

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lambert, Thomas Senator Lambert, Thomas
Represented Jackson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Feb 1855 rural Union Township, Jackson County, Iowa near Sabula, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Jennie Cotton 8 Aug 1883 Sabula, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F; Modern Woodmen of America;
Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Newspaperman; stone mason; builder; butcher;
post/packing and grain buying business; farmer;

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 26th 27th General Assembly 1896, 1898 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd General Assembly 1900, 1905, 1905, 1906, 1906 Senate

A. Local Sabula city recorder (4 terms); mayor of Sabula (8 terms); Justice of the Peace of Union Township 20 years; Sabula School board secretary 1882-1909

B. State Member of the Finance Committee of the State Board of Education

C. National Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888 at St. Louis

7. Death 7 Sept 1923 Sabula, Iowa; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Sabula, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. Milton D. Dege

9. Names of parents Thomas D. and Sarah (Guenther) Lambert

10. Education Attended public schools of Sebala, Iowa;
attended a private school of Mrs. A. R. Darling

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- As soon as he was old enough he worked the stone mason trade of his father
- He also worked as a builder in the summer and as a butcher in the winters
- In 1879 the owner of the Sebala Argosy newspaper died. Alex N. Gray and Thomas formed a partnership and built up the newspaper enterprise. Mr. Gray died 20 Apr 1881, so Thomas resolved to continue the paper alone. It continued with great success until 1 June 1919 when he retired
- In 1883 he formed a partnership with Charles B. Cotton engaging in pork packing and grain buying
- In 1886 he acquired the trading insurance agency in Sebala.
- He purchased a large farm
- Later he was associated with Anthony Brandt in ownership and management of the Bellevue Herald newspaper, Bellevue, Iowa.

GAZETTE.

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School Notes

opened Tuesday morning following corps of teachers E. Berkley, Principal, Miss Innick, Assistant, Miss Bess, Assistant, Miss Ella Rogers, Miss Amy Adams, Second Grade, Miss Olive Kempter, Intermediate, Miss Adele Peterson, Second Primary, Miss Anna First Primary.

were 216 pupils enrolled in following classes: Seniors 9; Juniors, 15; Sophomores, 5; Freshmen, 15; Second Grade, 21; Seventh Grade, 19; Fourth Grade, 19; Fifth Grade, 11; Sixth Grade, 26; Third Grade, 28; First Grade, 23; First Grade, 22. If the High School pupils are present, and still more are expected.

the hearty co-operation of the parents, and we want you to feel free to visit our classes any time. Watch us.

Ball Games At Savanna

A number of Sabula fans attended the double-header ball game at Savanna during the Melon Day on yesterday. Maquoketa defeated Savanna in the first game 6 to 5. The game going thirteen innings. Maquoketa is said to have been the best team ever played in this locality the present season. Blaine Leavens went the wicket for Savanna and but for a few errors would have won his first five innings. Hunwatsen pitched for Maquoketa, but was hit in the eighth inning and in favor of Perley Blenner who pitched for Savanna scoreless the remainder of the game and Maquoketa put across a home run in the 13th inning. In the second game Platteville defeated Maquoketa 6 to 5. Oster, of the Maquoketa League team, pitched for Maquoketa and Benton for Sterling. Oster pitched a winning game at Maquoketa Sunday, when that club defeated the Dubuque Studebakers 3 to 2. On Monday he was in the box at Maquoketa and they defeated the Maquoketa team.

**HON. THOMAS LAMBERT DIES
SUDDENLY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.**

Sabula's Most Prominent and Best Known Citizen Passes Away At 12:30 O'Clock Sunday Morning, Less Than Twenty-four Hours After Heart Attack. Death is Mourned Throughout the State of Iowa Where Senator Lambert Was Highly Regarded for His Great Work on Board of Education and in Masonic Circles.

Hon. Thos. Lambert, a resident of Sabula for over sixty-eight years and the best known and the most prominent of all our citizens, died suddenly at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning from dilation of the heart, his first attack of this nature having occurred early Saturday morning. The condition was no doubt brought about by the shock occasioned when Senator Lambert was terribly burned by the explosion of gas in the cellar of his home on July 21st and a serious attack of the flu in February of this year may also have helped to undermine his health. The burns sustained in July had almost completely healed and Mr. Lambert was feeling especially good on Friday and was about town the most of the day and early in the evening. About three o'clock Saturday morning he was taken with a very serious attack of dilation of the heart and for several hours his condition was critical, but during the day he improved considerably. The second attack coming near midnight could not be overcome and Sabula's distinguished citizen passed from among us.

