

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Whipple,  
Wilhelm P. — Represented Benton and Iowa Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Dec 1856 near Vinton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Catherine D. Payne 7 Sept 1881 Benton County, Iowa  
② Jennie Hamilton Hark 18 Oct 1887 Vinton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President and attorney for Iowa Paint Company; represents R. G. Iron and Company and other heavy commercial agencies; attorney for Farmers Loan and Trust Company at Vinton  
B. Civic responsibilities I. O. O. F.; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Lawyer; farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1902, 1904,

6. Public Offices 1906, 1907, 1909

A. Local Elected city attorney March 1879; school board, Vinton city  
scholar for 2 years

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 6 June 1910 Vinton, Iowa; buried Maplewood Cemetery, Vinton, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife (borned in 1897); Milo Robert; by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife: Virginia K.

9. Names of parents Cyrillus Thomas and Nancy J. (Clara) Whipple

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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10. Education Education in the schools of Vinton, Iowa  
and graduating from Vinton High School

11. Degrees State of Iowa University, Iowa City, Iowa, graduating 1877  
State of Iowa University - graduate of law school 1878

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He opened his law practice 14 Aug 1878 at Vinton, Iowa
- His first wife, Catherine Joyce, born 28 Jul 1858, died 14 Apr 1886
- His second wife, Jennie Winter Keith, born 24 June 1861, died 11 Oct 1959  
Vinton, Iowa
- He was a member of the law firm of Gilchrist, Whipple and Montgomery at  
Vinton.
- He has officiated at both Eastman Belle Plaine, Iowa
- He was, besides an orator and scholar as well as an attorney
- He was also at different times associated with Cato Wells and Morris  
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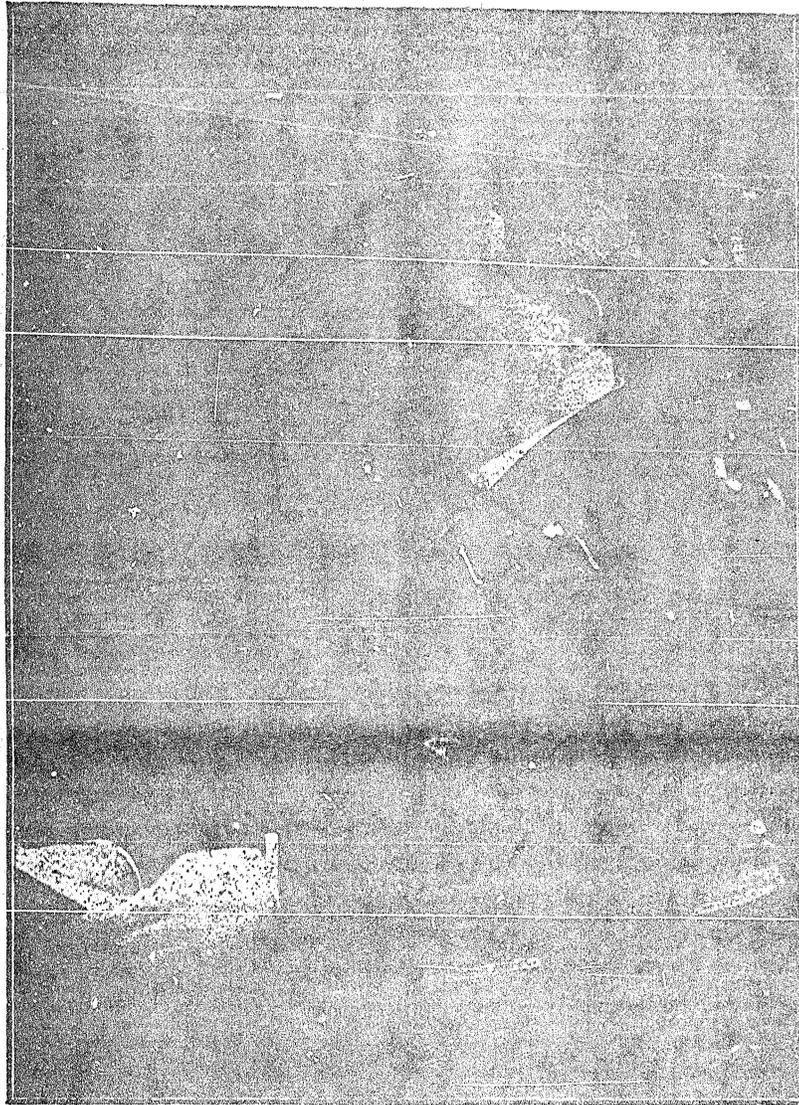
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**THE LIFE OF SENATOR WHIPPLE**



This community, and it might be said the whole county and state, was shocked last Monday afternoon on learning of the death of Senator William P. Whipple. While he had been in failing health for the past three years his serious illness dated from last October, since which date he had been confined to the house most of the time. He was the victim of arterial clerosis. It proved to be impossible to stay its progress. While he had been an intense sufferer the past few months the end came peacefully.

His death is a serious loss to this community. Since entering the practice of law he had taken a prominent part in the legislative collection compiled by territorial and state legislators. Counsel was sought in matters pertaining to the city and county. In the past few years he had gained an en-

voluminous report was made to the next legislature covering the work of the commission. He drafted a bill providing for a single board of control, including a finance committee, for the government of these institutions. At the first session it was defeated. He reintroduced it in the succeeding session in a somewhat changed form and it was again defeated. Nothing daunted he again reintroduced the measure in a somewhat changed form and it passed both houses of the legislature, was signed by the governor and became a law. It was a hard fight and a man with less courage and determination would have given up. But few more important laws have been introduced into a legislature, and the law is proving the wisdom of Senator Whipple's far-sightedness.

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...that the roadbed was in bad condition that the train was made up of cars that were too heavy. The accident leaves the immediate cause of the wreck in doubt, but intimates laxity in management. It recommends that by all roads of Iowa, signals and an improvement of track conditions. A general investigation is made of running backward, the board holds that it is a great element of safety in the investigation showed that the cars were run backward owing to the fact that the turntables at Vinton and Waterloo were not properly adjusted to turn the engines. The condition of the track and the heavy weight of the cars which caused the rails to break, the board says: It is possible that the fallen brake contributed to this injury by the cars and rails, although it is not possible for the reason that the broken iron which held it was a weak link. Our observation in the past few years, which has been very true in this state, shows that efficient labor nor money has been expended in the improvement of the track and roadbed upon many of the roads of Iowa. The first desideratum in the operation of a railroad is a good track and roadbed. Attention has been in the past given to the subject of freight rates rather than that of improving railroads to improve the tracks and roadbeds in the interest of safety and the latter is of more importance than the former. Many lives were killed and thirty injured in the wreck.

