

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Vale,

Benjamin Rex - Represented Jefferson and Van Buren Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place

4 June 1848 Smithfield Jefferson County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nancy Van Julia Biddle 12 Feb 1874 Edgar County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

President of the Farmers and Traders Bank  
and also President of the Mount Sterling Savings Bank

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

Farmer, livestock breeder, banker

4. Church membership

Presbyterian

5. Sessions served

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1888, 1890, 1892,  
1894 - Senate

6. Public Offices

A. Local

School secretary, member of township, road school administration

B. State

C. National

7. Death

3 Apr 1915 Bonaparte, Iowa, buried Vale Cemetery, Bonaparte, Iowa

8. Children

Reginal (Mrs. Judd); Mary Biddle; Margaret Emma  
(Mrs. Roberts); Bruce Rex

9. Names of parents

Jacob Garretson and Annie (Rex) Vale

10. Education

Educated at Birmingham Academy,  
Birmingham, Iowa

11. Degrees

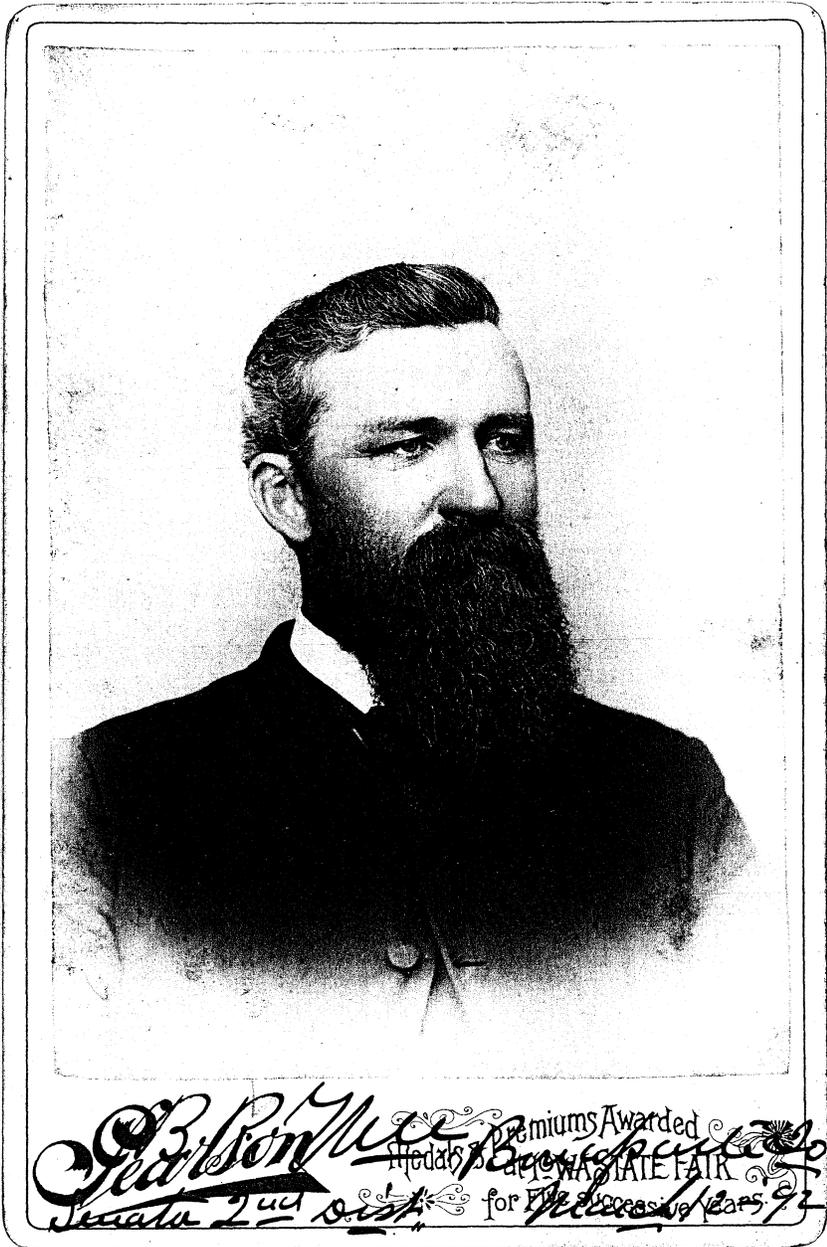
attended Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois  
BA degree in 1873 and later an MA.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- Came to Iowa with his parents <sup>in 1850</sup> first locating in Lee County  
and then to Harrisburg township in Van Buren County <sup>in 1856</sup> where  
he farmed until moving into Bonaparte in 1914.





**KEOSAUQUA.**

Frank C. Fischer, an old and respected citizen of Chequest township, died at his home after a lingering illness, Monday, and was buried Wednesday in the Lebanon cemetery. Funeral services Wednesday afternoon, were in charge of Rev. C. E. Perkins of the Keosauqua Congregational church.

