

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Blackford, John H. Senator _____
Represented Henry County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4. Mar 1837 near Hillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nancy Altand 30 May 1860

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business President of the Hillsboro Savings Bank; he was a charter member of the American Poland China Record Association, later served as director until 1903, president in 1904, treasurer 1905 until his death.
- B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer, raised Poland China hogs; banker

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 35th General Assembly 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 10 Apr 1916 Hillsboro, Iowa; buried Vale Cemetery Hillsboro, Iowa

8. Children Winfield Scott; Aaron Vale; Raymond L.; George H.; William P.; Philip A.

John Rex (died at sea); Clara (Mrs. Early); Effie C. (Mrs. Smith); Mattie (Mrs. Logan); Rose (Mrs. Gully); Jane (Mrs. Foley)

9. Names of parents Aaron H. and Christiana (Miller) Blackford

Blackford, John W.

10. Education He was educated in the common schools near
his home in Pennsylvania

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican
- He taught 14 terms of school, 4 months each in Pennsylvania
 - He moved to Iowa in March 1864, settling on a farm
in Van Buren County, near Hillsboro.
 - He moved from the farm to Hillsboro in 1906
 - At the last annual meeting of the American Poland China
Association in Dec 1905 he was presented with a silk
umbrella with a silver inlaid handle, a thanks for his services.
 - In 1900 he helped organize the Hillsboro Savings Bank

Blackford, John W.

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Applicability

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- Death notice -		<u>Weekly News Journal, Mount Pleasant,</u>	
		<u>Iowa,</u>	<u>Apr. 12, 1916, p. 1, col. 3</u>
-		<u>Iowa Official Register 1913-1914,</u>	<u>p. 685</u>
- Obituary -		<u>The Salem News, Salem, Iowa,</u>	
		<u>Thurs. Apr. 27, 1916,</u>	<u>p. 8 col. 4</u>
- Obituary -		<u>The Bonaparte Record, Bonaparte, Iowa</u>	
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of five cars, one Northwestern and one Burlington coach and three Pullman cars, arrived here on schedule time Monday, the advent of the train being announced by a long and prolonged and still prolonged blast the whistle. The train took the passing track at the Canning Co., where it was welcomed by perhaps a hundred and fifty or two hundred men, women and boys, mostly of town, however.

The first coach was given over to models of road making from the ordinary dragged earth roads up through the higher types including gravel, macadam, mixture and brick and including a model of the famous Applan way.

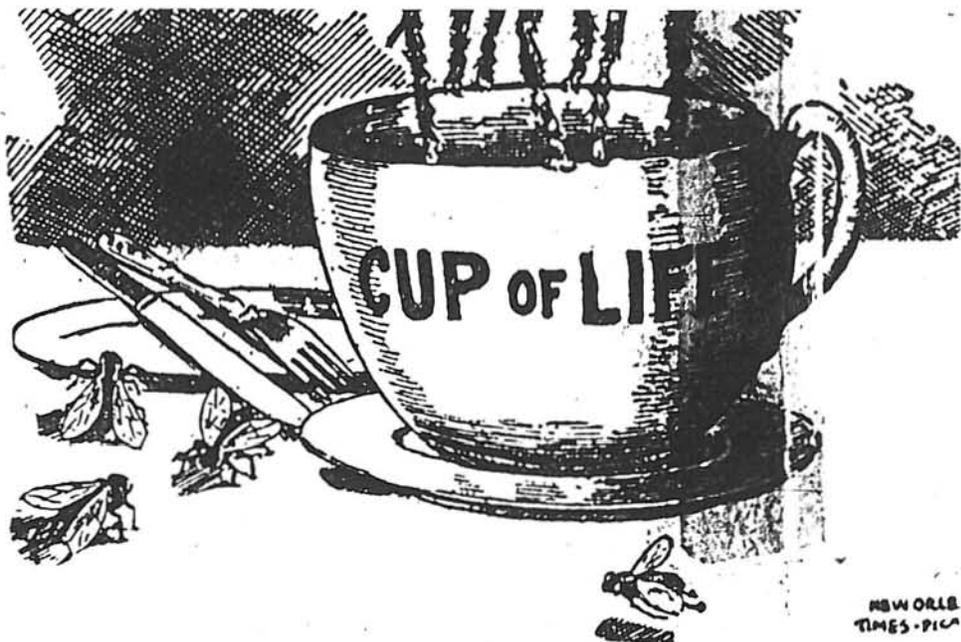
A lecture was given in the model room and then the crowd passed into the next coach where pictures were shown from a lantern of road conditions "before and after," most of which were familiar to all who read good roads literature.

