

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Shields, John S.
~~Represented Fayette, Buchanan, Black Hawk, Dubuque, Clayton, Delaware,~~
~~Bundy, Butler, Bremer, Allamakee, Winnebago, Howard, Mitchell, Floyd~~

1. Birthday and place 22 May 1811 Grayson, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place
Eleanor Emerson 29 Jan 1835 Pike County, Missouri

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant; steamboating

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th General Assemblies 1848, 1850, 1852, 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Dubuque; Dubuque alderman; Dubuque County Board of Supervisors 1846-1848

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 June 1856 St. Anthony, Minnesota

8. Children Elizabeth; Mary; Charles Thomas; James Hamilton; Helen V.

9. Names of parents James and Eleanor (Goldsburg) Shields

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He was age 6 when he moved with his family, slaves and household effects to Pike Territory of Missouri, settling on a large farm near Bowling Green in Pike County.
- In fall of 1828 when he was age 17, he and a companion set out for the Galena Gold Mines, Galena, Illinois. In 1835 he went to the Dubuque lead mines.
- He was excited by all the adventures around him at this time. The stocks and farm products of Missouri found a market on the lower Mississippi at New Orleans and it was custom for the large farmers to build a flat boat each year and load it with accumulated stock and produce of the year and float it to the New Orleans market.
- In 1830 he and John N. Emerson lashed 2 boats together and loaded products for the New Orleans market. They became partners and became known in the Dubuque County lead region and the lumber regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- They began in the general merchandising business as well as lumber and pork packing.
- Military - Iowa State Militia, appointed General to resist Indian raids.
- He died at age 45 at St Anthony, Minnesota when he had gone to return to school.
- His son, James Hamilton Shields, served in the legislature also, the Senate in the 23rd and 24th General Assemblies 1890, 1892.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

- | Source | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained |
|---|----------------|------------|--|
| - Obituary - | | | The Dubuque Daily Tribune, Dubuque, Iowa
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| - Recollections and Sketches of Notable Persons and Public Men of Early Iowa by | | | St. Louis 1916, p. 849-851 |
| - Portrait - | | | The original is located in the archives of the State Historical Library of Iowa, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa |
| - History of Dubuque County Iowa | | | 1880, p. 878-881 |
| - Faith and Customs An Encyclopedia of Dubuque County Iowa | | | 1998, p. 347-348 |

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Slavery in the Territories.
Mr. Dunn expressed a wish to strike down what has led to the present disturbances, and restore things to where they were previous to the Kansas Nebraska act.
He offered an amendment substantially to restore the Missouri Compromise.
Mr. Grow moved the previous question.
Mr. Walker made an unsuccessful motion to adjourn.
The demand for previous question sustained—88 against 63.
Main question ordered, the bill to be the first business in order on Monday.
Adjourned.

Stock Brokers—Fatal Accident.
New York, June 28.
Our board of stock brokers agreed to hold no meetings on Saturday afternoons during the summer.
There is no second board to-day.
Three young girls, named Acker, Wilson, and Merritt, were run over by a passenger train, while walking on the track of the Erie Railroad near Stopkbridge.
The two first were killed, and the latter badly wounded.

St. Louis, June 28.
By the steamer Edlingburg from Missouri river, we learn that the Star of the West, with a Chicago company of Kansas emigrants, was boarded on her arrival at Weston by a party of men who arrested the whole company, and intended to escort them back the same way they came, instead of letting them enter the Territory.
Intelligence says the Star of the West is on her way below, and will land the Chiccagoans at Alton.
They are under the guard of a party of Carolinians.

Young Men's Christian Association.
Several preliminary meetings have been recently held, to take into consideration the expediency of organizing a Christian Association.
Much interest has been manifested relative to the success of this enterprise, and it is hoped that a permanent and useful society has been organized. The object of this association is to bring moral and religious young men together, so that a more powerful and united influence may be exerted than is possible now. It will seek out young men coming into the city, and assist them in obtaining boarding places and employment, and induce them to become regular attendants on divine worship, and also to connect themselves with some Sabbath School. It also will obtain rooms, which will be provided with periodicals, where members may meet for consultation. The objects of this society commend themselves to all who desire the moral elevation of our city. Strong influences are needed to counteract the overwhelming tide of vice which is carrying many from the paths of virtue.
A meeting will soon be held, of which general notice will be given, when the objects and claims of the association will be fully set forth. The following officers have been elected for the present year.

