberty township, returned Saturday to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. H. Mediapolis, who had been visiting their son, Homer, and their mother, Mrs. Morris Heizer, returned today to their home.

Mrs. Will Fraser and Miss B. Brady returned Tuesday from Chicago, Ill., where they attended the wedding of Miss Brady's sister, which took place Dec. 29.

Mrs. Martin Clever of Cleve Alberta, Can., who had been visiting at the C. A. Wright home in Liberty township, went Friday to Hillsdale for a visit. She is cousin of Mr. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fraser and

Keep Your Eye on the Range

in the west window of our store. We take off 50c each day until sold. Get it as cheap as you can, but don't try to get it so cheap that the other fellow gets it.

Our Stock of Hardware

is more complete than ever. We have a splendid line of Cook Stoves both in Quality, Quantity, and Price. Call in and let us show you through our line. It is a pleasure to us to show goods.

We are making A 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT on all Granite

that was for the good and uplifting of the community. Dr. Bement was a soldier of the Civil war, and about 65 years of age. It was fitting that he should die while still on a mission for the food of humanity. The time for the funeral had not been set yesterday noon awaiting word from his son, Fred, who lives in Wisconsin. The whole county will miss him, as he had an extensive practice and acquaintance.

J. W. FULLERTON DIES SUDDENLY

Word was received here this week of the sudden death of J. W. Fullerton at his home near Terryton, Kan., on Dec. 31st, aged 77 years. Mr. Fullerton and family were old time residents of Tingley having moved to Kansas about two years ago. His death was caused by neuralgia of the heart, and was very sudden, he having been in fairly good health up to that time. He was back here last spring on a visit and seemed to like his Kansas home real well. Although a member of the church he was regarded as a good moral man and a good citizen.

D. J. ARMSTRONG'S SUDDEN CALL

The many friends of D. J. or "Jimp" Armstrong of Liberty township will be grieved to learn of his sudden death which took place Monday afternoon at his home. He was about 70 years of age, and one of the oldest residents of his township. He had been complaining for some time, but his death was very unexpected. The Vindicator editor had known Mr. Armstrong for many years and can bear testimony to his sterling worth as a citizen.

DEATH OF REV. WM. BROWN

Rev. Brown died Sunday, Jan. 2nd, at his home in Fowlerville, Calif., after a lingering illness. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about a year ago and never rallied from the effects of it. In 1868, while he was the U. P. pastor at Mt. Ayr, he organized a mission at Eugene, and in 1875 he was called to the pastorate there. The congregation has since moved the church to Summit City. Rev. Brown was instrumental in building a church edifice at both Mt. Ayr and

college in 1865. Rev. Brown took quite an active part in politics having represented Ringgold county twice in the state legislature. His death will be mourned by many old friends in this vicinity.

NOTICE

Bids will be received until 1 o'clock Friday, Feb. 4, for road work of Tingley township. Bids to be for man and team. Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

R. T. COLE, Township Clerk.

PERSONAL

Mrs. H. E. Tuttle has been ill with tonsillitis, but is better.

Hal Quigley of Miller, S. D., visited last week with his aunt, Mrs. S. A. Anderson.

Dr. Harry Gray of Wheelock, N. D., came last week for a visit with his brother, Frank, and family.

Grandma Mariner is ill at the home of her son, M. Mariner, southeast of Tingley. She is 88 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe Johnston of Mt. Ayr were guests at the Jacob Brubaker home over Friday night.

J. A. Engle of Lotts Creek township visited his brother, G. W. Engle, and wife of the Engle House over Friday night.

David Hurm, who makes his home with his brother-in-law, S. R. Templeton, left Monday for a visit in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. C. M. Jenks went Friday to Bedford and was joined there Saturday by Mr. Jenks. They returned home Monday.

Rev. J. G. Duling went Friday to Garden Grove where he delivered an entertainment that evening, returning home Saturday.

Geo. McGandy of Washington state, but who had been visiting in Minnesota, came last week to visit his brother, John, and family.

Hugh Hogue, who has been quite ill with pneumonia for the past ten days, is getting along nicely under the care of Dr. S. W. DeLong.

