

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Townes, William B. Senator _____

Represented Floyd County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Dec 1831 Castleton, Rutland County Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriet A. Derby 1856
(1837 - 1903)

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Floyd County Justice of the Peace 1875-1897; member of Board of Supervisors for 2 terms

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Oct 1914 Charles City, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Charles City, Iowa

8. Children Adrian; Ella M.; Cora M.; Edward J.;
Medwick H.

9. Names of parents James B. and Eveline (Barney) Townes

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1864 he moved west to settle in Floyd County, Iowa
purchasing 203 acres of land in Sections 35, 36 of Cedar
Township

- His wife died in 1963

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 Mrs. Morris Fussel of Floyd, visit-
 at the home of her sister, Mrs.
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JAP'S SINK DESTROYER.
 Pekin, Oct. 3.—Special: The
 Japs bombarding Tsing-Tao have
 sunk a German torpedo destroyer.
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**WILLIAM B. TOWNER
 PASSES AWAY TODAY**

**WELL KNOWN CITIZEN IS CALI
 ED BY DEATH AT THE
 AGE OF 83.**

Hon. William B. Towner, one of
 the representative citizens of Floyd
 county, passed away at his home
 this (Saturday) morning at 9:15
 o'clock after an illness extending o-
 ver a considerable period. The im-
 mediate cause of death was pneu-
 monia incident to paralysis and the
 end came so quietly that those by
 his side scarcely noted the change.

William B. Towner was born in
 Castleton, Rutland county, Vt., De-
 cember 25, 1831, and was the eldest
 son of James S. and Eveline Barney
 Towner. In 1864 he came west and
 settled in Floyd county purchasing
 203 acres of fine land in sections
 35 and 36, Cedar township. Previous
 to coming west Mr. Towner was mar-
 ried to Miss Harriet Darby a native
 of England, and to this union five
 children were born, namely, Adrin J.,
 Ella M., Cora M., Edward J., and
 Frederick H. Mrs. Towner died in
 1903 since which time his daughter
 Mrs. Cora M. McCommond has kept
 his house and looked after his wants
 during his declining years.

Mr. Towner was elected justice of
 the peace in 1875 and served con-
 tinuously in that office until 1897. In
 1897 he was elected member of the
 board of supervisors and served two
 terms, being a member of that body
 during the 27th and 28th sessions.
 Antedating his service as justice of
 the peace and member of the gen-
 eral assembly, Mr. Towner was elec-
 ted member of the board of supervi-
 sors and served two terms his ser-
 vice extending over the years from
 1874 to 1890.

William B. Towner was one of the
 best citizens of the county and a
 man of strict integrity and honor.
 His work in the general assembly of
 the state and as a member of the
 board of supervisors was marked by
 distinct and conscientious devotion
 to duty and as a citizen he was hon-
 ored and respected by all.

Funeral services will be held from
 the home on west Jackson street at
 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, Oc-
 tober 5th, and will be in charge of
 Rev. A. B. Curran of the English
 M. E. church. Interment will be
 made in Riverside cemetery.

"It would be well for parents of
 Iowa to investigate the schools of
 their own state before sending their
 children hundreds of miles from
 home to acquire the very thing that
 lies within their own dooryards,"
 says the Visitor Eagle.

The Boone News-Republican sug-
 gests that "having learned the

people and threatening several in-
 nocent children with violence if they
 did not get out of his way.

The man is supposed to be a re-
 fugee from the asylum for the in-
 sane at Rochester, Minn. He said
 that his name was John Hayden in
 reply to questions, which passerby
 on the street asked him. An official
 from the asylum was in the city to-
 day in search of him, but late this
 afternoon no information in regard
 to his whereabouts had been receiv-
 ed. The asylum official refused to
 talk about the man, stating that he
 was only slightly interested.

The police went in search of Hay-
 den at about 5 o'clock yesterday, but
 he had disappeared. No one had
 seen him since 4 o'clock and the po-
 lice were unable to unearth a clue
 which would lead to his capture and
 return to Rochester. Mayor Mc-
 Leod found a note on a table in his
 office a little past 5 o'clock yester-
 day.

