Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Browns

John Deere - Represented Decatur, Ringgold and Union Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Aug 1840 near Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

(1) Clara C. Bradley 16 Jul 1865

(2) Mrs. Annie Hissem 25 Oct 1905

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Was a member of the commission firm of Brown Brothers and Ballenger of the Union Stock Yards in Chicago, Illinois

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shriner; G.A.R.

C. Profession Farming; raised livestock

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 33rd, 34th General Assemblies 1909, 1911

6. Public Offices

A. Local Decatur Board of Supervisors; president of the school board;

B. State Member of the Iowa State Agricultural Board; member of the committee that purchased the site of the Iowa Soldiers Home in Marshalltown

C. National Commissioner of the Indians on a Dakota reservation for 4 years

7. Death 25 June 1927 Leon, Iowa; buried Leon Cemetery, Leon, Iowa

8. Children Elmer J.; Edna (died in early childhood)

9. Names of parents Hugh and Harriet (Burns) Brown

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Brown, John Dara

10. Education Educated in the rural schools of Huron County, Iowa until 14 years old; continued his education in Decatur County, Iowa

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 14 he moved with his parents to Decatur County, Iowa
- Military service - Civil War - Co. L, 3rd Iowa Cavalry
  Mustering rank of Captain
- His first wife, Clara, died 23 June 1904 in Chicago, Illinois
- In 1906 he moved into Leon, Iowa where he lived in retirement.
- He served as Department Commander for the G.A.R Department of Iowa in 1912-1913

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Brown, John Dana

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Obituary - The Leon Journal Reporter, Leon, Iowa Thurs. July 7, 1927, p. 1, col. 3, 4, 5			
Iowa Official Register 1911-1912, p. 595			
G.A.R. Records			

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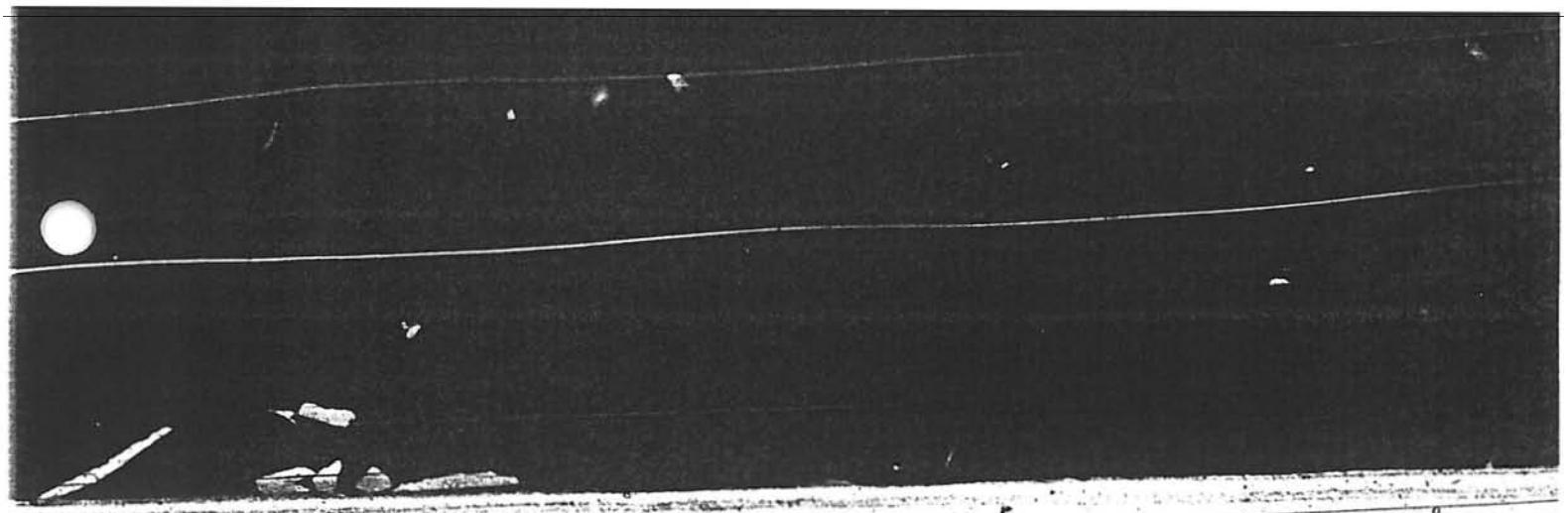

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CAPT. JOHN D. BROWN

Last Sad Rites Were Held Friday Afternoon for One of Leon's Most Respected Citizens.

One of Iowa's early pioneers, distinguished soldiers, honored statesmen, and prominent commonwealth builders departed this life to join the hosts immortal, when "Taps" was sounded, early Saturday morning, June 25th, 1927, for Capt. J. D. Brown of Leon, Iowa. In the departure of Capt. Brown an extraordinary personality has gone out of the world; and the people who knew him, and there are legions, mourn because in his death they have been deprived of a true friend, a wise counsellor, a loyal American, and a good and Godly man.