President—WILLIAM MILLS.
Vice Presidents—P. L. HATCH.
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" " W. M. VANDEVER,
" " B. P. RICHARDS.
DIRECTORS.
Austin Adams, Thos. G. Jones,
Cyrus Hetherington, R. M. Wamsley,
G. F. Bissell, Wm. Rebman,
M. H. Bench, H. A. Littleton,
A. H. Dillon, G. C. Kearnsley,
A. E. Harmon, David Decker.
Corresponding Sec'y—JEROME ALLEN.
Recording Sec'y—F. J. HERRON.
Treasurer—LOUIS BOISOT.
Librarian—U. R. WALTON.
Quarterly Com.—J. H. Russell,
S. L. Logan,
G. Mullen,
H. G. Hetherington.

a companion named Glabb, who visited two or three drinking houses and was visited intoxicated, smashing glasses, bottles, &c., at each place, went to a German saloon, kept by a man named Glabb, and rode into the room on mules; they were put out, but soon returned, and in the most boisterous manner, demanded liquor, which was finally given, in hopes of pacifying them. Having obtained the liquor, they pronounced it bad, and threw it into the proprietors face; they also threw their glasses at the mirror that was hanging in the room, breaking it into fragments. They then either went out, or were put out, but soon returned, Maxwell bringing an axe with him, with which he struck the proprietor on the nose, inflicting a severe wound. A brother of the proprietor then rushed upon them with a knife, stabbed both several times. They then went out of the door, Maxwell falling dead immediately after having passed out; and "Gipsy Jack" falling by his side, who is supposed to be mortally wounded.

Three men, Adam, Francis, and John Glabb, were soon after arrested, and this afternoon, are undergoing an examination before his honor, Justice Bates.

THE RAILROAD MEETING, will be held at the PUBLIC SQUARE this evening.

GAS BOND.—See the advertisement of these Bonds for sale.

GEN. JOHN G. SHIELDS.—This gentleman, an old and much esteemed resident, and ex-Mayor, of our city, was interred this morning. He had been in feeble health for a long time, and visited St. Anthony, Minn., for his health, where he breathed his last.
And ere, may he ere night, a lifeless thing,
O'er which the raven flaps his funeral wing.

THEATRE.—Boulevard's beautiful Ayo Act play of the "Willow Copee" will be presented at the Theatre this evening, in which the celebrated C. W. COLBOCK in his first appearance in our City, personates the character of Luke Fielding, and Miss HENRIETTA IRVING, (pupil of Colbock) as Rose Fielding. Mr. Colbock is an actor of rare talent and energy, and from the high encomiums passed upon him by the Press, we doubt not, he will draw a very large and intelligent audience, during his brief engagement in our City.

POLICE COURT.—Before Justice BATES, June 28.—State of Iowa vs. James Connor, on complaint of Eliza Marsh, for an assault with an attempt to commit rape on her person, on June 28th, 1856, in the City and County of Dubuque.
Mr. Griffith appeared for State and Pollock for defense. After hearing all the evidence in the case, the Court held Connor in the sum of \$300, to appear at the next term of court. Mr. Connor immediately gave bail.

THE GOOD STEAMER RESOLUTE arrived on Saturday P. M., with three Barges of Coal, for the Dubuque and Rock Island Coal Co.—This steamer is said to be not only "Resolute," but "Invincible and Unbeatable."

The cultivation of tea, has been commenced on an extensive scale in the Punjab, in British India. When in full bearing, the yield is 400 pounds of prepared tea per acre. Last year 430 chests were packed for market.