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**TEST YOUR EYES**  
 For the purpose of increasing my method of detecting affections of the eye and its sight or, I will make no charge for examination or advice. I have had many years' experience in correcting errors of vision and have a long list of satisfied customers. May I not add your name to my list.  
 My residence one-half block west of Downs hotel.  
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 Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

...past few years he had gained an enviable position in state affairs. This he gained in a marked degree during his incumbency as state senator.  
 Mr. Whipple was born Dec. 26, 1856, on a farm adjoining Vinton in Taylor township, he being the eldest child of those early pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrene Whipple, the latter of whom is still living. They entered the farm upon which Mr. Whipple was born and grew to manhood. He attended and graduated from the high school in Vinton. After his graduation he attended the state university from which institution he graduated in the classical course in 1877, and from the law department in 1878. He opened an office in this city for the practice of law August 14, 1878. Mr. Whipple was elected city attorney in March, 1879, and served for many years. During his practice he was associated with the following firms, viz: Whipple & King, Whipple & Sells, Gilchrist & Whipple, Whipple & Zollinger, Gilchrist Whipple & Montgomery, Gilchrist, Whipple & Brown, Whipple & Brown and Whipple, Brown & Mossman. He grew in the law as the years passed by and at the time of his death his high standing as a lawyer was recognized throughout this part of the state.  
 Mr. Whipple was a member of the school board for a number of years and most of the time was its president and guiding spirit. He was intensely interested in education and always gave the cause a helping hand.  
 He was married to Catherine D. Joyce September 7th, 1881. To this union two sons were born, Cyrene and Milo. The former was drowned in the summer of 1897 while bathing in the Cedar river. It was a great sorrow to Mr. Whipple. The latter son is living and in business in Vinton. Mrs. Whipple died April 16, 1886.  
 Mr. Whipple again married Oct. 18, 1887, to Jennie E. Keith. To them one daughter, Virginia, was born, who is now eight years old.  
 In 1901 he was elected state senator from the Benton-Tama district and was re-elected in 1906. He served in the 29th, 30th, 31st, 32d and the special session of the 32d and 33d general assemblies.  
 From the beginning of Senator Whipple's term he showed marked ability as a legislator, and at the end of the first term was recognized as a leader in the senate. In his second session a resolution was passed authorizing the appointment of an educational commission with a view to reorganizing the three educational institutions to place them under a single board of control. Senator Whipple was made chairman of the commission. No one, except those who were close to him, will ever know the tremendous amount of work Mr. Whipple expended on the work involved in this commission. It drew heavily upon his physical strength. Under his guidance a thorough investigation was made of these institutions as well as a number of other denominational and state schools. A

...ple's far-sightedness.  
 He has been taken away in the prime of life. He had closed his senatorial career and expected to devote his time to the practice of law and look after his extensive farming interests. A few years ago Mr. Whipple became interested in the raising of Herford cattle and at the time of his death had one of the best herds in the state.  
 His untimely death has caused universal sorrow in this community and among a large circle of friends throughout the state. His kindly disposition commended him with all whom he came in contact, and the general expression is that "surely a good man has passed away." The family has the sympathy of the entire county.  
**FUNERAL SERVICES.**  
 All that is mortal of Senator Whipple has been laid away in the family lot in Maplewood cemetery. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock yesterday (Thursday) afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Simms, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Dr. Clinton, pastor of the Methodist church of Hampton, and Rev. Caul, pastor of the Baptist church. Senators Van Law, Fruden, Hoyt, De Wolf and Peterson acted as honorary pall-bearers. A volunteer choir composed of Misses Brubaker and Hill and Messrs. Schwartz and Christianson beautifully rendered the hymn service. Prof. Moody and wife sang a duet with much feeling.  
 The service opened by the reading of scripture by Rev. Simms. The prayer was spoken by Rev. Caul. Rev. Simms then read the obituary printed above. He was followed by Dr. Clinton with a touching tribute to the late senator, who in turn was followed by Rev. Simms.  
 Thus in brief is an outline of probably the most heartfelt and touching funeral services ever rendered in Vinton. The large auditorium was well filled with townspeople. The business houses closed during the funeral hour in respect to the honored dead. The handsome casket was covered with beautiful floral emblems and the pulpit was banked with handsome flowers.  
 Thus was laid away one of the most honored of Vinton's citizens.  
 W. I. Noble, of Taylor township, left Wednesday evening for a trip through Colorado.  
**Notice of Appointment of Executor.**  
 In district court, Benton county, Iowa.  
 In the matter of the estate of Warren L. Brown.  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as executor of said estate. Persons indebted to the decedent must make payment to me, and those having claims against said estate will file them, duly verified, with the clerk of said court.  
**CLARENCE P. BROWN,**  
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**WHIPPLE, BROWN & MOSSMAN,**  
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...and usually the... greater activity along lines and especially in school.  
 Mrs. Griffin, Miss Aed Dungan of Vinton and and Rev. Burnard of St. Mrs. Jessie Harper of each sang a solo during the program which was a very of the program.  
 Little Vera Ferguson, who delighted the people, contest two years ago favored us with a selection. She is undoubtedly the of her age in the county state.  
 Allen Primmer, of St. chosen president for Mrs. Van Dusen, secretary Bryner was chosen to attend the state convention is held at Mason City, 24th. Shellsburg was the place for holding the convention next year.  
 A very pleasing feature of the convention, was a picnic by the ladies of the church on Wednesday, and delegates to the convention was a magnificent feast. I ought to have seen the town devotion that good thing. You would have been were laying in a summer.  
 Every one in attendance at the convention a success in regular and will anxiously turn to Prairie Creek.  
**Notice**  
 The annual meeting of the cemetery association will be held at the school house in Vinton on Thursday, June 16.  
**Cornell College**  
 An exceptionally fine Shakespeare's comedy "Twelfth Night" was given by the Cornell Dramatic Society June 3d and 4th at the college. The great elm amphitheatre on the campus witnessed a most lovely scene. "The young woman society took all the part and the sincerity and intelligence and artistic action made the scene the most beautiful ever seen at the college.  
 A splendid cast was among them were seven ton girls. Miss Beulah the part of Adam with splendid effective the closest attention was upon the stage. A shepherd, Miss Mabel resistably mirth provoking Hymen Miss Winnifred much to the loveliness of the scene by her graceful presence.  
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The Gazette repeats that the matter is a proper subject for investigation by the county attorney and the grand jury.

### DEATH OF SENATOR WHIPPLE

All Iowa will sincerely mourn the passing of the estimable Senator William P. Whipple of Vinton. Few men in public life, in Iowa, have been held in higher regard. Senator Whipple was a splendid man, an efficient, conscientious, public servant, a high-minded citizen, a lovable friend.

Senator Whipple was a member of the legislature a number of years and gave his district and the state distinguished service. He was recognized as one of the brainiest men in the state senate. He was a leader. He occupied a commanding position among the able men of that body of legislators.