The note read: New Orleans, Flori-
 da. Plantation foreman. I want
 a place to work where I can board
 1875 unknown people, that has lied
 on a 5-year-old boy about 40 years.
 Original name unknown. George
 Hayden, United States Attorney to
 attorney at Charles City, Iowa. Oc-
 tober 1914. Has earned good wages.

Presumably this note was writ-
 ten by the insane man before his dis-
 appearance from the city. The
 handwriting is clean and legible, in-
 dicating a man of some ability and
 education. The object or the mean-
 ing to be conveyed by the note is
 unknown. No one seems to know
 anything about the man or his char-
 acter, but it is being rumored about
 town that he is afflicted with a
 mania for slaying people.

MAD COW CAUSES SCARE

**Terrifies Farmers in Vicinity of
 Tabor—Men and Horses
 are Attacked**

Tabor, Oct. 3.—Mad dogs are a
 terror to a community but the scare
 a rabid dog can pile up in a com-
 munity is nothing compared to what
 happened in the country north of
 here a few miles when a cow sudden-
 ly went mad and tore through the
 country, terrifying people until kill-
 ed. The cow was with others in a
 pasture on the Warren Munsinger
 farm, and being seized with frenzy
 tore through heavy barb wire fences
 cutting her flesh into shreds and
 giving her a most bloody and weird
 appearance as she tore along, the
 roads attacking wagons and teams
 and automobiles and frightening
 people.

Harry Hall, who started after the
 cow on a horse, was nearly killed.
 The cow attacked horse and rider
 and nearly got them down and so
 terrified the horse that Mr. Hall
 could scarcely control his mount,
 much less check the mad cow. A
 few miles further on the cow sallied
 into the dooryard of Ray Hurlbutt's
 farm, and Ray took refuge in the
 chicken coop. Rex Alstrope was
 driving along the road leading a
 second team behind his rig. Down
 the road the mad cow rolled at top
 speed and plumped into the led
 team full force, causing a mixup that
 threatened dire consequences for a
 few minutes. Ed Russel finally
 cornered the cow in a field and shot
 her with a rifle.

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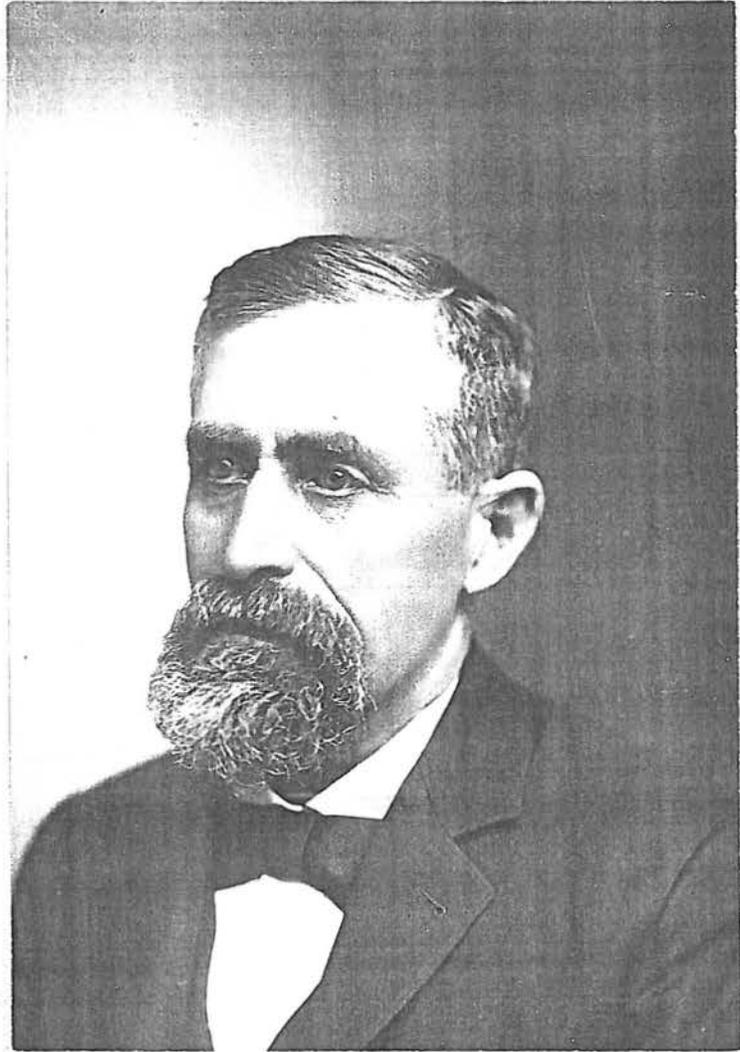
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HISTORY
OF
FLOYD COUNTY,
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TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF ITS CITIES, VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL HISTORY; PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