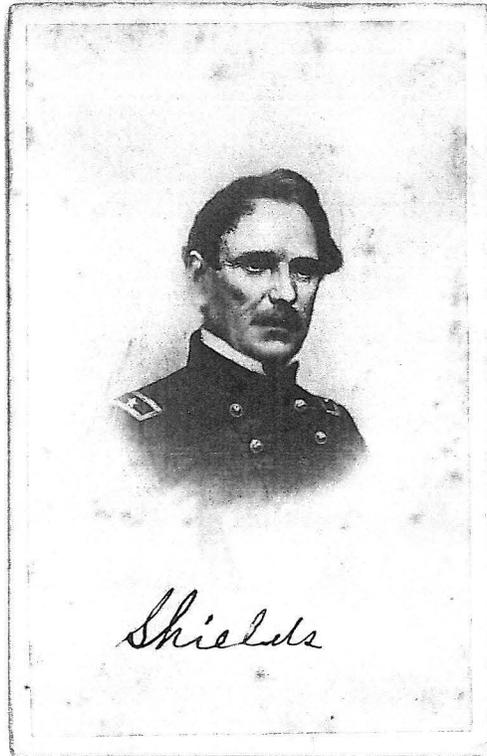
One hundred and thirty Georgians arrived at St. Louis, on Sunday last, on their way to Kansas. There was a favorable proportion of women and children among the emigrants.
One hundred filibusters left N. Y. for

—The Richmond Enquirer, is appealing to the Southern Know Nothings, to forsake Fillmore's camp, and join the nigger-driving democracy.
—The Providence Post, sneeringly calls Col. Fremont a Bear Hunter. The Springfield Republican responds, it will find before next November he is a Buck Hunter also.
—Tom Hyer objects to using his name in connection with Brooks, for he says he never stabbed a man in the back, nor attacked one sitting down. We presume he never shot an Irishman, either.

JAMES S. WADSWORTH of Genesee, N. Y., has been chosen President of the Genesee Valley Railroad.

COMMERCIAL.

DEBUQUE, June 30.
CORRECTED DAILY.
Furnished by F. Hays, No. 205 Levee, and Wm. Smith & Co. 410 Levee, General Produce Dealers.
FLOUR—Extra City \$8.25 @ 7, Superfine \$6.00 Country \$6.25 @ 7.
WHEAT—Fall, none offered, spring \$2.75 @ 7.00
CORN—On the Cob 50c, shelled 45c.
OATS—\$2.00 @ 2.50.
RYE—\$1.50 @ 2.00.
COFFEE—\$1.50 @ 2.00.
BUTTER—Fresh, Roll 15 @ 18c; Pirkin 14 @ 15c.
CHEESE—Western Reserve 12 1/2 @ 13, Country 10 @ 12.
LARD—10 @ 100 lbs. \$1.00 @ 1.10 @ 1.15 @ 1.20 @ 1.25 @ 1.30 @ 1.35 @ 1.40 @ 1.45 @ 1.50 @ 1.55 @ 1.60 @ 1.65 @ 1.70 @ 1.75 @ 1.80 @ 1.85 @ 1.90 @ 1.95 @ 2.00 @ 2.05 @ 2.10 @ 2.15 @ 2.20 @ 2.25 @ 2.30 @ 2.35 @ 2.40 @ 2.45 @ 2.50 @ 2.55 @ 2.60 @ 2.65 @ 2.70 @ 2.75 @ 2.80 @ 2.85 @ 2.90 @ 2.95 @ 3.00 @ 3.05 @ 3.10 @ 3.15 @ 3.20 @ 3.25 @ 3.30 @ 3.35 @ 3.40 @ 3.45 @ 3.50 @ 3.55 @ 3.60 @ 3.65 @ 3.70 @ 3.75 @ 3.80 @ 3.85 @ 3.90 @ 3.95 @ 4.00 @ 4.05 @ 4.10 @ 4.15 @ 4.20 @ 4.25 @ 4.30 @ 4.35 @ 4.40 @ 4.45 @ 4.50 @ 4.55 @ 4.60 @ 4.65 @ 4.70 @ 4.75 @ 4.80 @ 4.85 @ 4.90 @ 4.95 @ 5.00 @ 5.05 @ 5.10 @ 5.15 @ 5.20 @ 5.25 @ 5.30 @ 5.35 @ 5.40 @ 5.45 @ 5.50 @ 5.55 @ 5.60 @ 5.65 @ 5.70 @ 5.75 @ 5.80 @ 5.85 @ 5.90 @ 5.95 @ 6.00 @ 6.05 @ 6.10 @ 6.15 @ 6.20 @ 6.25 @ 6.30 @ 6.35 @ 6.40 @ 6.45 @ 6.50 @ 6.55 @ 6.60 @ 6.65 @ 6.70 @ 6.75 @ 6.80 @ 6.85 @ 6.90 @ 6.95 @ 7.00 @ 7.05 @ 7.10 @ 7.15 @ 7.20 @ 7.25 @ 7.30 @ 7.35 @ 7.40 @ 7.45 @ 7.50 @ 7.55 @ 7.60 @ 7.65 @ 7.70 @ 7.75 @ 7.80 @ 7.85 @ 7.90 @ 7.95 @ 8.00 @ 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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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fessional and judicial life was without a blemish, and as a citizen he was held in the highest esteem. Mr. Poor died in Dubuque in 1903, at the age of eighty-five. Upon its occurrence, a meeting of the Dubuque Bar Association was called, and a committee appointed to draft appropriate resolutions, consisting of Judge J. B. Powers, Judge D. J. Lenehan, and P. J. Nelson. The resolutions were by the Court, ordered to be spread upon its records, and beautiful tributes were paid to the deceased by Mr. Graham and several other members of the bar.

