

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Kepple, Presley Long Senator _____
Represented Chickasaw County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Jul 1857

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Pembrough 12 Dec 1893 Charles City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 36th, 37th, 38th General Assemblies 1915, 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster at Iowa for 11 years; township constable; Justice of the Peace; Chickasaw township trustee; member of Chickasaw and Iowa school boards; Iowa town councilman

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Mar 1940 Nashua, Iowa; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua, Iowa

8. Children Madge (Mrs. W.C. Hanson); Carl; Irulas; Glenn; Ralph (died in infancy); Madge (Mrs. C.M. Stein)

9. Names of parents Daniel and Elizabeth (Byers) Kepple

10. Education

Attended district school in his neighborhood in Chickasaw; later attended the Baptist Seminary at Orange, Iowa

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was one of the first white children born in Chickasaw County.
- His parents moved to the village of Chickasaw where he grew up on the Little Cedar River
- After marriage they lived on farm by Chickasaw for 9 years moving to Iowa farm in 1892
- Then he went into partnership with his brother John and Fred Kepple, in the General Merchandise Store for 10 years
- His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1920.

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P. L. Kepple, 82, a former
representative from Chickasaw
county in the Iowa Legislature,
and a life-long resident of the
county, died Tuesday noon at his
room in the Kirkland hotel, where
he had lived the last year and a
half.

Death was caused by Bright's
disease, from which he had been
seriously ill for the past few
weeks. Although he had not been
in good health for some time, Mr.
Kepple had been unusually active
for a person of his age until
overtaken by his final illness. Not
many weeks ago he was around
town getting signers for political
nomination papers for friends
who had decided to run for office.

Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held
tomorrow (Thursday).

There will be a short prayer
service for relatives at the Lundt
funeral home at 1:30, followed at
2 o'clock by the public funeral
at the First Congregational
church. Rev. F. L. Hanscom,
pastor, will officiate.

As was requested by Mr. Kep-
ple during his last illness, the
Masonic ritual will be performed
at the grave by the local lodge.
As he was also a member of the
Odd Fellows, he had likewise ex-
pressed a desire that members
of this order be invited to attend
the funeral in a body.

Burial will be made in the

Born at North Washington

Presley Long Kepple, the fourth
of seven sons of Daniel and
Elizabeth Byers Kepple, was born
at North Washington, Iowa, July
11, 1857, and passed away March
19, 1940, at the age of 82 years,
8 months and 7 days.

He was one of the first children
born in the first pioneer settle-
ments in Chickasaw county, and
was closely identified with the
county's development and history
throughout his life.

Moved to Chickasaw as a Boy

His parents moved to the vil-
lage of Chickasaw, which grew
up on the Little Cedar River,
when he was a small boy, and
he attended district school there.
He later attended the Baptist
Seminary a Osage, Iowa, for a
short time.

He was married to Elizabeth
Rumbaugh, at Charles City, Iowa,
Dec. 12, 1883. At the time of their
marriage she was teaching in the
school at Chickasaw. They had
been children together, having
started to school at the same
time in North Washington.

They lived on farms at and
near Chickasaw for nine years,
moving to Ionia in 1892.

**Storekeeper and Postmaster
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with his brothers, John and Fred
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He took pride in the fact that he voted for the adoption of the 18th Amendment, giving the right of equal suffrage to the women of Iowa. He voted for the right as he saw it in all things.

His long life was one guided by Christian charity, and the principle of the Golden Rule, and his good deeds were many. He believed that the right would triumph and was of an unusually hopeful, optimistic temperament.

He and his wife joined the Congregational church at Ionia, when they went there to establish their home, and both worked and supported it as long as they lived there.

Mrs. Kepple died in November, 1920.

Six Children

Six children were born to the couple: Madge, now Mrs. W. C. Hanson, Parkersburg, Iowa; Carl, of Independence, Iowa; Trula, of Washington, D. C.; Glenn, of Independence; Ralph, who died in infancy, and Gladys, Mrs. C. M. Finn, of Durand, Wis.

There are nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His brother, C. F. Kepple, of Garrison, Iowa, also survives him.

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THE WOMEN AND THE HOME PROJECT MEETING IN KEASLING DISTRICT



—Flashlight Photo by Bob Goodsell

Women have been attending the Women's Home Project Meeting in the Keasling school district, Chickasaw township, this year. In the afternoon, they prefer to go off into the other room and play cards. The women discuss their homemaking problems, but the men attend them "in class" when The Reporter's photographer visited the meeting at the Albert Wagner farm and took the above

At this time, the women had something of real interest to demonstrate to the men, and something the men can take part in making—making jam from a fruit box.

The picnic kit contains necessary dishes for a family picnic, thermos to keep drinks hot or cool, and even a first-aid kit for any emergency that may occur on a picnic. Always ready, the picnic kit makes an easy task for mother to prepare for a family outing.

In the picture, various features of the picnic kit are being demonstrated by Mrs. Edmund Poppe, kneeling at left, who is Home Project leader in the township; her assistant, Mrs. Earl Huffman, kneeling at extreme left, and Mrs. Lyle Huffman, standing at right. Mr. Huffman is Chickasaw township Home Project chairman.

The men in the picture, left to right, are: Edmund Poppe, John Frank Watson, who seems to be hiding behind Albert Wagner farm, Homer Frederici, Homer Huffman, Earl Huffman, and Lyle Huffman. Mr. Watson is present for roll call, even if it is hard to find him in the picture, only the top of his head being seen.)

The other women in the picture are, left to right: Mrs. Nels Watson, Mrs. Homer Huffman, Mrs. Ed Griffin, Mrs. Mrs. Frederici and Mrs. Kosky.