HISTORY OF IOWA.

EMBRACING ACCOUNTS OF THE PRE-HISTORIC RACES, ABORIGINES, FRENCH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CONQUESTS, AND A GENERAL REVIEW OF ITS CIVIL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY HISTORY.

ILLUSTRATED.

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Charles H. Towner, farmer; P. O., Charles City. His father was James S. and his mother Eveline (Barney) Towner, natives of Vermont. The father came to Illinois at an early day, where he died; the mother still lives there. Charles was born in Vermont, Nov. 4, 1834, where he was educated. He worked at farming, and came to Illinois in 1848, where he lived until 1856, when he moved to Iowa and bought a farm. He now owns 285 acres of excellent land on section 36, where he now lives, and has under a high state of cultivation. In 1856 he married Louisa Bennett, who was born March 22, 1839, in Illinois, a daughter of Stephen and Betsey (Knickerbacker) Bennett, natives of Dutchess Co., N. Y. They moved to Illinois in 1837, where Stephen died, and in 1855 Mrs. Bennett and family came to Iowa, where she still lives with her children. By the above union there are six children—George, born April 27, 1859, married; Owen C., April 16, 1862; Oscar J., Sept. 16, 1865; Royal C., July 27, 1868; Mary E., Aug. 29, 1875; Ralph S., Dec. 17, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Towner are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. He votes the Republican ticket.

William B. Towner, farmer; postoffice, Charles City; son of James S. and Eveline (Barney) Towner, natives of Massachusetts and Vermont respectively, who were the parents of six children—William B., Charles H., Mary E., Carlos C., F. B. and Eveline. Three live in Iowa, two in Illinois, one in Michigan; all born in Vermont. William B. was born in Castleton, Rutland County, Vt., Dec. 25, 1831, where he was educated. In 1864 he came to Floyd County, Ia. He now owns 203 acres of fine land on sections 35 and 36, mostly well improved. In 1856 he married Harriet A., daughter of Edward and Harriet (Golden) Darby, of England. They came to the United States many years ago, and Edward died in Illinois, where his wife still lives. By the above union there are five children—Adrin J., Ella M., Cora M., Edward J. and Frederick H. Mr. and Mrs. Towner are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Mr. Towner votes the Republican ticket, and has held several township offices; is Secretary of the School Board and Justice of the Peace; has held each of these offices some ten years, and was County Supervisor four terms.

Chester M. Townsend, farmer and stock-raiser; postoffice, Charles City; son of John C. and Lucinda (Underwood) Townsend. The subject of this sketch was born in the State of New York, Dec. 6, 1837. He was educated in Iowa and has followed farming. He owns 535 acres of land on sections 1, 30 and 31, Cedar

James Towner

[Pedigree](#)

Birth

Birth

25 DEC 1931 , Rutland, Vermont

Christening

05 OCT 1934 , Floyd, Iowa

Death

Parents

Father: [James Towner](#)
Mother: [Eveline Barney](#)

[Family](#)

Remarks

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Died: 3 OCT 1914
Cemetery: RIVERSIDE
Location: CHARLES CITY
County: FLOYD CO. - IOWA
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William B. Towner

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Birth: Oct. 25, 1831
 Death: Oct. 3, 1914

Family links:

Note: Interred on 10/4/1914

Burial:
[Riverside Cemetery](#)
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 Iowa, USA
 Plot: Block 5, Section 49, Row 8, Space 4

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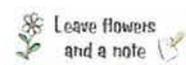
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