Senator Whipple has left his impress upon Iowa legislation, and his impress is one of which his friends may well be proud. Especially was the creation of an educational board of control his product. And while the plan he advocated so long and which finally triumphed largely through his persistence has not been in operation more than a few months, yet its desirability is being everywhere recognized. The educational board stands as a monument to his devotion to his view of the right.

As a friend, Senator Whipple was a man among a host. No truer friend ever lived. His friends loved him and he was true to his friends.

Those who had the pleasure and honor of acquaintanceship with Senator Whipple feel a deep sense of personal loss.

### DENOUNCING MUCK-RAKING.

The periodical denunciation of the muck rakers has taken place. These denunciations come at irregular periods, but they come. Some one gives the word, and the refrain is taken up along the line—the stand-pat line.

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# DEATH CLAIMS SENATOR WHIPPLE

Sad news came to O. L. Keith, late yesterday afternoon, announcing the death of his brother-in-law, Senator Whipple, who passed away at 2 o'clock. He was 53 years of age and had been ill some time. Death was not unexpected. Surviving are his widow, one son, Mile, and one daughter, Virginia, both of Vinton. Senator Whipple was the father of the board of education bill. He was formerly county attorney of Benton county, and was one of the foremost attorneys of the state. He was an alumnus of the university of Iowa, having taken his degree of Philosophy in the college of Liberal Arts, in 1877, and having been graduated from the college of Law in 1879. He had been recognized as one of the ablest men in the Iowa Senate for years.

Senator Whipple was well-known and well-liked in Iowa City, and many friends here will mourn. His funeral, probably on Thursday, will be attended by numerous Iowa City-ans.

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## SENATOR WHIPPLE DIES AT VINTON

Vinton, Ia., June 7.—State Senator W. P. Whipple died at his home here yesterday afternoon.

Senator Whipple was one of the ablest men in the senate during the several years of his tenure of office. He was first elected senator in 1901, and served during the sessions of the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, extra and Thirty-third general assemblies. He voluntarily retired from political life at the close of the session in April, 1909, and announced that he would not again be a candidate for office. He gave as a reason his desire to give his time to his private business.

Mr. Whipple had a prominent part in the work of the legislature during his time in the senate. He was chairman of the committee on state educational institutions appointed by the Thirtieth general assembly, and as a result of the work done on that commission he drafted the Whipple bill under which the present state educational board was appointed by Governor Carroll last year.

Mr. Whipple was a native of Iowa, having been born on a farm near Vinton, Dec. 6, 1856. He was a graduate of the academical and law departments of the state university and has been engaged in the practice of law at Vinton since 1878. He was one of Governor Carroll's advisers.

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## SENATOR WHIPPLE LAID AT REST ON THURSDAY

Funeral Held at Vinton, Where All  
Places of Business Were Closed  
During Hour of Burial.

Vinton, June 10.—The funeral of  
Senator William P. Whipple was held  
Thursday from the Presbyterian  
church. All business was suspended  
during the hour of the funeral, all  
stores, factories, and other industries  
closing.

The funeral services were conduct-  
ed by Rev. P. Marlon Simms, pastor  
of the Presbyterian church, assisted  
by Rev. Caul, of the Baptist church,  
and Dr. Clinton, of Hampton.

The honorary pall bearers were,  
Senators Van Law, Peterson, De  
Wolf, Frudden, Hon. Malcolm McNie,  
of Long Beach, Cal., and B. Murphy,  
editor of the Vinton Eagle.

The pall bearers were Prof. T. F.  
Tobin, Hon. E. F. Brown, Senator  
Whipple's law partner, F. G. Ray,  
F. C. Hayward, W. C. Ellis and J. F.  
Traer. The body was laid in the  
family plot in Maplewood cemetery,  
which occupies part of the farm on  
which Senator Whipple was born.

### The Conservation of Nature's Re- sources.

Applies as well to our physical state  
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a warning to all not to neglect taking  
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late." Wangler Bros. Co. and H. W.

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WILLIAM P. WHIPPLE was born December 26, 1856, in Benton county, Iowa; he died at Vinton, in the same county, June 6, 1910. His parents entered the land upon which he was born, and from it he attended the common schools and the high school at Vinton. He graduated from the classical department of the State University in 1877, and from the law department in 1878. In August, 1878, he opened a law office in Vinton, associating with various partners until the time of his death. In 1879 he was elected city attorney, serving for many years. He was also for many years a member of the school board of Vinton, and most of the time was its president. In 1901 he was elected state Senator from the Benton-Tama district, being re-elected in 1906. He served in the 29th, 30th, 31st, 32d, 32d special and 33d General Assemblies. He assumed leadership in the second session of his service, when he introduced a resolution authorizing the appointment of an educational commission looking to the reorganization of the management of the State University at Iowa City, the Iowa College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames, and the State Normal School at Cedar Falls. Out of the labors of this commission, of which Senator Whipple was chairman, came the present Iowa law and the Educational Board of Control under which the three institutions are now managed. This law, drafted by Senator Whipple, was defeated when first presented. He introduced it in the next session, somewhat changed in form, but it was again defeated. Not until its introduction in three different sessions was he able to secure its passage. This most important reform in the educational field of Iowa for a generation is a monument to Senator Whipple.

WILLIAM H. BAILEY was born in Colesburg, Iowa, April 5, 1850; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, May 10, 1910. He attended the University of Wisconsin and the University of Iowa, graduating from the latter in 1875. He entered the law practice at Independence, Iowa, as a partner of ex-Governor Frank D. Jackson. He was in the practice at Spirit Lake for ten years, removing to Des Moines in 1888. He served as city solicitor of North Des Moines, then a separate corporation from Des Moines. He became a member of the firm of Guernsey & Bailey, with Nathaniel T. Guernsey as senior partner, in 1895. At the time of his death he was senior member of the firm of Bailey & Stipp. Mr. Bailey distinguished himself in his attainment as an authority in the law of municipal corporations.

HOWARD DARLINGTON COPELAND was born at Marion, Ohio, August 19, 1853; he died at Chariton, Iowa, May 3, 1910. He was of a family of bankers. He was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University. He removed to Chariton in 1873 to engage in the banking business with his uncles, Percy and Elijah Copeland, and remained in that business for nine years, when he became state bank examiner. In 1893 he founded the commission house of H. D. Copeland & Co., at the Union Stockyards in Chicago, serving as its president from its organization until his death. He organized the Burlington Savings Bank in 1904, serving as its president until 1906. He

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# The People of Iowa

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SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN  
EDUCATION, RELIGION, VALOR, INDUSTRY,  
BUSINESS, ETC.

