

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stark, James Hutchinson Senator _____
Represented Hartland County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Feb 1842 Fairfield County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Elizabeth Liberson 15 Aug 1862 Illinois
② Emily Gardner 7 Nov 1866 Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Never admitted to the Ministry in 1871; he helped promote the
Des Moines Iowa Falls and Northern Railroad and later was secretary on board of
directors of the railroad

B. Civic responsibilities Master, I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Farmer; attorney; teacher

4. Church membership Unitarian

5. Sessions served 25th, 26th, 27th General Assemblies 1894, 1896, 1898

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Iowa Falls Apr 1902-Apr 1906

B. State Speaker of the House 27th General Assembly 1898

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children By 1st wife - Lucinda Edilla (Mrs. J. R. Hammon); by 2nd wife -
Cynthia A. (Mrs. C. S. Coate); Edna E. (Mrs. L. H. Ball)

9. Names of parents Abraham and Margaret (Hutchinson) Stark

10. Education He was self-taught.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He moved with his family to La Salle County, Illinois in 1850.
- In 1860 he began teaching school in the winter and farmed in the crop season.
- Military services - Civil War - 53rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry
- When he returned from the war he began studying law and then began the law practice at O'Fallon, Illinois. He went into politics being prosecuting attorney in Livingston County in 1872. Ill health caused him to leave law and he resumed farming and also served in the Illinois Legislature.
- The family moved to Iowa Falls, Iowa in 1890
- His first wife, Elizabeth, died young on 3 July 1865



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- *Given Name:* JAMES H.
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 15 Feb 1842 in ,Fairfield,Ohio ¹
- *Reference Number:* FK86111
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- *Event:* In 1899, living at Iowa Falls,Hardin,Iowa ¹ ¹
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Father: [ABRAHAM FUNK](#) b: 23 Oct 1819 in ,Augusta,Virginia

Mother: [MARGARET HUTCHINSON](#) b: 1821/1822 in ,,Ohio

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Marriage 1 [ELIZABETH GIBSON](#)

- *Married:* 15 Aug 1862 ¹

Children

1.  [LUCINDA IDELLA FUNK](#)

Marriage 2 [EMILY GARDNER](#) b: in of Silver Creek,,New York

- *Married:* 7 Nov 1866 ¹

Children

1.  [CYNTHIA A. FUNK](#) b: 1 Oct 1867 in Odell,Livingston,Illinois
2. [HELEN FUNK](#) b: 4 Feb 1872
3. [EDNA E. FUNK](#) b: 27 Mar 1878

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Conifer, Colorado 80433

Title: A Brief History of Bishop Henry Funck and Other Funk Pioneers

Author: Reverend A. J. Fretz

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- **ID:** I9
- **Name:** James Hutchinson Funk
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 15 Feb 1842 in Fairfield Co., OH ^{1 2}
- **Death:** in IA
- **Burial:** Union Cem, Hardin Twp, Hardin, IA
- **Census:** 1850 Rush Creek Twp, Fairfield, OH
- **Event:** 1850 Arrived La Salle Co., IL ³
- **Census:** 1860 Bruce, La Salle, IL
- **Event:** 1868 Arrived Livingston Co., IL ⁴
- **Census:** 1870 Union, Livingston, IL
- **Census:** 1880 Odell, Livingston, IL
- **Event:** May 1890 Arrived Hardin Co., IA ^{1 3}
- **Census:** 1900 2nd Ward Iowa Falls, Hardin, IA
- **Census:** 1910 Hardin Twp, Hardin, IA
- **Occupation:** attorney; state representative (IA); farmer
- **Religion:** Unitarian

Father: Abraham Funk b: 23 Oct 1819 in Augusta Co., VA

Mother: Margaret Hutchinson b: May 1822 in OH

Marriage 1 [Elizabeth Gibson](#)

