Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative

Represented Clarke County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place
   4 Mar, 1839
   Selon, Indiana

2. Marriage(s) date place
   Nancy L. King
   Aug 1868

3. Significant events for example:
   A. Business
   B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.
   C. Profession County auditor

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served
   23rd General Assembly, 1890

6. Public Offices
   A. Local
      Clarke County auditor, 1869-1874, and again for 7 terms
      Clarke County, Census, director, 1900; and again for 1 term
   B. State
   C. National

7. Death
   9 Jun 1908
   Davenport, Iowa
   Buried Maple Hill Cemetery, Davenport

8. Children
   Charles, George, Helen, Samuel (Mrs. Jefferson)
   preceded by death in infancy
   Henry
   Jefferson married by Mr. Jefferson

9. Names of parents
   Lewis and Catherine (Calhoun) King

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.
10. Education


11. Degrees

Attended Bryant and Stratton Commercial College

12. Other applicable information

Republican

His father died in 1851, so the next year his mother and her children moved to Clarke County, Iowa. He lived there until her death.

Military service - Civil War - Co. F, 6th Iowa Infantry attaining rank of 1st Lieutenant.

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After college, he taught school for 2 years.

He later engaged in the grocery business for 4 years.
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**F. M. Kyte Dies Suddenly**

Francis M. Kyte, one of Clarke county's best known citizens, died very suddenly at his home in this city Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock. He had been in failing health for more than a year and at times felt fairly well. He had been up town yesterday and was feeling as well as usual, and was sick but five hours, death resulting from heart disease.

Mr. Kyte was born in Indiana March 1, 1839, and was one of a large family of children, eight sons and three daughters. His father died in 1851 and the next year the widowed mother, with her children, some of whom were grown, came to Clarke county where he has ever since resided. In July, 1881, he enlisted in defense of his country and served thru the war in Co. F. Sixth Iowa Inf., being promoted to the position of first lieutenant in the latter part of the war serving as such until mustered out in July of 1865. He was at the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, Mission Ridge and Atlanta campaigns, and up to Savannah, Rolla and Bentonville. After the war he returned to Osceola, attended Bryant & Stratton's Commercial college, and later taught school two years. He was elected auditor of this county in 1869 and served until 74. For the next four years he was in the grocery business and then was again chosen auditor serving seven terms. He next served a term in legislature as representative from this district and was census director for the Eighth district in 1900. In 1902 he was again chosen auditor, serving two terms. He held the record, we understand, for length of service as a county official in Clarke county and the public never had a more faithful or efficient servant. He was married in August of 1858 to Nancy Smith, and to this union were born four children, Charles, Laura,

**THE LATE F. M. KYTE.**

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**Tornado in Northern Iowa**

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For State Representative
Fenn, 1122.
For Clerk of the District Court
Haran, 1175.
For County Auditor
Iowa, 1177.
For Recorder of Deeds
Hines, 349.
For County Treasurer
Barnard, 704. Reynard, 111.
For County Superintendent of Schools
Smith, 1182.
For Sheriff
Karan, 837.
For County Attorney
Thurston, 1107.
For Members of Board of Supervisors
For term commencing 1910 Stacy, 1041.
For County Surveyor
Andrews, 1091.
For County Coroner
Webster, 1159.

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The path of the storm was about ten rods wide and ten miles long.

The tornado started three miles southeast of town, tearing down farm houses and barns and killing many head of stock. It struck the southwest part of Charles City, plowing a path through to the northeast side and spent itself a few miles from town.

Many had warnings of the approaching tornado and about 3,000 persons sought safety in cyclone cells. No buildings were destroyed, though the tornado just missed the Charles City College.

Eclipse of Sun Due June 28.

On the 28th of this month will occur an eclipse of the sun, which will be visible to a greater or less extent throughout the entire United States. Prof. Blair says: "The fraction of the diameter of the sun covered by the moon will vary from one-tenth in Washington, to the annual eclipse in Florida, where the moon will be seen projected on the disc of the sun as a background. Its apparent size will, however, not be quite as great as that of the sun, because a thin ring or annulus of the sun's surface will remain uncovered. The ring will be exceedingly narrow, and its width being only 1/100 of the solar diameter."

The late F. M. Kyte.

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name: Kyte, Francis M
Residence: Osceola
Occupation: Auditor

Date of birth: Mar 4, 1839
Place: Salem, Indiana

Date of death: Nov 9, 1908
Place: Osceola, Iowa
Cause of death: Maple Hill Cemetery, place of burial

War record:
- 1st Lt F 6 Iowa Infantry
- Enlisted: 1 Jul 1861 at 7th Corp, Must. Place
- Discharged: 1 Jul 1865

Discharged: Date: Place:

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Veteran's name: Kyte, Francis M
Offices of honor: G. A. R.

Post name: Osceola
Post No.: 173(5)
Place: Osceola
Date of issue: 10 May 1885

Year: Date Paid: Amount: Year: Date Paid: Amount:

County Auditor: Clarke Co. 1869-1874; Co. Representer for 1 term; Census Director for 8th District in 1900; Taught school two years.

Suspected: Died