

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Henry Clay **Senator** Burgess  
Represented Howard and Winneshiek Counties

1. Birthday and place 20 Nov 1846 Fairfield, Somerset County Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Emily J. Copper 2 Oct 1860

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Profession Lumber yard business

4. Church membership Congregational  
5. Sessions served 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Cresco City Council; school board member at Ossian; school board at Cresco  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 8 Mar 1917 Cresco, Iowa; Cause

8. Children Charles; Ray; Joseph; Harry H. (died in infancy)

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Burgess, Henry Clay

10. Education He was educated in common schools and  
private schools maintained by the Congregational  
Church

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- With his parents he moved to Lansing, Iowa in 1861 where  
he taught school for one term, worked in the postoffice for  
a short time and worked in an implement store.
- He moved to Osceola, Iowa in 1865 where he managed a lumber  
yard for 17 years. He also resided in Hull, Iowa,  
Mitchell, South Dakota and Cresco, Iowa.
- In 1885 after 6 years in Cresco he purchased the lumber yard



John Noonan, Deceased—  
t approved and final dis-  
dered. Administrator al-  
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Frederick A. Eckstein, De-  
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usiness until March, 1918,  
urther orders of court.

Frederick A. Eckstein, De-  
lication by Widow for  
sonal property—Widow al-  
for year's support.

Frederick A. Eckstein,  
pplication for authority  
sonal property—Ordered  
property on inventory be  
widow as property exempt

John O'Hellen, Deceased—  
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John O'Hellen, Deceased—  
or authorized to erect  
at an expense not to ex-

Kate J. Strayer, Deceased  
approved and adminis-  
arged upon making final

Willis C. Farnsworth, De-  
dow allowed \$400 for year's  
herself and children.

August Milham, Deceased  
itted to probate and Wm.  
appointed administrator  
ixed at \$1000.

Joseph Mlady, Deceased—  
ed to probate and nomina-  
ph Mlady as executor with-  
pproved.

f Lee Copeman, Deceased  
itted to probate and nom-  
S. A. Converse as executor  
Bond fixed at \$2,000.

Margaret A. Truman, De-  
ill admitted to probate.  
of Owen M. Truman as  
without bond approved.

f Julia Shields, Deceased—  
te to probate. Nomination  
pher W. Shields as execu-  
ed and bond fixed at \$5,-

f Joseph Zobach, Deceased  
itted to probate and Frank  
ointed administrator and

grandchildren, besides other relatives  
and a host of friends. The funeral  
was held from the Methodist Church in  
charge of Rev. Will Kirwin and inter-  
ment was made at Oak Lawn cemetery.

BURGESS.

Henry Clay Burgess was born in Fair-  
field, Maine, December 20th, 1846.  
With his parents he moved to Lansing,  
Iowa, in 1864, and two years later to  
Howard County. Soon after he took  
charge of a lumber yard for W. and J.  
Fleming, in whose employ he remained  
about seventeen years, residing in  
Ossian, Hull, Mitchell, S. D., and Cres-  
co.

In 1885, after six years in Cresco, he  
bought from his employes the lumber  
business here which has since born his  
name. About two years ago he retired  
from active business life and until ill-  
ness forbade, spent his time in the en-  
thusiastic enjoyment of friends, flow-  
ers, garden and river.

He was always actively interested in  
politics and served two terms in the  
State senate.

He was married October 2, 1860 to  
Emily J. Copper. To this union four  
sons were born. The eldest died in in-  
fancy. The others, Charles, Ray and  
Joseph entered in partnership with  
their father in this city. After a long  
illness he died at his home, March 8,  
1917. Besides his wife and children he  
is survived by one brother, George of  
Ben Lomond, Cal., and four grand-  
children.

He was a man of deep and long en-  
during friendship, and was intensely  
loyal to these friends, to his political  
party, his town and his church.

In every association with others he  
was unfailingly kind and solicitous of  
their happiness, with a sensitiveness  
which he strove to hide behind an air  
of whimsical impatience.

Devoted and gentle beyond words  
with children, upright and honorable in  
all his dealings, his life has brightened  
all those with which it came in touch.

GLASS.

