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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Freeman, William Henry Senator _____

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Apr 1844 Rockford, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mahinda J. Shipp 21 Sept 1869 Arross, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Citizens State Bank of Oakland

B. Civic responsibilities Mayor

C. Profession Banker; stocks dealer

4. Church membership Congregational

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Oakland; Justice of the Peace; Director of the Oakland public schools for 14 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Jan 1914 Oakland, Iowa; buried

8. Children Jennie May (Mrs. Dr. R. G. Smith); Clyde Alden (died at age 10)

9. Names of parents Daniel and Mary (Waller) Freeman

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- His mother died when he was age 6. He then lived with his mother's relatives until age 11 when he went to live with his father in Lafayette County, Wisconsin. Here he farmed with his father until age 21 when he moved to Davis, Illinois and farmed for one year.
- He moved to Oakland, Iowa in 1865, lived there a short time and then went to Nebraska where he furnished wood and ties for the Union Pacific Railroad.
- In 1866 he returned to Oakland, then moved to Avoca.
- In May 1869, he purchased a sawmill and moved to Oakland where he operated it along with a mercantile business.
- In the fall of 1876 he moved the sawmill to Green County, Wisconsin continuing in the lumber business.
- He returned to Oakland in summer 1881 where he opened the Oakland Bank with his brother B. J. Freeman.
- In 1885 the bank consolidated with the Citizens Bank.

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Then, besides being entertained, you will be contributing to the finances of the local Commercial Club, as the net proceeds will go to that organization. This Club has accomplished much for Oakland in the past year and with a small amount of money on hand, much more can be done in the coming year. Let the citizens of Oakland turn out in good numbers and boost for a good cause and at the same time see as good an entertainment as has been in Oakland for many a day.

Don't forget the dates—Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31. Oakland opera house.

Big Wreck at Marne.

Two extra freight trains, No. 695 and No. 2558, met in a head-on collision in the large cut just west of Marne Thursday morning. The engineers and firemen of both engines jumped. Only one received an injury and that was a sprained ankle. The car behind the engine contained cattle, of which nearly all were killed or injured. Six cars were thrown from the track. From report the extra going east had orders to meet the extra going west at Marne and sidetrack, but the extra coming west got into Marne before the other and continued on. They met in the cut just west of that city. All trains were tied up all day. Both engines were badly damaged.—Journal Herald.

The branch train was delayed at Avoca Thursday night waiting for passengers from the west-bound passenger train. The regular commuters to Carson almost met themselves returning to the Friday morning grind.

It is reported that twelve hundred women farmers in Kansas are running their own farms and are making a profit. Of course last year was abad year in parts of the sunflower state but no one has had a better chance to make money than the farmers. The report does not say whether they worked their farms with hired men or just husbands and horses.—Essex Independent.

HON. WM. H. FREEMAN

Pioneer of County and City Dies Suddenly.



Hon. William Henry Freeman, Oakland's foremost citizen, died at his home late Friday afternoon, Jan. 23, after a brief illness. It was known that his health was failing, but none except his most intimate friends realized that the end was so near at hand.

In his death the town and community suffer an almost irreparable loss, as he was always deeply interested in their welfare.

The home life of our brother was ideal. He was a devoted husband, a kind and affectionate father, one of God's noblemen, always manifesting a deep and abiding interest in the welfare and prosperity of his relatives and friends. Upright in life, honorable in all his dealings with his fellowmen, benevolent, cheerfully assisting in every good and worthy work, with malice toward none and charity toward all, those who knew him best loved him most.

Mr. Freeman was the son of Daniel and Mary (Waller) Freeman and was born at Rockford, Ill., April 11, 1844. He was married to Malinda J. Shipp, Ill., Sept. 21, 1869, to Malinda J. Shipp, daughter of Albert and Mahala (Piles)

Freeman as president, S. S. Rust vice president, L. F. Potter cashier, and B. F. Freeman assistant cashier.

As a banker Mr. Freeman stood high in the business world. He was a wise counselor, of rare judgment and probity. As a citizen he was prominently and closely associated with the growth of the city, taking an active interest in everything calculated to make the town what it ought to be socially, intellectually, morally and religiously. He has served the city, community and county faithfully in the various offices to which he was called.

After the incorporation of Oakland in 1882 he was elected mayor. He also served as justice of the peace and as director of the Oakland public schools. In the latter office he served from 1886 to 1890 and again from 1899 to 1909, a period of 14 years.

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At the age of six years he suffered his first great bereavement, the death of his mother. At that time he went and made his home with his mother's relatives, remaining with them until he was 11 years of age, when he came to his father's home in Lafayette county, Wis. Here he engaged with his father in farming until he was 21 years of age, when he went to Davis, Ill., and farmed for one year.

He came to Big Grove (now Oakland), Ia., in 1865, remained a short time and then went to Nebraska, where he furnished wood and ties for the Union Pacific railroad, then in course of construction. In 1866 he returned to Big Grove, remained until spring and removed to Newtown, near what is now Avoca. While there he constructed the wood culvert from Walnut to Neola on the C. R. I. & P. railroad.

In May, 1869, he purchased what was known as the Davenport sawmill and moved it to Big Grove, where he operated it in connection with a mercantile business. In the latter he was interested with his brother, D. B. Freeman. In the fall of 1876 he moved his sawmill to Green county, Wis., where he continued the lumber business, making a specialty of black walnut.

In the summer of 1881 he returned for the third time to Oakland. Here, Dec. 23, 1881, in connection with his brother, B. F. Freeman, he opened the Oakland Bank, under the firm name of W. H. & B. F. Freeman, private bankers. Four years later this bank was consolidated with the Citizens Bank, afterward changed to the Citizens State Bank of Oakland, with W. H.

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Politically a republican, he stood high in the councils of the party; was delegate to a national republican convention; also to the national farmers' congress.

He was made a Mason at Lewis, Ia., March 23, 1869, and was a charter member of Ark Lodge, No. 335, at Oakland. Only one charter member survives him, Brother J. A. T. Bates, the lodge being organized June 10, 1874. He was also a charter member of Mt. Nebo Lodge of Avoca, a member of Raboni Chapter, No. 85, R. A. M., of Avoca, and a member of Mt. Zion Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Harlan. He was a true Mason, loyal and faithful to the tenets and principles of this grand institution.

He leaves to mourn his departure the wife, daughter and granddaughter (Muriel), son-in-law, brothers as follows: D. B. Freeman of Wiggins, Colo., B. F. Freeman of Logan, Ia.; half brothers and sisters as follows: S. J. Smith, Pawnee Station, Kan., D. A. Freeman, Hoyt, Colo., E. E. Freeman, Oakland, Ia., C. F. Freeman, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Geo. Whitehead, Wichita, Kan.; step-sister, Mrs. P. M. Howery, Oakland; aunt, Mrs. Males Waller and cousins of Charles City, Ia., other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held in the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by P. H. Green, assisted by Rev. E. H. Heverly and Rev. M. R. Tally. The floral offerings from the many friends of the deceased were profuse and very beautiful. The pall bearers were F. A. Slump, Geo. H. Nash, C. T. Hanley, J. C. Judy, P. H. McMartin, Felix Setz, L. F. Potter, Freeman Reed. The music was by the church choir with Mrs. A. E. Taylor of Lewis as organist. At the grave the services were in charge of the Masons, conducted by D. E. Stuart of Council Bluffs.

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