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railway transportation for this section of Iowa. He was president of two ambitious railway undertakings that never materialized, and he became a director of the Chicago, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad when it was organized in January, 1856, and it was this organization that brought Cedar Rapids in 1859 within touch of the outside world by railroad transportation. This road later became a part of the Chicago & Northwestern system. In 1864 he promoted and became president of the McGregor Western Railroad, of which his brother William was superintendent and general manager. This subsequently became a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. In the summer of 1865 he and associates organized the Cedar Rapids & St. Paul Railway, of which he was elected president, and in 1868 the company was merged with the Burlington & Cedar Rapids Railway, and became the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railway Company, with George Greene as president. The building of this road, completed between Burlington and Cedar Rapids in January, 1871, was Judge Greene's most important contribution to Iowa railroad development. This road became involved as a result of the panic of 1873, and in 1876 it was sold and reorganized as the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, and a few years later was absorbed by the Rock Island system. Judge Greene was president, 1868-70, of the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railway Company, and became president of the St. Louis, Hannibal & Keokuk Railway Company, organized in 1872. During the last three years of his life he was interested in a railway project in Kansas, and only a few months before his death acquired a controlling interest in the Cedar Rapids & Marion Railway, which was opened for traffic between Marion and Cedar Rapids. In summarizing his work as a railroad builder Doctor Eriksson calls attention to the fact that he was chiefly instrumental in organizing the companies, performing such work as drawing up the articles of incorporation, and after that he took upon himself the chief work of financing, a task which took him frequently to Chicago and New York to consult such financiers as Russell Sage, John I. Blair, H. Clews and others. In addition to arranging loans and attending to the sale of stocks and bonds, he also looked after the securing of construction material and the purchase of locomotive and rolling stock, and even on one occasion acted as a lobbyist in the Iowa State legislative sessions at Des Moines, though he personally detested the work of lobbying, consenting to do so on this occasion in order to secure favorable legislation for the railroads in which he was interested.

"The immense amount of work which Judge Greene performed in the last decade of his life was accomplished in spite of the hardships imposed by increasingly bad health. Long a sufferer from heart trouble, he became affected with rheumatism, which at times made his existence miserable. Taxed by his arduous efforts

to recuperate from his losses as a result of the panic of 1873, his strength failed him and he came to the end of his life on June 23, 1880."

There were many other phases of his career which deserve mention. He had become a Mason at Marion in 1844, and in 1847 served as grand orator of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and in 1850 was made first worshipful master of Crescent Lodge No. 25 at Cedar Rapids, a lodge which recently celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary and paid special honors to Judge Greene. He was made an Odd Fellow while living in Dubuque, in 1849, and helped organize and became the first noble grand of the first lodge of that order in Cedar Rapids, in 1850. He was also one of the charter members of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons at Marion in 1855, and was a Knight Templar in 1877. Religion was to him a vital matter and he was generous in promoting other churches than his own. He helped organize Grace Episcopal Church at Cedar Rapids in 1850, and was the first secretary of the vestry and first superintendent of the Sunday School. In 1857 he deeded to the church the lot on which the First Grace Church had been erected and he was one of the large contributors, in 1872, toward a new building.

Judge Greene has an honored place among the founders of Coe College. He was one of the earliest teachers in Linn County and in 1847 was one of the group who put up the first school building in Cedar Rapids. When the Cedar Rapids Collegiate Institute was incorporated, in 1853, he was named president of the board of the school, which was the ancestor of Coe College. The institute was succeeded by the Parsons Seminary in October, 1866, and Judge Greene was elected president of the board and expended a great deal of time and his money with a view to securing the financial support from the L. B. Parsons estate which eventually made possible Parsons College, located at Fairfield, Iowa. The activities of the seminary at Cedar Rapids were practically suspended from 1871 to 1875, but in the latter year the Coe Collegiate Institute was established as its successor, and again Judge Greene was chosen president of the board, but had to resign on account of poor health in 1877. He did not live to see the institute become Coe College in 1881.

Judge Greene in 1855 married Frances R. Graves, who survived him. He was survived by two of his four children of his first marriage and seven of the eight children of his second marriage.

**WILLIAM PERRY WHIPPLE.** The chief credit for one of the most important educational reforms in Iowa belongs to the late William Perry Whipple, of Vinton. He was elected a member of the State Senate from the Benton-Tama district and served consecutively in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second regular and Thirty-second special and Thirty-third general assemblies.

It was during his second term that he assumed leadership in the matter of legislation affecting the management of the state's higher institutions of learning. In the second session he introduced a resolution authorizing the appointment of an educational commission to investigate the possibilities of reorganizing the management of the State University, Iowa College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Ames and the State Normal School at Cedar Falls. He was persistent in urging this matter, and introduced the measure three times before getting it adopted. It was out of the labors of this commission, of which Senator Whipple was made chairman, that the present Iowa law was put on the statute books, providing for an educational board of control under which all of the three institutions are now managed.

Senator Whipple was a native Iowan, and for many years a prominent attorney. He was born on a farm near Vinton in Benton County, December 25, 1856, and died at Vinton June 6, 1910. His parents, C. T. and Nancy Jane (Cline) Whipple, came to Iowa in 1850. His father took up land from the Government and spent his life as a farmer. Senator Whipple grew up on a farm, attended the Vinton High School and completed his education in the University of Iowa, graduating in the classical course in 1877 and from the law school in 1878. He was admitted to the bar and began practice at Vinton August 14, 1878, and for several years was associated in law practice with Judge G. M. Gilchrist and later was senior member of the law firm Whipple & Brown. In March, 1879, he was elected city attorney, holding that position several years and was a member and for several years president of the Vinton school board. Senator Whipple was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias and was a Republican in politics.

**WILLIAM R. TURNER**, Fort Dodge physician and surgeon, is one of the very accomplished members of his profession in that city. He is a native of Iowa, and has been in practice at Fort Dodge since 1918.

Doctor Turner was born at Des Moines, September 3, 1884, son of Robert and Sarah (Allen) Turner. His father was born in Scotland and his mother at Des Moines, where she passed away in January, 1929. Robert Turner, a resident of Des Moines, followed the trade of machinist all his active career. He was charter member of one of the Masonic lodges at Des Moines and his wife belonged to the Lutheran Church. Of their six children four are living.

Doctor Turner grew up in the capital city, was educated in public schools and took his degree in medicine from Drake University in 1908. For ten years he practiced at Badger, Iowa, and in 1918 moved to Fort Dodge, where he has had the opportunities of a larger city for the more diversified service of his profession. Doctor Turner is very busy with his private practice and is also a member of the staff of the

St. Joseph's and Mercy hospitals. He is a member of the Webster County, Iowa State and American Medical Associations.

Doctor Turner married, in 1907, Miss Jessie E. Grigsby. She, too, was born at Des Moines and was reared and educated there. Her father, Louis M. Grigsby, was a contractor. Doctor and Mrs. Turner have a daughter, Roberta. The family are members of the Episcopal Church. Doctor Turner is a Royal Arch Mason and in politics is an independent voter.