Samuel M. Pollock, I knew more intimately that I knew Judge Poor. Once seen, he would hardly be forgotten. He was a pronounced brunette, with hair, eyes and brows as black as night. When I knew him he wore his hair somewhat long, and with his dark complexion and smoothly shaven face might well have passed for an Indian chief of the highest order if he had been attired in appropriate toga. In short, he was a man of striking and handsome appearance, medium in height and strongly built. He was a refined and educated gentleman, an able lawyer, an heroic soldier.

He was born in Ohio in 1829. His legal as well as his academic education was thorough. He came to Dubuque and engaged in the practice in 1855, and achieved distinction in his profession in a comparatively short time. In 1859 he was elected Judge of the City Court, which had concurrent jurisdiction in civil cases with the District Court. He subsequently resigned this position and resumed the practice, which he pursued with diligence and success, until the breaking out of the rebellion. In 1862 he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the Sixth Iowa Cavalry, of which David S. Wilson was Colonel. The regiment was mostly engaged on the frontier with the Indians, and Colonel Pollock participated in several severe conflicts with the savages. Upon the resignation of Colonel Wilson, he was promoted to the Colonelcy of the regiment, and subsequently breveted a Brigadier General for gallant services. He served until the close of the war, and when his regiment was mustered out of service in 1865, he returned to resume the practice in Dubuque. He and J. H. Shields formed a partnership, under the firm name of Pollock & Shields, and built up a large and lucrative practice. This partnership continued until 1879. He was for a time associated with H. T. McNulty. In the nineties he removed to the State of Washington, and settled in Tacoma, where he died a few years afterward.

James H. Shields was the son of General *John C. Shields*, one of the early and distinguished settlers of Dubuque, of whom I shall take occasion briefly to speak. The grandfather of James H. Shields was James Shields, who was one of the earliest settlers of Kentucky, a companion of Daniel Boone, and a participant in many of the fierce struggles between the whites and Indians, which characterized the early history of the "dark and bloody" ground.* James' father,

* History of Dubuque, 1880, page 878.

John G. Shields, when but six years of age, came with his father's family, slaves and household effects to the territory of Missouri, and settled upon a large farm near Bowling Green, in Pike County. In the fall of 1828, when he was but seventeen years of age, he, with a companion, set out for the Galena Lead Mines, which were then becoming famous. The spirit of adventure was now aroused in him. At that time the stock and farm products of Missouri found a market on the lower Mississippi at New Orleans, and it was the custom for the larger farmers to build each year a flat boat and load it with the accumulated stock and produce of the year and float it to the New Orleans market. The nearest neighbors of the Shields family in Missouri were the Emersons, the head of which was Edward Emerson, who had removed there from the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, about the time the Shieldses did. In 1830 young John Shields and John H. Emerson started with two boats lashed together and loaded with products for the New Orleans market, and thus commenced the partnership of Emerson & Shields, afterward long and well known in the Dubuque lead region and throughout northern Iowa and the lumber regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota. It engaged in a general mercantile business, dealing in lumber and pork packing. General Shields and Jesse P. Farley were the pioneers in steamboating, and placed many boats on the Mississippi River. He was one of the most useful men of early Iowa. He was appointed Major General of the State Militia, to resist the Indian raids. He served four years in the State Senate, when the Dubuque District comprised the thirteen northeastern counties of the State. Among his compeers in that body were James M. Love, James W. Grimes, William G. Stewart, and Shepherd Leffler. He won the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He died when he had scarcely reached his prime, at the age of forty-five, in 1856.