We speak of the late Senator Lambert as Sabula's most prominent citizen because never in the history of our little city has one man built up a larger friendship and wider acquaintance than Mr. Lambert, nor has any other Sabula citizen ever attained the heights in public affairs nor given the service to his city, county and state that he did. He was tireless in his labors, fearless in his fights for his constituents and conscientious in his efforts to carry out the great work entrusted to him as member of the Finance Committee of the State Board of Education. No one knows better than the writer of this article, who was in the service of Mr. Lambert for twenty-two years, of the long hours put in by him after the regular working day was done carefully executing the labors of the educational work and the careful dispensing of Masonic charity as Chairman of the Masonic Grand Charity Fund for the state of Iowa.

For nearly thirty years Tom Lambert was a leader in all local affairs, whether it be municipal, business, sport or social, but since taking his position in the educational work of the state fourteen years ago it was impossible for him to take such an active part in the home town interests and this was Sabula's sacrifice for the greater good of all Iowa. The following review of the life of Senator Lambert is taken from the Jackson County History and was written by Hon. J. W. Ellis in 1910.

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Shipping Association News

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L. E. Ladies Aid

L. E. Ladies Aid Society will be home of Mrs. Wm. R. Wednesday afternoon, 12th, where they will be d by Mrs. Herman Jacobs H. Haynes.

Auxiliary Notice

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The story of the life of Thomas Lambert is that of a man who gained success solely by his own untiring sterling qualities of brain and heart that they have ever inspired the confidence and esteem of his fellows. He was born on a farm in Union township, Jackson county, Iowa, two miles west of Sabula, February 13, 1855. His father, Thomas D. Lambert, was born in Skowegan, Maine, and his mother, Sarah (Guenther) Lambert was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. The father, during most of his life, pursued the trade of a stone mason in Sabula, and the son, as soon as old enough, became his assistant in that occupation. He gained the essentials of an education in the public school of the village of Sabula, but as he approached manhood availed himself of the opportunity for further culture afforded by an excellent private school conducted by Mrs. A. R. Darling. The builders' trade affording occupation for the summer months only, he also for several years found employment as a butcher during the winters.

Opportunity came, in July, 1880, for entrance into a vocation for which he had conceived a strong liking. The Sabula Gazette, after vicissitudes under various proprietors, had obtained and enjoyed considerable prestige under the editorship of Dr. J. F. Fairbank, until that gentleman's death in 1879 had compelled a change of control. Frank B. Hand tried it a little more than a year, but was then ready to give it up. Alex N. Gray, a young printer from Chicago, appeared upon the scene, a partnership was formed with Thomas Lambert, and Gray & Lambert attacked with great energy the task of building up the newspaper enterprise. With a few months, on April 20, 1881, Mr. Gray died, and Mr. Lambert with very little of either money or experience, had to face a problem of considerable magnitude. With a courage and self-confidence that became a leading characteristic of his career, he resolved to continue the paper alone, and in a few years the Gazette became properties in the county. It con-

by the application of such unremit-ting toll as few men are capable of. During the first years of struggle to financial plane, no hired labor was employed to do anything that could possibly be accomplished by the fingers and brain of the proprietor. Many a night on "issue day" that infatigable toiler did not cease his work and seek his couch until three o'clock in the morning, and then arose in time to place the edition in the mails for the morning trains. He was out of debt in a year and ready for other enterprises in which surplus energy might find vent.

In December, 1883, he formed a partnership with Charles B. Cotton, a brother-in-law, and as Lambert & Cotton, engaged for several years in pork packing and grain buying. In 1886 he acquired the leading insurance agency of the town. A large farm two miles from the town limits was acquired a number of years ago, and to its upbuilding has gone many days of real pleasure, as well as intelligent supervision. For several years after 1888 he was associated with the late Anthony Brandt in the ownership and management of the Bellevue Herald at that place.

Along with his intense business activities there always existed, in the mind of Thomas Lambert an earnest desire to give some part of his talents and his love of work to the service of his fellowmen. Without very much of effort on his part, this took the form of public office. He was elected city recorder of Sabula for four successive terms, and mayor for eight successive terms, was justice of the peace for Union township about twenty years; was elected secretary of the school board for the Sabula Independent School District in 1882, and held that office continuously until his resignation in 1909 when his appointment on the state board of education required his absence from the city.

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Although strongly sollied by party friends to accept a nomination for the state legislature at successive conventions, Mr. Lambert never felt at liberty to devote the necessary time to such duty until the campaign of 1895, when he was nominated and elected as a member of the house of representatives. He was reelected in 1897 and nominated and elected state senator in 1899, and again in 1903, thus serving in the house during the sessions of the twenty-sixth general assembly, the extra session of the twenty-sixth, January to May, 1897, and the twenty-seventh; and in the senate during the sessions of the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second general assemblies, making the unusual record of eight successive sessions of the legislature. More than one of these nominations were given him against his earnest protest, but in no case could he be found with the vigor and skill with which the campaigns for election were conducted and won in the face of adverse party majorities. His legislative career was marked by entire devotion to the interests of his constituents; close and laborious attention to duty on committees and on the floors; and a broad-minded view of all public questions that arose. He was throughout a persistant foe of extravagance in expenditures, and bitterly attacked everything that bore the semblance of graft. He created a sensation when, as a member of the printing committee of the house in the twenty-seventh assembly he exposed irregularities in the public printing, and compelled reforms that have been lasting.

