

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cheney, Alphens L. Senator _____
Represented Clay and Polk Alta Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 May 1838 Brookfield, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place
Emma H. Whitney 1865

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer/implemented business

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 29th, 30th, 31st General Assemblies 1902, 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clay County recorder for one term; Clay County Clerk of the Court
1888-1891

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Apr 1926 Hollywood, California; buried Riverside Cemetery, Spencer, Iowa

8. Children Alonzo (died about a month before his father); Nellie (Mrs. Hawley); Gertrude

9. Names of parents _____

Cheney, Alpheus H.

10. Education Educated in schools of Brookfield, Vermont

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He lived at Brookfield, Vermont until 1866
- He became a teacher after attending school in Brookfield, Vermont.
- but left his career when the Civil War began
- Military service - Civil War - 10th Vermont Infantry, later
Sergeant of the 5th Vermont Infantry, then Orderly Sergeant of the 5th,
then promoted First Lieutenant of the 5th and then promoted to
Captain. In March 1865 he was commissioned Major
- After the war he visited his Vermont home and then moved to
Buchanan County, Iowa.
- He farmed for 2 years and then engaged in agricultural
implement business
- In 1871 he moved to Clay County, Iowa where he engaged
in the farm implement business until 1877.
- In 1877 he moved to the Black Hills in South Dakota for 5 months
- When he returned to Clay County, Iowa he farmed and raised stock
in Riverton Township.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

- Obituary - The Spencer Reporter, Spencer, Iowa
Wed. May 5, 1926, p.1, col. 3+4

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MAJOR CHENEY
Major A. H. Cheney who died last week at his home in Hollywood, California, and who will be buried here Friday, was a pioneer settler of this community and a man who numbered his friends by his acquaintance. He was a good feeler and loved a joke.

The writer recalls that eighteen years ago, we met the Major on the streets late in an afternoon. He stopped and said, "I am seventy years old today, and I have walked up and down this street looking for a man I could not lick and have found none." We replied, "Well Major, this is the first time you have met us." "I will wait till I am a hundred and will take you on that day," he said. For years after that, the Major would remind us that he was still looking forward to his hundredth birthday.

always willing to help. He accomplished much in his life time. A good man has been called to his reward.

Mrs. Susan Reynolds
Susan Winn Reynolds, daughter of Warner W. and Catherine Colglazier Winn, was born near Salem, Indiana, August 8, 1843. In 1867 the mother died, and soon after the father and children came to Linn county, Iowa, making the trip in covered wagons. Here they lived until 1871, when they came to Clay county, taking a homestead north-east of Spencer.

In October, 1872 Susan Winn and E. J. Reynolds of Spencer were united in marriage. To this union one child, Katherine, was born. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds made their home in Spencer at 625 East 3rd street. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Reynolds continued to live in the home until May 2, 1925, when she passed to the great beyond.

\$20,000 LOSS IN TWO FARM FIRES

W. G. HEIKENS HOUSE BURNED
TO GROUND YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON

SEED CORN TESTER BLAMED

P. A. Christensen Loses Barn and
Other Buildings, Grain and
Live Stock

The residence of W. G. Heikens six miles north and three miles west of Spencer, one of the finest farm houses in the county, was burned to the ground early yesterday afternoon.

The fire started in the attic and was believed to have been caused by a kerosene lamp used to warm a seed corn tester. It spread so rapidly that only about half of the furniture and other contents of the house could be saved.

Mr. Heikens last night said his loss was between \$12,000 and \$15,000 partially covered by insurance—\$6000 on the house and \$2000 on the contents. The insurance was in the Farmers Mutual of Clay county and John Gram, president of the Farmers, went to the Heikens farm yesterday afternoon to see about the adjustment.

The Heikens family found temporary shelter with neighbors. Mr. Heikens said that his old house across the road from the one that was burned would be put in shape for habitation this summer but he had not had time to make any further plans. The house destroyed yesterday was built in 1917.

