

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Roundy, Washington Senator _____
Represented Shelby County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Sept 1825 Oranadaga County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Jerelda (Wm) Ayles / Eyles 1 Apr 1847 Pike County, Illinois
② Alvira Williams 31 Oct 1848 Illinois
③ Mrs. Nancy G. Brock 8 Dec 1854 Shelby County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Janner

4. Church membership _____

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Feb 1902 Irwin Township, Shelby County, Iowa; buried Martins Cemetery

8. Children By 1st wife - Newton Jasper; Sarah Ann; Cynthia Addine; Julia Ett; Rena Della;
Ellen; James Alvira; John H.; Mary Edith; John Edward; Adolbert Wick

9. Names of parents Wicks and Polly (Lyons) Roundy

Roundy, Washington

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He moved with his parents from New York at age 9 to Ohio and they lived there one year in Cuyahoga County.
- In the next 13 years the family lived also in Missouri and Illinois. He was married 1 Apr 1847 in Pike County, Illinois.
- In spring 1856 he started a trip to California, but at Council Bluffs he became ill and had to give up his trip and settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- The following spring he traded 5 years of labor for 160 acres of land, built a log cabin and intended still to go to California.
- Eventually the idea of going to California was abandoned.
- He owned 1000 acres of land in Shelby County, Iowa.

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JAMES BISGARD, M.D.,

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Death of Washington Roundy.

The above named well known citizen of this county died at his late home in Grove township, Sunday morning, and was buried, Monday, at the Manteno cemetery, presumably, as his first wife was buried there. He had been sick for a number of months.

Mr. Roundy was one of the very oldest settlers of Shelby county, having lived on the farm where he died for over fifty years. The exact date of his coming was the spring of 1851. Seven families had preceded him into Galland's grove, in which locality the first settlements were made. Mr. Roundy and family started in the spring of 1850 to go to California. They reached Council Bluffs, then called Kanessville, and spent the winter there. The next year he traded a yoke of oxen for a quarter section of land in the grove, and settled, expecting to stay a while and then go on to California. The California trip was never made.

Decedent was born in New York in 1825. His father became a convert to the beliefs of the Mormon church, and joined his fortunes with that people in Missouri and Illinois. Decedent never united with his father's church, although he lived all his life among people of that faith.

He was married in 1848, and eleven children were born to the pair. Most, if not all, of them are still living, residents of the locality where they grew up. The best known is N. J. Roundy, the elder, of Washington township, a well known and leading farmer. The first Mrs. Roundy died about a dozen years ago, and he was married a second time. The second wife survives him.

Mr. Roundy, as was the rule among men of his class and time, had very little education of the kind that is got from books, but he was well informed in every matter that a pioneer might learn from his surroundings and from the necessities of his lot. He was a hard worker and a successful man of business, and accumulated an estate that is variously estimated to be worth from one to two hundred thousand. Being successful, he was inclined to be dictatorial, as most successful men are, because they can be. But while at times he may have been harsh, he was also most kind, especially when a neighbor was in distress. He was also very generous to those in need, and his home was the center of a hospitality of the kind we read about in

tag, ship, vessel or yacht, whatever please to term it, built by some up in New York. We are apportioning thousands of dollars, and the Tories, the European maniacs, falling over each other to get to little Dutchman come and take of a little ship. (Applause on theocratic side.)

"What difference does it whether he is Prince Henry or There are thousands of citizens of republics following the plough as as honest, as intelligent as Henry or Prince anybody else. (Applause on the Democratic side.)

"Why do the American people heed to this foolish and disgraceful funkianism enacted by the present administration? What difference make to us whether he is a brother the Emperor, a sister of the Emperor or a mother of the Emperor? It is the evidence of our good will, they say. What do we care about the good will of the German people? Let us speak them politely, as one honest man to another, but why should we bow to those people any more than to other citizen?"

Just imagine the representative great party re-arranging the brother the Emperor of the Germans as "the Dutchman," and being vociferously applauded therein by every democrat on the floor of the house. It's easy to make the blood of every respectable German boil. "What do we care about the good will of the German people? The Germans should teach the lesson.

It may be of interest to know the policy of the republican administration is not without democratic precedent. The Prince of Wales, now Edward VII of England, visited our country during the administration of James Buchanan, and was everywhere received with respect. He was entertained by President Buchanan at the White House. What inconsistencies rank partisanship will drive to indulge in.

