

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Potter, Nathan Senator _____

Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Oct 1835 Keokuk, Licking County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Clementine De Moss Jan 1860 Jackson County, Iowa
② Mrs. J. A. Hutton 9 Nov 1899

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Clergyman, Teacher, farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 24th General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Olin

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Nov 1908 Olin, Iowa; buried Ardmore Cemetery, Jackson County, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Mrs. J. L. Stricker, Mrs. Nell Olmstead; by 2nd wife - adopted son James R. Shaw

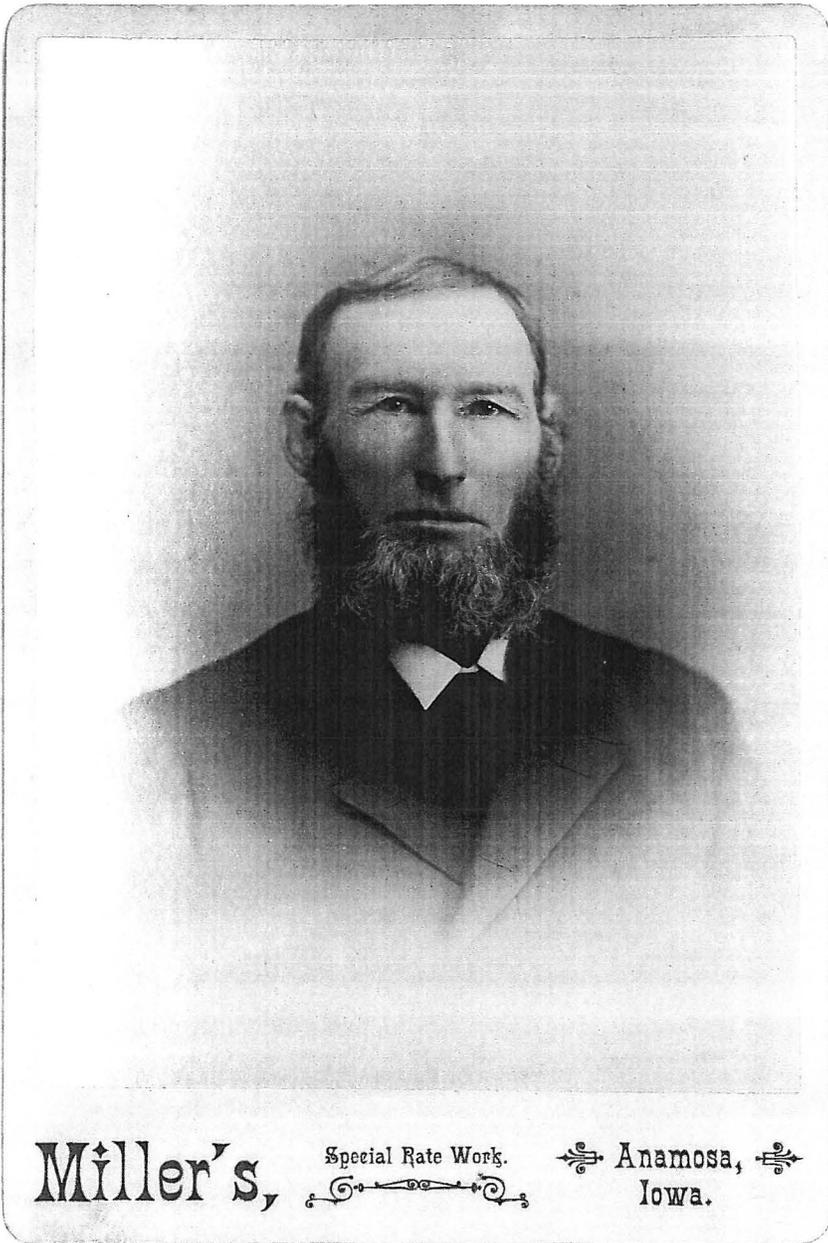
9. Names of parents Nathan and Rachel (Hobson) Potter

10. Education He was self-educated by applications and study home

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He came with his parents in 1844 to Jackson County, Iowa, later moved to Jones County, Iowa in 1852.
- He was a teacher in the common schools
- In 1865 he moved to Jones County, Iowa where he lived until his death there he improved his property and erected several large and comfortable buildings and cultivated the soil.
- His first wife, Clementine, died 19 June 1894. Two years later he moved to Olin, Iowa.
- He took up ministerial work in 1863 in Clayton County, Iowa where he was ordained. He assumed the charge of a congregation in Jackson Township at Antioch Church



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MORTUARY RECORD.

