

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sharpnack, William Minor Senator _____
Represented Harrison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Jan 1850 Netzel County, West Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Jane Hamner 14 Feb 1871 Harrison County Iowa
② Josiah E. Hest 1 Jan 1874 Modale, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.;

C. Profession Farmer; grain dealer; agricultural implement salesman
hardware business

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 24th General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local Taylor township clerk; Modale postmaster for 4 years 1886-1890.

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Mar 1925 Merriam, Kansas; buried Calhoun Cemetery, Modale, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Ella (Mrs. John E. Johnson); by 2nd wife - Effie J. (died Aug 1902);
John E. (died in infancy); Charles Frank (died Sept 1924); William Edwin; Fred Harold; Laura Blandina

9. Names of parents John and Sarah (Minor) Sharpnack

Sheppard, William Minor

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He came with his father in 1854 settling in Clay Township of Harrison County after first settling in the fall of 1850 in Washington County, Iowa.
- In spring 1860 his father entered 160 acres in Taylor Township of Harrison County where the town of Modale, Iowa later was built. This farm was sold in 1865 and he went into the saw mill business.
- He married in 1871, sold the mill and went back to the farm in Taylor Township, bought 80 more acres and in spring 1874 moved to Blair, Nebraska.
- There he and his father had a sawmill, the father died at the mill.
- Later he went into the hardware business at Modale, Iowa, later in January 1883 he went into the grain and stock business.
- He farmed later, became a postmaster and then into the hardware and implement business.
- It appears he had many jobs over the years, but was a well respected and valued citizen of Modale, Iowa.

Sharpnack, William Minor

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

Plattsmouth - The Missouri Valley Times, Missouri Valley, Iowa
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History of Harrison County, Iowa 1891, p. 525-526

OBITUARY

William Minor Sharpnack, son of John and Sarah Minor Sharpnack was born in Witzel county, West Virginia, Jan. 13, 1850. Died at his home in Merriam, Kansas, March 5, 1925, after a long illness, following paralytic strokes which left him completely blind since August, 1922, and he had not uttered a sentence since June, 1924. The direct cause of his death being pneumonia.

The body was brought to Modale Sunday, March 8, and the funeral held from the Christian church at 3:00 p. m. Elder Jeys of Nevada, Iowa, conducted the funeral services and burial was made at Calhoun cemetery.

Mr. Sharpnack came with his parents to Harrison county in 1854, when his parents entered a homestead on the site where Modale now stands. He was married Feb. 14, 1871, to Miss Jane Hammer, daughter of Jacob and Cynthia Hammer. To this union one child, Ella was born, Aug. 23, 1872. The mother dying the same day. Ella is now Mrs. John E. Johnson of Cozad, Neb.

He was married on Jan. 1, 1874, to Miss Susan E. West, daughter of Edwin and Susan West. To this union six children were born: Effie I.; John E.; C. Frank; William I.; Lora Blandena and Fred H.

Effie I. died in South Africa in August, 1902; John E. died in infancy. C. Frank died in Omaha, Sept., 1924. Mr. Sharpnack was never aware of his son's death, owing to his physical condition. William I., now lives in eastern Colorado and Fred H. and Lora Blandena reside at Merriam, Kans.

The death of his second wife occurred at Merriam, Kans., August 24, 1921.

Mr. Sharpnack had served his community as a useful citizen having been engaged in the hardware, implement, grain and stock business, and having been postmaster for four years, from 1886 till 1890.

He served as township clerk for a number of years and in various other positions of honor and trust.

In 1891 he was elected state representative on the democratic ticket by a large majority.

Mr. Sharpnack was familiarly known as "Rag" Sharpnack and was not known to have an enemy.

All the living children, including J. E. Johnson, the son-in-law and numerous friends and relatives from Omaha, Boone, Whiting and Blencoe were in attendance at the funeral.

day at 2:30 p. m., Rev. E. M. Dow officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill cemetery.

CHARLES BATES

Charles Bates, youngest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Wood Bates, was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 24, 1840, and passed away March 9, 1925, aged 84 years and 10 months.

He came to Monticello, Iowa, with his parents in 1853. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted in Co. B, 9th Iowa infantry; was severely injured in action at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. One year later he again entered service in Co. G, 1st Iowa cavalry, and was honorably discharged at Austin, Texas at the close of the war.

Mr. Bates was a pioneer of Harrison county, coming to Magnolia about 1866. Here he met Miss Nellie E. Hopkins and they were married at Missouri Valley, Iowa, September 22, 1869. Mrs. Bates passed away, January 12, 1903.

They resided some years on a homestead near Sioux City and he engaged in farming near Missouri Valley, until compelled by ill health to move to town. For many years he was a confirmed invalid, suffering untold agony at times, and the past fifteen years he has been under special care in the hospital at Clarinda, Iowa, where he passed away.

Four children survive: Mrs. Dallas Skelton, Loveland, Ia.; Elmer E. Bates, Summersville, Mo.; Mrs. E. A. Haller and Miss Mary Bates, Chadron, Neb. He also leaves six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sgt. Howard Skelton, the oldest grandson, died in service with the A. E. F. at Traer, Germany, May 18, 1919.

Services will be held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Skelton, on Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Burial will be at Rose Hill cemetery.

WEATHER FORECAST

For the period, March 9 to March 14 inclusive.

For Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys: Brief period of scattered showers early part of week and another during latter half; temperatures normal or above.