It may be of interest to note that both the government and the state lecturers stated that in bridges, Iowa is in the lead, but was behind in the matter of surfacing of roads. The lecturers also bore out in their arguments the practice of the Henry county board of supervisors in that the first problem was to take care of the water, water being the greatest enemy of the roads of the state.

Henry county is taking care of the water. Permanent concrete bridges and culverts are being put in everywhere and it is estimated that in three years every bridge and culvert in the county will be permanent and that great expense out of the way. The next thing is the carrying of the water from the roads, and then the cutting down of the hills and fixing the grades. The surfacing will come last. Both lecturers declared with great emphasis that it is foolish to waste money on the surface of the road until the grades and the water have been taken care of.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds.

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NEW ORLEANS
TIMES-PIRE

J. W. BLACKFORD DEAD

HILLSBORO BANKER SUDDENLY
PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME.

Was In Perfect Health and Death
Came Without Warning—Was
Former Representative In
State Legislature.

Hillsboro, April 10 (Special).—Hon. J. W. Blackford, ex-representative from Henry county to the legislature and president of the Hillsboro Bank, suddenly died at his home here at one o'clock today. Mr. Blackford's death came as a total surprise as he was supposed to be in the best of health. His death was due to an unexpected attack of the heart. He was one of the best known men of the county and southeastern Iowa.

DAVID ZENTMYER DEAD.

One of Henry County's Oldest Residents Passed Away Last Week.

On Thursday, April 6, 1916, Mr. David Zentmyer, who was born in Star county, Ohio, May 12, 1834. Early in life he came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zentmyer,

AMERICAN SHIP SEIZED BRITISH.

The Dirigo, From Seattle For Sweden
With Cargo of Barley Taken

Washington, April 5.—Seizure of a British man-of-war of the American sailing ship Dirigo, bound from Seattle for Sweden with a cargo of barley, was reported to the state department today by the vessel's owner, George P. McNear company, of San Francisco, who urged that a protest be made. The ship and her cargo have been thrown into prize court, and it is understood British authorities seek to have the cargo, conditional contraband, condemned on the ground that it is destined ultimately for Germany.

U. S. STEAMER IS BLACKLISTED BY BRITAIN.

The Sacramento of San Francisco Entered U. S. Registry Early in War.

London, April 5.—The American steamer, Sacramento, of San Francisco, which came into the public eye early in the war when the American government charged her with violation of the American neutrality in connection with the supply of coal to Germany warships in the Pacific, is included in the latest list of neutral vessels (condemned)

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- Randolph, Clayton
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- Sandford, C. E. (Store)
- Stutsman, Mrs. Emma
- Smith, Elmer (Feed Store)
- Stevenson, Arthur
- Suydam, W. H.
- Sears, Frank
- Tacket, Ollie
- Weiher, Robert (Garage)
- Witte, John
- Wirt, William
- Williams, Ed.
- Whitaker, Dick
- Whitmore, H. L.
- Wells, Andy
- Woods, Paul
- Von Seggen, Homer

Baptist Church Notes.

Bonaparte. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30, subject, regular Sunday School lesson for the following Sabbath. Choir practice following. Christian Endeavor 6:45. Preaching services 7:30. Sunday School at 10 A. M. If you know of any one who does not attend any S. School kindly invite them, they are welcome.

Harrisburg. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Next Sabbath is Easter, a double holiday. Come and help us make the most of the services. All are welcome.

Clean Up Notice.

