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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bitterman, Monias E. Senator _____

Represented Cerro Gordo Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26. Aug 1843 Canton, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Heinselman 1866 Ladysmith, Hill County, Missouri

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Evangelical

5. Sessions served 24th, 25th General Assemblies 1892, 1894

6. Public Offices

A. Local Innshier, trustee, county treasurer, county assessor, school director over 30 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Dec 1919 Nora Springs, Iowa; Curied Park Cemetery, Nora Springs, Iowa

8. Children Calvin; Edward; Jennie; Trullie; Mary;
Clinton

9. Names of parents Medwick and Margaret Bitterman

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At the age of 17 he moved to Illinois where he engaged in farming as well as buying and shipping hay near Joliet.
- He moved to Cass County Iowa in March 1870. He settled in Portland Township where he farmed and raised livestock.
- His wife, Sarah, born 9 Nov 1842, died 31 July 1920, also buried Park Cemetery, Nora Springs, Iowa

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sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out August 15, 1865, at Camp Irwin, Texas. He was graduated from the University of Ohio in 1872, taught for three years in Willoughby College, and spent the school year of 1875-6 in Union Theological Seminary, New York. He then returned to Willoughby College and taught four years, and for one year was pastor of two rural churches. From 1881 to 1887 he had a professorship in Coe College, from 1887 to 1892 he was pastor of the First Congregational church in Marion, and from 1892 to 1899 was pastor of the First Congregational church at Osage. He then returned one year to Coe and in 1900 went to the English Department of Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls where he remained as an instructor until his death. He was chaplain of the State Encampment, Department of Iowa, G. A. R., in 1919, and of the National Encampment in 1920. On June 7, 1923, he was elected commander of the Department of Iowa, was installed, but on returning home died the following day.

CHARLES W. KEPLER was born in Frederick County, Maryland, January 1, 1844, and died at a hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 23, 1923. His father was Conrad Kepler. He was brought by his parents in 1843 to Franklin Township, Linn County, Iowa. On a farm there he grew to manhood, attended common school and Cornell College, and on September 18, 1861, enlisted as a private in Company A, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. He was wounded October 3, 1862, at Corinth and promoted to first sergeant. He was promoted to second lieutenant February 2, 1863, and to captain January 9, 1865. He was mustered out July 21, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky. He had commenced the study of law while in the army, was admitted to practice soon after returning home, opened an office in Mount Vernon and practiced there continuously until his death, a period of over fifty years. For the last several years his son, Louis H. Kepler, was associated with him. He had a large practice, was a man of energy and ability, and was a potent factor in local, county, and district affairs. He was prominent in the Grand Army, was president at Crocker's Brigade, was an active member of the Methodist church, a trustee of Cornell College for a number of years, and was mayor of Mount Vernon at different times.

MONIAS E. BITTERTMAN was born in Canton, Ohio, August 16, 1843, and died at Nora Springs, Iowa, December 23, 1919. At the age of sixteen he removed to near Joliet, Illinois, and in 1870 to a farm in Portland Township, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. He was a public-spirited and useful citizen, held many township offices, and was treasurer of the school district for over thirty years. In 1891 he was elected representative from Cerro Gordo County, and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth general assemblies. Shortly before his death he retired and removed to Nora Springs.

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now Mrs. Abner R. Stilson; Emma, now Mrs. C. R. Franklin; Charles and Fuller. John G. Bailey enlisted in 1862 in company H, 95th Illinois, and served three years. On his return from the war he married Miss L. L. Stilson, daughter of S. S. and Eleanor Stilson. They have two daughters—Lillie and Ella.

Samuel Buckingham came to Iowa in 1865, locating on section 26, Portland township, and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he was visiting at the time. He was born in New York, on the 22d of February, 1802. His parents dying when he was very young, he lived with his grandmother, who lived to the age of 105 years. When she was 100 years of age she could read without the aid of glasses, having obtained her second sight. He received a common school education. He seemed, as the phrase goes, a natural born mechanic. He learned the blacksmith's trade at an early age, and for a number of years was engaged in the manufacture of edged tools. He also acquired the trade of mill-wright, which he followed in Pennsylvania from 1841 until 1865, when he removed to Iowa. He was thrice married. In 1824 to Persie Fairchild, by whom he had eight children, four of whom are living—Lucinda, Eliza, Esther and Andrew J. His wife died in 1867. His second wife died in three weeks after marriage. He subsequently married and was living with his third wife at the time of his death. He was successful in business, leaving at his death an estate of 200 acres of land and considerable personal property. He was a republican in politics, but took interest enough only to vote.