**E. W. SPROULE**, M. D., of Humboldt, was born at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, July 8, 1877. In 1905 he was graduated from the Queens College of Physicians and Surgeons and in the same year came to Iowa to practice. He is a member of the Humboldt County Medical Society and the Iowa State and American Medical Associations.

Doctor Sproule for fifteen months in the World war was at the base hospital at Camp Humphries. He is a Protestant in religion, is a Republican and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

He married Miss Gertrude Gallagher. He has one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Smith, who is a graduate of the dental department of the University of Iowa.

**BARTHINIUS L. WICK**, a resident of Cedar Rapids, has been a practicing attorney for more than thirty-five years. He is a native of Norway, born on the Island of Renneso, near Stavanger, March 1, 1866, son of Lars B. and Inger (Ravness) Wick, on the homestead which has been in the family for a thousand years.

The father was interested in farming, milling and shipping, and in the fall of 1876, brought his family, consisting of two motherless children, to America, locating in Marshall County, and later removed to Benton County, where he died in 1902.

The son, through the encouragement of an aunt with whom he made his home, attended the common schools, later the Le Grand Academy and Blairstown Academy, fitting himself for a teacher, and in a short time passed an examination and obtained a certificate to teach in the common schools. He later graduated from Iowa City Academy and entered the University of Iowa, where he obtained a degree as Bachelor of Philosophy in 1891, a Master of Arts degree in 1893, and during the same year graduated from the law department of the same institution.

For two years he was instructor of history in the University of Iowa, and in 1893 he spent six months in Europe in travel and in the special study of the methods and procedure of the inheritance laws of foreign countries.

Since 1894 Mr. Wick has been engaged in the practice of law at Cedar Rapids, specializing largely in probate law and in the handling of cases involving laws of foreign countries, which has given him many opportunities for travel.

He has for many years made a study of Iowa history and has contributed many articles to magazines and newspapers, both in English and

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"A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."—MACAULAY.

"Biography is by nature the most universally profitable, universally pleasant, of all things."—CARLYLE.

"History is only biography on a large scale."—LAMARTINE.

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a prominent part in the work of that party. He represented the Dubuque District on the Democratic State Committee for many years, and during the greater part of that service was secretary of the committee and a prominent factor in directing several very important campaigns.

In 1886 he was named as the Democratic nominee for the office of Secretary of State, and made a vigorous race for the position, but was defeated. The following year he was chairman of the State Committee and a delegate to the national Democratic convention, and during the presidential campaign of 1888 he was sent by the national committee to Indiana, where he made a brilliant canvass in behalf of his party. In 1889, Mr. Sells transferred his residence from La Porte to Vinton and is one of its honored citizens. The same year he was chosen Colonel, commanding the Iowa Sons of Veterans, and filled the position with distinction. He was on Governor Boies' staff four years. In 1892 he was elected to fill Governor Dysart's place on the board of trustees of the Iowa Agricultural College, and at the end of the time declined re-election.

Although always active in politics and prominent in public affairs, as this brief review of his career will show, it has always been in the work of his chosen profession that Mr. Sells has ever been most deeply interested, and the remarkable success attained by him in the practice of the law has given him a deserved prominence as one of the foremost attorneys in the State. He was twice elected State's Attorney of Benton county, and is regarded as one of the most able and vigilant public prosecutors that county has ever known. In 1892 Mr. Sells was made secretary of the Democratic national convention, and again in 1893 was chosen chairman of the Iowa State convention. In 1894 he was appointed United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, an appointment which came to him with the endorsement of nearly all the prominent members of the bar without regard to party and with good words from almost

every journal in Iowa, Republican as well as Democratic. Such an endorsement, coming to a young man just arrived at the halfway station along life's journey, is an honor, indeed.

During the time he has occupied the important position of District Attorney, Mr. Sells has made an admirable record and fully demonstrated the wisdom of his appointment. Concerning his splendid record Secretary Olney is quoted as saying, while yet Attorney General: "I consider that the department has found a jewel in Cato Sells. He is one of the best men in the service. I am delighted with his course as an official of this department and am grateful to the men who recommended him to me. I am particularly pleased with the manner in which he conducted the pension fraud cases."

Hon. Cato Sells is widely known and enjoys a very high reputation as an honorable man and an attorney of exceptional ability. He fully merits the prominence he has attained and is worthy of all the honor conferred upon him.

**W**ILLIAM PERRY WHIPPLE is the senior member of the law firm of Whipple & Zollinger, of Vinton, and is one of the most able attorneys of Benton county. It is a well-known fact that the professional ranks of our cities have been mostly recruited from the farms, and some of the most eminent members of the bar have been reared as farmer lads. Our subject was born on a farm in Benton county, December 26, 1856, and is a son of Cyrenus T. and Nancy J. (Cline) Whipple. The father was a native of Ohio, born October 11, 1829, and the grandfather was among the earliest settlers of Vermont. The mother of our subject was born in Indiana, January 2, 1838. In the family were five children, of whom three sons and a daughter are yet living, and all are residents of Benton county, the two brothers of our subject being farmers.

Mr. Whipple of this review early began work on the homestead, and soon was familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He enjoyed the advantages afforded by the common schools during his early youth, and subsequently entered the State University of Iowa City in the academic department. Later he took up the study of law in the same institution and was graduated in both courses. He then located in Vinton, where he opened an office and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. He soon afterward formed a partnership with George M. Gilchrist, under the firm name of Gilchrist & Whipple, and later was associated in business with the Hon. Cato Sells, now United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa. He formed his present partnership with Mr. Zollinger in 1894, and the law firm of Whipple & Zollinger is now well established in business, practicing in all the courts

of the State, and has a high reputation for ability and trustworthiness. Mr. Whipple is now attorney for the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company at Vinton, also for the Vinton Building & Loan Association and other corporations. He is president of the Bliss Rock Paint Company, but the greater part of his attention is given to his professional duties. He is a logical reasoner, a deep thinker, a clear, concise and forceful speaker, and his power is recognized by both judge and jury.

In his political connections, Mr. Whipple is a Republican, unwavering in his support of the party principles and an earnest worker in its interests. He has filled several positions of public trust with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. His social affiliations are with Vinton Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On the 7th of September, 1881, Mr. Whipple was united in marriage with Miss Catherine D. Joyce, of Vinton, Iowa, daughter of Patrick Joyce. She died, leaving two sons,—Cyrenius J. and Milo R. In 1887 Mr. Whipple was again married, his second union being with Miss Jennie Keith, an estimable lady who has many friends in Vinton.

**D**WIGHT ELDRIDGE BAKER, a lumber merchant of Traer, began business along this line in 1883 in connection with William L. Kinney, under the firm name of Baker & Kinney. Four years later, however, he bought out his partner, and since August, 1887, has been sole proprietor. He is the oldest lumber merchant of the town, and is one of the representative and progressive business men who, by the promotion of the enterprises with which he is connected, has added to the material welfare of the city.