Nathan Potter.

The following graceful and worthy obituary was prepared by old-time Olin friends, who have given merited tribute to one of the noblest citizens of Jones county:

Rev. Nathan Potter was born in Harford, Licking county, Ohio, on Oct. 26th, 1835, and died at his home in Olin, Iowa, on Monday afternoon, Nov. 30th, 1908, having arrived at the age of seventy-three years, one month and four days.

In 1844 Nathan Potter came with his parents to Jackson county, Iowa, and later in 1852 he took up his residence in Jones county. He was the eldest of a family of eight children, James G., of Monmouth; Mrs. Charles Brown, of Anamosa; Mrs. Jacob Pitzenger, of Linden, Iowa; John, of Waynoka, Oklahoma; Luke, of Ruthven, Iowa; Jarvis, of Dallas Center, Iowa; and Mrs. Marion Gillmore, of Rhinelander, Wis. In addition to these he had two half brothers and three half sisters, all of whom have preceded him to the heavenly land.

On January 1st, 1860, he was married to Clementine DeMoss, of Canton, Jackson county. In 1865 Mr. and Mrs. Potter moved to Jackson township, where they owned and operated an excellent farm. To this union two children were born, Mrs. J. L. Streeter, of Olin, and Mrs. Dell Olmstead, of Maquoketa.

On June 19th, 1894, this loving and affectionate wife passed into the great beyond after a happy married life of 34 years. Two years after this great loss Elder Potter moved to Olin, where he has since continuously resided.

It was away back in the early 60s that he took up his ministerial work. At that early day there was a great lack of religious work and influence in Jones county. Ministers and churches were few. The grace of God among men was not plentiful. This young man was interested in the uplift of his fellow men and believed that there was a work to be done. He entered the religious field, urged to do so by his friends and neighbors. He had prior to this united himself with the Christian denomination and soon after his marriage he began reading theology, following this course for three years. He was regularly ordained and licensed to preach by a conference of the Christian Church held in Clayton county, Iowa, in 1863. Even before he had been ordained as a minister he had performed the work of a minister of the gospel. There was no church edifice in the community at that time and in consequence services were held in the old Potter school house. The congregations were small and there was no salary for the minister, yet the work was earnest and fruitful. When he settled in Jackson township the Antioch church had been built but was in an unfinished condition. Through his efforts the church was completed and it was dedicated under his ministrations. He held its pastorate through a period of twenty-five years, ten of which he labored without any stipulated pay. It was a work of love, and how loving and well he did it is a tender memory to every person of mature years within the bounds of that parish.

Though not a politician in the common acceptance of the term Nathan Potter was sent by the good people of Jones county to represent them in the State Assembly of Iowa during the years of 1892-93. This he did—as he did everything—ably and impartially.

For several years he was Olin's honored mayor. In politics as in religion he was a big souled, broad minded gentleman, always meeting his constituents on the level and his opponents on the square.

On November 9th, 1899, Nathan Potter was united in marriage with Mrs. W. D. Hutton, the union proving a helpful and happy one.

Besides the bereaved wife, two devoted daughters, Mrs. J. L. Streeter, of Olin, and Mrs. Mary Olmstead, of Maquoketa, the deeply affectionate and devoted son, Mr. J. L. Streeter, of Taylor Ridge, Ill., Alex. and Mary

former pastors of the Methodist church at Olin, also spoke feelingly of the father they had known so well and loved so tenderly. The song service was beautifully rendered by Misses Horton and Palmer and Messrs. Bittner and McComber, with Mrs. McComber as accompanist. Dr. F. L. Truss supplied Mr. Bittner's part in the quartette for the Antioch service.

Over the rough roads and through the December air a large concourse of devotees slowly wended their way to Antioch church for the final scene. There the services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Beaver, of the Congregational church, of Anamosa, Iowa, assisted by Rev. Ackley, Rev. Beaver's sermon was touching, tender, eloquent, a beautiful eulogy of a beautiful life.