A. J. Burlingham, a resident of Portland township since 1865, is the possessor of a fine stock farm of 320 acres. He was born in Chenango Co., N. Y., Nov. 11, 1836. His parents removed to Pennsylvania, where he was bred to farm life, but received a good education, remaining there until 1863. He then went to Wisconsin and two years later came to Iowa. He married in September, 1868, Olive E., a daughter of John West. She died Aug. 5, 1880, leaving one daughter—Mary May.

Abner R. Stilson resides on section 33, Portland township, where he purchased and settled on 160 acres of land, in 1866. He now owns 280 acres and has good improvements. He was born in McHenry Co., Ill., June 9, 1838. His parents were Sylvester S. and Eleanor E. (Bishop) Stilson, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Ohio. There were eight children in his father's family, six now living—James M., W. B., A. R., O. H., Laura, now Mrs. J. G. Bailey; and Ellen, now Mrs. John A. McMullen. Abner Stilson, in 1861, enlisted in company A, 7th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served fifteen months, when he was discharged on account of disability caused by a gun shot wound received at the battle of Gainsville. In 1866 he was married to Harriet Bailey, daughter of John and Phebe Bailey. They have four children—Carrie, Lincoln, Scott and Arthur. Mr. Stilson is a republican in politics, also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

M. E. Bitterman is a prominent and reliable citizen of Portland township. He is closely associated with the progress and best interests of the community of which he is a member; has held most of

the local offices of trust, such as township trustee, treasurer, assessor and school director. He has been a resident of the county since March, 1870, when he settled on section 11, of this township, on eighty acres which he had purchased fifteen years previous. He has added to his possessions until he now owns a tract of 280 acres under a good degree of cultivation, where he is operating to a considerable extent as a stock farmer. He was born in Ohio, Aug. 26, 1843, and is a son of Frederick and Margaret Bitterman. At the age of seventeen years he went to Illinois and engaged in farming, and also bought and shipped hay—at that time a prominent article of traffic. In 1866 he was married at Lockport, Will county, to Sarah, daughter of George and Catharine Heinselman. They have six children—J. Calvin, Edward, Jennie, Trullie, Mary and Clinton. Mr. Bitterman is a republican and is connected with the Evangelical Association.

Daniel W. Haynes, whose vocation is farming, has been a resident of Portland township since the fall of 1870, residing on section 13, where he owns 120 acres of fine land. He was born in Cortland Co., N. Y., Feb. 26, 1838, his parents being William and Phebe (Webster) Haynes. He was bred to farm life, and in 1857 was married to Jane Alice. In 1860 he emigrated to Olmstead Co., Minn., where he engaged in farming, then removed to Cerro Gordo county, where he has since lived. He has three children—Albert, Frederick and Belle. Politically he is a republican, and is a member of the Evangelical Church.

John Bishop has resided, since March, 1870, on section 14, Portland township,

where he owns eighty acres of land. He was born in Stark Co., Ohio, Oct. 13, 1842, being the son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Weaver) Bishop. His mother died when he was three years of age and he lived with his sister, Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Miller. At the age of seventeen he commenced the world for himself, and in 1862 enlisted in company I, 76th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving one year, when he was discharged on account of physical disability. He then returned to Ohio and in 1865 went to Will Co., Ill., where he remained until he came to Iowa, in 1870. In 1872 he married Lucinda Spotts, daughter of Samuel and Sophia (Beltz) Spotts. They have six children—Nathaniel, Frank, Alice, Edward, Mary and Laura. Mr. Bishop is a republican in politics, and in religion is an Evangelical.

A. W. Mullan, postmaster and justice of the peace, is the pioneer merchant of Portland. He was born in Boston, Mass., April 14, 1839. He is a son of Martha and Mary (Whelan) Mullan, and being deprived of his mother, by death, when he was two years of age, he was cared for in the family of his maternal uncle, John Whelan. In 1842 the latter removed to Waukesha Co., Wis., where Mr. Mullan was occupied with agriculture until eighteen years old, when he learned the carpenter's trade. On the breaking out of the rebellion Mr. Mullan enlisted. He was enrolled in August, 1862, in company B, 28th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service of the Union about three years, receiving an honorable discharge in June, 1865. On his return to Wisconsin he resumed his trade, and in 1867 was married to Melvina McCormick.



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **M. E. Bitterman**
 Home in 1880: Portland, Cerro Gordo, Iowa
 Age: 36
 Estimated birth year: abt 1844
 Birthplace: Ohio
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)
 Spouse's name: Sarah
 Father's birthplace: Pennsylvania
 Mother's birthplace: Ohio
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Farmer
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>M. E. Bitterman</u>	36
	<u>Sarah Bitterman</u>	36
	<u>Calvin J. C. Bitterman</u>	13
	<u>Edward L. Bitterman</u>	11
	<u>Jenny Bitterman</u>	9
	<u>Truley Bitterman</u>	8
	<u>Mary Bitterman</u>	7
	<u>Clinton M. Bitterman</u>	1

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