—Senator Allison has notified Governor Cummins that Iowa's war debt against the national government amounting to some \$450,000, will not be paid. Secretary Shaw of the treasury, who is now in position to know what is being done, is said to have taken matter in charge and will look after it. The amount will come in handy in affairs of state.

—The members of the Iowa general assembly are expected to be really concerned about the small pox situation in the capital city. One of the departmental clerks has been stricken with the disease, and a young lady senator

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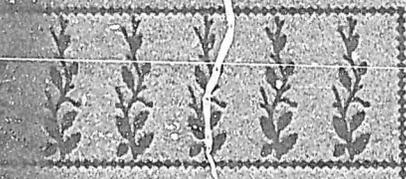
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Mr. Roundy made at least two incursions into local politics, and represented the county two terms in the legislature, being elected in 1887 and again in 1889, as a democrat. While he was unable to accomplish much at Des Moines, being a member of the minority party, we never heard it intimated that he did any less than his best. Many stories were rife in the county, and throughout the state, at the time, relative to his crudities, but this writer always considered that they were largely the products of fancy and invention. We did not have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Roundy, and what we say is gathered from his old friends and neighbors in this locality.

He would seem to have lived a long and useful life; to have established and maintained a reputation for unswerving honesty; to have reared his family properly and well; to have retained to the last the respect and esteem of those who knew him best. What more can the best of us accomplish?

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Said by Geo. H. Pedersen.

entertained by President Buchanan at the White House. What in-ense rank partisanship will it indulge in.

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—The members of the Iowa assembly are reported to be concerned about the small pox in the capital city. One of the most clerks has been stricken with the scourge, and a young lady sent to quarantine. The honorables of house and senate know but that their turn is next. A resolution to adjourn June was introduced in the house Saturday, but no action upon it was taken. The city council of Des Moines last taken action, is attempting to force quarantine and vaccination, and has closed churches and other public meeting places.

—According to a table recently published there are 3,526 millionaires in the United States. Missouri is sixth in population, is sixth in wealth, and only one point behind Ohio in figures in the leading states follows: New York, 694; Pennsylvania, 369; Massachusetts, 318; Ohio, 162; Missouri, 161. Missouri's near neighbors, Iowa has 10 millionaires, Kansas 10, Nebraska 19, and Arkansas 31. Georgia, Alabama and Carolina have but 5 each, while Louisiana has 25. Of Missouri millionaires, 129 are in St. Louis, 10 in Kansas City and 10 in St. Joseph. Missouri farmers are in the list. Quitman and one in Neosho. Missouri has one millionaire to each 19,000 people, and Ohio one to 25,051. Iowa with 50 millionaires is low in wealth and behind the District of Columbia has 21.

Secretary Shaw in "Magan Johnson Brigham in an article in the American Review of Reviews as a campaigner, says:

Leslie M. Shaw has none of the graces taught in the school of life. In personal appearance he is well shouldered; his head, not is well shaped, is out of line with his body and his eyes are