Mr. Baker has made his home in Traer since July, 1875. He was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, April 19, 1852, and is a son of Prentiss M. and Mary (Stevens) Baker, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Quebec. The paternal ancestors of our subject had for several generations resided in New England. Josiah G. Baker, the grandfather of Mr. Baker, of this mention, was a Vermont farmer, but removed to Canada and subsequently went to Wisconsin, spending his last days in La Fayette county, that State. Prentiss M. Baker was reared on the Vermont farm, where his parents settled, and in that country made his home until 1850, when he went to Stanstead county, Quebec, where he engaged in farming, was married, and resided until the fall of 1863. At this date he took up his residence on a farm in Iowa county, Wisconsin, which is still his home. During his early life he was a teacher of vocal music, and was a pupil of Lowell Mason, of Boston. He possessed a very fine voice, and his services were much sought for in social gatherings to furnish entertainment for the people. His later years, however, have been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He votes with the Republican party, but has never sought or desired official honors. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of five children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken. In order of birth they are as follows: Dwight E., of this sketch; Mary J., wife of J. C. Smith, of Iowa county, Wisconsin; Frederick W., a farmer of that

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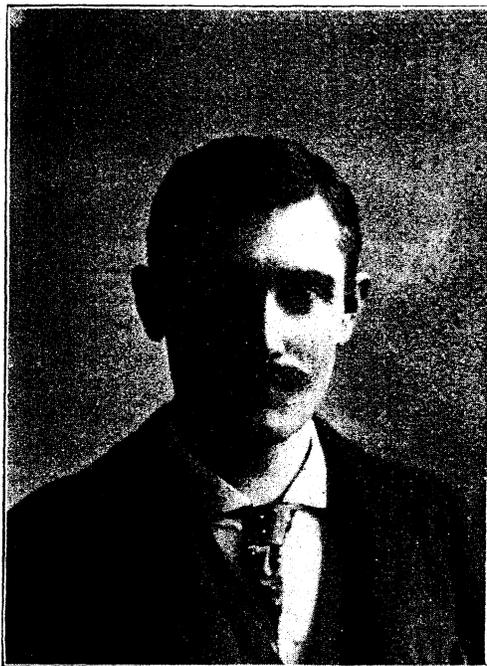
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CLARK, CHARLES CLAPP, the well known lawyer of Burlington, and county attorney, is a son of J. Warren and Sophia M. Clapp Clark. He was born July 10, 1859, in Huntsburg, Geauga county, Ohio. The original American ancestor on the Clark side was William Clark, who came to Massachusetts about 1630. Roger Clapp, the founder of the mother's family in this country, settled in Massachusetts about the same time, Mr. Clark's father served in the war of the rebellion as a union soldier and died from the effects of that service, in August, 1867. His wife died in November, 1884. The parents had removed to



Iowa City, Iowa, about 1856, and here, in the public schools and in the State university, Charles C. received his education. He took the degree of A. B. in June, 1881, and the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him in June, 1884. After graduation in 1881, he took the position of principal of the Fairfield, Iowa, high school, where he taught two years, and became teacher of mathematics in the high school in Burlington. He resigned that position and entered the State University Law school in 1885, entering in the senior year, having studied during the previous year and summer to make up the junior year work, which he succeeded in doing, as he passed a creditable examination. He graduated in June, 1886,

and in August returned to Burlington and entered into a very desirable law partnership with John J. Seerley, since elected to congress and referred to elsewhere in this work, and the practice and partnership have continued ever since. Unlike his partner, Mr. Clark is a republican, and when Des Moines county became republican in 1896, his party services and professional ability were recognized by an election to the office of county attorney. This was repeated in the fall of 1898. He served as a member of the school board from 1891 to 1897. Mr. Clark belongs to the Masonic fraternity and was junior grand warden of the grand lodge of Iowa, in 1896-97. He was married September 5, 1885, to Ella Lamson, of Fairfield, Iowa. They have one child, Margaret M.

WHIPPLE, WILLIAM PERRY, lawyer, orator and scholar, member of the law firm of Gilchrist, Whipple & Montgomery, of Vinton, was born in that town December 26, 1856. His parents settled in Benton county in the year 1854, purchasing their land of the United States government at \$1.25 an acre. The father, Cyrenius T. Whipple, is now an extensive land owner there and one of the largest cattle raisers in eastern Iowa. His mother, Nancy Cline Whipple, is a native of Indiana. Both parents are living.

William P. Whipple attended the common schools near Vinton during his boyhood days and entered the State university in 1873, graduating from the collegiate department in June, 1877, and from the law department in 1878. He was a member of the Zethagathian society, and was its representative at the commencement exercises in 1876. He was one of the five selected by the faculty to compete in the junior oratorical contest, securing third place. He was awarded first prize in June, 1878, for the best essay on the subject: "Should the Grand Jury be Abolished?" He began the practice of law in Vinton, August 14, 1878, and the following year was elected city attorney and held the office four consecutive terms. After several years of practice he became associated with Judge George M. Gilchrist. The firm of Gilchrist & Whipple soon became one of the strongest law firms in that part of the state. Mr. Whipple's law firm is now Gilchrist, Whipple & Montgomery, composed of Judge Geo. M. Gilchrist, W. P. Whipple and S. B. Montgomery. They have a branch

office in Belle Plaine and enjoy a large and lucrative practice. Mr. Whipple was at different times associated as partner with Cato Sells and Morris Zollinger. Mr. Whipple is president and attorney for the Iowa Paint company, and represents R. G. Dun & Co. and other leading commercial



agencies. The firm is attorney for numerous large corporations. Mr. Whipple's financial and professional success is a demonstration of what energy and ability can accomplish of their own force, as he has been the architect of his own fortune.

Mr. Whipple was married September 7, 1881, to Miss Catherine D. Joyce, who was at that time assistant principal of the Vinton high school. She died April 14, 1886, leaving two sons: Cyrenius and Milo. Mr. Whipple was again married October 18, 1887, to Miss Jennie Keith, a teacher in the primary department of the Vinton schools. His son, Cyrenius, was drowned in the Cedar river below Vinton in June, 1897, and his untimely death called forth universal mourning in the town where he was so well liked. The local papers at the time were filled with tributes to his memory. Mr. Whipple has always been a republican. Though he has not been a candidate for office he has, nevertheless, contributed his full share to the success of his party. He is president of the board of

education, a trustee of the Presbyterian church, and a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

ITEN, LOUIS, of Clinton, Iowa, was born in Unterageri, Switzerland, Canton Zug, in 1838. His father, John Joseph Iten, was born in 1806 in Unterageri, Switzerland, and was owner of a brickyard in that city. He was also first lieutenant and bodyguard of Louis Philippe of France, in 1830. In 1850 Louis came with his father to America and settled in Milwaukee, Wis. He received his education in the city of his birth, and later finished in America, at Geneseo, Ill.