John Dana Brown was born of Scotch-Irish parentage near Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, on the first of August, 1840. He was educated in the rural schools of Huron

October 25, 1905, Capt. Brown was again married in this instance to Mrs. Annie Thissell of Boston, Mass. In 1906 Capt. Brown moved to his present home in Leon, and there surrounded by his hosts of friends, spent the even-tide of his life. The last few years of his life, because of failing health and strength were spent in quiet retirement. But no man ever had better care and more loving attention than did Capt. Brown, especially on the part of his wife, and next on the part of his friends, as he wandered on toward the setting of the sun. Today he sleeps in "that low green tent where the curfew never outward [illegible]

with the bereaved widow, the son whose father has passed on before, and the home folks of Leon in mourning the passing of a man who was in all respects a man. Besides the sorrowing widow, the bereaved son, there are also six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren who are called upon with their loved ones to humbly pass under the Shepherd's Rod. These are also joined by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Susan Bartlett of Garden Grove, Iowa; Mrs.

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age, at which time he moved with his parents to Decatur county, Iowa, and finished his school work in this county which became his new home. August 9, 1861, he enlisted in Co. L, 3d Reg., Iowa Cavalry Volunteers as a private and served with this organization throughout the war. In rapid succession he was made sergeant, then second lieutenant, and then captain of his company. His company was at one time composed of picked men, especially known for their daring and skill and consequently were often used in the most hazardous expeditions and exploits of the war. When the war closed Capt. Brown had been recommended for the rank of Colonel. He was in 21 battles and in many skirmishes. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Heartsville, Missouri, January 11, 1863. Was wounded at the battle of the Big Blue and was left on the field to die, lying on the field two days before before being picked up. After the capture of Jeff Davis by Wilson's Cavalry Corps, he was detailed with one hundred men of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry to guard the prisoner and party from the train at Augusta, Georgia, to the boat on the Savannah river. He was mustered out of the service at Atlanta, Georgia, and discharged at Davenport Iowa, September, 1865.

During the presidency of Chester A. Arthur, Capt. Brown was commissioned as a commissioner of the Indians on a reservation in Dakota. He served in this office for almost four years. When he left the reservation Chief Red Cloud presented him with a tomahawk of most exquisite workmanship, as a token of appreciation for the fair and impartial way in which he had ruled over them, and the kindly treatment and care that they had received at his hands. Capt. Brown also served for years in various township offices in Decatur county, as a member of the board of supervisors, president of the school board of the Independent School District of Leon, Iowa; senator of the Fifth District composed of Decatur, Ringgold and Union counties, serving in the thirty-third and thirty-fourth General Assembly. He also served for years as one of the members of the State Agricultural Board, and was one of the committee that purchased the site for the Iowa State Fair Grounds. For years Capt. Brown was actively engaged in farming and stock raising. For a number of years he was a member of the commission firm of Brown Bros. & Ballinger of the Union Stock Yards in Chicago, Illinois.

July 16, 1865, Capt. Brown was married to Miss Clara C. Hoadley of Trenton, Missouri. Two children, a son and a daughter were born of this union. The daughter, Edna, died in early childhood. The son, Elmer J. has for some years been living with his family at Apple Gate, Oregon. Mrs. Clara Brown departed this life, after an illness of some weeks, in Chicago, Illinois, June 23, 1904. On

and Walter Brown of Garden Grove, Iowa.

Capt. Brown served as Department Commander for the G. A. R. Department of Iowa, for the fiscal year of 1912-1913. He was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge, belonging to the Blue lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and for years served as a member of the board of trustees and president of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church in Leon.

Capt. Brown was a man whose body was the ready servant of his mind, whose passions had been trained to be obedient to his will; who enjoyed the beautiful, loved the truth, hated the wrong, loved to do good and respected others as himself. He was a commanding figure among his fellowmen; big of body, brilliant of mind, and with a heart as tender as that of a child. He was a man of mighty faith, of heroic courage, of industry that knew no weariness, and every power of his splendid body, mind and heart he endeavored to use worthily. In all of his dealings in private business, and in matters of the state, that he so often served, his was the soul of honor; and no man ever questioned his honesty, or the sincerity of his motives. He had legions of friends, and but few enemies. Having put his house in order, lo, many years ago, he awaited the end in the spirit of the poet who sang:

Sun set and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning at the bar:
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bells,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.
For though from out our borne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and were very largely attended, the church being filled to capacity by sorrowing relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Habliston, pastor of the Leon church and Rev. R. R. Moser, pastor of the Osceola M. E. church, a former pastor of Capt. Brown's. Mrs. Moser and Mrs. Manley, of Osceola, sang duets with Miss Mida Bradley at the piano. The sermon was by Rev. Moser, and there was also an eulogy by Frank Dagle, of Des Moines, past commander of the G. A. R. who came as the special

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C. M. Kohler and son Bobbie returned Tuesday from their trip to Sheridan, Wyoming, with the Osceola band. They had a fine trip but were delayed 17 hours going and 21 hours returning on account of washouts.