Mr. and Mrs. Snook of Red Oak, and Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Graves in Liberty township, returned Saturday to their

**WANT
250 HORSES
and**



Bring in your
Good Ones.
The Best is
None too
Good.

Will be at Cunningham

Wednesday,

To buy all kinds of fat horses and rationable. One hundred head for the weight from 1400 pounds to as large southern horses 3 years old and up fat plugs—does not matter how old mules, any size, from 3 years up to date, as we

Will Be There Rain

Will Pay the

We ship more horses
in Iowa, and pay more
else.

JOHN DAVIS,

St. Paul, Minn.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF THE
STATE OFFICERS,
AND THE
MEMBERS AND OFFICERS
OF THE
Twenty-Second General Assembly
OF IOWA,
—BY—
D. M. GARR.
Des Moines, March, 1888.

DES MOINES:
MILLER & WATTERS.
1888.

PUBLIC LIBRARY
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Jackson county, where he remained up to 1869 and then moved to his present home in Carroll county. He was married in 1849 to Miss Louisa Grove, of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. They now have nine children living, six sons and three daughters. In July, 1862, Mr. Horton entered the 138th Pa. Inf., Co. "D," as a private, and passed through the different commissioned offices, and in July, 1865, was mustered out as captain of his company. He was raised on a farm, and farming has been his principal business during life. For six years he was a member of the board of supervisors of Carroll county. He is now serving his first term in the Legislature, having been elected by the Democratic party of which he has always been a solid-stand by. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R.

HON. PHILIPP DIETZ, Walcott, Scott County:—Was born in Germany, January 10, 1838. He came to America and to Iowa, in May, 1854. He is engaged in the stock, cattle and grain business at his home town, and is a member of the firm of Stockdale & Dietz. His politics are Democratic and he is now serving his second consecutive term in the House. He is a careful and efficient Legislator, and fulfils the duties of his office with credit to himself and his constituents.

His family consists of a wife and two children.

HON. WILLIAM BROWN, Tingley, Ringgold County: Was born at Monmouth, Illinois, December 2, 1836. He was raised on a farm and received his primary education in the common schools. When of sufficient age and advancement in educational matters, he entered the college in his native town where he received a classical course, and later, a theological course. In the spring of 1867 he was licensed to preach, and the following year came to Ringgold county, Iowa, where he was called to take the pastorate of a congregation. The year after his arrival in Iowa, he was ordained a minister of the United Presbyterian church. Since his first advent in Iowa he has made his home continuously in Ringgold county. He entered the U. S. service in 1864, joined the 138th Ill. Inf., Co. "A," and served till the close of the war. In 1857 he was married to Miss Sarah Ralston, of Monmouth, Illinois. They have five children, two sons and three daughters. He is serving his first term in the Legislature. His politics are Republican.

BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL

RECORD

OF

Ringgold and Decatur Counties, Iowa.

CONTAINING PORTRAITS OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM WASHINGTON TO CLEVELAND, WITH ACCOMPANYING BIOGRAPHIES OF EACH; A CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA; PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE TERRITORY AND STATE; ENGRAVINGS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS IN RINGGOLD AND DECATUR COUNTIES, WITH PERSONAL HISTORIES OF MANY OF THE LEADING FAMILIES, AND A CONCISE HISTORY OF RINGGOLD AND DECATUR COUNTIES AND THEIR CITIES AND VILLAGES.

THE LEWIS PUBLISHING COMPANY,

113 ADAMS STREET, CHICAGO.

1887.

building. He has served his township as trustee, and has been school treasurer for sixteen years. He was elected and represented Ringgold County in the Iowa State Legislature in the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions, in which he proved himself worthy of the support of his constituents.