- **Married:** 15 Aug 1862 in IL ^{1 3}

Marriage 2 [Emily J. Gardner](#) b: in NY

- **Married:** 7 Nov 1866 in IL ^{1 3}

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Author: Benjamin F. Gue
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Mr. Maine was married on January 1, 1887, to Sadie C. Doty, who was born June 19, 1864, in Pleasant township, Hardin county. She is the daughter of Peter H. Doty, who was born November 24, 1830, in Orange county, New York, from which place he went to Sussex county, New York, where his early life was spent, his parents having been natives of that state. The father died in 1842 and the mother in 1851. They were the parents of four children: Margaret J., widow of Jephtha Meeker, of New Jersey, John, Hannah and Peter. Peter H. Doty married Mary E. Mead on November 25, 1854. She was born in Orange county, New York. Soon afterwards they went to Indiana, where they remained a short time, then moved to Eldora, Iowa, locating in Eldora township, whence, after a brief residence, they moved to Union township, and on November 9, 1855, moved to Pleasant township, locating in section 32; their children were: George E., born September 30, 1857; Charles A., born February 26, 1860; Sadie C., wife of the subject; James F., born April 4, 1869; Martha, born April 27, 1872. Mr. Doty was always a Democrat, and held several local offices, including that of constable. His wife was a native of Connecticut. The mother was born in New Jersey, where they were married. The father died July 25, 1862. They were well known and highly respected. Mr. Doty died April 7, 1909, and Mrs. Doty's death occurred on April 29, 1906.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maine, namely: Elmer Scott, born August 16, 1890, was graduated from the high school at Hubbard in 1909 and has been teaching successfully in the district schools the past two years; he is a skillful electrician and mechanic by trade. Clarence Elwood Maine, who was born July 28, 1893, is attending school at Iowa Falls.

Politically, Mr. Maine is a Republican and he was township trustee, school director for several years and treasurer of Tipton township for sixteen years. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church at Hubbard, Iowa. Mr. Maine has a modern home. He has his own private electric plant, from which his home is lighted.

HON. JAMES H. FUNK.

One of the notable men of his day and generation, who has gained success and recognition for himself and at the same time honored his county and state by distinguished services in important trusts, is Hon. James H. Funk, of Iowa Falls, who has long held worthy prestige among the profes-

sional and public men of central Iowa. Distinctively a man of affairs, whose broad and liberal ideas command respect, he has for many years filled a conspicuous place in the public eye, and as a leader in many important civic enterprises as well as a notable figure in the political arena of his day, he has contributed much to the welfare of his fellow men and attained distinction in a field of endeavor where sound erudition, mature judgment and talents of a high order are required. Aside from his honorable standing in private and public life, there is further propriety in according him representation in a biographical compendium of the province of the one at hand, for Hardin county has been the scene of the major part of his life's earnest efforts and extensive achievements, having for many years been a potent factor in business enterprises of extensive magnitude and where he also commands the esteem and confidence of all classes and conditions of the populace, a man widely admired for his uniform and never-failing courtesy, his honorable methods of business and his unquestioned public spirit.

Mr. Funk belongs to an old, influential and highly esteemed family that figured more or less conspicuously in various walks of life in the early history of the Buckeye state, he himself having been born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on February 15, 1842. He is the son of Abraham and Margaret (Hutchinson) Funk, and is the oldest of a family of ten children. He is a fine type of the self-made, self-educated successful American who, in the face of all obstacles, rises, unaided, to positions of influence and prominence. In all his life he attended school only seventeen days. He was brought up on the home farm and was obliged to work hard during his boyhood days, assisting in the support of the family, but, having an insatiable thirst for knowledge, he managed to find time to study in the evenings and he has been a wide and miscellaneous reader, thus becoming familiar with general topics in the world of literature, science and civic life. In 1860 he began to teach school in the winter and farm in the crop season, but all the while pursuing his studies systematically. The family had moved to LaSalle county, Illinois, in 1850.

James H. Funk was one of the loyal sons of the Union who, when the tocsin of war sounded, gladly offered his services and, if need be, his life, in its defense, enlisting in 1862 in what was afterwards known as the Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but before being mustered in he was placed on detached service. After the war he returned home and in 1866, having previously married, he and his wife settled on a farm in Livingston county, Illinois, but he soon took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1871 and moved at once to Odell, that state, where he began the practice of his profession. He immediately made his debut into politics, and, his talents