Miss Mary Ray, who has been trimming the past season at Eldorado, Kansas, came Saturday for a visit at the home of her brother, M. M. Ray in this city.

Ed Farquhar departed Thursday for Olathe, Kansas, where he visited over the Fourth with his cousin, Miss Maud Reeder.

Garden Grove Clothing Store Robber.

The C. L. Throckmorton clothing store was robbed early Sunday morning between the hours of 2 a. m. and the time it was discovered. Twenty suits and possibly other merchandise were taken, valued at about six or seven hundred dollars. Entrance was gained by prying open a window at the rear of the store. Sheriff Kendall and his deputy Clint McConnell were called as soon as the robbery was discovered, but no clue has been found as to the identity of the robbers. During the past year and a half this store has been robbed several times. On one occasion all but a few pairs of the ladies' silk hose were taken, besides several top coats and a lot of shirts and several suits. All told, within the past year and a half, Mr. Throckmorton has been relieved of between $2,000 and $3,000 worth of merchandise. This is a pretty hard blow to Mr. Throckmorton and it is sincerely hoped by everyone that the guilty ones may be found. For several months Mr. Throckmorton, or his clerk have slept in the store at night, in the hope of catching the thieves, but Saturday evening he worked late at the store and decided to go home to bed, and evidently someone knew of this. Store robberies are reported now quite frequently in our exchanges, but hitting one merchant for this much puts other petty robberies in the shade.—Garden Grove Express.

Marriage Licenses.

Lawrence Crees, Grand River . . . 17
Viola Gilbert, Leon 15
Spencer Earl Devore, Van Wert . . . 21
Helen Blanche Pierce, Van Wert . 18

representative of state commander O. N. Nelson, who was prevented from attending by illness. The floral offerings were many and veery beautiful, many coming from old friends in distant cities. The Knights Templar in full uniform acted as an escort, and the Masonic lodge and American Legion had charge of the final services at the grave. Interment was in the Leon cemetery.

Instead of ordering the jockeys of the various mounts to hold up their horses so the favorite might win on the home stretch, Director Baggot staged a series of elimination races and then had Robert Agnew, who plays the part of Marty Kruger, mount the fastest horse of the group at the time the picture was taken.

In addition to Agnew, other featured players in the cast of "Down the Stretch" are Marion Nixon, Otis Harlan, Ward Crane, Ena Gregory, Jack Daugherty and Virginia True Boardman.

Auto Operating Expenses.

The experts at the Iowa State college have it all figured out that is costs exactly 10.27 cents to operate an automobile for each mile traveled. With all due respect for the "figgerin'" ability of the Ames experts, we would wager a week's salary that there are people living in Leon who would feel that they were millionaires if they could cash in the mileage they have made at 10 cents a mile.

Van Wert Store Burglarized.

Blair's store at Van Wert was entered by burglars some time last Saturday night and twenty suits of men's clothes and about $100.00 worth of silks were stolen. The burglars drilled through the door to get in the store, and sheriff Kendall secured a slight clew from Creston, where parties parchased a drill similar to the one used at Van Wert, but so far no trace of the burglars or the stolen goods have been found.

Gilbert—Crees.

Mr. Lawrence Crees, of Grand River, and Miss Viola Gilbert, of Leon, were married at the M. E. parsonage in Leon last Wednesday, Rev. J. E. Habliston officiating. They will make their home on a farm near Grand River, and their many young friends extend their congratulations.

Pierce—Devore.

Mr. Spencer Earl Devore and Miss Helen Blanche Pierce, both of Van Wert, were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage in this city last Saturday, Rev. J. E. Habliston officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Devore will go to housekeeping at Van Wert, and a host of good friends extend their congratulations and wish them an abundance of happiness and prosperity.

Ford Car Stolen.

A 1924 model Ford car owned by Raymond Dyer, who operates a tire shop in the Hotel Leon block, was stolen from in front of his place of business Sunday night, and the only trace of it found so far is that a man and a woman driving the car stopped at Davis City and purchased some gas.

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Brown, John Dana

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth 1 Ag 1840 Place Huron Co., Ohio (Norwalk)

Father Hugh Brown Nativity

Date death 25 Je 1927 Place Leon, Iowa

Cause Leon Cem. Place burial "

Mother Harriet Burns Nativity

(1) Clara C. Hoadley

Wife

(2) Mrs. Anna Thissel

War record 2d Lt. L 3 Iowa Cav.

Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Children (by 1st wife)

Edna (died infancy)

Elmer J Apple Gate, Ore

(Vet) Age 21 Res. Garden Grove

Enlisted 15 Ag 1861 as 4th Sgt. Date Place

Prom. 2d Lt. 4 F 1862

Prom. Capt. 31 Mr '64

Must. Out 9 Ag 1865, Atlanta, Ga.

Discharged Date Place

Source The Iowa Department of the Grand Army of the Republic Roster Iowa Soldiers / Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Capt-res Crown/ Graves Reg: Brown, John Dana/Decatur County Journal July 7, 1927/

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Veteran's name Brown, John D

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