 **M**V. DAVIS, farmer, section 20, Athens Township, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, July 19 1835, son of John and Sarah (Scott) Davis, who had a family of seven children—John L., Vincent H., Elihu, Frederick, John, Nelson, and Martin V., the subject of this notice. When fifteen years of age he removed to Lafayette, Indiana, where he resided until he reached maturity. His youth was spent in assisting on the farm, and in getting his education in the common schools. He was married December 4, 1861, to Miss Sarah J. Armstrong, born in Sandusky County, Ohio, December 3, 1843, daughter of William and Leah (Shoop) Armstrong, natives of Pennsylvania, who had a family of nine children—Mary Ann, Henry E., Elizabeth, Susan, William, John, Frances, Sarah J., and George W. During the late war Mr. Davis enlisted, August 12, 1862, in Company C, Seventy-second Indiana Infantry. He was in the battle of Chickamauga, Atlanta campaign with General Wilson's cavalry raid; was on provost guard at Macon, Georgia, at the time Jeff Davis was captured. He was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, July 6, 1865, and returned home. In 1866 he removed to Jasper County, Iowa, where he resided until 1871, when he came to Athens Township, and purchased 120 acres of wild land, which is his present home. He has since added to his original purchase until he has a farm of 420 acres, in a good state of cultivation. He has a good

story-and-a-half residence surrounded with shade and ornamental trees, an orchard of one and a half acres, and a grove of about two acres. Everything about the farm shows the thrift of its owner. It is divided into ten fields besides feed lots. He is engaged in stock-raising, feeding, and dealing in stock. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have five children—Orville V., George N., John William, Charles E., and Daisy Snowflake. Politically Mr. Davis is a Republican. He is a member of Ellis C. Miller Post, No. 96. G. A. R., Mount Ayr. He was a bound boy, and consequently commenced life without any means except strong and willing hands. By industry, economy and good management he has acquired a good property, and is classed among the leading men of the county. Postoffice, Kellerton, Ringgold County, Iowa.

 **R**EV. WILLIAM BROWN, the pioneer minister of Eugene, Jefferson Township, was born in Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois, the date of his birth being December 2, 1836. His father, Prof. John Brown, was a native of Scotland, coming to America at the age of sixteen years. He acquired a fine education by his own exertions and became a successful teacher, following the teacher's profession till his death. Our subject was reared in his native town, and received good educational advantages. He graduated from Monmouth College in 1865, and in 1868 graduated from the Theological College then at Monmouth, but since removed to Xenia, Ohio. He was married August 12, 1858, to Miss Sarah Ralston, a daughter of Andrew Ralston, and of the six children born to them five are living—Thomas L., mail agent between Council Bluffs and Kansas City; Andrew R., a farmer of Jefferson Township; Lillie, wife of Elza Ralston,

a conductor on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad between Neodesha and Wichita; Carrie, a prominent teacher of Ringgold County, and Winnifred J. Mr. Brown removed with his family to Mount Ayr, Ringgold County, in 1868, and built the United Presbyterian church at that place, of which he was pastor for six years, and while living there he started a mission at Eugene, which grew rapidly, and in 1875 he was called to take charge of the church at this place, where he has since made his home. He takes a great interest in missionary work, and has organized a society at Platte Valley, nine miles west of Eugene, and at present has charge of the churches in Tingley Township, besides his church in Eugene. He is widely known throughout his part of the county, and few men possess the confidence and respect of the public to a greater extent than he. He gives liberally of both time and means to help the cause of his Master, and is always active in the promotion of every social and moral reform.



THOMAS A. STEVENSON, one of the successful agriculturists of Jefferson Township, living on section 13, and an active and enterprising citizen, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 27, 1851, a son of John Stevenson, a native of Guernsey County, Ohio. The father brought his family to Ringgold County, Iowa, and is still a resident of Jefferson Township. Thomas A., the subject of this sketch, was reared to agricultural pursuits, receiving a fair common-school education. He began his career as a teacher in the winter of 1869-'70, in Eugene, Ringgold County, in a log shanty, part of which was used for a granary, this being the first school taught at Eugene. In this school he had thirteen scholars, one of whom was

a colored man over twenty-one years of age who did not know the alphabet. He had been a slave before the war. Mr. Stevenson was married to Sarah E. Dunlap, September 14, 1876, she being a daughter of John Dunlap, of Mt. Ayr. Three children have been born to this union—Margaret R., John D. and Osie M. Mr. Stevenson has 360 acres of well-cultivated land where he resides and is engaged in farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding thorough-bred Chester white hogs. He was county supervisor for three years—1881, 1882 and 1883, and at the close of his term of office the following resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The term of office of Thomas A. Stevenson as a member of the Board of Supervisors, of Ringgold County, Iowa has expired, therefore be it

Resolved, That the county loses the services of a valuable and efficient officer of excellent business qualifications, and of undoubted integrity.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

He has been postmaster at Eugene four years and is at present filling the office. He has filled the office of justice of the peace for the past two years, and has been secretary of the School Board four years, and is still holding these positions. Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are members of the United Presbyterian church.