In obedience to Nathan Potter's request his mortal remains were lowered into the grave to the accompaniment of the time honored, beautiful and deeply impressive ceremony of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons. K. T. Lamb, Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, of Olin, assisted by a goodly number of the local fraternity, paid the last tribute to the revered dead.

The ever-green, the song, the benediction and all are ended. Ended? Oh, no; such a life never really ends, either here or there. The body yields to the inevitable, but the spirit permeates heaven and earth with its glorified influence.

The pall bearers were D. C. Easterly, F. W. Miller, Chris Hansen, James Jepsen, Tobias Swanson and Will Moffett. The floral tokens were beautiful.

Those from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olmstead, Maquoketa, Iowa; Nathan Streeter, a grandson, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa; James G. Potter, of Monmouth; Mrs. Rhoda Brown, of Anamosa; Mr. and Mrs. J. Pitzenger, of Linden, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ramsey and daughter, of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Franks, of Wyoming; M. M. Franks, of Onslow; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Logden, of Cedar Rapids, nephew and niece to the deceased; Mr. Alex. Scott and wife, of Cedar Rapids; Rev. L. D. Stubbs, of Springville, and Rev. H. E. Wilcox, of Wyoming.

CAID OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to the many friends who were so kind to us in our sorrow.

Mrs. Nathan Potter and family.

Mrs. Catherine E. Beam.

Catherine E., daughter of William and Martha Benadom, was born in Jackson Twp., Jones Co., Iowa, March 2, 1847.

At the age of fourteen she became a member of the Christian church, and later of the United Brethren church. After removing to Anamosa she joined the Methodist Episcopal church of which she was a member at the time of her death.

On February 14, 1861 she was united in marriage to Daniel L. Beam. Ten children were born to them, three sons and seven daughters, of whom five remain to mourn the loss of a devoted mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Beam lost their eldest son, William, at the age of seven years; then two others, Albert and Lela, in infancy; two grown daughters, Margaret E. and Mrs. Louella C. Hughes, each at the age of twenty years passed away. Mrs. Hughes' death left two little sons motherless.

The surviving children are Mrs. H. B. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Beam and Daniel E. Beam of Anamosa, Mrs. C. C. Hopkins of Clinton, and Mrs. E. R. Ristine of Buckingham, Iowa.

The earlier years of Mr. and Mrs. Beam's married life were spent in Indiana and Iowa. They lived in Olin; also one year in Maquoketa.

two years. About three weeks ago he came home with a cold which developed into pneumonia. A short service was held at the house yesterday afternoon at 1:30 and services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2:30, with interment at Riverside.

Newton J. Barnard.

The body of Newton J. Barnard was found near his home last Tuesday night. It is supposed that while on his way home, he was attacked with heart trouble. He expired on Fourth street, just off Garnaville street, within a block of his home. Deceased was over 52 years of age at the time of his death. The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon with interment at Riverside.

A. E. A. Bundy.

Abram Emerson Augustus Bundy died at the age of 31 years in Cass on last Saturday of pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried at Cass Center on Monday.

DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The District Court reconvened on Monday morning, with Judge Ellison on the bench. The Petit jurors appeared, but as most of the cases which were assigned for trial had been disposed of or continued, the jurors were excused until this morning.

A motion for continuance has been filed by the defendant in the case of the State vs. Scroggs, on account of sickness of Attorney J. W. Jamison.

Present appearances seem to indicate that there will be but few jury cases tried.

Yesterday morning Joe Miner and Frank Smith, accused of horse stealing in Dubuque, plead guilty to the charge and were given an indeterminate sentence in the Anamosa Reformatory.

Civil Cases.

Plano Mfg. Co. vs. Wm. Eggert. Dismissed and costs paid.

Frank W. Port vs. A. J. Dalby. E. E. Reed appointed guardian ad litem. Trial to the court. Evidence heard. It is found by the court that the defendant is of such mental weakness as to incapacitate him from caring for his property; C. M. Gearhart is appointed permanent guardian; bond fixed at \$20,000.

The Nicholas Kuhn Cigar Co. vs. Joseph Jock and K. O. Jock. Default of defendants. Judgment entered against them on account.

Edward M. Harvey vs. Matilda J. Frazer. R. M. Corbit appointed guardian ad litem. Trial to court. It is found that defendant is insane and Edward M. Harvey is appointed permanent guardian; bond \$2000.