Charles E. Glass was born in Howard  
County, March 16, 1886, and passed  
away March 8, 1917, at the home of his

A. M. Vance, president of the Osage  
Seminary, who held services in the  
Baptist Church last Sunday, officiating,  
and he was buried by the side of his  
life companion in the family lot in the  
cemetery at Burr Oak, Iowa.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt  
thanks to our many kind friends for  
their sympathy and assistance in our  
sad bereavement, for the floral offer-  
ings and for the singing.

- CHARLES L. DAWLEY.
- MRS. ELLA L. ELZEA.
- ALBERTUS E. DAWLEY.
- CLAUDE M. ELZEA.

LAVALLEY.

On March 7, 1917, Mr. J. P. LaVal-  
ley, one of the pioneers of this section  
of the state, passed to the Great Be-  
yond at the age of 73 years. He was  
born at Champlain, New York, March  
25, 1843. Shortly after his marriage to  
Sophia Hubert in May, 1865 he came  
west with his young wife and settled  
at Burr Oak, Ia., Winneshiek Co. Af-  
ter residing there for 21 years he mov-  
ed his family to Bluffton where he liv-  
ed for seven years. Desiring to better  
his condition he moved to Cresco in  
1893 where another seven years was  
spent. Since 1900 he has lived near  
Bonair. Mr. LaValley had not been  
well all the winter, but was feeling  
much much better just prior to his  
death. His wife preceded him in death  
by ten weeks. Funeral services were  
held from the house on Friday morn-  
ing, March 9th, 1917, at 8:30. Inter-  
ment took place in the beautiful ceme-  
tery at Burr Oak. He is survived by  
six children, Mrs. Sharpe of Cresco,  
Mrs. Benedict of Ida Grove, Mrs. Ed-  
munds of Bonair, Henry of St. Louis,  
Mo., John of Cresco and Kelsey of  
Minneapolis.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, in the wise providence of  
God, Brother H. C. Burgess has been  
removed by the hand of death from our  
Lodge associations here to the Grand  
Lodge on high,

Resolved, by Grand Lodge No.  
150, A. F. & A. M. that we hereby ex-  
press our high appreciation of the

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of impaired eyesight the latter retired from active business in 1907 and has since resided in Longmont, Colorado.

It was in May, 1907, that John S. Swenson and Frank E. Stehlik established a plant for the manufacture of lightning rods in Cresco and began business under the name of the Electra Lightning Rod Company. Mr. Swenson had become acquainted with Mr. Stehlik by reason of the fact that the latter sold him wire rope for his stump pullers as a salesman for the American Steel & Wire Company. On the 16th of March, 1909, the Electra Lightning Rod Company was incorporated with F. E. Stehlik, as president and J. S. Swenson, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Stehlik maintains an office for the company in the Stock Exchange building of Chicago. The company manufactures exclusively for dealers and has built up a trade which extends throughout the United States, turning out more than a million feet of copper rods annually. In the conduct of his business affairs Mr. Swenson displays sound judgment, keen sagacity and unfaltering enterprise and has long enjoyed a leading position among the representatives of the industrial interests in northeastern Iowa.

In 1907 Mr. Swenson was united in marriage to Miss Dora Carver, her father being Chester M. Carver, who came to Howard county, Iowa, before the railroad was built and before the town of Cresco came into existence. Mr. Carver married the daughter of Elder Fall, one of the pioneer preachers of Howard county, who performed the marriage ceremony for hundreds of the county's young people and was one of the best known divines of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson have one daughter, Mary Adeline.

In his political views Mr. Swenson is a staunch republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. Fraternally he is identified with Cresco Lodge, No. 150, A. F. & A. M., and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He and his wife have an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the community and occupy a most enviable social position here.

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#### HON. HENRY CLAY BURGESS.

A history of Howard county would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make prominent reference to the Hon. Henry Clay Burgess, who was prominently identified with the commercial and political history of the state and who left the impress of his individuality for good upon its material development and upon its legislative records. Actuated at all times by an earnest desire to make his life of worth to the community in which he lived, his labors wrought for good and he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was born in Fairfield, Maine, on the 20th of December, 1846, and in 1864 his parents removed westward with their family, establishing their home in Lansing, Iowa, but two years later they came to Howard county.