DE WITT CLINTON KINSELL, one of the oldest business men of Mt. Ayr, is a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, born April 23, 1826. His parents, Enoch B. and Hannah (Dillman) Kinsell, were also natives of Maryland, the father born in the city of Baltimore, and the mother in Hagerstown. They left



Welcome, help

[Home](#) [My Ancestry](#) [Search](#) [Ancestry Community](#) [Learning Center](#) [Store](#)

All Birth Certificates - Find Any Birth Record in 5 Secs! Search Government's Own Database. www.SearchRecords.org/BirthReco

Ads by Google

Thomas Beckett Family, Newfield House, Upper Ballinderry, Barony of Upper Massereer
Ireland, 1690-2007

Entries: 14494 **Updated:** 2007-09-13 13:45:04 UTC (Thu) **Contact:** Ralph John Beckett

Thomas Beckett Family, Newfield House, Upper Ballinderry, Barony of Upper Massereene, County Antr

[Index](#) | [Descendancy](#) | [Register](#) | [Pedigree](#) | [Ahnentafel](#) | [Download GEDCOM](#) | [Ad](#)

- *ID:* I06053
- *Name:* **William BROWN**
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 2 DEC 1836 in Monmouth, Warren Co., Illinois
- *Death:* 2 JAN 1910 in Fowler, Fresno Co., California
- *Burial:* Fowler, Fresno Co., California
- *Residence:* 1889 Ringgold Co., Iowa
- *Residence:* 1890 Fowler, Fresno Co., California
- *Event:* Military Civil War
- *Note:*

Marlene Van Brocklin:

Do you know more of the Monmouth-Mt.Ayr connection? Our research see ms to cross at 4 points: Struthers, Paxton, Monmouth, Illinois and Mt. Ay r, Iowa.

I am descended from Jane Struthers (1810-1884; daughter of William and Ja ne Lindsay Struthers) who married John Haldane Brown (1810-1839). Their so n,William Brown was founding minister of the Mt. Ayr, Iowa Presbyterian Ch urch. He attended Monmouth College and Seminary and married in 1855 in Mon mouth Sarah Ralston (b.1836 Ohio) who was the daughter of Andrew Ralston(b .Scotland)and Emily Paxton,(b.Pennsylvania). He established United Presbyt erian congregations in Iowa, Illinois and California.

If you have any information regarding these Scottish enclaves and connecti ons I would appreciate hearing. I am willing to share information that I h ave.

Father: John Haldane BROWN b: 10 DEC 1810 in Scotland
Mother: Jane STRUTHERS b: 10 JUN 1810 in Rockbridge Co., Virginia

Marriage 1 Sarah RALSTON b: 1836 in Ohio

- *Married:* 12 AUG 1858 in Warren Co., Illinois

Children

1.  Thomas Lindsey BROWN b: ABT 1859 in Illinois
2.  Andrew Ralston BROWN b: 28 JUN 1861 in Illinois
3.  Lillie Odelphia BROWN b: 18 MAY 1864 in Illinois
4.  Carrie Olive BROWN b: 6 JUN 1866 in Illinois
5.  Winnie J. BROWN b: ABT 1870 in Iowa

[Index](#) | [Descendancy](#) | [Register](#) | [Pedigree](#) | [Ahnentafel](#) | [Download GEDCOM](#) | [Ad](#)

 [Printer Friendly Version](#)  [Search Ancestry](#)  [Search AWT](#)  [Join Ancestry.com](#)

Genealogy Links: [Family Trees](#) | [Census Records](#) | [Immigration Records](#) | [Genealogy Records](#) | [U.K. Records](#) | [Historical Newspapers](#)

[Corporate Info](#) | [Affiliate Program](#) | [PRIVACY STATEMENT](#) | [Contact Us](#)

Copyright © 199