Mrs. Catherine Barrett vs. Fagan & McNally. Dismissed and costs paid.

L. and L. F. Zeller vs. Ludvik Michalek. Default of defendant. Judgment on one promissory note, and for costs and attorney's fees.

Walter W. Wilcox vs. H. A. Zinn, et al. Motion for cost bond confessed and plaintiff has ten days to file same, after which defendant has five days to answer.

Rhoda C. Brown vs. Henry Neunaber. Default of defendant.

O. McCaffrey & Co. vs. K. A. Jock, et al. Default of all defendants. Judgment on verified account against defendants.

Albert Miller & Co. vs. F. L. Har- rington. Motion for cost bond confessed. Bond fixed at \$100 and plain-

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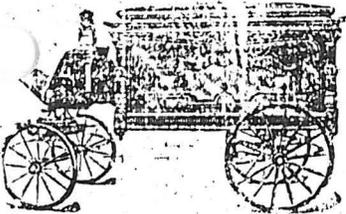
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visited daughters, Mrs. J. L. Streeter, of Olin, and Mrs. Mary Olmstead, of Maquoketa, the deeply affectionate step-children, Mrs. Margaret Ramsey, of Taylor Ridge, Ill., Alex. and Mary Hutton, of Olin, and the adopted nephew (the Elder's chum) Robert Shaw, and a veritable host of staunch and loyal friends are left to mourn the irreparable loss.

Nathan Potter was a devoted and consecrated Mason. Masonry was reflected in the life of this splendid character in all its truth and beauty. He believed it; he zealously practiced its teachings. Masonry honored Nathan Potter and Nathan Potter was truly an honor to Masonry.

Nearly forty years ago on April 23d, 1839, in Anamosa Lodge, No. 46, of Anamosa, Iowa, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and through all the succeeding years he has been one of Masonry's most ardent and tireless devotees. On March 5th, 1901, he transferred his membership to Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, of Olin. He was only recently made a member of M. O. Olivet Commandry, of Anamosa.

Missed as he will be everywhere in this community, his passing can nowhere be felt more keenly than in Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 200, where

"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."

Nathan Potter was a man of splendid physical fibre and when the end came, as it did with unerring swiftness, it seemed just belief that he was dead.

Mrs. Potter had left him in his usual excellent spirits Monday morning to go to Iowa City, where her daughter Mary was recovering from a recent operation, and for the purpose of bringing the convalescent home. Not until Mrs. Potter had reached Stanwood on her return trip the same day did she know the awful truth. Mr. Potter had eaten a hearty dinner and had gone out to attend to some chores. Returning after a time into the yard, he chatted pleasantly with one of his neighbors and then saying that he felt chilly he entered the house and dropped down on the sofa, where a few moments afterwards he was found lifeless. The probable immediate cause of his death was paralysis.

How can the life of such a man be measured? Words are poor things with which to make the attempt. His matchless life speaks for itself. Enemies he had none. His friends were legion. He was a prince among men, a godly, big-souled knight of the olden days. His word was a bond. His smile a blessing and his presence a benediction. We shall miss him in the home, in the council, in the public assembly, in the pulpit, at the open grave. When shall we see his like again? Every clod that falls on his bed shall echo the query: When? When? Let Goldsmith close this book of life:

"Beside the bed where parting life was laid,
And sorrow, guilt and pain by turns dismayed,
The rosy-eyed champion stood,
At his control despair and anguish fled the
struggling soul.
Comfort came down the trembling wretch to
raise.
At church, with meek and unaffected grace,
His looks adorned the venerable place;
Truth from his lips prevailed with double sway,
And fools who came to scoff remained to pray.
The service past, around the pious man,
With steady zeal each rustic ran;
E'en children followed with endearing wile
And plucked his gown to share the good man's
smile:
His ready smile a parent's warmth expressed;
Their welfare pleased him and their cares dis-
tressed.
To them his heart, his love, his grief were given,
But all his serious thoughts had rest in Heaven.
As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the
storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are
spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

The last rites were paid on Thursday, Dec. 3d, 1908. A short service was held at the family home conducted by Rev. Eugene Ackley, of the United Brethren church, Rev. J. J. Kidder, of the Methodist church, and Rev. G. W. Hughes, of the Christian church. Rev. L. D. Stubbs, of Springville, and Rev. H. E. Wilcox, of Wyoming, both

of the earlier years of Mr. and Mrs. Beam's married life were spent in Jackson Twp., at Fairview and in Olin; also one year in Maquoketa. They located in Anamosa in 1894.