George F. Smith, editor of the State Line Democrat, has received appointment as postmaster. Mr. Smith has had experience in the Post Office department in former years, having served as post office inspector under President Cleveland. He pays a merited tribute to Postmaster McCrary and his wife, (his assistant), in this week's Democrat. The interests of the public have been well served under the administration that will now go out.

The girl's athletic association of high school received a percentage of the proceeds at the Lyric theater Wednesday night. The amount was about sixteen dollars. Special music was furnished by the girls, and was keenly appreciated by the audience.

Mrs. Clarkson entertained the 500 club at her home, Wednesday evening.

Miss Helen Walker, teacher at Onawa, and Miss Vera Snyder, teacher at Osage, are spending the spring vacation in town with home folks.

Much sympathy has been called out for Rev. J. C. Behrens of the M. E. church, whose mother died very suddenly Thursday morning. Mr. Behrens and his family at once went to Mount Pleasant, the home of his parents, where they will remain until after the funeral. Owing to the pastor's absence no preaching services will be held in the Methodist church tomorrow.

Mrs. H. E. Blackledge, whose health has been poor for some time, is receiving special treatment at her home. A trained nurse from Des Moines is in charge, and there is reason to hope that she will be greatly benefited.

Atty. T. P. Bence of Bloomfield was in Keosauqua Friday on legal business. In the evening he inspected Moore Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons.

Miss Margaret Manning, student at Grinnell college arrived home for the Easter vacation last Saturday. Bryant Parrott, from the university of Missouri at Columbia, is also at home, having come Thursday.

Supt. Clarkson and County Supt. Lizzie Meredith have been attending the session of southeastern Iowa Teacher's Association at Davenport, the last two or three days.

Mrs. William Walker entertained the high school teachers Friday evening, in honor of her daughter, Helen, formerly their fellow teacher; now of Onawa, as stated in a paragraph above.

Miss Clara Hartson, who is teaching at Douds, came home Friday for a week-end visit.

Judge C. W. Vermillion returned Thursday to close the work of the March term of court. After a very busy day, Friday, in hearing motions and arguments, and transaction of routine business, term was adjourned Friday evening, sine die.

Robert Sloan, Jr., and family of Ottumwa, visited relatives and friends in town the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Miller of Los Angeles, Cal., are the parents of a girl baby, born recently. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Janet Wherry, Spruce, Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa



**BENJAMIN REX VALE.**

Benjamin Rex Vale, son of Jacob G. and Anne Rex Vale was born in Smithfield, Ohio, June 4, 1848. He came with his parents to Iowa, first locating in Lee county and then moving to Harrisburg township, Van Buren county, and locating on the farm which was his home until he moved to Bonaparte in the autumn of 1914.

Jacob G. and Anne Rex Vale were also the parents of George Hussey Vale and Mary Jane Vale who died in infancy; Mrs. Lydia Anne Leffer of Ames, Iowa; and Mrs. Martha Margaret Downie who died April 13, 1908, at Beaver Falls, Penn.

He was educated at the Birmingham academy and at Monmouth, Illinois. While in school there he met Miss Julia Bidale, whom he married February 12, 1874. Their children are Mrs. Regina Tedford of Mt. Air, Iowa; Mary B. Vale, Mrs. Margaret Emma Roberts, and Bruce Rex Vale of Bonaparte. There are two grandchildren, Vale and Rex Roberts.

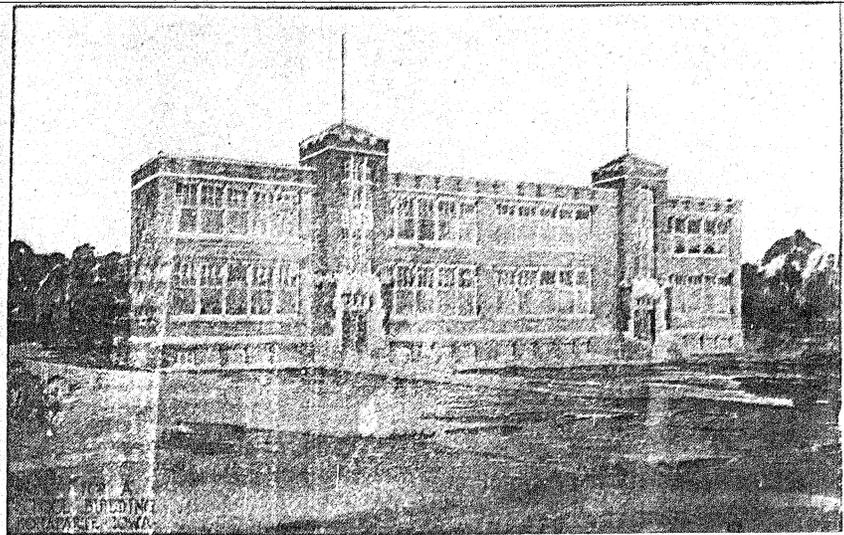
From Monmouth college Mr. Vale received the degree of A. B. in 1873, and later that of A. M. He gave most of his time to growing pure bred live stock, but was always greatly interested in the affairs of church, school, and state. For many years he held membership with the United Presbyterian church of Birmingham, and at the time of his decease was an elder in the Presbyterian church of Bonaparte. For many years he has been secretary of the rural school system of Harrisburg township and has given unusual attention to the duties of that office.

