

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Parker, John Senator _____

Represented Miller County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Dec 1837 Barrowby, Lincolnshire, England

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Louisa Johnston 19 Sept 1861 Marion County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Odd Fellows

C. Profession Farmer. Raised livestock

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 26th and 27th General Assemblies 1896 and 1898

6. Public Offices

A. Local Miller County commissioner; township trustee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Apr 1915 Malvern, Iowa; buried Calvary Cemetery, Malvern, Iowa

8. Children Elizabeth Washburn; Alice Jane; Cora Adrien; Emma Louisa; Ida Jeanette; Harry Grant; Ross Mary; Howard Roy; Sanford Jay; John Duff

9. Names of parents Reverend George and Elizabeth (Beet) Parker

10. Education He went to school until age 7 when he had to
quit and help support the family.

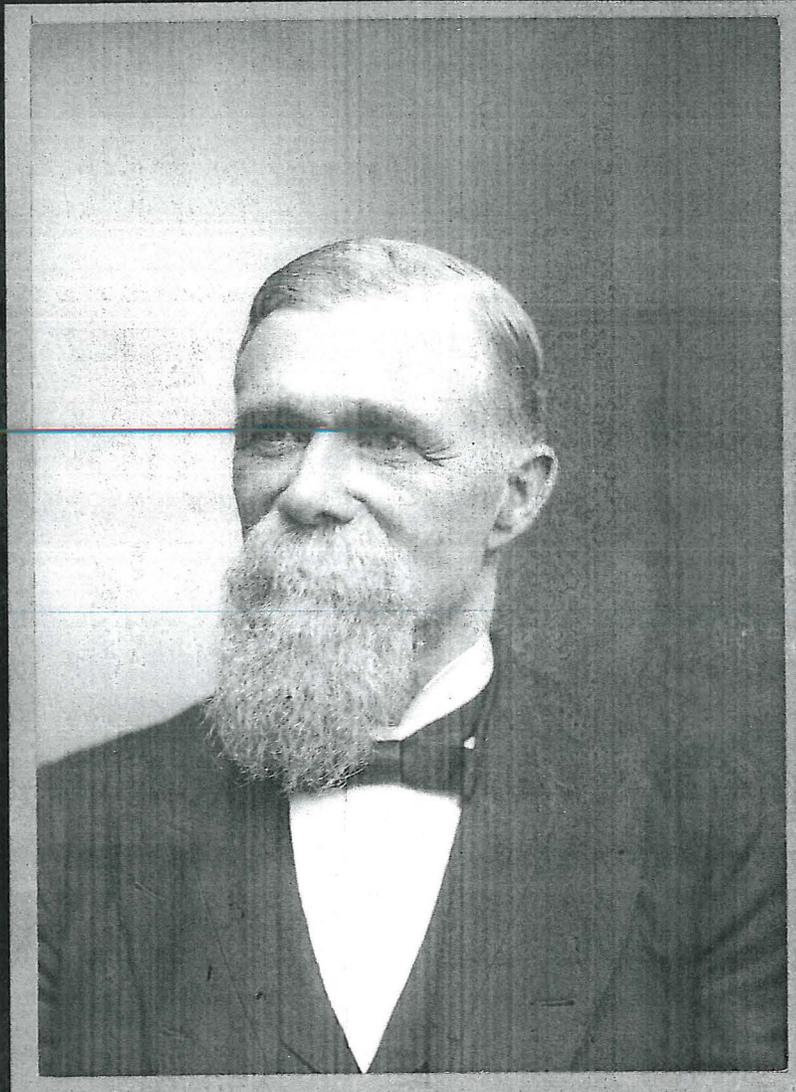
11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

He came to America from England in 1857, settling in Marion County,
(Iowa), having worked with the family farm in England.

He moved to Miller County, Iowa in 1867 and became a progressive
and successful farmer along with his brother, George who had come
from England with him.

In 1871 he bought 40 acres of prairie land and 5 acres of timber. In 1882
he erected his first home on the property. Later he bought several
pairs of short horn cattle, Poland China hogs, horses and colts.



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Hager-Neville

Vernon D. Hager and Miss Goldie Neville were married at Pacific Junction on Wednesday evening by Rev. E. E. Garrett. Both parties are from Council Bluffs. The bride is under age, and her mother, Mrs. Alta Neville, came in person to grant her consent to the issuing of the license.