Mrs. Beam was bereaved of her husband April 13, 1896; and for several years she carried the double responsibility of father and mother to her family.

After the children were all in homes of their own she devoted the remaining years of her life to the care of her aged mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer.

Besides her immediate family mentioned above, Mrs. Beam is survived by five brothers and three sisters and thirteen grandchildren.

If Mrs. Beam's biography were to be written in one word that word would be service.

She assumed the duties of a wife when barely seventeen years of age. Then came the ten children with all that means to the mother. The sickness and death of half of her flock in childhood and young womanhood, the death of her husband in the prime of middle life; surely a large enough life work and burden for any one woman. But her work did not end here. When she was freed from the care of her own children she ministered to mothers in their need and to babes in their helplessness until many outside of her own family were blessed by her ministry.

While Mrs. Beam may not have had much time to sit with Mary at the Master's feet, she ministered unto him with Martha's diligence and faithfulness to the measure of her strength and more. Had she labored less she might have lived longer, but she died as she wished, without a long lingering illness. While she willingly cared for others, she did not want to be a care to anyone and her wish was gratified.

Her last day on earth, Tuesday, Dec. 1st, was spent at her usual household duties in the forenoon and in the afternoon in assisting a neighbor.

After partaking of a light luncheon and while seated in her chair for rest after the labors of the day, she spoke to her mother of a terrible pain in her head, and said: "You had better call some one." When help came she was in a semi-conscious condition and at nine o'clock she had joined her family on the other side.

Her last words were: "It is well with my soul." Yes, "It is well with my soul." Her youngest daughter standing beside the marble form stooped and kissed the folded hands and said: "Those beautiful hands that did so much for me." Yes they were willing hands.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church on Saturday forenoon, Rev. Harry White officiating, with interment in the Antioch cemetery in Jackson township.

The family wish to extend their thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted them in so many ways.

Alexander Lawrence.

Alexander Lawrence died at the home of his father, James Lawrence, on last Monday morning of pneumonia on the 24th anniversary of his birth. The young man had been clerking in the Fair store in Waterloo for about

defendants. Albert Miller & Co. vs. F. L. Harrington. Motion for cost bond confessed. Bond fixed at \$100 and plaintiff has 30 days to file same. Effie L. Miller vs. Miles Miller. Default of defendant. Hearing to court. Decree of divorce granted plaintiff and she is awarded custody of child.

Longwell & Thornburg vs. W. M. Welch Co. Dismissed without prejudice and costs paid.

Addie Seeley vs. Frank Seeley. Default of defendant. Trial to court. Plaintiff granted decree of divorce and custody of minor children.

John J. Fagan vs. William B. Fagan, et al. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs; judgment accordingly.

John Hess vs. Geo. W. Remaley, et al. Dismissed and costs paid.

D. F. Kohl vs. John P. Kleinick, et al. Default of all defendants. Judgment on four notes, statutory attorney fees. Decree of foreclosure as prayed.

Ida C. Rohwedder vs. John C. Colquhoun, et al. Default of all defendants. Decree quieting title as prayed at plaintiff's costs. Judgment accordingly.

Newton E. Ireland vs. Gordon & Blaney et al. Default of all defendants. Decree confirming shares of parties in real estate. Ordered that property be sold at public or private sale and proceeds divided between parties.

Hiram Hris vs. Ellen Hris. Default of defendant.

Niles & Watters Savings Bank vs. Fred B. Hakes, et al. Default of all defendants, except Fred M. Hakes. Judgment against Wm. Alspaugh on one promissory note. Foreclosure of mortgage as prayed against all defendants.

Win. Heery vs. Wm. Rogers. Default of defendant. Judgment on one promissory note. Decree of foreclosure as prayed.

C. E. Blaney vs. Frank Blaney. Cause being reached for trial and the plaintiff failing to appear, cause is

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Miscellaneous Matters, &c., &c.