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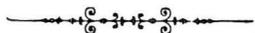
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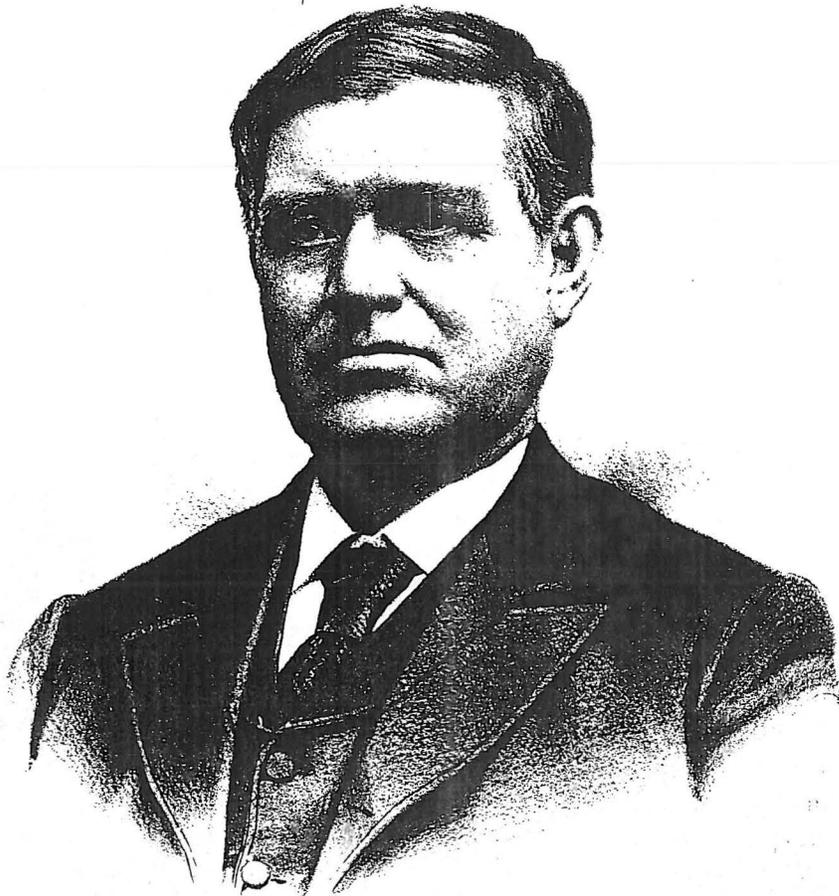
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York. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are the parents of two children. Nels Peter was born September 14, 1856. He was sixteen years of age when he came to America. Before coming to this country he had received a good common-school education, and after arriving here he attended school in Council Bluffs. For a time he was located in Harlan, and was a popular young business man. At present he is in business in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa. He was married in Harlan to Maria Rasmus. The second child of Mr. Peterson is Anna L., born August 27, 1862. She is the wife of J. B. Brock, whose history appears on another page of this volume.



HON. WASHINGTON ROUNDY, one of the pioneers of Shelby County, was born in Onondaga County, New York, September 22, 1825. He is the son of Uriah and Polly (Lyons) Roundy, his mother being a cousin of General Lyons, of Connecticut. The father was a native of Vermont, and the mother was born in New York. Washington was the fourth in a family of nine children, of whom three survive, a brother and sister, both residents in Iowa. When he was about nine years of age his parents came to Ohio, and settled in Cuyahoga County, remaining there one year. They afterwards lived in Clay County, Missouri; Adams County, Illinois, and Pike County, Illinois, remaining in the last-named place for thirteen years. Our subject received his education in the common schools, and was reared to farm life. At the age of twenty-one years he commenced life for himself, with nothing but pluck and ambition; however, he was determined to succeed; and success has been his reward. He was married October 31, 1848, to Alvira Williams, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Cole-

man) Williams, natives of Kentucky, who had removed to Illinois at an early day; there they remained until death. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom Alvira was the sixth; she was born in White County, Illinois, December 5, 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Roundy are the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living—Newton, Polly A., wife of William McCole; Sarah, wife of James Addison; Adda, wife of William Major; Julia, wife of William Fontz; Rena, wife of James Fontz; Ellen, wife of David Adamson; Fannie, wife of Freeman Vandemark; John W., Mary E. and Adelbert. In the spring of 1850 Mr. Roundy, on account of ill health, attempted to make a trip to California, and pursued his journey as far as Council Bluffs; here he was dissuaded from continuing the trip, and remained the winter in the Bluffs, then a small village. The following spring he traded one of five yoke of oxen for 160 acres of land in Grove Township; this claim had been taken out by Frank Rudd, and a rude log cabin had been erected on it. Here Mr. Roundy and family settled, intending to stay a year or two and then go on to California; they were among the very first settlers in the township, only seven other families having located there previous to them. The plan to go to California was abandoned, and they have ever since made this their home. They endured all the hardships encountered by pioneers in those early days, and have done their share in building up Shelby County from a wild and unbroken prairie, inhabited by wolves, deer and elk, to a fine, prosperous, enlightened community. They have ever extended a hearty welcome to the cold and hungry traveler, and have always lent a helping hand to the needy. In sickness and distress, in joy and health, they are ever the same true friends, and they receive the affection and respect of the entire com-



W. Roundy

munity. Mr. Roundy possesses nearly 1,000 acres of land in Shelby County, 645 of which are in his home place. At one time he owned over 1,200 acres in this county. He has made many valuable improvements, and has one of the finest homes in this part of the county; he has commodious barns for live-stock and grain, and devotes his time to general farming. He is a staunch Democrat, and strongly advocates the issues of the party. In 1887 Mr. Roundy was elected a member of the Iowa Legislature, and has served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituency.