His son, James H. Shields, was born in Pike County, Missouri, in 1842, and came to Dubuque in infancy with his parents. He was highly educated, having received a two years' course in Alfred University, at Allegany, New York, and afterward graduating from Union College, Schenectady, in 1862. The following year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice, and during the same year was elected City Attorney and held that office for two years. Some years afterward he was again elected to that office, and held it for three years. In 1867 he entered into a partnership with Judge Winslow T. Barker, an association which continued until the latter was elected Circuit Judge. He was afterward a partner with Judge Samuel M. Pollock, as stated in the preceding sketch. After the dissolution of this firm, which lasted eight years, he continued in the practice alone. He was a close student, a well-read, able lawyer, and as a man and citizen, he enjoyed the public esteem in a high degree. He served in a number of offices of public trust and in each and all with marked efficiency. In 1882 he was elected, without opposition, District Attorney for the Ninth District, composed of the Counties of Blackhawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Grundy, and served four

years in this office. In 1889 he was elected to the State Senate, and served in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics, and one of the most influential leaders of his party. In 1892 he was chosen a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, and made Chairman of the Iowa Delegation. In the same year he was the nominee of his party for Congress, but was defeated by Colonel Henderson. In the later years of his life he devoted himself largely to business interests.

Myron H. Beach commenced practice in Dubuque, in 1856. He was born in Seneca County, New York, in 1828. He was highly educated, a graduate of Hamilton College. Soon after his arrival in Dubuque he entered into partnership with Lincoln Clark, whose term as Representative in Congress had recently expired. When Judge Clark removed to Chicago, George Grey—a Scotchman, and a writer on the *Signal* of Edinburg—was admitted to the firm, and subsequently L. C. Hurd became his partner. During the seventies Mr. Beach removed to Chicago and enjoyed a lucrative practice, and became a recognized authority on Insurance Law. In the winter of 1910 he suffered a severe attack of illness. He did not afterward return to the practice, and I am told by William Graham that he is now (May, 1913) living with his son at San Antonio, Texas, and though in his eighty-fifth year, is alert and sound of mind, but feeble in body. His Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws some years ago. He was a soldier during the war and was commissioned Lieutenant of Company A, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry. He served for a number of years as a member of the Board of Education of Dubuque.

John D. Jennings was one of the young lawyers attracted to Dubuque in the "Fifties." Among his compeers were John S. Coval, William C. Friend, Fred Gottschalk, Henry S. Jennings and Henry S. Munson. Coval was for a time associated with General John Hodgson, but died in the early "Sixties." Friend and Henry S. Jennings (who I think was a brother of John D.) came from Pittsburg, and were for a time partners—first in the firm of Wiltse, Friend & Jennings, and after that in the firm of Vandever, Friend & Jennings. When Vandever went into the army, Friend returned to Pittsburg, and practiced law there until his death, while Jennings, after a brief partnership with Eugene Cowles, who came from Jackson County, also returned to Pennsylvania. Munson removed to Chicago about the time of the commencement of the Civil War, where he secured a lucrative practice. Fred Gottschalk was a German, and commanded the first company of Iowa troops that went to the front—a company almost exclusively of Germans. After the war he removed to St. Louis and engaged in practice there.

John D. Jennings, of whom I come now to speak further, figured largely, as well as usefully, in the early history of the State. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and came to Dubuque in 1851, and entered upon the practice

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owes much of its stability and high standing to the fine executive ability and unquestioned integrity of Major Sherman. In 1866, Major Sherman was a member of the House of the Eleventh General Assembly where he was chairman of the committee on railroads and a member of the committee of ways and means. In 1886 he was one of the founders of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association and has always been one of its most influential members, serving as president and long a member of the executive committee. He has contributed valuable historical articles to the *Annals of Iowa* on "Early Banking in Iowa," and on the "State Bank of Iowa." For many years he was the executive officer of the Associated Charities of Des Moines.

JOHN C. SHERWIN was born at Berlin, Erie County, Ohio, February 6, 1851. His early education was acquired in the public schools and later he attended Ripon and Beloit colleges in Wisconsin. After leaving college he entered the Madison Law School from which he graduated in 1875. He removed to Mason City, Iowa, in 1876, where he entered upon the practice of his profession. He was mayor of that city in 1884-5, and the latter year was elected District Attorney of the Twelfth Judicial District. In September, 1888, he was appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy as judge of the District Court and was continuously reelected, serving until 1900 when he became a judge of the Supreme Court, having been elected on the Republican ticket.