In 1837 he removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he went into the vinegar business with his uncle, Antonio Iten. In 1853 he formed a partnership with William Smith and continued in business with him until 1867. Since that time he has been engaged in the bakery and cracker business. In 1893 he went to Clinton, Iowa, and erected a cracker factory, conducted under the



firm name of L. Iten & Sons. During the civil war he was a member of the Union League and is a charter member of the A. O. U. W., of Rock Island, Ill. In 1861 he married Theresa Zeiglar, of Rock Island. To this union have been born seven chil-

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This was continued until September 1, 1894, when the name was changed to Preston, Wheeler & Moffit, with offices at both Cedar Rapids and Tipton. Mr. Wheeler withdrew in September, 1897, since which time both offices have been continued by Preston & Moffit. Mr. Moffit enlisted in the Iowa National Guards in June, 1885. He has held all the warrant positions in that body, also lieutenant, captain and major. In the Spanish-American war was senior major in the Fiftieth Iowa volunteer infantry. In August, 1898, he was promoted to be lieutenant colonel, and held that position until the regiment was mustered out of the service. Colonel Moffit has also been mayor of Tipton, and in 1892 was a delegate to the Republican national convention in Minneapolis. In 1899 he was elected a member of the State Senate for the four years commencing January 1, 1900.

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SANFORD H. COCHRAN.

LOGAN.

Sanford H. Cochran is a native of Illinois and was born in Carmi, White county, May 26, 1852. He pursued courses in the Southern Illinois Normal Institute, at West Point Military Academy, after which he entered the Iowa Law College, at Iowa City, from which he graduated in 1874.

Mr. Cochran immediately commenced the practice of his profession at Logan, Iowa. To this he has given his entire attention, with the result that he has established a large and lucrative business, both in important trial cases and in the courts of record of Iowa and Nebraska.

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WILLIAM PERRY WHIPPLE.

VINTON.

William Perry Whipple, member of the firm of Gilchrist, Whipple & Montgomery, Vinton, was born in that city, December 26, 1856. He graduated from the academic department of the State University in 1877, and from the law department in 1878, commencing the practice of his profession on August 14 of the latter year. In the first year of his practice he was elected city solicitor and held that position eight years. He has held other positions of trust, being at the present time president of

the local board of education. His firm has a large and growing law practice, with offices at Belle Plaine, Iowa, and at Vinton. If any special testimonial were needed as to Mr. Whipple's standing none could be stronger than the following from Hon. L. G. Kinne, ex-chief justice of the State Supreme Court of Iowa: "I have known him well and intimately for many years, and I regard him as a painstaking, absolutely trustworthy and exceedingly capable attorney. Anyone entrusting business to his care would surely have it attended to faithfully and well."

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HENRY STONE,  
MARSHALLTOWN.

Henry Stone was born on a farm in Noble county, Iowa, January 22, 1852. He received his higher education at Oberlin (Ohio) College and taught school for a while before reading law, and was admitted to the bar in 1876 at Indianapolis, Ind. He has been a resident of Marshalltown and a practicing attorney since 1877, and is prominent in the public affairs of the state. He served as a member of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth general assemblies, being chosen speaker of the house at the latter session. In 1892 he served as a presidential elector, and has been county attorney of Marshall county.

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JAMES LORING CARNEY,  
MARSHALLTOWN.

James Loring Carney is a native of Lawrence, Mass., and was born July 29, 1847. His parents removed to Iowa in 1859, and in that state he was educated, being a graduate of the Iowa College (1871) and the law school of the Iowa State University (1873).

Since 1875 Mr. Carney has been engaged in active practice, at his present location, and is well known as a lawyer, a politician and a financier. During this period of a quarter of a century he has been identified with the firms of Henderson & Carney, Brown & Carney and Carney & Holt. For four years he has served as city solicitor of Marshalltown; county attorney of Marshall county for a like period, and State Senator for also four years, his present term expiring January 1,

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and in saw mill and flouring mill, and as clerk in a store, attending the common schools in the meantime until May, 1859, when he removed to Mineral Ridge, Boone County, Iowa, and there engaged in the general merchandise business, buying and shipping stock and acting as postmaster. In 1870 he removed his store to the city of Boone; in 1875 engaged in banking.

He died at his home in Boone, August, 1910, in less than a week after returning, in good health, from a trip around the world.

He represented his county as a member of the Fourteenth General Assembly and Boone and Story Counties as Senator in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second General Assemblies, discharging his duties with honor and distinction, and he held many local offices.

He was always ready to help the poor and needy, which he did without show or ostentation, and his benevolences were large and varied. He took great interest in matters for the education of the youth, giving a large endowment to the Swedish College at Rock Island, built and donated to the city of Boone a splendid library building, and liberally contributed to numerous other objects of like nature. He took an active interest in Masonic affairs and in the affairs of the Presbyterian church, in both of which organizations he was an honored member.

Therefore resolved, That the Senate of the State of Iowa, with sorrow regret the death of the late Senator Ericson and tender to his family, friends, and associates, the sincere sympathy of this body; that in his death the state has lost one of its most honored citizens and his home city one of its greatest benefactors; that this preamble and resolution be printed in the Journal and an engrossed copy thereof duly authenticated be sent to the city library of Boone.

J. A. FITCHPATRICK,  
JOHN L. WILSON,  
JAS. A. SMITH.  
*Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Ames, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Mr. President: Your committee appointed to take recognition of the death of Senator Whipple, and to offer resolutions commemorative of his life, character and public service, respectfully submit the following:

William P. Whipple was born December 26, 1856, on a farm near the city of Vinton, Iowa, and grew to manhood thereon. He graduated from the high school in Vinton and immediately thereafter entered the State University, taking the full collegiate and law courses therein and receiving his law degree in 1878. Soon thereafter he entered upon the practice of his profession in his home city of Vinton, and continued in such vocation up to the time of his death. He early reached high rank in the profession and was a recognized leader of the bar in his district.

He was first elected to the Senate from the Benton-Tama district in 1901 and re-elected in 1906, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-second Special and Thirty-third General Assemblies. At the very beginning of his legislative career he took high place and held it with increasing influence and power to the end of his service in the Senate.

