

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Downing, Samuel Bell Senator _____

Represented Davis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Feb 1825 Venango County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Leitha Stark 1849

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 27th, 28th General Assembly 1898, 1900

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 27 Oct 1903 near Drakeville, Iowa; buried Drakeville Cemetery, Drakeville, Iowa

8. Children John W.; A.A.; H.L.; S.A.; Indiana; Temple; Anna; Ida; Joanna; Roanna (preceded her father in death); Mary

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He came to Iowa in 1840 with his family locating in Roscoe Township, Davis County, Iowa where he grew to manhood.
- Military service - Mexican War
- Military service - Civil War
- His wife died 9 days before her husband.

HON. SAM S.

WRIGHT.

HOLDS GOOD MEETING SATURDAY—L. L. TAYLOR MAKES SHORT ADDRESS.

Hon. Sam S. Wright, a prominent attorney of Tipton, Iowa, addressed a large and attentive audience at the court house, Saturday afternoon in the interest of Democracy.

The meeting was called to order by Ex-senator W. H. Taylor, who acted as chairman, and who in a brief but brilliant speech introduced Hon. L. L. Taylor, of Centerville, the Democratic candidate for senator from the Appanoose—Davis district. Mr. Taylor made a short talk in which he thanked the Democrats of the county for honoring him with a nomination he never sought, and assured them that he would, now that he had accepted, do all in his power to be elected. He assured them that should he be successful he would look to their interest to the best of his ability. While Mr. Taylor is no orator, he has an earnestness in addressing an audience which convinces them of his sincerity.

The Democrats who were fortunate enough to hear him expressed themselves as more than pleased with the gentleman. After his speech chairman Taylor introduced Hon. Sam S. Wright, the principal speaker of the day.

Mr. Wright began his eloquent speech by informing his hearers that he was not a politician and not seeking votes and that therefore he felt at liberty to speak plainly that which he was convinced was the truth. This he did to the evident discomfiture of many republicans who were present.

He spoke of national and state affairs laying great stress on state taxation and showing how the state should be improved by the railroads by this state. He showed how Gov. Cummins, the

A PIONEER GONE.

HON. S. B. DOWNING DEAD.

Hon. Samuel B. Downing died at his home near Drakesville, Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 2. p. m.

Mr. Downing was one the early settlers of Davis county, coming here in 1840, and locating in Roscoe township, where he grew to manhood and received his education. He served two years in the Mexican war and was captain in the late civil war, receiving his commission from the hands of Gov. Kirkwood. He represented the county in the state legislative and was candidate for governor some years ago. He was one of the early advocates of the abolition of slavery, and voted for John C. Fremont, in 1856, when only 5 votes in his township were cast for him. In 1860 he was ordained a minister in the Christian church, and for a number of years devoted himself exclusively to the church.

Mr Downing was born February 4, 1825, in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and was married in 1849 to Miss Telitha Stark, a native of Kentucky, and a relative of Daniel Boone.

To this union were born 11 children four boys, John W., A. A., W. L. and S. G. Downing. The girls are Indiana, Tempie, Anna, Ida, Joanna, Roanna, and Mary. Roanna died some 20 years ago.

Mr. Downing was a man well known over the entire county. He was loved and respected by all.

The mother preceded the father to the spirit world but 9 days ago. Deepest sympathy is extended to the children in this hour of their double affliction. May God comfort them in this great sorrow with the blessed hope of meeting the dear departed ones in the beautiful home above.

Funeral services will be conducted from his late residence, on Thursday.

Interment will take place at the cemetery south of Drakesville.

We Are Onto The Racket.