When the Farmers and Traders Bank was organized at Bonaparte in 1882 he was made president of the same, which position of public trust he held continuously. He was also president of the Mt. Sterling Savings Bank.

In 1887 he was elected Senator of the Van Buren-Jefferson district and was reelected for a second term. In the legislature he took special interest in matters pertaining to schools and agriculture and his practical common sense was thus made useful to his state.

His health had been failing for several years, but he was so cheerful and optimistic that this was noticeable only to his relatives and friends. On March 17 he became confined to his bed because of an abscess on his right foot, being a result of acute diabetes. His condition rapidly grew serious. Prominent physicians of Des Moines and Keokuk were called, but could give no hope of his recovery. The end came very peacefully at five o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 3, 1915, his age being sixty six years, and ten months.

Funeral services were held at the Harrisburg church on Monday afternoon, his old friend, the Rev. D. D. Proper of Omaha, Neb., officiating, being assisted by Rev. L. T. Hughes



**Proposed New Public School Building at Bonaparte, Iowa**

(A detailed description will be published next week.)



**Baptist Church Notes.**

**BONAPARTE.**

Three young ladies were received into the church Sunday night.

Come to the Covenant meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Services as usual next Lord's Day. Evening Subject: "Despised and Rejected of Men."

Mrs. Wilson will lead the Young Peoples meeting. Topic: "Getting ready for the Next Life."

Welcome to this House of God are strangers and the poor. Come! We shall look for you.

**HARRISBURG.**

Covenant meeting on Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

Regular services next Sunday morning. The subject will be: "The Heavenly Mansions." The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close.

James M. Wilson, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church Notes for Sunday, April 11th.

The Sabbath School at 10. Preaching Service at 11 A. M.

Subject: The certainty of Christ's resurrection and the joy that this doctrine engendered in the disciples. Luke 24, 33-34.

Preaching service in the evening at 7:30.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The bible study class will meet with Mrs. Hughes on Friday evening.

See Lane for watches.

Meredith's restaurant and Ogren's real estate office have new window signs.

You don't get the news of eastern Van Buren county unless you read the Record.

**BIG MOUND.**

Miss Hazel Pfeifer visited at Keokuk the first of last week.

The residence of Mrs. Margaret Moore was burned to the ground early Monday morning, by the prompt assistance of neighbor's almost everything was saved. It is supposed to have started from a defective flue.

The following new officers were elected at the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday. Supt. Chas. Stein, assistant Robert Dick, secretary Miss Iva Lein, organist Mrs. Frank Heaton, assistant Miss Mabelle Lein, treasurer Mrs. Hugh Anderson.

Mrs. Charles Stein spent several days with her parents at Montrose recently.

Carl's Hainline made a business trip to Illinois last week.

Little Vera Lein had the misfortune to have the end of a finger taken off last Wednesday in a seeder while out in the field with her father.

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We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness cured by our method that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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**Sheriff's Sale.**

By Virtue of a Special Execution, directed to me from the Clerk of the District Court of Van Buren County, Iowa, on Judgment and Decree obtained in said Court, on the 30th day of January, 1915, in favor of Jacob Eieb, as Plaintiff, and against May Keasling, et. al. as Defendant, for the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seven Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents, and costs taxed at \$108.30 and accruing costs, I have levied upon the following Real Estate as commanded by said writ:

The north west quarter of the south east quarter, the east half of the south west quarter of the south east quarter, the south east quarter of the south east quarter, and the west half of the north east quarter of the south east quarter, of Section 29, Township 70, North Range 9 West, in Van Buren County, Iowa, and containing 129 acres more or less.

And Will Offer The Same For Sale, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, on the 28th day of April, 1915, in front of the Court House door in Keosauqua, Iowa, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, when and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned. Dated at Keosauqua, Iowa, this 27th day of March, 1915.

W. S. HANEY,

Sheriff of said County.

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By M. F. KINSSEY, Deputy

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business the dry ces named the results as a victoi In Nebraska the drys gained a victory of about nineteen to three, according to early returns. This was the principal issue in many of the towns in that state.

## DEATH OF B. R. VALE.

Well-Known Stock Breeder Passes Away.