ROBERT STEEN, a native of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, born February 14, 1844, is a son of John and Nancy Steen, both natives of Pennsylvania. He was reared to farm life and received his education in the common schools. When he was but four years old, he came with his parents to Mahaska County, Iowa, where he spent his life until March, 1879, when he came to Shelby County, Iowa. He located about five miles northeast of Kirkman, on a farm; since that time he has resided in Douglas and Greeley townships on various farms for about seven years; then he removed to Kirkman; since locating here he has engaged in farming quite extensively. He owns and manages the only livery stable in Kirkman, and controls the drayage of the town. During the threshing season he follows threshing. He is one of Kirkman's live business men, and is well calculated to fill any branch of business to which he might be called. He is a man of honor and integrity, and is one of Shelby County's most worthy citizens. He was married February 19, 1869, to Sarah A., daughter of John and Lucinda McDowell;

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she was born in Poweshiek County, Iowa, June 18, 1852. They are the parents of seven children—Reuben R., Mattie, Lucinda, Latla, Netta, Emma and Mable. Mr. Steen is an active supporter of the Democratic principles.

R. WESTROPE is the proprietor of Pine Valley Stock Farm, Harlan Township, Shelby County. He is a native of Morgan County, Illinois, born September 2, 1825, and is a son of Abner and Sallie (Ashbrook) Westrope. He was five years of age when his parents removed to the wilds of La Fayette County, Wisconsin; here he grew to manhood and was educated in the district school, situated four miles from his home. He was married April 8, 1848, to Miss Sarah Ann Huntsman, of La Fayette County, Wisconsin. In 1849 Mr. Westrope went to California, overland; he was five months on the road, and remained two years engaged in mining; he returned home via the Isthmus of Panama, and New Orleans, making the trip in fifty-six days; at that day this was considered rapid travel. Three years later, in 1854, he drove a large number of cattle across the plains to the Pacific coast, and remained in California two years. This time he came back via the Nicaragua River, taking a steamer at Greytown for New York, and going thence to Wisconsin. Mr. Westrope resided in Wisconsin until 1871 occupied with farming and stock-raising. At that time he came to Iowa and settled on land in Montgomery County, which he had purchased two years previous. Here he improved 1,000 acres of land and engaged extensively in the breeding of short-horn cattle, in which he was very successful. He gave several of his sons farms in Montgomery County, and in 1881 he removed to Shelby



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Birth **26 SEP 1824** in [Spafford, Onondaga Cnty, NY](#)

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1847
1 Apr [Marriage to Zerelda ILER-AYLER-EYLER](#)
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1 Apr [Marriage License to Zerelda ILER-AYLER-EYLER](#)
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1848
31 Oct [Marriage to Alvira WILLIAMS](#) [1 source citation](#)
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1850
28 Oct [Census 1850](#) [1 source citation](#)
Pg 112, District # 121, Pottawattamie Cnty, IA, Hsehold # 888-888
Age: 26

1860
16 Jun [Census 1850](#) [1 source citation](#)
Pg 20, Shelbyville, Gallands Grove, Shelby Cnty, IA, Hsehold # 153-135
Age: 35

1870
9 Aug [Census 1870](#) [1 source citation](#)
Pg 37, Gallands Grove Twntship, Manteno, Shelby Cnty, IA, Hsehold # 77-76
Age: 45

Census 1880 [1 source citation](#)
BET 29 AND 30 JUN 1880
Pg 25, Grove Twntship, Manteno, Shelby Cnty, IA, Hsehold # 189-208

1894
8 Dec [Marriage to Mrs Nancy A BRACK](#) [1 source citation](#)
[Shelby Cnty, IA](#)
Age: 70

1900
4 Jun [Census 1910](#)
Pg 6, Ed. #. 170, Grove Twntship, Shelby Cnty, IA, Hsehold # 56-56
Age: 75

1902
15 Feb [Death](#) [1 source citation](#)
[Grove Twntship, Galland's Grove, Shelby Cnty, IA](#)
Age: 77

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Honorary

[Burial](#) [1 source citation](#)
Grove Twntship Cemetery, Manteno, Shelby County, Iowa

Family Members

Parents

[Uriah ROUNDY](#)
1796 – 1869

[Polly LYON](#)
– 1850

[Show siblings](#)