DEATHS

John Parker

John Parker, an honored and respected resident of Mills County, died at his home in Malvern on Wednesday morning, April 7.

Mr. Parker's health has been poorly for a year past, and he spent several weeks at Lincoln taking special treatment. He improved so much from the treatment that lately he appeared to have a new lease on life.

A few days before his death he had a severe attack of tonsilitis and his system could not resist the effects of that disease.

Some few years ago Mr. Parker suffered from a mysterious stomach disease and for several weeks his life was despaired of, but his perseverance and constitution conquered and he got a new hold on life.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker lived on a farm southeast of Silver City most of the time since becoming residents of Mills County. It was on this farm that their large family of children grew to manhood and womanhood.

Mr. Parker served his county several years ago as its representative in the General Assembly of Iowa, with devotion and credit to himself.

As a neighbor and citizen he was held in high esteem. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and a true member of the I. O. O. F. order.

Mr. Parker's funeral will be held Sunday, April 11, at 2:30 P. M. from the Methodist church in Malvern.

Mrs. Frank Shinn

Mrs. Frank Shinn, the wife of Attorney Frank Shinn, died at her home in Carson Wednesday morning, April 7, of heart trouble. Frank Shinn, her husband, is known as well in Mills County as in his home county.

Mr. and Mrs. Shinn were the real

in the Lord.

He was a kind, loving father and friend; a man of broad mind and good judgment; a wise counselor in troubles or business perplexities. His family and kindred were very dear to him and he was much loved and honored by them.

Always active and industrious, he was identified with many different lines of business. Of the sixty years he lived in southwest Iowa, all but five, during which he was engaged in the grain business in Red Oak, were spent in Mills County. With his business activities in this community all are familiar. His honesty and integrity were never questioned and his business life was one of which any man might well be proud.

The span of his own and his father's life was one hundred and ten years; years in which to live and take a man's part in the world's activities was a great joy.

They Were Saddened

They came from some where in Nebraska on No. 4 Wednesday. All the way up from the depot they slowly wended their way, lovingly holding hands. Ever and anon eyes of love looked love to eyes that spake again. They nursed a secret and a desire to surprise some people.

Eventually they presented themselves to the Clerk's office and made known their desire for a certain document. At this point the romance received an unlooked for jolt.

Strangers coming to Mills County's Clerk of Courts must bring a friend known to him, who will vouch for the parties to the contract. These two looked the ages claimed, but they were both total strangers. There was no help for them. The law must be obeyed. In Nebraska no such requirement was needed. They thought the law was just the same in Iowa.

Two hearts that beat as one departed on No. 3, saddened but wiser.

Later—They (William Oldenberg and Mrs. Dora Rottman, of Avoca, Neb.) returned Saturday morning and were accompanied by the bride's father, who vouched for them, and, on receiving the needful paper, went at once to the Baptist parsonage, where Rev. Sneath united them in marriage.

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ant, Iowa, in 1900; Isaac and Abner, deceased; Mrs. Martha Clark, who is living in Clarinda, this state; Mrs. Nancy Linley, whose home is in Oskaloosa; Mrs. Emaline Wolf, a resident of Lawrence, Kansas; Mrs. Sarah McCorkle, a widow living in Fort Madison, Iowa; Mrs. Jennie Mercer, also of Oskaloosa; and Mary Hathaway, living in Kansas.

The boyhood days of Lebbeus Clark were quietly passed. He remained in Pennsylvania until 1856, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Lee county, Iowa, where the father spent his remaining days. Mr. Clark, of this review, however, came with the family to Mills county and located on a farm in Silver Creek township sixteen years ago, which he occupied eleven years. For five years he then resided upon a rented farm conveniently located three miles north of Hastings. In the fall of 1900 he purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty-seven acres three miles west of Malvern and two and a half miles east of Hillsdale. He was well qualified for the practical duties of business life by fair educational privileges, having attended the district schools in his youth, while in the year 1850 he was a student in Professor Howe's Academy, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. His business affairs have ever been conducted with strict regard for honorable principles and straightforward dealing, and his labors have resulted in bringing him a very desirable competence.

Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mary Pease, a daughter of James B. and Elizabeth (McCollough) Pease, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Her father is still living in Fort Madison, Iowa, but her mother died in Lee county, this state.

She was of Scotch lineage. Mr. and Mrs. Pease became residents of Iowa in 1852, and here reared their five children, namely: Mrs. Clark; Mrs. Fanny Evans, of Malvern; Gaston, who died while a soldier in the Civil war; John, who is living in Lee county; and Lizzie, who died at the age of four years. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Clark has been blessed with thirteen children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. In order of birth they are as follows: James P. and Willis G., who are residents of Mills county; LeRoy A., who is living in Harrison county; Samuel, John R., Abner, Fred and Harry, all residents of Mills county; Mrs. Mary Boggess, a resident of Henderson, Iowa; Fanny, Sadie, Alice and Helen, who are still under the parental roof. Abner is a graduate of the high school in Henderson and the younger children are being well educated in the excellent country schools.

In his political views Mr. Clark is a stalwart Republican and keeps well informed on the issues of the day, yet has never sought or desired public office. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church in Malvern, and both are held in the highest regard throughout the community. Mr. Clark is spoken of by his neighbors as a kind and generous husband and father and a loyal citizen, fair and just in his dealings, genial in disposition and courteous in manner.

HON. JOHN PARKER.

The keynote to the success of men like John Parker, a prominent farmer and stock man of Ingraham township, Mills county, Iowa, is industry. Other characteristics aid

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such men in wo.ldly advancement, but hard work, early and late, is what wins the battle. Mr. Parker is one of those enterprising Englishmen who have done so much to develop the agricultural interests of their parts of the state. He was born in Linconshire, in 1837, one of the eleven children of George and Elizabeth (Beet) Parker. His father was born December 24, 1812; his mother on Christmas Day, 1813, and they were married in 1833. Mr. Parker was an agricultural laborer and he taught his sons how to farm and encouraged them to work hard. Some of his children died in infancy, some in youth, and five were reared to manhood. His son George went to Ohio in 1854, and settled in Wyandot county. From there he came to Iowa in 1867, accompanied by his brother, John Parker, the subject of this sketch. George Parker was born in September, 1835, became a prosperous farmer and a local official and died in Anderson township, Mills county, in 1890, leaving a good property to his eight children. James and John Parker came over together from England in 1857, on a sailing vessel which consumed five weeks in making the journey from Liverpool to New York. James is a well-to-do farmer with a large family, and lives near Hastings, Mills county. Henry Parker is a farmer and breeder of Poland China hogs and owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pottawattamie county. He also has a family. Joseph Parker, likewise a man of family, is a farmer near Oakland, Pottawattamie county. The mother of these children died in England in 1866, as the result of a fall, and the father came to Iowa at about the age of seventy years and lived in a house built for him by John Parker on the latter's farm until he died in 1895, leaving a

widow. He was a Wesleyan minister, a zealous preacher of the gospel, a self-educated man, of mental ability and moral worth, who was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

John Parker was educated in the common schools until he was about ten years old, when he began to work on the farm. From the age of fourteen to the age of twenty he worked by the month and by the year. In 1857, when he was twenty years old and had saved sixty dollars with which to pay his passage and expenses, he and his brother James joined their brother George in Wyandot county, Ohio. In 1867, as has been stated, John and George came to Iowa, where they were tenant farmers for about four years. In 1871, John Parker bought forty acres of new prairie land and five acres of timber, for which he paid sixteen dollars an acre. On this property he erected his first house, which in 1882 gave place to his present residence. By four subsequent purchases he has increased his holdings to two hundred and eighty-five acres of fertile upland rolling prairie, one hundred and twenty acres of which is devoted to corn, yielding an average of from fifty to fifty-five bushels an acre. He has preserved the fertility of his land by strict attention to rotation of crops. He sells some corn but feeds most of his crop on the farm. His stock consists principally of cattle and hogs and he milks from twelve to fifteen shorthorn cows, keeps a blooded bull and raises calves. He breeds about seventy-five Poland China hogs for the market each year and keeps ten horses and raises colts.