In the death of B. R. Vale, of Bonaparte, Iowa, which occurred last week, Iowa loses a citizen who is exceedingly well and favorably known. To the readers of The Homestead Mr. Vale is known because of the splendid record he has made in the breeding of pure-bred live stock. Mr. Vale represented the Van Buren-Jefferson district in the Iowa senate for two terms and as a member of that body he took a prominent part in the enactment of legislation favorable to schools and to agriculture.

Although first and foremost a farmer and a stock breeder, Mr. Vale's activities were not confined to this field. In the early eighties he became president of the Farmers' and Traders' Bank, of Bonaparte, a position of public trust that he held continuously, serving his community devotedly and unselfishly. A considerable part of his time has always been taken up with what might be called public duties, more especially in connection with the rural school system of the township in which he lived. A college-trained man himself, Mr. Vale believed most ardently in giving to every boy and girl the best possible kind of educational advantages and the memory of Mr. Vale will be revered for what he has accomplished in this direction.

Stockmen, more particularly swine breeders, will recall Mr. Vale's success as an exhibitor at the state fair. His studious habits counted for much in his success along this line and he took high rank in the esteem of his fellow breeders for the remarkable improvement he wrought on his favorite breed of live stock.

At the time of his death Mr. Vale was sixty-seven years of age.

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and undertaking for some five years, at the expiration of which time we find him en route for Iowa. Making a location in Fairfield, in 1874, he assisted in building Parsons College, and a number of other buildings. He then spent two years in a furniture factory, since which time he has devoted his time and energies to his present business, that of contracting and building. Thoroughly conversant with the trade, capable of planning and superintending the work, and conscientious in the fulfillment of all contracts, he has won the confidence and regard of the community, and thereby secured a liberal patronage, which he justly merits. He was bridge builder for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for two years, was the builder of the Savings Bank, and has erected several of the finest residences of Fairfield, including that of Mrs. Henn's and his own home. In April, 1890, he admitted to partnership in the business, W. S. Cook, and the firm of Gilchrist & Cook ranks first among the contractors of Fairfield. They employ about ten men and their trade is constantly increasing.

The Gilchrist home is the abode of hospitality, and our subject and his worthy wife hold an enviable position in the social world. Their union was blessed with no children of their own, but they reared an orphan child, Erie R. Mr. Gilchrist has served as a Director in the Fairfield Building and Loan Association. In politics, he is a Republican, having supported that party since casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860.



**H**ON. BENJAMIN R. VALE, President of the Farmers' & Traders' Bank, of Bonaparte, Van Buren County, is well and favorably known throughout Southern Iowa. He is a representative of the best class of citizens—one who feels an interest in public affairs and cheerfully performs any labor which will promote the general welfare of the community. His birth occurred on the 4th of June, 1848, in Jefferson County, Ohio, and he came to Iowa in 1850 and

to this county in 1856. His primary education, which was acquired in the public schools, was supplemented by a course in the Academy of Birmingham, Van Buren County, and in 1868 he entered the Monmouth College, of Monmouth, Ill., being graduated, on his completion of the classical course, in 1873. It was his intention then to take up the study of law. In fact, he had made partial arrangements to enter the law department of the Iowa State University, but circumstances so shaped themselves that he gave up that idea, turning his attention to other pursuits. He is now engaged to a considerable extent in stock growing in Harrisburg Township, and has met with good success in that line. As before stated, he is connected with the Farmers' & Traders' Bank, of Bonaparte, Iowa, as its President, and the success of that institution is due in no small degree to Mr. Vale, who possesses good business ability, energy and a straightforward manner, which wins the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

It was in February, 1874, that Mr. Vale led to the marriage altar Miss Julia Biddle, daughter of Dr. Biddle, of Kirkwood, Ill., one of the prominent physicians of that town. They began their domestic life in Harrisburg Township, but in 1885 he built a residence in Bonaparte and removed his family to that town, the cause of the removal being his wife's health. There were four children born of their union, one son and three daughters—Anne R., May B., Margaret E. and Bruce Rex. Mr. Vale has the honor of being President of the National Anti-Horse Thief Association. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in the social world are held in high regard. In politics he is a staunch supporter of Republican principles, having cast his ballot with that party since attaining his majority. In the fall of 1887 he was nominated by his party for the office of State Senator and triumphantly elected, representing his constituents in the Upper House faithfully and well. He proved an influential member of the Legislature and gave his support to all measures calculated to aid the general community. The school interests of the community have engaged his attention, he having served for eight years as Secretary and seven years as President of the

School Board. He is also connected with several stock breeding associations, and is now President of the National Swine Breeders' Association, which is beneficial in developing stock and shaping legislation. The public and private life of Mr. Vale, alike, are above reproach. He is a man of sterling worth and strict integrity, with many commendable characteristics, and it is with pleasure that we present this brief sketch of his life to the readers of the ALBUM.