Spouse & Children

[Zerelda ILER-AYLER-EYLER](#)
– 1848

Other Spouse & Children

[Alvira WILLIAMS](#)
1833 – 1892

[Newton Jasper ROUNDY](#)
1850 – 1937

[Polly Ann ROUNDY](#)
1851 – 1944

[Sarah Jane ROUNDY](#)
1855 – 1941

[Cynthia Adeline "Addie" ROUNDY](#)
1857 –

[Julia Ett ROUNDY](#)
1859 – 1915

[Rena Orilla ROUNDY](#)
1861 – 1938

[Ellen-Ella ROUNDY](#)
1863 –

[Frances Alvira "Fannie-Fanny" ROUNDY](#)
1867 – 1938

[John W ROUNDY](#)
1870 –

[Mary Elizabeth "Minnie" ROUNDY](#)
1872 – 1953

[John Edward ROUNDY](#)
1873 – 1958

[Adelbert Uriah "Bert" ROUNDY](#)
1876 –

Other Spouse & Children

[Mrs Nancy A BRACK](#)
1836 –

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Grove Twnshp, Gallard's Grove, Shelby Cnty, IA

Parents

Father: [Uriah Roundy](#) Disc #102 Pin #825400
Mother: [Polly Lyon](#) Disc #102 Pin #825399

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Mrs. Nancy Brack](#) Disc #102 Pin #825432
Marriage: bet 1912 and
Shelby Cnty, Ia
Spouse: [Alvira Williams](#) Disc #102 Pin #825429
Marriage: 31 Oct 1848
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Spouse: [Shrelda-Sarelda-Ayler-Eyler](#) Disc #102 Pin #825428
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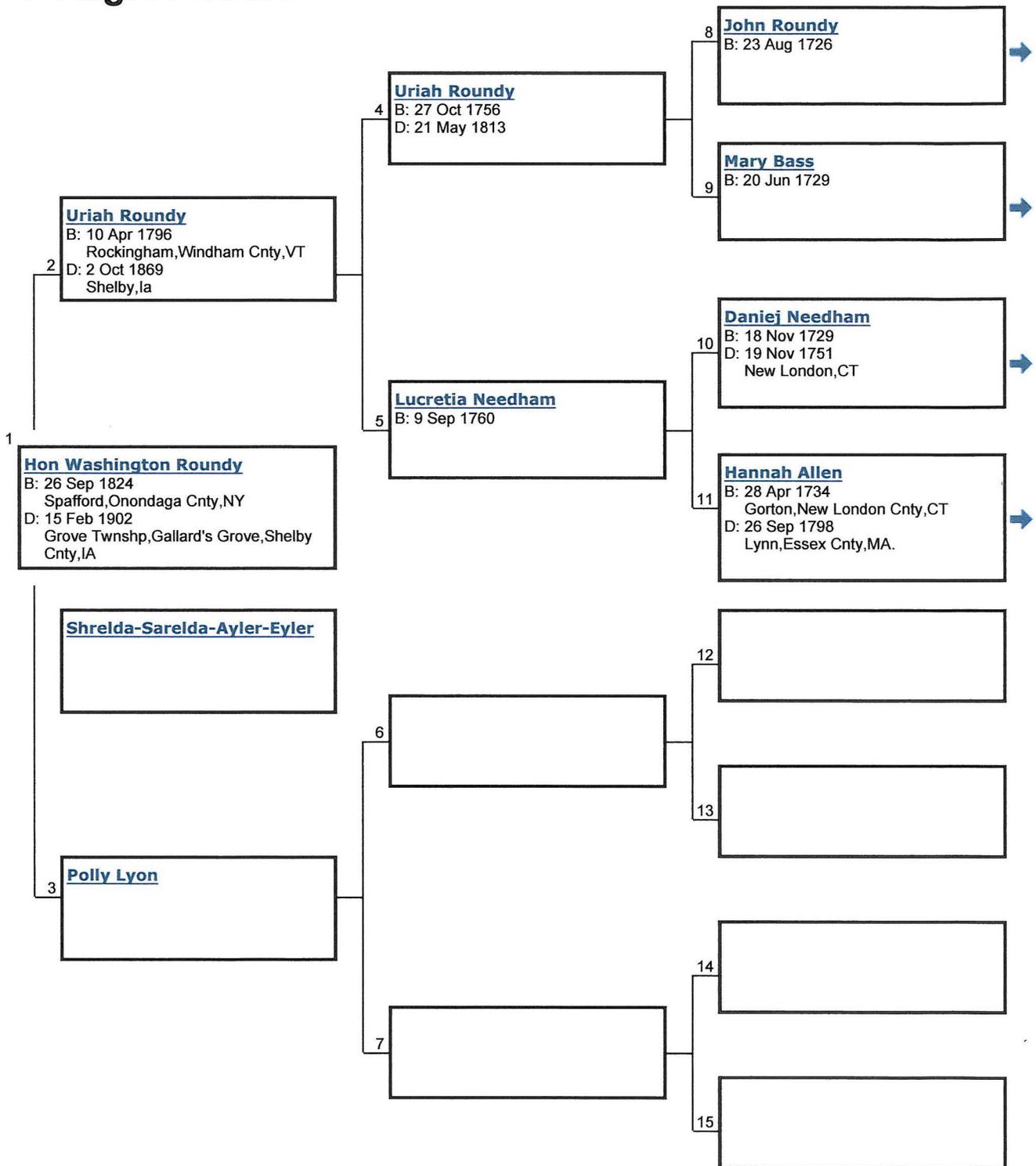
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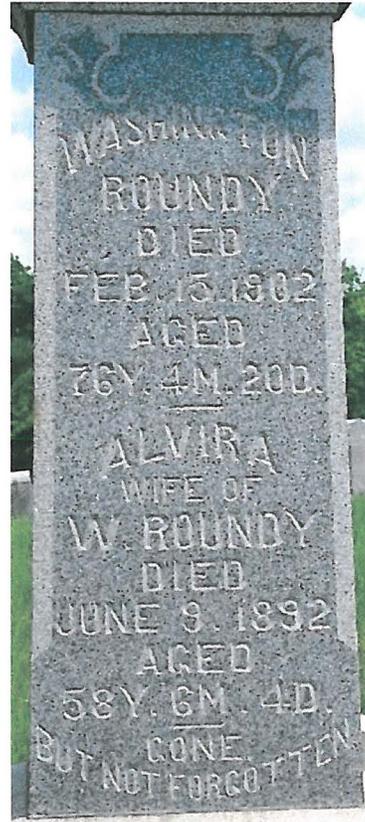
HON. WASHINGTON ROUNDY - One of the early pioneers of Galland's Grove, Mr. Roundy was born in New York 1825. When he was 9 years old, he and his parents (and eight other children) came to Ohio, and lived there one year. In the next 13 years they lived in Missouri and Illinois. He was married in 1848 to Alvira Williams in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Roundy were the parents of 11 children; Newton; Sarah, wife of James Adamson; Adda, wife of William Major; Rena, wife of James Fouts; Ellen, wife of David Adamson; Fannie, wife of Freeman Vandemark; John W.; Julia, wife of William Fouts; Polly, wife of William McCole; Mary E. (Minnie) wife of James Fouts; and Albert. In the spring of 1850, Mr. Roundy started on a trip to California. At Council Bluffs due to ill health, he was dissuaded from continuing the trip, and remained in Council Bluffs, then a small village.