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JACOB MOWREY, deceased; he was born Aug. 17, 1817, in Ohio. In 1853, he came to Jones Co. In 1854, they removed to their present farm; died in December, 1874. He married Hellen Snyder Oct. 16, 1858; she was born in Virginia; she owns 330 acres of land; have eight children—Emery S., Cymantha V., William O., John V., Jenetta, Carrie V., Lyman and Alida E.; he had seven children by a former marriage. All the improvements on his farm have been made by Mr. Mowrey since coming to it. Family reside on Sec. 6; P. O. Anamosa.

MICHAEL NEVILLE, farmer, Sec. 7; P. O. Anamosa; born April 12, 1829, in Ireland. In 1847, came to New Brunswick. In 1861, he came to Boston, Mass. In 1865, to Jones Co.; he owns 305 acres of land, all of which he has earned and paid for since coming to this county. Married Ellen Bowes in 1852; she was born in New Brunswick in 1833; have ten children—Robert G., Thomas, Mary, Michael, Ellen, Frank, William, Anna, Henry and Patrick. Is Township Treasurer, and has been School Director several years.

REV. NATHAN POTTER, Sec. 22; P. O. Anamosa; born Oct. 26, 1835, in Licking Co., Ohio. In 1844, he came with his parents to Jackson Co. In 1852, he came to Jones Co.; he owns ninety acres of land. He commenced preaching in 1864, and has been engaged in this work and farming ever since; he is now preaching as a Supply for an Independent Church. Married Clementine Demoss in 1860; she was born in Ohio; have two children—Sarah S. and Mary C. He has held about all the township offices. The first Territorial Election for Commissioners was held at his father's house, in Jackson Co.

JOHN SCHOON, farmer, Sec. 1; P. O. Amber; born April 7, 1847, in Germany. In 1870, he came to Jones Co., Iowa; he owns sixty acres of land. Married Mary Pappé in March, 1879; she was born in Illinois.

VALENTINE SLIFE, farmer, Sec. 26; P. O. Olin; born Oct. 3, 1822, in Fairfield Co., Ohio; in 1846, came to Johnson Co., Iowa; remained there eighteen months, then removed to Jones Co. and to his present farm; owns ninety acres of land. Married Margaret M. Houstman in 1842; she was born in August, 1817, in New Jersey. Mr. S. has been Township Trustee about sixteen years. Democrat.

EPHRAIM STECKEL, farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Amber; born in Lehigh Co., Penn., April 12, 1827; came to Jones Co. in 1871; carries on farm on shares with Mr. Smith, of Anamosa; there are eighty acres in the farm. Wife's maiden name was Sally Ann Steckel, a native also of Pennsylvania; they were married in their native State in 1854; have nine children—Franklin, Nathan Joseph, Milton, Sarah, Mary, Titty Ann, David, Walter and Appasina. All the family are in the German Reformed Church; Mr. S. is a Democrat.

JAMES STIVERS, farmer, Sec. 36; P. O. Olin; born Oct. 20, 1825, in Genesee Co., N. Y.; in 1836, came to Ohio; in 1855, he came to Jones Co. He owns 459 acres of land. His son E. H. enlisted, in 1864, in Co. F, 5th I. V. C.; served to the end of the war. He married Elizabeth Clark in 1853; she was born in Virginia; have ten children—John, Elvira, Alice, Charles, Olive, Emma, Dan D., Nellie, James and Elizabeth; has one son by a former marriage—Elias H. Republican.

J. H. STREETER, farmer, Sec. 35; P. O. Anamosa; born Sept. 21, 1812, in Bradford Co., Penn.; in 1823, came to Seneca Co., N. Y.; thence to Tioga Co., N. Y.; in 1863, he came to Jones Co., Iowa. He owns 165 acres of land. Married Elizabeth Devoe in 1835; she was born in Yates Co., N. Y.; had ten children, eight living—D. C., E. M., A. L., Harriet, Victoria, Capitola, Sarah H. and J. L. Republican.

PETER STRONG, farmer, Sec. 1; P. O. Center Junction; born in July, 1821, in Perthshire, Scotland; in 1850, came to Columbiana Co., Ohio; June 13, 1858, he came to Jones Co. He owns 200 acres of land. Married Ann Smith Dec. 8, 1842; she was born in Perthshire, Scotland. Republican; Presbyterian.