**C**HARLES D. FULLEN, of the firm of Jones & Fullen, attorneys at law of Fairfield, Iowa, was born in Agency City, Wapello County, this State, on the 8th of July, 1860, and is the son of John and Maggie (Sage) Fullen. His father, who is of Irish descent, was born in New York City, and his mother, a native of Indiana, belongs to an old Virginia family. Mr. Fullen, Sr., came to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1855, when yet a single man, and here married Miss Sage. He removed with his young wife to Wapello County in 1859, and is still residing in Agency City, but the mother of our subject died in February, 1886.

Charles D. Fullen received the advantages of a liberal education, continuing his studies in the Iowa Wesleyan University, of Mt. Pleasant, after leaving the public schools of his native town. He then entered the Chicago University, of Chicago, and on the completion of a legal course of study was graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University, in the class of '80. After spending a few weeks in Texas, he began practice in Ottumwa, but on the 9th of August, 1882, removed to Fairfield, where he has engaged in active practice continuously since. In December, 1883, he formed the existing partnership with I. D. Jones, and the firm has taken a prominent place in the ranks of the profession.

Mr. Fullen was married in Mt. Pleasant, on the 5th of December, 1881, the lady of his choice be-

ing Miss Anna B. Julian, a daughter of M. L. Julian, now of Fairfield. She was born in Adams County, Ill. Two children grace their marriage, both sons: Fred Julian, born May 25, 1883, and Donald Douglas, who was born on the 15th of December, 1888. Mrs. Fullen was reared a Methodist, but with her husband attends the Congregational Church.

In politics Mr. Fullen is a Democrat, with all the name implies, National and State. He has been an active and influential member of that party for years. For four years past he has been a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for the First District, and has ever been active in conventions and in promoting the success of the party. He was the Democratic candidate for Representative at the last general election, and while the ordinary Republican majority of the district is between four hundred and twenty-five and four hundred and fifty, he was defeated by but seventy-one votes. Mr. Fullen is a member of Clinton Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of the Odd Fellows society, belonging to Jefferson Lodge, No. 4. He is one of the rising young lawyers of the State, and has gained a fair share of the legal business of the Jefferson County bar.



**W**ILLIAM H. MOHR, a furniture dealer and leading business man of Fairfield, has passed almost his entire life in this city, having been brought by his parents to Jefferson County when a babe of a year. Pennsylvania is the State of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Schuylkill County, on the 4th of February, 1857. His parents, Henry and Angelina (Schoener) Mohr, with a desire to receive financial benefits and make for their family a comfortable home, emigrated to the West in 1858. Having attained a sufficient age, William was placed in the public schools, where he acquired a good practical English education, and was thereby fitted for the duties of life. When a young man of twenty-four years he

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son and being himself of a philosophical turn of mind and cultivating the art of public speaking, he gained some local prominence as a speaker. In 1890 the Democrats of the Sixth District nominated him for congress, and he was elected, defeating John F. Lacey, and served in the Fifty-second Congress. In congress he made at least two notable speeches, one being on disarmament, and the other on the tariff question. The latter became one of the most widely circulated speeches ever delivered in congress, being translated into various languages and used for years by Democratic committees as a campaign document. Mr. White was renominated for congress in 1892, but was then defeated by Major Lacey. In 1897 he was nominated by the Democratic party for governor of Iowa, but was defeated by L. M. Shaw. He was nominated again for the same office in 1899 and was again defeated by Governor Shaw. In 1908 he was nominated for governor a third time, and this time was defeated by B. F. Carroll. In 1911 he retired from his farm and removed to Sigourney. When the World War opened he was, as might have been expected, intensely loyal to his adopted country and it was while delivering a speech at Ottumwa in the interests of the Red Cross that he was stricken with apoplexy, from which he never fully recovered. In his life he overcame the handicaps of poverty, hardships and lack of education. He labored by day and read by night. He was a foe of aristocracy and militarism. He ardently loved the institutions of this republic. He was an original and independent thinker in religion as well as in politics, and was an orator of unusual ability.

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BENJAMIN REX VALE was born June 4, 1848, in Jefferson county, Ohio; he died at Bonaparte, Iowa, April 3, 1915. He removed with his parents to Lee county, Iowa, in 1850, and in 1856 to Harrisburg township, Van Buren county, which was his home until 1914, when he moved to Bonaparte. He was educated in the Birmingham Academy, Birmingham, Iowa, and at Monmouth College in Illinois, graduating therefrom in 1873 with the degree of A. B. He later received the degree of A. M. from the same college. He became one of the leading farmers and stock breeders of Van Buren county, introducing and improving thoroughbred strains of cattle and hogs, his most notable contribution to the wealth of the country at large being his long and wise course of improved breeding of the Chester White strain of swine. Upon the organization of the Farmers and Traders Bank at Bonaparte, in 1882, he was made president, and held the position continuously while he lived. He was also president of the Mt. Sterling Savings Bank. In 1887 he was elected senator from the Van Buren-Jefferson district to the Twenty-second General Assembly and served two terms. He took special interest in all matters pertaining to schools and agriculture.