being readily recognized by party leaders, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Livingston county in 1872, which position he held with great success for a period of four years. He was then elected city attorney for seven successive years. Meanwhile he had been making rapid strides as a lawyer, figuring prominently in the important cases of that county. In 1884 ill health compelled him to retire from the law, although he enjoyed the best practice of any lawyer in Livingston county at that time. He resumed farming, but kept up an active interest in public affairs and he served with distinction two terms in the Illinois Legislature and held various other offices of trust and responsibility. In 1890 he came to Iowa and located on a farm near Iowa Falls. He was for some time extensively engaged in the horse business, and, prospering by reason of close application and good management, he became the possessor of several as good farms as the great Hawkeye state can boast, and he still owns them. His reputation as a public official had transcended the borders of Illinois and he soon became a prominent figure in Iowa politics and in 1893 was elected a member of the House in the twenty-fifth General Assembly, in which he made his influence felt for the good of his locality and the state. He was chairman of the committee on the suppression of intemperance, introducing and taking a leading part in the management of the bill now known as the "mulct law," which law has stood the test of various supreme court decisions and is still the accepted solution of the liquor problem in Iowa. Mr. Funk spent a great deal of time on the bill and he deserves much credit for the wisdom with which it was drafted and the clever work done in securing its passage. He made such a brilliant and universally commendable record in the House that he was re-elected to the twenty-sixth General Assembly, of which he was chairman of the ways and means committee and as such took a prominent part in revising the revenue laws. He was also chairman of the special committee charged with the duty of investigating the expenditure of the public money in the various departments of state government of Iowa. As a result of his investigations many additional safeguards of the people's money were enacted into laws. His record had been such as to make him the logical leader of the House and his election to the speakership of the next Legislature was freely predicted during that session. He might easily have been nominated and elected state senator had he desired it, but he preferred to remain in the House and he was re-elected by a very large majority. He was unanimously chosen speaker of the twenty-seventh General Assembly, in which capacity he won the admiration, commendation and respect of men of all parties by his upright conduct, his opposition to everything that had the appearance of extravagance or irregularity and his pro-

found knowledge of questions and issues of the day. As speaker of the House he was independent, seeking to do his full duty as he saw and understood the right, refusing to be biased or dictated to by any man or set of men, being fearless and unswerving in defending the rights of the commonwealth, an original and tireless investigator and ever vigilant of the rights of the people whom he sought to serve in the light of justice.

Mr. Funk has at all times manifested a lively interest in political affairs and has been an active and valuable campaigner for the Republican party in all the campaigns since he entered the political arena, often speaking not only in Iowa but in other states, such as Michigan, Illinois and South Dakota, and he has always attracted attention by his sane, logical and masterly presentation of facts, having few equals and no superiors as a stump speaker, his arguments being earnestly and forcefully, often eloquently, presented and defended adroitly and convincingly, having long made a careful study of political matters and kept fully abreast of the times on all current topics—in fact, few men are better posted on national affairs.

After his term as speaker of the House expired, Mr. Funk, William Welden, W. V. Shipley, W. H. Woods and E. S. Ellsworth promoted and built the Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern railroad, now the St. Paul & Des Moines railroad, from Des Moines to Mason City, much of the financial success and popularity of this excellent road being due to the rare business acumen, foresight, keen discernment and able management of Mr. Funk, who was secretary of the road for eight years, a member of the board of directors for seven years and he has been its general counsel for eleven years, still holding that position in a manner that stamps him as a man thoroughly grounded in all phases of jurisprudence. He was mayor of the city of Iowa Falls from April, 1902, until April, 1906.

Mr. Funk was first married to Elizabeth J. Gibson, of Livingston county, Illinois, on August 15, 1862. Her death occurred on July 3, 1865, leaving a daughter eighteen months old, named Lucinda Idilla, now the wife of Hon. J. R. Gammon, of Buffalo, Wyoming. Mr. Funk was again married on November 7, 1866, his last wife being known in her maidenhood as Emily J. Gardiner, of Chautauqua county, New York, the daughter of Benjamin and Leah (Brownell) Gardiner, an excellent family of the Empire state. Mrs. Funk is a lady of culture and the possessor of many winning attributes. Two children have graced this union, namely: Cynthia A., who married C. S. Coats, now of Iowa Falls, and Edna E., who married L. W. Ball, now engaged in the mercantile business at Williams, Iowa. They both received every educational advantage and are women of refinement.