The Community Club committee asks that April 20 be designated as "Clean up" day. Get your rubbish collected into bags, barrels, or boxes and leave it at the rear of your lot or some spot convenient of access. A wagon will call for it on Thursday, April 20. Boost for a

Daisy Beard
Elija Weistlander

Bonaparte : : Iowa

John W. Blackford.

John William Blackford, son of Aaron G. and Christine Blackford, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, March 4th, 1837, within one mile of where his father, Aaron G., and his grandfather, Joseph, were born and where his great-grandfather, Martin Blackford, settled in 1851, emigrating from Scotland. His mother was of Dutch ancestry. He was educated in the common schools and he taught ten terms of four months each.

May 30, 1860, he was united in marriage with Nancy Altland and they came to Iowa in 1864, locating on a farm in Harrisburg township, Van Buren county, there engaging in fine stock raising and general farming.

He became a charter member of the American Poland China Record Association in 1879 and was for many years a director, its president, and at the time of his death was its treasurer, a position he had held since 1899.

To John W. and Nancy Blackford twelve children were born, seven sons and five daughters. The sons are:- W. Scott and Aaron V. of Bonaparte; Raymond L. of Great Falls, Mont.; Dr. George W. of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Will P. of Oskaloosa; Phil A. of Hillsboro, and John Rex, who died when two years of age. The five daughters are:- Mrs. Clara Earley of Hillsboro; Mrs. Effie Smith of West Branch, Iowa; Mrs. Mattie Logan of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mrs. Rose Tulley of Monte Vista, Colo.; and Mrs. June Boley of Stockport. There are twenty-one grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He took a very active interest in agriculture, business, religion and politics. He was a prominent member of the Hillsboro M. E. church and Sunday School and was lay delegate to the Annual Conference for a number of years.

trudge away to seek his fortune in the city, leaving Dad to eke out a poor existence on the old farm until the time when he, the son, returned, laden with wealth, and the fairy tales of farmer life done around here.

No, sonny-boy was out to get all the strength and glory of young manhood, sowing oats and wheat, as happy about his working.

Like as not he has had a crop in agriculture, or at least a crop in two at college, and he and his father putting their experience and brains together to make the place a success. The blooded cattle come to grazing on those lands at random; neither the farmer nor horses nor sheep. It is guesswork that did it, but the farmer and son is contributing his share.

It also betokens that the style of the house is different from what it was forty some odd years ago. The young ladies anywhere do things now, it is the countess who has them. She has been from home enough to know how other girls dress and act, and she can't put anything over on her music to conversation. The girls are all proud of her, and she is nothing too good for dad. And who cares for expenses? Mr. Farmer.

As we went gliding by farmland, each one sitting in the motor on its own happy surroundings, carefully trimmed trees, the buildings at the back, the ship-shaped buildings, I wondered if anywhere in all the world one could find a more independent, self-sufficient, to-yourself feeling that goes along with being mistress of the farm country home.

The roads? They were fair for the most part, although they strike several petrified monuments that made us wonder why they didn't have that part of them fixed. No question about the roads would stand improving, believe if I were bossing the running of this country, I would

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Politically he was an active republican. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

He sold the farm and in 1906 moved to Hillsboro in Henry county. Here he took an active part in the business of Hillsboro Savings bank of which he had been president since its organization in 1900. In 1912 he was elected representative to the state legislature from that county, served one term and was not a candidate for reelection. He was a man of strong convictions and was always an earnest worker for best interests of his home, his community, his county, and his state.

His death was very unexpected. On Monday, April 10, 1916, he spent his morning about as usual doing chores about the place, went to the bank for the morning mail and returned home to do some work. He soon came to the house and told Mrs. Blackford that he felt unable to get his breath. She sent for a physician who gave him a heart tonic. Mr. Blackford's condition soon became alarming. Members of the family were sent for. He soon became unconscious and at one-thirty P. M. passed away, aged seventy-nine years, one month, and six days.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Hillsboro M. E. church with Rev. Pool of Mt. Pleasant officiating. Interment in Harrisburg cemetery.