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SENATE CHAMBER,  
DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 15, 1915.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 p. m., President of the Senate, W. L. Harding presiding.

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Senator Taylor from a special committee submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and services of Benjamin Rex Vale beg to submit the following report:

### BENJAMIN REX VALE.

Honorable Benjamin Rex Vale was born in Smithfield, Ohio, June 4, 1848; he died at Bonaparte, Van Buren County, Iowa, April 3, 1915. He was the son of Honorable Jacob G. Vale and Anne (Rex) Vale, and with his parents removed from his birthplace to Lee County, Iowa, in 1850, thence to Harrisburg Township, Van Buren County, in 1856. He went to school at Birmingham Academy, Birmingham, Iowa, thence to Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, from which he graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1873, later receiving from the same institution the degree of A. M. While in school at Monmouth, Illinois, he met Miss Julia Biddle whom he married on February 12, 1874. To this union was born four children, all of whom are living. They are Mrs. Regina Tedford of Mt. Ayr, Mary B. Vale, Mrs. Margaret Emma Roberts and Bruce Rex Vale of Bonaparte.

Almost at once after his graduation he returned to the farm pursuits in which he had been engaged with his father, and took personal management of the cultivation of the large and fertile farms the older Vale had acquired on his arrival in Iowa. He became the owner of these lands upon the death of the father and continued in the active operation of the same throughout the remainder of his life. He was a pioneer in the field of thoroughbred cattle and swine breeding, being known through the United States as one of the most expert and successful improvers of the Chester White hog. He early identified himself with township and county movements for better study and practice in the farming arts, serving often in responsible capacities as an official of these. He organized the Farmers and Traders Bank of Bonaparte in 1882 and remained its head while he lived, serving also as president of the Mount Sterling Savings Bank, an auxiliary of the Farmers and Traders Bank. He was an active and influential factor in the rural school administration of his township and a member and constant attendant on the services of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1887 he was nominated at the Republican Senatorial convention held at Fairfield, Iowa, and was elected twice, serving the district composed of Van Buren and Jefferson counties in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies. He was twice chairman of the Senate committee on Agriculture, and was an active member of the committees on Schools and Banks.

He lived the simple life and delighted to mingle with the people. He loved his home and was happy in his family in whom he took pardonable pride. He was beloved by his neighbors and friends who consider his death a great loss to the state. He was honest and upright in all his dealings and had the confidence of all who knew him.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Benjamin Rex Vale, a member of this body in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies, has been called from this life; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with deep sorrow and regret of his death and that it recognizes the high character of his service to his state and in his death the state has lost a worthy and noble citizen.

*Resolved*, That this Senate extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their great bereavement. Be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered upon our Senate Journal and a copy be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

J. H. TAYLOR,

D. C. CHASE,

J. A. WHITE,

*Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Taylor in moving the adoption of the resolutions spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—In moving the adoption of these resolutions I desire to say that I became acquainted with Ex-Senator Vale soon after my entrance into Van Buren County, about twelve years ago.

In order to appreciate the manhood and the strength of character of Ex-Senator Vale it would be necessary to become acquainted with him. He was a man of affairs. He was a man who knew a great deal about everything that was going on in his county and in his state. Notwithstanding this fact, his whole life was devoted more particularly to the things which were concerned with his own county and neighborhood. He had a delightful home, at the head of which he presided with a grace and dignity. He was a Christian man. He was a man who was dearly beloved by all his neighbors and friends because of the interest he took in them. He served many years as secretary of the local township school board because he was interested in the cause of proper education. He took a very large interest in the schools of the state as well as the schools of his own community.

His children were educated in the colleges of this state. One of his sons now occupies the old home farm, being recently a graduate of the Iowa State College at Ames. He was a man who took a great interest in religious affairs and kept up the old time custom of the family altar.

and those things which mark the home as the one place above all others where grace, peace and love abound, were ever present in his home.

In the death of Ex-Senator Vale, Van Buren County and the State of Iowa loses one of its very best citizens.

Senator Darrah from a special committee submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Warren S. Dungan beg leave to submit the following report:

WARREN S. DUNGAN.

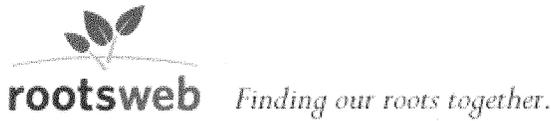
Warren S. Dungan, of Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa, was a member of the Senate in the Ninth and Ninth Extra General Assemblies, a member of the House in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth General Assemblies, and again a member of the Senate in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies.