\$7,000. Fire at P. A. Christensen's farm. P. A. Christensen suffered a loss of \$7,000 from fire on his farm two miles north of Spencer.

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SPENCER MARKETS

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schools of Brookfield and later be- came a teacher. When the south seceded and war was declared, he was teaching school but at once re- signed and enlisted as a private in the 10th Vermont but subsequent- ly was appointed 5th Sergeant and within six months afterward was the Orderly Sergeant of his com- pany. In October 1863, he was pro- moted to First Lieutenant, and in October, 1864 he was advanced to the rank of Captain. In March 1865, he was commissioned Major. After the surrender of Lee's army at Ap- pomatox he was sent to Texas where he remained for several months and on September 30, 1865 he was must- ered out of the service at Edin- burgh, Texas. Major Cheney was in 27 hotly contested battles and was wounded four times in four different battles. Upon receiving his discharge he visited his Vermont home for a brief period and then came to Bu- chanan county, Iowa, where for two years he engaged in farming, and then engaged in the Agricultural Implement business. In 1871 he came to Clay county, wher he again en- tered the same line of trade and which he continued until 1877. In the fall of 1874 he was elected coun- ty recorder and held that office one term, decling re-election. In 1877 he disposed of his interest in the farm machinery business and went to the Black Hills where he remained five months. On his return from the west he engaged in farming and stock raising in Riverton township. At the fall election of 1888 he was elected Clerk of the Courts and in 1890 was re-elected without opposi- tion. He represented the county in legislature in 1902 and 1904, serving in two regular and one special ses- sion.

He was married in 1865 to Miss Emma W. Whitney, who died a number of years ago. His son Al- onzo, died about a month ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Hawley and Miss Gertrude Cheney of Hollywood.

Funeral services will be held Fri- day afternoon at the Cobb Funeral Home at two o'clock in charge of Rev. B. J. Trickey. Interment will be made in Riverside cemetery.

Major Cheney was one of the ... munity. He was public spirited and

to the First Congregational church at Spencer. She has been a member of the Woman's Relief Corps at Spencer for many years.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock, in charge of Rev. B. J. Trickey. Interment was made at Riverside cemetery.

Mrs. Sophia Clifcorn

Mrs. Sophia Clifcorn, mother of Mrs. D. F. Shaffer, 451 Sioux street, passed away Sunday morning, May 2, 1926 at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 10 days.

Sophia Ratman was born in Mech- lenberg, Germany on June 22, 1835. Here she grew to womanhood and was married to John Clifcorn. Three children, Henry, Bertha and Lizzie, were born to them before they left Germany. In 1863 the family came to America, locating in Dana coun- ty, Wisconsin, where three children, Fred, Lena, and John were born. They remained in Dana county un- til the spring of 1885 when they moved to Iowa, making their home near Ayrshire, Palo Alto county. In 1903 they moved from Palo Alto county to Gladbrook, Iowa.

Mr. Clifcorn passed away May 2, 1917 and since that time Mrs. Clif- corn has made her home with daughters, Mrs. D. F. Shaffer at Spencer and Mrs. G. F. Zink of Mar- shalltown, Iowa. Four children sur- vive: Fred Clifcorn of Minneapolis, Mrs. Lena Somerville of St. Paul,

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**MASON CITY JOBBERS
AND MANUFACTURERS
PAY VISIT TO SPENCER**

Fifty Mason City Jobbers and manufacturers on a trade tour ar- rived in Spencer in a special train of five cars on the Milwaukee at six o'clock last evening. They gave lead pencils and gum to a crowd of children that met them and a syn- thetic pig to little Helen Johnson who won a contest for that honor. They had white hats and a jazz band.

A group of the visitors and of local business men had dinner to- gether at the Tangney. The Mason City men left for Iowa Falls, Minn. at eleven o'clock last night.