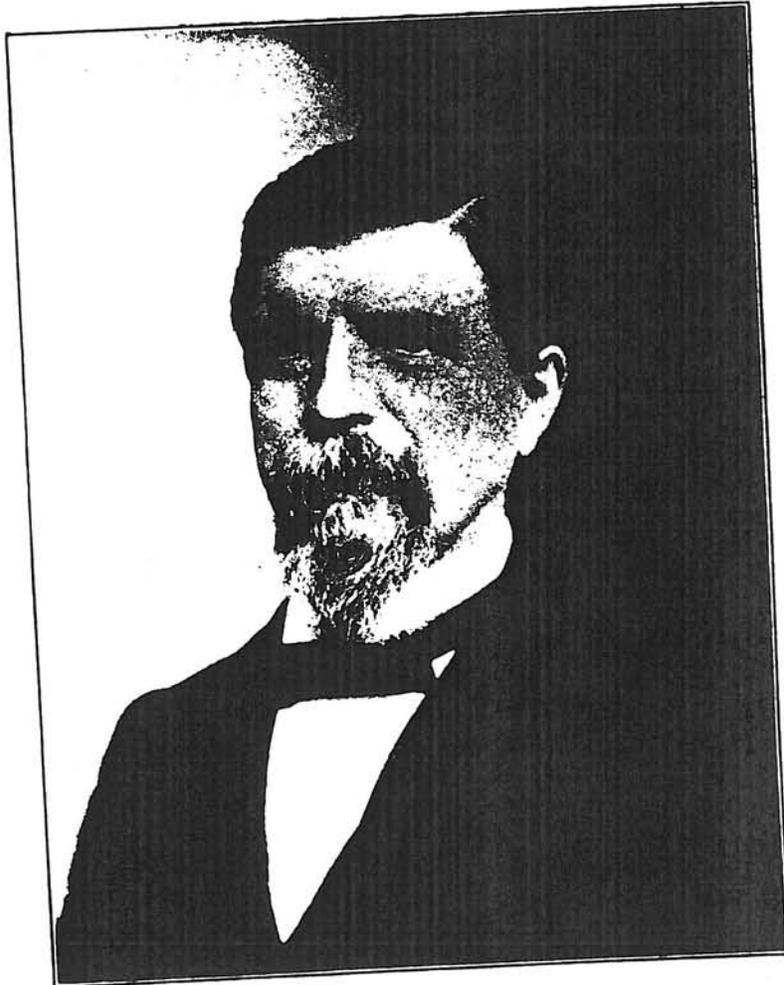
Fraternally, Mr. Funk is a Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree; he also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has taken the degrees in the encampment and the canton. Religiously, he is a Unitarian.

Sufficient has been said to indicate the esteem in which Mr. Funk is held by the masses and to show that he is essentially cosmopolitan in his ideas, a man of the people in all the term implies and in the best sense of the word a representative type of that strong, virile American manhood which commands and retains respect by reason of inherent worth, sound sense and correct conduct. None have made better use of their time and opportunities and he stands today one of the most representative men in Iowa, and, measured by the accepted standard of excellence, his career has been eminently honorable and useful and his life fraught with great good to his fellow men and to the world.

ISAAC BARNHART.

No citizen has lived in Tipton township, Hardin county, in recent years who has left behind him a worthier record and a cleaner reputation than the late Isaac Barnhart, a man whom to know was to respect and admire, for he was industrious, public-spirited, generous and a good neighbor and loyal friend.

Mr. Barnhart was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1831, and there he spent his early youth, moving with his parents to Miami county, Indiana, in 1844, where the family lived ten years. They moved from there to Marshall county, Iowa, then took up a claim in section 4, Tipton township, Hardin county, in November, 1855, but they did not settle there until 1870. Isaac Barnhart is the son of Daniel and Susanna (Reis) Barnhart, natives of Butler county, Pennsylvania, the father having been a cabinetmaker in early life, later a farmer. There were five children in his family, namely: Amos, Joel, Henry, Phoebe and Isaac. The subject received a limited education in the common schools, and in 1854 he went to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and in November, 1855, selected a claim in section 4, Tipton township, Hardin county, of one hundred and twenty-six acres. He did not begin to improve the same until 1870. It was wild land and he placed all the improvements on the same. Prior to this he had lived in various parts of the county. On June 2, 1870, he married Mary Ann Reep, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and the daughter of William and Jane (Titus) Reep, both



JAMES H. FUNK