S. D. TARBOX, farmer, Sec. 26; P. O. Olin; born Dec. 20, 1832, in Cortland Co., N. Y.; in November, 1855, he came to Jones Co., Iowa. He owns 193 acres of land. Married Mary Brickley March 1, 1860; she was born in Maryland;

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of Chicago. He held that position for about two years and was next engaged as bookkeeper with the grocery firm of Shaw & Buttow at Anamosa, acting in that capacity for six years. On the 15th of April, 1898, he was appointed postmaster of Anamosa and has been the incumbent in the office to the present time, covering a period of more than eleven years. His long continuance in the position indicates clearly the fidelity which he has displayed in discharging his duties and the promptness and capability that has characterized his service at all times.

On the 12th of September, 1883, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Cora L. Meader, a daughter of George W. and Julia A. (Howe) Meader, the latter a direct descendant of Eli Howe, the inventor of the sewing machine. Mrs. Anderson's parents were natives of New York and at an early day removed westward to Michigan, while subsequently they became pioneer residents of Linn county, Iowa, where the father died. The mother afterward removed to Jones county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born two sons: Leonard E., who is now attending law school in Chicago; and Roy J., a cartoonist, who is connected with the *St. Joseph News Press*.

In his political views Mr. Anderson has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. He has served as a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a diligent and effective champion. He belongs to the Baptist church and fraternally is connected with Anamosa Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.; Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M.; Mount Olivet Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; and El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership with the Mystic Workers and the Modern Woodmen and is loyal to the teachings of these orders, which are based upon the principles of mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. His life record in all of its phases has measured up to the standard of honorable manhood, and in Anamosa, where he has now resided for almost a quarter of a century, he has a circle of friends that is nearly if not quite coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

HON. NATHAN POTTER.

When a good and noble man has passed from the midst of the community in which he had lived and for whose welfare and advancement he had exerted himself, the richness of his life comes strongly to the fore and his comrades realize fully, perhaps for the first time, the dignity of a fine character. So it was with Nathan Potter, who responded to the call of death November 30, 1908. His was a life worthy of emulation, whether it be regarded as that of a citizen, as that of a minister of the gospel or as that of a public servant. He was born in Hartford, Licking county, Ohio, October 26, 1835, being a son of William and Rachel Potter. The former was born in England, August 28, 1767, and was a descendant of one of the men who crossed the Atlantic in the *Mayflower*. In 1844 he brought his family to Jackson county, Iowa, where they experienced all the hardships of pioneer life and where the parents lived the rest of their lives. Eight children

were born to them, namely, Nathan, the subject of this sketch; James G., of Monmouth, Illinois; Mrs. Charles Brown, of Anamosa; Mrs. Jacob Pitzenbarger, of Linden, Iowa; John, of Waynoka, Oklahoma; Luke, of Ruthven, Iowa; Jarvis, of Dallas Center, Iowa; and Mrs. Marion Gilmore, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. In addition to his full brothers and sisters, Mr. Potter had two half-brothers and three half-sisters, all of whom preceded him to the grave.

In 1844 Mr. Potter came with his parents to Iowa, where he grew to manhood, sharing in the hardships and privations which fell to the lot of those courageous men and women who made for themselves and their families a home in the heart of the wilderness. Regular training he did not know, but by dint of application and study at home he fitted himself to teach in the common schools. In 1865, having married five years previously, he removed to Jones county, where he procured a farm in the neighborhood of Anamosa, on which he and his wife lived happily until her death. He improved the property and erected several large and comfortable buildings, while he cultivated the soil with skill and profit. Two years after his wife's demise, in 1896, Mr. Potter removed to Olin, which remained his home until his life was brought to a close.

While still a young man Mr. Potter was converted to the Christian faith, taking up ministerial work shortly after his conversion, and in 1863, in Clayton county, Iowa, he was regularly ordained to preach the gospel in the Christian church, continuing in that work until his death. When he assumed charge of the congregation in Jackson township, Antioch church was in an unfinished condition, but he threw himself into the actual work of construction with a vigor that ever distinguished his acts and did as much as any other to complete the structure. His life and his interest in public affairs made him prominent, and the people, who in recognition of his abilities, elected him to different township offices and to the mayoralty of the city of Olin. He also served in the legislature as a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, and being an able and painstaking man acquitted himself with honor and to the satisfaction of his constituents. In politics as in religion he was always broad-minded, respecting the opinions of others, but when once convinced that he was right or that the welfare of society and humanity demanded a certain attitude on his part, he never hesitated to assert his convictions, so that in all sincerity the house in which he had sat might pass the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Potter the state and county in which he resided loses a worthy and honored and upright citizen; and that we extend to his bereaved wife and relatives our sincere sorrow and sympathy in their great loss; and that an enrolled copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the house; and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family. Adopted, March 13, 1909.