He was Lieutenant Governor under Frank D. Jackson, from 1894 to 1896, and president of this Senate during the session of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly.

Colonel Dungan, as he was familiarly known, was born of Scotch-Irish parentage on September 12, 1822, and died May 9, 1913. He was an active and prominent member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his grandfather, Wm. McFarren, being an ensign in the war of the Revolution, and his great-grandfather, John Scott, was commissary general of the Pennsylvania line. In 1851 he went to Panola, Mississippi, and taught school for a period of three years. While thus engaged, he took up the study of law, returning in 1855 to his native state, Pennsylvania, and entered the law office of Roberts & Quay, the latter member of the firm being the well known United States Senator Quay from that state. In April, 1856, he was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, and immediately afterward he moved to Iowa and located in Chariton, where he resided until his death, a period of over fifty-seven years.

At the beginning of the Civil war, he resigned his seat in the state senate and recruited a military company, being himself sworn in as a private. He later became the captain of this company, and was assigned to the 34th Iowa Infantry as Company K. On September 27, 1862, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, in which capacity he served until May 25, 1865, when he was made Brevet-Colonel of Volunteers for valiant service rendered at the battle of Ft. Blakely. The Confederate battery in this engagement was named in his honor, being entirely made up of young men who had been students under him in the school that he had formerly taught at Panola, Mississippi. At the close of the war he returned to Chariton and resumed his law practice, becoming recognized as one of the leading attorneys in the southern part of the state.

Colonel Dungan was a man whom his fellow citizens and neighbors delighted to honor. He was a life-long member of the Republican party and was prominently identified with its history during the past fifty years in this state. He was active in religious affairs and in all those move-



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- *ID:* I23922
- *Name:* Benjamin Rex VALE
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 4 JUN 1848 in Jefferson Co.,OH
- *Death:* 3 APR 1915
- *Note:*

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Facts about this person:

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*Father:* [Jacob E. VALE](#) b: 7 JUL 1821 in York Co.,PA  
*Mother:* [Anne REX](#) b: 10 OCT 1823 in PA

*Marriage 1* [Julia BIDDLE](#) b: 1849

- *Married:* WFT Est. 1865-1894 <sup>1 2</sup>

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- ID: I451269
- Name: **Benjamin Rex VALE**
- Sex: M
- Birth: 4 JUN 1848 in , Jefferson, Ohio
- UID: 5F54C8A03F6E3E40A342E9B878735BB3C5DC
- Note: ! Copyright FamilyHart 2009 - .NAME & BIRTH: ANCESTRY WORLDTREE.
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- *Married:* 12 FEB 1874

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### 1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Benjamin R Vale</b>	
Estimated Birth Year:	<b>abt 1848</b>	
Age in 1870:	<b>22</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Home in 1870:	<b>Harrisburg, Van Buren, Iowa</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Post Office:	<b>Bonaparte</b>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">J G Vale</a>	<b>49</b>
	<a href="#">Anna Vale</a>	<b>46</b>
	<a href="#">Benjamin R Vale</a>	<b>22</b>
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 Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003. Original data: 1870. United States. Ninth Census of the United States, 1870. Washington, D.C. National Archives and Records Administration. M593, RG29, 1,761 rolls.  
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**BENJAMIN REX VALE**

Pedigree

Male

**Event(s):**

**Birth:** 04 JUN 1848 , ~~Van Buren, Iowa~~ *Smithfield, Jefferson County, Ohio*  
**Christening:**  
**Death:** 03 APR 1915  
**Burial:**