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But they will be improved faster than they ever have been. Every mother's son is getting himself an automobile, and that he will see to it the roads are able between his place and his girl's.

These auto trips help, too. We all get out and fly around to see what other people are doing, how they are fixing up, and how home ambitious to do something. If every one along the road knew how their flower garden, flock of chickens loom up, or folks in the fleeing car, advance as it were that we are a progressive people, and the farmers are in the front rank of prosperity, it would encourage them to keep up with the work.

MOTHER GARRUD

J. H. WHITELEY,
Physician & Surgeon

Office in Opera House
Glasses Fitted.

BONAPARTE,

DR. E. L. COOK

subject of the following sketch taken from the Harlan (Ia.) Tribune as brother of O. H. Cook of Salem:

Dr. Elihu L. Cook, one of the oldest practicing physicians of the city, passed away at midnight Monday, after a brief illness from an attack of paralysis, followed by heart failure. He had been in uncertain health for a year.

Elihu L. Cook was born Feb. 8, 1839, of Quaker parents, on a farm in Noble county, Ohio, and came to Iowa with his parents two months later. He enlisted in Co. D. of the fourteenth Iowa Infantry, Oct. 21, 1861. He enlisted twice and left the service, Oct. 22, 1864, with the rank of lieutenant.

In 1876 he graduated from the college of Physicians and Surgeons at Harlan, practiced for thirteen years at Macedonia, Pottawattamie county. On March 1, 1888 he began practice at Harlan, where he has since resided. On December 1, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Pope, at Hillsboro, Henry county. Three of the four children born to them are living. Fred, in Colorado; Mrs. Dorcas, Omaha; Mrs. Mignonette Seely, Thedford, Neb. He is survived by his wife and these three children.

Dr. Cook has been successful in his professional and business life, and lives his family in excellent circumstances. He has taken an active part in the social and political life of the town and county, having served as mayor and for years as secretary of the pension board of medical examiners.

He was a close student, a man of pronounced opinions, and in his spare moments enjoyed the work of an amateur florist. He was a lover of their culture.

The funeral services were con-

HON. JOHN W. BLACKFORD

John W. Blackford, son of Aaron G. and Christine Blackford, was born on a farm near Dillsburg, York Co., Penn., March 4, 1837, and passed away at his home in Hillsboro, Ia., April 10, 1916, aged 79 years, 1 month and 6 days.

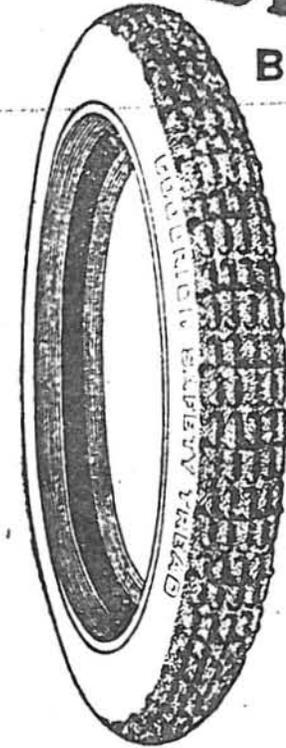
His parental ancestry was of Scotch descent, who came to this country in 1751. His mother was of Dutch descent. He grew to manhood in the locality of his birth, was educated in the country schools, and the York Co. academy. In his early manhood he taught school covering a period of ten years. May 30, 1860, he was married to Miss Nancy Altland of York Co., Penn. After residing there for a period of four years, the family moved to Van Buren, Co., Ia., settled on a farm, and engaged in general farming and stock raising, and a few years later in the breeding of pure bred Poland China hogs and Hereford cattle.

In 1879, when the American Poland China Record association was organized at Cedar Rapids, Ia., Mr. Blackford was one of its charter members, and was an officer in this association until the expiration of its charter in 1899. When the association was reorganized under the laws of Illinois, with its headquarters at Chicago, he served as a director until 1903, when he was elected its president, and also in 1904. In 1905 he became treasurer of the association and served in that capacity until his death. At the last annual meeting of this association, held in December, 1915, the board of directors and secretary, through Mr. McFadden, presented to him a silk umbrella with silver inlaid handle, as an expression of their appreciation of his efficient services.