Legion Adjutant

ly went to rest as a tired child falls asleep her's breast.

daughter, Mrs. Martin, mourn her loss, 2 sisters Pyle, Spokane, Wash.; its, Payette, Idaho. Two ar Moats, Osmond, irv. Moats, Onawa, Ia. hter, Mrs. Peter Han- ty and two great grand ides many nieces and other relatives.

ix was a woman greatly e who knew her, always ing the bright side of ull of quaint humor, full d always anxious to ex- services to others. To was sustained by an un- th, believing in God as ther and in eternal re- t the hard things in life urmur or question feel- hat "He doeth all things

years of her life Mrs. membership in the M. ut later affiliated with erian church to hold ership with her children. rvice were held from erian church, Sunday, 2:00 p. m. with Rev. E. g, using the four- r of St. John as his text. sang her two favorite the Gaden" and "It Is ly Soul." She was laid le her husband in Rose y.

rs were: Messrs. Fred . Harvey, J. L. Smith, Ed Bradley and Dr. Boo-

DYKE-GARRET

Garret of Beatrice, Neb. d Van Dyke of Dunlap, rried Monday evening of Mr. and Mrs. George South First street, Mis- . The ceremony was per the groom's father, Rev. Dyke of Dunlap.

gratulations by the few who attended, the happy e left for Lincoln, where dents at the University

ACTORS

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1891.

uary, 1886, he formed a partnership with J. G. Gilchrist in the hardware and implement business. The June following he sold out to Gilchrist and a few days later Gilchrist sold to C. S. Brown, and our subject remained with him as clerk. In the fall of 1886 he and Mr. Brown became partners in the grain business, and continued until the fall of 1888, when he bought Brown out. In January, 1890, our subject sold his interest in his hardware business to C. Schroder.

Mr. Sharpnack was united in marriage in Harrison County, Iowa, February 14, 1871, to Miss Jane Hammer, the daughter of Jacob and Cynthia Hammer. By this union one child was born—Ella, born August 23, 1872, and the mother died the same day. For his second wife Mr. Sharpnack, on January 1, 1874, married Miss Susan E. West, the daughter of Edwin and Susan (Rocord) West. By this union five children have been born—Effie I., John E., Charles F., William I. and Laura B.

Susan (West) Sharpnack was born in Jackson County, Iowa, December 24, 1856, and her parents came to Harrison County at an early day. Mrs. Sharpnack is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Sharpnack is a member of the Odd-fellows Order, belonging to Mondamin Lodge, No. 392.

The father of our subject, as before stated, was killed in the mill in Nebraska in the fall of 1874, and was buried at Calhoun. The mother subsequently married in August, 1884, John Ingram and resided at Cameron, W. Va. She died February 2, 1890, and is buried at Cameron. They were the parents of three children—two sons and one daughter, our subject being the eldest in the family.

Politically our subject is a Democrat and has held the office of Township Clerk for ten years. In the fall of 1888 he made the race on the Democratic ticket for the office of County Recorder. He had about two hundred and fifty votes to overcome and was only defeated by about fifty votes. He has voted nineteen times in Taylor Township, always casting a straight Democratic ballot and is known to be a political fighter "from way back," and only held the postoffice ten days after the change in the administration, and was probably an offensive partisan. At the general election of 1891, he was elected State Representative by a majority of four hundred and seventeen votes.



ANDREW D. WALKER, a farmer of section 3, Washington Township, came to Harrison County, in February, 1880, and settled on his present farm, which he had bought three months prior to his moving here. It was all wild land, and the first year he broke thirty-five acres, built a house 16x34 feet one and a half stories high, which forms a part of his present house. His present farm consists of one hundred and sixty-nine acres, in Harrison County, and eighty acres in Shelby County. One hundred and thirty acres are under the plow, forty acres in tame grass, and the balance in meadow and pasture land. The entire place, shows the hand of good husbandry, and the annual harvest from this rich soil, is fast making our worthy subject an independent man.

Mr. Walker was born in Blair County, Pa., May 15, 1838. He is the son of James and Ann (Cherry) Walker, and he is the

Individual Record

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William Minor Sharpnack Compact Disc #57 Pin #287065
Sex: M

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Event(s)

Birth: 13 Jan 1850
Wetzel, West Virginia
Death: 3 May 1925
Merriam, Kansas

Parents

Father: [John Sharpnack](#) Disc #57 Pin #285876
Mother: [Sarah Minor](#) Disc #57 Pin #285882

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Susan Emily West](#) Disc #57 Pin #287066
Marriage: 1 Jan 1874
Modale, Harrison, Iowa

Notes and Sources

Notes: None
Sources: None

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- Name: **William M Sharpnack**
- Sex: M
- Birth: 13 JAN 1850 in Wetzel County, West Virginia
- Death: AFT. 1880
- Census: 1856 Magnolia Township, Harrison County, Iowa
- Census: 1880 Taylor Township, Harrison County, Iowa
- Occupation: 1880 Farmer

Father: [John Sharpnack](#) b: 1830 in Virginia
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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Name: | William M Sharpnack | |
| Birth Year: | abt 1850 | |
| Birth Place: | Virginia | |
| Gender: | Male | |
| Census Date: | 1856 | |
| Residence State: | Iowa | |
| Residence County: | Harrison | |
| Locality: | Magnolia | |
| Roll: | IA_56 | |
| Line: | 17 | |
| Family Number: | 90 | |
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| Household | Name | Age |
| Members: | John Sharpnack | 26 |
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