Signed by,

W. M. BYERLY

J. W. ELLIS

A. W. KENDALL

GUY A. FEELY, *speaker of the house.*

G. R. BENEDICT, *chief clerk of the house.*

Mr. Potter was twice married. In January, 1860, he wedded Miss Clementine Demoss, of Canton, Iowa. Two children were born of this union: Mrs. J. L.

Streeter, of Olin; and Mrs. Dell Olmstead, of Maquoketa, Iowa. Mrs. Potter died June 19, 1894, and November 9, 1899, Mr. Potter married again, his second wife having been Mrs. W. D. Hutton, nee Shaw. She was born in Scotland, March 9, 1858, and was a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Gordon Lamond) Shaw, also natives of that country. Her father died in 1871, but her mother is still living in the land of her birth, having attained the advanced age of eighty-two years. Four of the seven children born to her and her husband are also living. In 1877, in Scotland, Mrs. Potter was united to her first husband, W. D. Hutton, and in 1892 they came to America, locating in Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. Hutton died. Four children were born to them: A. C., who is in Olin, in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Margaret C., who is the wife of A. C. Ramsey, of Rock Island, Illinois; Mary G., who is at home with her mother; and David, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Potter adopted a son, James R. Shaw Potter.

Mr. Potter was a Master Mason from 1869 to within a short time of his death and was also made a member of the Mt. Olivet Commandery at Anamosa. He was a man of great physical strength and tough fiber, but the end came suddenly, without any warning, for he died as the result of a paralytic stroke which seemed to cut him off while still in the enjoyment of good health. An esteemed friend and an eminent citizen, he was deeply mourned at his death. Mrs. Potter, who was administratrix of his affairs, now owns a fine three story, brick hotel, seven lots in the village of Olin, a well improved farm in Hale township, besides having numerous interests in Scotland. These interests she manages with great business skill.

ARAM GARABED HEJINIAN, M. D.

Ability will come to the front anywhere and the circumstances of a man's birth or early environment have little to do with the position to which he may attain if he wisely develops his native powers and talents and directs his energy by sound judgment and discrimination. This is evidenced in the record of Dr. Aram Garabed Hejinian, one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of eastern Iowa, practicing in Anamosa.

He was born July 25, 1863, in Arabkir in the province of Harpoot, Armenia. His parents were Garabed A. and Surmaly Y. Hejinian. The father was descended from an aristocratic family of that country and his life was a most active, useful and honorable one. During the Crimean war he was appointed by the English government as a local agent for the province of Harpoot, which important position he held until the war was over. For several years he was the civil head of the protestant community of Harpoot, representing it before the Turkish government. For many years he was a member of the city council of Arabkir and for about ten years was a member of the court of commerce in Constantinople. For more than seven years he was judge of the court of commerce at Van for the same province in eastern Armenia, being appointed by Sublime Porte at Constantinople. He was born in the ancient Armenian church but became one of the first protestants of Arabkir and was one of the first to invite American



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 Hartford, Ohio, USA
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 Olin, Iowa, USA
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[Clementine Demoss](#)
Born: 1840 in Ohio, USA
Died: 14 Jun 1894 in Anamosa, Iowa, USA
Marriage: 1 Jan 1860 in Jackson, Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

Children

	Sex	Birth
Sarah S Potter	F	1861 in Iowa, USA
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Sex: M

Event(s)

Birth: 26 Oct 1836
Hartford, Licking co, Ohio
Death: 30 Nov 1908
Jackson co., Iowa
Burial:
Antioch cem. Jackson co., Iowa

Parents

Father: [Nathan Potter](#) Disc #146 Pin #1720444
Mother: [Elspy Gilmore](#) Disc #146 Pin #1720445

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Clementine DeMoss](#) Disc #146 Pin #1720455
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