In 1899 he helped to organize the Hillsboro Savings bank, and has always served as its president.

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Paul's. The members of the G.
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recent issue of the Des Moines
ister-Leader contains the follow-
in regard to Prof. D. S. Wright
was at one time Supt. of Whittier
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ory of Iowa is the record of Prof.
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rofessor and Mrs. Wright went to
a City last night to be guests of
at a banquet of Teachers and

on a farm, and engaged in general
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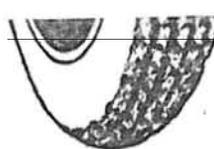
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the Thirty-fifth General assembly as
representative.

He was a member of the M. E.
church of Hillsboro for many years,
and his influence for good will long
be remembered by his neighbors and
friends.

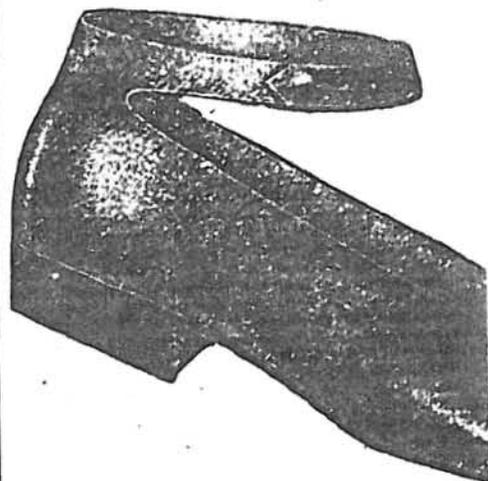
The funeral was held at the M. E.
church, conducted by Rev. T. S.
Pool of Mt. Pleasant, assisted by
Rev's Appel and Fix. W. M. Mc-
Fadden, secretary of the A. P. R. O.
association, gave a touching eulogy
on the life and character of the de-
ceased. The floral offerings were
beautiful and numerous, and the re-
mains of him who was an inspiration
and example to his family, a friend
to all, were laid to rest in the Har-
risburg cemetery, near the old home.

A wife, six sons and five daughters
survive him.—Hawkeye.



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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **John W Blackford**
 Census Date: 1885
 Residence County: Van Buren
 Residence State: Iowa
 Locality: Harrisburg
 Birth Location: Pennsylvania
 Family Number: 63
 Marital Status: Married
 Gender: Male
 Birth Year: abt 1838
 Line: 5
 Roll: IA1885_269

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John W Blackford	47
	Nancy Blackford	44
	Winfield S Blackford	25
	Clara E Blackford	22
	Effie C Blackford	20
	Raymon L Blackford	18
	Mattu M Blackford	16
	Rosa Blackford	14
	Aaron V Blackford	13
	George W Blackford	10
	William P Blackford	6
	Philip A Blackford	5
	June Blackford	1

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Original data: M of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society Iowa via Heritage Quest.

Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the informat requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)



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- *ID:* I28364370
- *Name:* John W. BLACKFORD
- *Given Name:* John W.
- *Surname:* Blackford
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 4 MAR 1837 in Dillsburg, York Co, PA
- *Death:* 10 APR 1916 in Hillsboro, Iowa

Father: Aaron Garretson BLACKFORD b: 30 OCT 1794 in York Co, PA
Mother: Christina MILLER b: in Perry Cty, PA

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Marriage 1 Nancy ALTLAND b: 19 SEP 1840 in Dillsburg, York Co, PA

- *Married:* 30 May 1860 in York Co, PA

Children

1. June Daisy BLACKFORD b: 28 June 1883 in Hillsboro, Iowa

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **John W. Blackford**
Death Date: 10 Apr 1916
Page #: 25
Birth Date: 04 Mar 1837
Cemetery: Vale
Town: Hillsboro
Level Info: *Van Buren, Iowa Records*

Source Information:

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Description:

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the Works Project Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the name of the deceased, birth date, death date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. Learn more...