In the thirty-first general assembly, Mr. Lambert was appointed one of a committee, of which Senator Whipple was chairman, to sit during the interval between sessions and make a thorough investigation into the needs of the three great educational institutions of the state, the University, the Agricultural College, and the State Normal School; and to report a plan for bringing those institutions into more harmonious relations, and to institute needed economic reforms. He threw himself self into the work of this committee

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In the benevolent and social organizations of this community, Mr. Lambert became an Odd Fellow soon after attaining his majority, and, taking an active interest in the work, soon "passed the chairs," and holds the honors of a past grand of Lafayette Lodge, No. 39. He has been for a number of years a member of Kennedy Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, of Sabula, and has represented the local body in state and in national gatherings. He was also a member of Volunteer Lodge Knights of Pythias.

highest honors have been garnered He was raised a Master Mason in Resurgam Lodge, No. 169, of Sabula, October 2, 1882, and at once became proficient in the ritual of that ancient institution. He was elected worshipful master while still a young Mason, and held that office for several years' continuous service. He began attending the grand lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Iowa, as soon as he became entitled to membership therein, and had not missed one of its annual convocations since.

After service on important committees at different times, he was appointed in 1894 chairman of the committee on chartered lodges, and he found necessary work to do whose magnitude had appalled previous occupants of that important post. He gave up days to the task that he could illy spare, and at the next session of the grand lodge was able to report that unsettled accounts with the lodges, some of which had existed for half a century, were all cleared up. Recognition of efficiency secured his election in 1896 as senior grand warden, and the crowning honor came when at its session in June, 1899, he was elected Grand Master for the jurisdiction of Iowa. In December, 1900, after his term as Grand Master had ended, he was appointed to fill a vacancy as one of the trustees of the

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of passage; but Senator Whipple, be-
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On August 8, 1883, occurred the
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sides the wife and daughter he leaves
one brother, Charles Lambert, of this
city.

The funeral services were held at
the late home at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday
afternoon and were largely attended,
not only by residents of this city and
vicinity, but by friends from all over
the county and from Clinton county
and various parts of the state. Among
those present were Mr. Lambert's as-
sociates on the Finance Committee of

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LaFayette Lodge No. 39, I. O. O. F.

Sabula, Iowa, Sept. 4, 1923.

Mrs. Lambert and daughter,
Sabula, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Lambert:—
I am glad to hear of your recovery from our deep sorrow of your great bereavement in the loss of your beloved husband and father?

We know that your loss is, indeed, heavy, and his many friends realize how widely he will be missed outside your home circle.

We have lost a friend and Brother, one who was true, earnest, gifted, and generous, "none knew him but to love him; none named him but to praise."

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HON. THOS. LAMBERT DIES

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the state board of education: W. R. Boyd, chairman, of Cedar Rapids, and W. H. Bates, of Des Moines, the former being the committee's auditor and accountant, and we are informed that Mr. Bowdish will succeed the late Senator Lambert as member of the committee. The state board of education was represented by Pres. D. D. Murphy, of Elkader; Geo. T. Baker, of Davenport; Chas. R. Brenton, of Dallas Center; Chas. H. Thomas, of Creston.

Other Iowans prominent in state and educational affairs were Pres. R. A. Pearson, of Ames; W. T. Proudfoot, of Des Moines; W. J. McChesney, W. H. Bates, F. E. Humiston, and J. M. Fisk, of Iowa City; E. A. Gruver, Council Bluffs; J. E. Langford, Davenport.

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Albert Stoltz, of Preston, delivered a Fordson tractor to John K. south of this city, a few days ago.

Mrs. Roy Kindred and daughter Winifred were guests of Mrs. J. R. Brown and Mrs. J. W. Brown for a two-day visit at the home of father, A. E. Brown, the first of week.

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Mother (leaving Egyptian room in museum)—What did you think of it, dear?

Dorothy—Well, it was all right, but I don't see why there were so many mummies and no daddies.—Life.

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Relatives from out of town here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Cotton, of Horicon, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cotton and Miss Bessie Cotton, of Clintonville, Wis.; Mrs. F. J. Warnecke, of Keokuk; Miss Elizabeth Cotton, of Iowa City; Mrs. J. M. Cotton, of Freeport, Ill.

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Miss Belle Dunn, stenographer at the J. Hilsinger & Son bank, left here Tuesday evening on a two week's vacation. She will visit at her home in Bellvue, Mo., and also with friends in Dubuque, Iowa.

Dr. L. E. Hollowell has moved