The following spring, he traded one of five yoke of oxen for 160 acres of land in Grove Township. A rude log cabin had been erected on the land. Here Mr. Roundy and family settled, intending to stay a year or two, then go on to California. They were among the first settlers in the Township as only seven other families had located there previous to them. The plan to go to California was abandoned, and they made it their permanent home. They endured all the hardships encountered by pioneers in those early days and did their share in building up the County from a wild and unbroken prairie, inhabited by wolves, deer and elk, to a fine and prosperous community.

Mr. Roundy possessed nearly 1000 acres of land in Shelby County. He had made valuable improvements and had one of the finest homes in that part of Iowa. He was a staunch Democrat and strongly advocated the issues of the party. In 1887, Mr. Roundy was elected a member of the Iowa Legislature.

Descendents of Washington Roundy who are living in the Dunlap area are: Grace Robertson, Woodbine, daughter of Newton; Irma Pryor, granddaughter of Polly; Earl Hack, Vera McCord and Dale Hack (of Logan) grandchildren of Sarah; Vera Evans, granddaughter of Adda; Pauline Wilkins, Nadine Probasco, Fay Fouts, Florence Greenwood, Holly Fouts of Dow City, are grandchildren of Rena. Dean Fouts is the grandson of Julia; Ellen has no descendants



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left; Golden Thompson and Wave Trimpe are daughters of Fannie; Cecil Roundy in South Dakota is John's only child; Elvie Hartwig, a daughter of Minnie; Bert's wife and daughter are still living in South Dakota. Charles Mumm lives in the home and on the farmstead which Washington Roundy pioneered.