From an appreciation written of the Senator soon after his death by an intimate personal friend, we quote, with approval, the following:

"One of the most vivid memories of my early University days is that of the face of a big-browed youth from Vinton, William P. Whipple. It was a face that at once and always challenged attention. You felt instantly that you were in a 'presence'. You expected him, when he spoke, to know what he was going to say before he said it. He looked deliberation, maturity, mastery. He was great enough to have brought honor to himself, his state, or his country in any station, however exacting or exalted. But he was too gentle and retiring to engage in strife for place, and too modest to indulge in self-exploitation. The honors that actually came to him were not of his procurement but the sincere tribute of those who had gone near enough to him to see his great, good heart, and to get the true measure of his mind. \* \* \* He would have made an attorney-general surpassed by none in the history of the state. There was enough of the executive in his endowments to have rendered him illustrious as the head of our commonwealth. His was, however, more markedly a judicial temper. His well stored mind, his mastery of the law as a science, his clearness of reasoning, his ability to recall precedent and apply principle, would soon have brought him fame as a member of our supreme court, and the name 'Whipple' attached to any opinion emanating from that tribunal would have given it added weight.

"Senator Whipple was the author of many important measures, though he competed with no member as to the number of bills he might introduce. He had little of the 'beat 'em to it' in his make up and never wrote any bill merely to get his name into the journal or into the public mouth. His most conspicuous services were rendered as a member of the committee to supervise the publication and distribution of the Code Supplement in 1902; as the chairman of the Committee to investigate the state educational institutions in 1904; and as the author of the bill under which they are now controlled and administered. But while these services and the bills—which he personally introduced—brought forth his name, they were not by any means a measure of his value to the state. The best work of every sincere legislator is done in the quiet of the committee room or as a member of some sub-committee in charge of some bill with which his name may never be associated—sometimes far from the public eye—where the heart is open to one's colleagues, where views are frankly given and where each member gets the full benefit of every other's experience, reasoning and opinion. Whipple was, when necessary, a power on the floor, but he was relatively stronger and more helpful still in the committee room where his keen analysis, broad grasp, large information, and splendid reasoning powers made him invaluable to his colleagues."

Senator Whipple left surviving him his widow, formerly Jennie E. Keith, an adult son, Milo, and a little daughter, Virginia, to all of whom he was deeply devoted and to whom his untimely death was a heavy crushing blow.

We, his colleagues, who knew him so well and loved him so much, do therefore resolve that in his death there has been taken out of the life of the community one of its most exalted citizens; out of the life of the state one of its most conspicuously efficient public servants and out of Senate itself a legislator who gave the best that was in him to his colleagues without stint or hesitancy and with never a thought as to where credit would rest.

We, therefore, recommend that this memorial be printed in our Journal and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the family of our deceased friend.

ASA L. AMES,  
SHIRLEY GILLILLAND,  
JOHN L. WILSON,

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Taylor, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

*To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Hon. Henry Clay Traverse, one of the pioneer residents of Davis County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, Judge Henry C. Traverse, of Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, departed this life September 24th, 1909, and

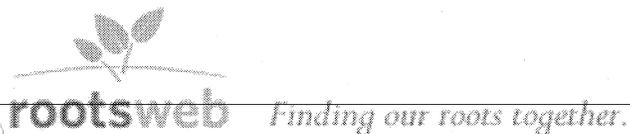
Whereas, He was an honored member of the House of Representatives of the Eleventh General Assembly and of the Senate in the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Co. "F" of the 30th Iowa Infantry, after three years' army service he was honorably discharged and returned to Bloomfield, and began the practice of law, and in the year 1889 was elected circuit judge of the Second Judicial District of Iowa. In 1886 district judge, holding those responsible offices with marked ability for fourteen consecutive years, and

Whereas, his life, character, and services to the state and country were such as to entitle him to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens;

Therefore be it resolved that in the death of the Hon. Henry C. Traverse the state of Iowa has lost a distinguished legislator, jurist, and patriotic citizen, his city and county a prominent, active, energetic Christian gentleman and his family a kind and indulgent husband and father, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved companion and children and those near and dear to him our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow, and be it further

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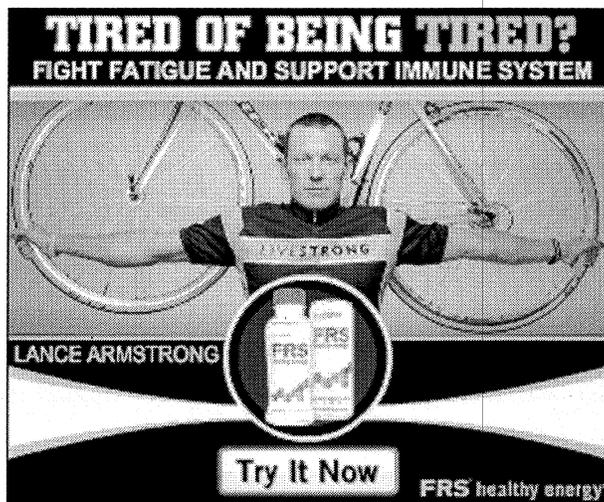
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- *ID:* I12762
- *Name:* **William P WHIPPLE**
- *Given Name:* William P
- *Surname:* WHIPPLE
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 26 Dec 1856 in Taylor Township, Benton County, Iowa
- *Death:* Y
- *UID:* 395D2F05AF2D4D319EC6110E78AD954AAB15
- *Change Date:* 26 Oct 2008 at 12:23
- *Note:*

Listed in the 1880 Federal Census. Living in Taylor Township, Benton County, Iowa. Living at Dwelling No. 7. Dated Jun 1, 1880.



*Father:* Cyrenius T WHIPPLE b: 5 Oct 1827 in Licking County, Ohio

*Mother:* Nancy J CLINE b: 2 Jan 1838 in Indiana

*Marriage 1* Katherine JOYCE

- *Married:* Sep 1881 in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa
- *Change Date:* 26 Oct 2008

Children ✓

1. Cyrenius J WHIPPLE b: in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa
2. Living

Marriage 2 Jennie KEITH

- *Married:* Oct 1887 in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa
- *Change Date:* 26 Oct 2008

Children

1.  Virginia WHIPPLE b: Abt 1903 in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa

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**William Perry Whipple**

**Born:** 26 Dec 1856  
Vinton, Benton, Iowa, USA

**Died:** 6 Jun 1910  
Vinton, [county], Iowa, USA

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**[Katherine Joyce](#)**

**Born:** 28 Jul 1858

**Died:** 14 Apr 1886

**Marriage:** 7 Sep 1881

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**Sex Birth**

[Cyrenius J Whipple](#) M 1 Oct 1882 in Vinton, [county], Iowa, USA

[Milo Robert Whipple](#) M 13 Mar 1884 in Vinton, [county], Iowa, USA

#### Spouse 2

**[Jennie Hamilton Keith](#)**

**Born:** 24 Jun 1861

**Died:** 11 Oct 1959 in Vinton, [county], Iowa, USA

**Marriage:** 18 Oct 1887 in Vinton, [county], Iowa, USA

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**Children**

**Sex Birth**

[Virginia K Whipple](#) F 17 Oct 1902 in Vinton, [county], Iowa, USA

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Facts about this person:

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