**Parents:****Father:** JACOB G VALE

Family

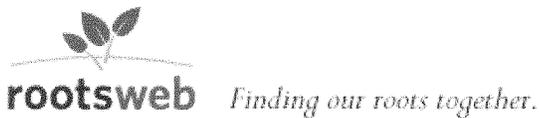
**Mother:** ANNIE REX**Messages:**

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- ID: I06831
- Name: Benjamin Rex Vale
- Sex: M
- Birth: 4 JUN 1848 in Smithfield (Town or MM?), Jefferson County, Ohio
- Death: 1915 in Unknown
- Fact 1: member of Iowa Legislature, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th sessions
- Fact 2: `S. (5 Nov 2005) (internet) Unknown date and newspaper of obit of "Benjamin Rex Vale" put on internet by Karen DaPra (not related) ; photocopy of this obit found p. 11 of obit bookA located in the Van Buren Co., Iowa Gen Soc, Keosauqua, Ia., public library
- Fact 3: 1S. (5 Mar 2006) "Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900" located at the website:  
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/marriage.html>
- Fact 4: 3S. (6 Mar 2006) internet site; Iowa Graves Survey, WPA; WPA - Work Projects Administration, 1930's Graves Registration Survey found at <http://iowawpagraves.org/>
- Fact 5: 1S. (7 Mar 2006) internet site: "Van Buren County Iowa GenWeb Project," found at [www.rootsweb.com/~iavanbur/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~iavanbur/) Here I found transcribed obit of Benjamin Rex Vale and a short bio as well
- Fact 7: S. FTM Vol. 2, Tree # 5760
- Event: Fact 30 13 JUN 1999 S. Seekers, from Europe to California, Virginia S. Wright Parry & Suzanne Parry Lamborn, 1998, Westminster, MD
- Event: Fact 12 (18 Oct 1999) (AFN:1R6W-6J9) [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- Event: Fact 1 S. (28 Sep 2001) "A Genealogy of the Vale and Garretson Descendants, Family Records with Biographical and Historical Records," by Lydia Anne Vale Leffler, Ames, Iowa, 1913, The Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Event: Resided in 1913 Van Buren County, Iowa
- Event: Removed to 1850 Iowa with parents and to Van Buren County in 1856
- Burial: 1915 Vale Cemetery, Harrisburg Twp., Van Buren County, Iowa
- Event: 1895 Iowa State Census 4S. (7 Mar 2006) Harrisburg Twp., Van Buren Co., IA, FHL#1022187, HQ #V221-236; Enum by Robt. Ely, Mar 1895, transcribed by Rich Lowe, copyright 2004, found at the Van



Buren Co., IA GenWeb site, p. 291 line 20

- *Event:* 1880 US Census 2S. (18 Nov 2006) [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org); Harrisburg, Van Buren, Iowa, FHLF#1254367; NA Film #T9-0367' p. 455D; HOH=Vale, B. R., 32, b. OH, farmer, par b. PA, PA, wife Julia 29, b. PA, par b. PA, PA
- *Note:*

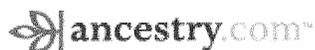
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Date 6 Dec 2002  
State: IA  
County Van Buren  
City/Township: Harrisburg

Name Relationship M/S/W Sex Race Age Born Job Dad B. Mom  
B.  
B. R. Vale Self MMW 32 OH Farmer PAPA  
Julia Vale Wife MFW 29 PA PAPA  
Anne R. Vale Dau SFW 51 IA OHPA  
Mary B. Vale Dau SFW 31 IA OHPA  
Emma Vale Dau SFW 11 IA OHPA  
Anne Vale Mother WFW 56 PA PAPA  
Seward Sharks Other SMW 14 MA Servant MA OH  
Mattie Vale Sister SFW 22 IA A SPAPA  
Jessee Sable Other MW 20 MO Laborer VA IN

FM=farm laborer  
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*Mother:* [Anne Rex](#) b: 25 SEP 1823 in n. Jefferson, Greene, Pennsylvania

*Marriage 1* [Nancy Van Julia Biddell](#) b: 2 NOV 1849 in Mercer County,

Pennsylvania

- *Married:* 12 FEB 1874 in Edgar County, Illinois

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**Spouse**

**Nancy Van Julia Biddell**  
**Born:** 1850 in [city], [county], Pennsylvania, USA  
**Died:**  
**Marriage:** 12 Feb 1874 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
Regina Vale	F	4 Nov 1874 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA
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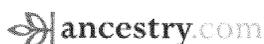
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## Iowa State Census, 1895

Name:	<b>Benjamin R. Vale</b>
Age:	<b>46</b>
Race:	<b>White</b>
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>
Residence:	<b>Harrisburg, Van Buren</b>

**Source Information:**  
Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census, 1895* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2003. Original data: Iowa. *1895 Iowa State Census*. Des Moines, Iowa: State Historical Society of Iowa.

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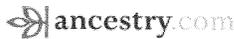
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Name:	<b>Benj R Vale</b>	
Home in 1900:	<b>Harrisburg, Van Buren, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>51</b>	
Birth Date:	<b>Jun 1848</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Ethnicity:	<b>American</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Relationship to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Mother's Name:	<b>Annie</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Marriage year:	<b>1874</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Years Married:	<b>26</b>	
Residence :	<b>Harrisburg Township, Van Buren, Iowa</b>	
Occupation:	<a href="#">View on Image</a>	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Benj R Vale</b>	<b>51</b>
	<b>Annie Vale</b>	<b>76</b>
	<b>Alta McLeland</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Noah Word</b>	<b>26</b>
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Parents

**Jacob Garretson Vale**  
 1821 - 1875

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 1823 - 1904

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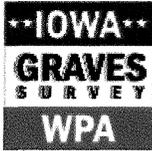
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**VALE, Benj. Rex**

**Born:** 1848  
**Died:** 1915  
**Cemetery:** VALE  
**Location:** BONAPARTE  
**County:** VAN BUREN CO. - IOWA  
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**VALE, Julia**

**Born:** 1849  
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**Cemetery:** VALE  
**Location:** BONAPARTE  
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