After reaching man's estate Henry Clay Burgess took charge of a lumberyard for Fleming Brothers, and with them continued for seventeen years, having charge of their yards at Ossian and at Hull, Iowa, and also at Mitchell, South Dakota, while finally he came to Cresco to assume the management of the lumber interests at this place. In 1885, after a six years' stay in Cresco, Mr. Burgess purchased the interests of his employers and continued active in the lumber trade of the city. He was thus long connected with that line of commercial activity and had a splendidly appointed lumberyard, carrying a large line of builders' supplies of all kinds. Moreover, he was faithful to the terms of every contract and the integrity of his business methods as well as his enterprise constituted an important feature in his growing patronage. In the latter part of his life he turned the business over to his sons, although he still remained the owner to the time of his death. His sons had been actively engaged with him in business for several years and in addition to conducting the lumberyard in Cresco, Mr. Burgess had established lumberyards in neighboring towns throughout the country, conducted by his successors.

In 1869 Mr. Burgess was united in marriage to Miss Emily J. Cooper, a daughter

of J. L. and Ellen Cooper. She was born in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and was taken by her parents to Ohio, where they resided for a time, and then became residents of Wisconsin. They afterward removed to Ossian, Iowa, and it was there that the marriage of Mr. Burgess and Miss Cooper was celebrated. They had a family of four children, of whom Harry H. died in infancy, while Charles, Ray and Joseph are continuing in the lumber trade as their father's successors in the conduct of the yards in Cresco and elsewhere.

Mr. Burgess was a republican in his political views and in 1906 was elected to represent the forty-second district, comprising Howard and Winneshiek counties, in the state senate, where he gave most careful consideration to all the vital questions that came up for settlement. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity, was a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith was that of the Congregational church. He came to Cresco when the country was wild and he lived to see it develop from a little village on the western prairie to a thriving and enterprising town. His death, which occurred on the 8th of March, 1917, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret because of the many sterling traits of his character. His personal qualities, too, were such as made for popularity among those who knew him, for he was of a kindly and genial disposition, often extending a helping hand to those who needed aid. In his business affairs he was thoroughly trustworthy and at all times he stood for progressive elements in citizenship. He had passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten when called to his final rest, his death occurring when in his seventy-first year. Thus was terminated a life of usefulness, in which he accumulated a comfortable competence, but not only did he leave this to his family, but also that priceless heritage of an untarnished name, which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

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P. H. BRANNON.

P. H. Brannon, numbered among the enterprising, farsighted and successful business men of New Hampton, is well known as the proprietor of the Brannon Grain Elevator. He is a western man by birth, training and preference. He was born at Waucoma, Iowa, on the 11th of October, 1857, and is a son of Lawrence and Julia (Griffin) Brannon, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to the United States in his boyhood days with his parents in 1839, the family home being established in Ohio, and the mother came to this country to join an older brother after the death of her parents. This brother, Thomas Griffin, is a resident of Howard county, Iowa. In the spring of 1853 Lawrence Brannon removed with his parents to Iowa, the family home being established on a farm near Waucoma. In June, 1856, Lawrence Brannon and Julia Griffin were united in marriage and took up their abode upon a farm near Waucoma, where the active years of their life were spent. After his retirement from business they removed to Lawler, Chickasaw county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. Mr. Brannon passed away at the notable age of ninety-one years, while his wife died at the age of seventy-five.

Their son, P. H. Brannon, was educated in the common schools and in the Decorah Institute. Prior to becoming a student in the institute he taught school and later resumed educational work, covering a period of twenty-one terms. In 1892 he removed to New Hampton and has since been identified with the live stock and grain business, in which connection he has won substantial success. The Brannon Grain Elevator is now one of the important business features of the city and its annual purchases and sales reach a large figure.

In 1889 Mr. Brannon was united in marriage to Miss Catherine I. Quirk, of Delaware county, Iowa, and to them were born two children, but only one, Mary S., is now living. The wife and mother passed away in January, 1901, and in February, 1906, Mr. Brannon was married to Miss Hannah T. Boyle, of Edgerton, Wisconsin, by whom he has four children, namely: Grace Madeline, Lawrence V., Patricia Adelaide and James E.

In his political views Mr. Brannon has always been a democrat since age conferred