Mr. Parker is a Republican and has represented his district two terms in the state legislature, his service ending January, 1900. He was for three years one of the com-

missioners of Mills county and has several times been trustee of his township and has been school trustee and has held other minor offices. While a member of the legislature he took an active part in the state legislation and was one of the leading members of the house. He is prominent in state and local politics, ever taking an active interest in the affairs of his party. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for thirty years, and his wife since her early girlhood. He has held every office in the church except that of minister, and has been Sunday-school superintendent many years. He is an Odd Fellow.

Mr. Parker was married in Ohio, September 19, 1861, to Miss Mary Johnson, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1841, a daughter of John and Lucy (Alger) Johnson, natives of Vermont, who came early to Ohio, where they were well-to-do farmers, and reared ten of their eleven children, five of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. Arabella Strickler, a widow who lives at Columbus, Ohio, and has three children; Andrew J. Johnson who has nine children and lives in Shenandoah, Iowa; Amanda, who married Alpheus Miller, of Ohio, and has three children. William Henry Harrison Washburn, Mrs. Parker's half-brother, is a son of her mother by a former marriage. John Johnson, Mrs. Parker's father, died at the age of fifty. Her mother married a third time and died in 1869, aged sixty-two years. Her father and mother are both buried in Morrow county, Ohio.

John and Mary (Parker) Johnson have had ten children, all of whom are living: Elizabeth W. married William H. Salzers, a Mills county farmer, and has two daughters; Alice Jane married William Tucker, of

Saline county, Nebraska, and has a son and three daughters; Cora A. married Richard Tucker, of Saline county, Nebraska, and has a son and five daughters; Emma L. married J. E. Johnson, of Mills county, Iowa, and has one son and three daughters; Ida J. married G. W. Phelps, of Fillmore county, Nebraska; Harry Grant, a farmer in Mills county, married Miss Nellie Jackson; Rosa, who is the wife of D. N. Salzers, of Mills county, has one daughter; Howard Roy, a farmer on a part of his father's land, married Maggie Crow, who has borne him a son; and Sanford J. is a member of his father's household and he and John Guy Parker are students and the latter will soon enter Simpson College.

GEORGE T. OTIS.

George T. Otis was born June 2, 1842, on Dutch Creek, Ohio. His father, William Otis, was a native of New York and was a wagon-maker by trade. Emigrating westward, he took up his abode in Ohio, locating in the town of Lowell, in the year 1815. He was married in that state to Sabrina Rice, and in 1857 he came to Glenwood, where he spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of seventy-nine. His family is one noted for longevity, and the maternal grandmother of our subject lived to be over ninety years of age.

George T. Otis was with one exception the youngest in a family of seven children, six of whom are yet living. He assisted his father in wagon-making and started out in life for himself at the age of nineteen. As a companion and helpmate he chose Miss Florence Yockey, a daughter of Henry Yockey, who was a native of Pennsylvania and also

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Event(s)

Birth: 18 Dec 1837
Barrowby, Lincolnshire, England

Christening: 28 Dec 1837
Barrowby, Lincolnshire, England

Death: 7 Apr 1915
Malvern, Iowa

Burial:
Malvern, Iowa

Parents

Father: [Reverand George Parker](#) Disc #127 Pin #3224792

Mother: [Elizabeth Beet](#) Disc #127 Pin #3224960

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Mary Louise Johnston](#) Disc #127 Pin #3224980

Marriage: 19 Sep 1861
Belknap Township Cemetary, Oakland, Iowa

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Children

[Elizabeth Washburn Parker](#) b: 9 NOV 1862 in Marion, Marion Tp, Marion County, OH[Alice Jane Parker](#) b: SEP 1864 in Marion, Marion Tp, Marion County, OH[Cora Adrene Parker](#) b: 5 AUG 1866 in York County, NE[Emma Louise Parker](#) b: 5 SEP 1868 in Silver City, Mills County, NE[Ida Jeanette Parker](#) b: 6 NOV 1870 in Silver City, Mills County, IA[Harry Grant Parker](#) b: 17 DEC 1872 in Silver City, Mills County, IA[Rose Mary Parker](#) b: 3 MAY 1875 in Silver City, Mills County, IA[Howard Roy Parker](#) b: 24 SEP 1877 in Silver City, Mills County, IA[Sanford Joy Parker](#) b: 22 JAN 1880 in Silver City, Mills County, IA[John Guy Parker](#) b: 26 SEP 1882 in Silver City, Mills County, IA

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County: MILLS CO. - IOWA
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