JAMES H. SHIELDS was born near Bowling Green, Missouri, May 8, 1842, and soon after his parents removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where his early education was acquired. He was sent to Union College, New York, where he graduated in the class of 1862. Returning to Dubuque he studied law, was admitted to the bar and followed that profession for thirty-nine years. He was elected on the Democratic ticket District Attorney for the Ninth Judicial District in 1883, serving four years. In 1889 he was elected to the State Senate, serving in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. He was a delegate at large and chairman of the Iowa delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago in 1892. He has been for some time president of the Dubuque Business Men's League, an organization composed of jobbers, manufacturers, real estate owners and capitalists of Dubuque.

JOHN G. SHIELDS was born on the 22d of May, 1811, in Grayson County, Kentucky. He was one of the earliest settlers in the "Black Hawk Purchase," long before it was organized into Iowa Territory. In 1835 he went to the Dubuque lead mines and established a store which for more than twenty years furnished goods for the early settlers in the lumber regions of Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was several terms alderman of

the city of Dubuque and served as mayor in 1855-6. Mr. Shields was elected on the Democratic ticket to the State Senate in the summer of 1848 and was repeatedly re-elected, serving continuously for eight years. His district embraced thirteen counties a portion of the time. He was a practical legislator and took an active part in formulating the early laws of Iowa. In 1851 he was appointed senior Major-General of the State Militia by Governor Hempstead and organized the troops to repel the Clear Lake invasion of 1854. General Shields, with Jesse P. Farley organized the first Dubuque steamboat line in 1850 long before any rail roads were built in Iowa. He was a lifelong Democrat and was one of the honored and highly esteemed pioneers of Dubuque. He died on the 25th of June, 1856.

OLIVER P. SHIRAS, jurist, a native of Pennsylvania, was born in Pittsburg, October 22, 1822. He graduated from the Ohio University in 1843 and took a three years' course at Yale, graduating in the Law Department and in 1856 was admitted to the bar. He came to Iowa the same year, locating in Dubuque, where he became a member of the law firm of Bissell, Wells and Shiras. In 1862 Mr. Shiras joined the Union army as quartermaster of the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, serving until November, 1862. He resumed the practice of law in Dubuque and in 1882 was appointed by the President, Judge of the United States District Court for Northern Iowa. Judge Shiras has long been deeply interested in education and literary affairs, having served many years as president of the Literary Association of Dubuque. As a lawyer and judge he ranks among the ablest in the state.

CHRISTIAN W. SLAGLE was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1821, and graduated from Washington College in 1849. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1843. Coming to Iowa the same year, he located at Fairfield which became his permanent home. Here he engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1848 he was one of the active promoters of Congressional grants of public lands for aiding in the construction of railroads in Iowa. He was one of the founders of the Jefferson County Agricultural Society and also of the State Agricultural Society. He was an outlying worker in the establishment and development of the public library and museum of Fairfield and one of the first trustees of the institution. To him is due the preservation of the recollections of pioneers of that section of the State in a County History. Mr. Slagle took a deep interest in the development of the State University of Iowa, serving as one of the regents from 1890 to 1892 and acting president of the University in 1877-8. His death occurred in Fairfield October 2, 1882.

HIRAM V. SMITH was born in Napoli, Ohio, March 22, 1843. He received a liberal education, graduating at the Law School of Albany. He



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Name:	John G Shields	
Age:	39	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1811	
Birth Place:	Kentucky	
Gender:	Male	
Home in 1850 (City,County,State):	District 7, Dubuque, Iowa	
Family Number:	1694	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Shields	81
	Ellenor Shields	42
	John G Shields	39
	Elizabeth Shields	14
	Mary Shields	13
	Thomas Shields	11
	James H Shields	10
	Helen V Shields	8
	John H Emerson	41
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Birth Year:	abt 1812	
Birth Place:	Kentucky	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Widowed	
Census Date:	1856	
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Residence County:	Dubuque	
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29 Jan Marriage to Elizabeth Emerson 1 source citation
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