Source: 1867-1967 Dunlap Pioneers and Progress Centennial Book

HON. WASHINGTON ROUNDY, one of the pioneers of Shelby County, was born in Onondaga County, New York, September 22, 1825. He is the son of Uriah and Polly (Lyons) Roundy, his mother being a cousin of General Lyons, of Connecticut. The father was a native of Vermont, and the mother was born in New York. Washington was the fourth in a family of nine children, of whom three survive, a brother and sister, both residents in Iowa. When he was about nine years of age his parents came to Ohio, and settled in Cuyahoga County, remaining there one year. They afterwards lived in Clay County, Missouri; Adams County, Illinois, and Pike County, Illinois, remaining in the last-named place for thirteen years. Our subject received his education in the common schools, and was reared to farm life. At the age of twenty-one years he commenced life for himself, with nothing but pluck and ambition; however, he was determined to succeed; and success has been his reward.

He was married October 31, 1848, to Alvira Williams, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Coleman) Williams, natives of Kentucky, who had removed to Illinois at an early day; there they remained until death. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom Alvira was the sixth; she was born in White County, Illinois, December 5, 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Roundy are the parents of eleven children, all of whom are living - Newton, Polly A., wife of William McCole; Sarah, wife of James Addison; Adda, wife of William Major; Julia, wife of William Fonts; Rena, wife of James Fonts; Ellen, wife of David Adamson; Fannie, wife of Freeman Vandemark; John W., Mary E. and Adelbert. In the spring of 1850 Mr. Roundy, on account of ill health, attempted to make a trip to California, and pursued his journey as far as Council Bluffs; here he was dissuaded from continuing the trip, and remained the winter in the Bluffs, then a small village. The following spring he traded one of five yoke of oxen for 160 acres of land in Grove Township; this claim had been taken out by Frank Rudd, and a rude log cabin had been erected on it. Here Mr. Roundy and family settled, intending to stay a year or two and then go on to California; they were among the very first settlers in the township, only seven other families having located there previous to them. The plan to go to California was abandoned, and they have ever since made this their home. They endured all the hardships encountered by pioneers in those early days, and have done their share in building up Shelby County from a wild and unbroken prairie, inhabited by wolves, deer and elk, to a fine, prosperous, enlightened community. They have ever extended a hearty welcome to the cold and hungry traveler, and have always lent a helping hand to the needy. In sickness and distress, in joy and health, they are ever the same true friends, and they receive the



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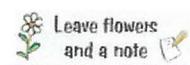
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affection and respect of the entire community.

Mr. Roundy possesses nearly 1,000 acres of land in Shelby County, 645 of which are in his home place. At one time he owned over 1,200 acres in this county. He has made many valuable improvements, and has one of the finest homes in this part of the county; he has commodious barns for live-stock and grain, and devotes his time to general farming. He is a staunch Democrat, and strongly advocates the issues of the party. In 1887 Mr. Roundy was elected a member of the Iowa Legislature, and has served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituency.

The above bio has no connection to the Shelby County, Iowa genweb site.

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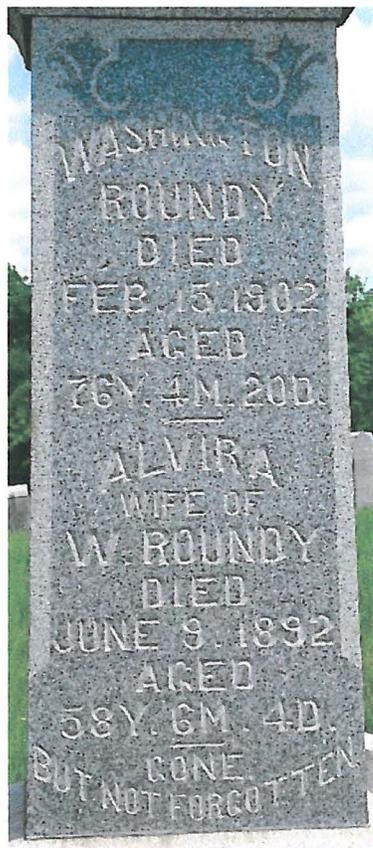


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