

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Rowley, John Watson Senator _____

Represented Van Buren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Jul 1846 New Jordan, Glaubrain County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Amanda Melvina "Millie" Thompson 25 Oct 1868 near Ames, Iowa
Van Buren County

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was the federal supervisor of the census of the Van Buren County area for 46 years.

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Newspaper editor and publisher of The Keosauqua Republican; farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 37th General Assembly 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local Van Buren County superintendent of schools

B. State Member of the Iowa State Board of Education

C. National Special supervisor of the census for the SE part of Iowa

7. Death 7 Sept 1921 Keosauqua, Iowa; buried Purdon Cemetery, Van Buren Township, Van Buren County, Iowa

8. Children Richard B.; Clinton C.; Frank W.; Lena A. (died 17 Mar 1873)

9. Names of parents Theodore B. and Emeline (Haton) Rowley

10. Education He was educated in the common schools for 8 years
at Utica, Iowa and attended high school at Des Moines, Iowa

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Republican
- He acquired a partnership in the Kossauqua
Republican newspaper in Nov 1879
 - He was a candidate for Iowa Governor for the Republican party, but
was defeated.
 - He was a member of the firm of Blow and Rowdy, editors and proprietors
of the Kossauqua Republican newspaper.
 - At age 8, with his parents, moved from New Lusk, Ohio to Van Buren County,
Iowa reaching their destination in Dec 1854 and located near Utica, Iowa.
 - From 1864-1875 he engaged in farming in the summer and taught school in
the winter months.
 - He lived at Utica, Iowa until 1879 when he moved to Kossauqua, Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			- <u>The State Line Democrat, Keosauqua, Iowa, Fri. Sept. 9, 1921, p. 1, col. 3</u>
- Portrait			- The original photo is located in the archive at the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Fourth, Des Moines, Iowa
- anc.stry.com			(accessed 31 Oct 2010)
- Familysearch.org			(accessed 31 Oct 2010)
- Findagrave.com			(accessed 31 Oct 2010)
- Portrait and Biographical Album of Jefferson and Van Buren Counties, Iowa			1893, p. 480
- Iowa Official Register			1917-1918, p. 336-337
- Home Journal			1923, p. 1955



J. W. Rowley and Bob,
Keosauqua, Iowa.
1906

HARDIN BREWSTER WEDNESDAY, 7TH

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TRAGIC DEATH OF JOHN W. ROWLEY

Dropped Dead From Heart Failure at Council Meeting Wednes- day Evening

WARNING OF DEATH

Mr. Rowley Was Prolog Propo- sition to Install Sewer System When He Was Stricken

Mr. John W. Rowley, senior editor
of the Keosauqua Republican, died
about 8:30 Wednesday evening, un-
der rather tragic circumstances,
while at a meeting of the town
council, of heart failure.

When the death summons came
Mr. Rowley was the central figure
of a large number of citizens of the
town, gathered to oppose or sup-
port, according to their individual



attitudes, a proposal to construct a
sanitary sewer system in Keosauqua.
Mr. Rowley was opposed to the plan
and had circulated a petition, remon-
strating against the plan and had
secured many signers.

A short time before the fatal mo-

AUTO OWNERS AND THE NEW LIGHT LAW

The following re-print concerning
the auto headlight law, from a re-
cent issue of the Des Moines Capital,
has the approval of Secretary of
State Ramsay, and is sent out by
him for the guidance of auto owners:

"When the State of Iowa started
the enforcement of the new auto-
mobile headlight law, September 1st,
there was no thought of placing the
responsibility anywhere except on
the shoulders of individual car
owners. It is for the owner himself
to make sure that he is not violating
the law. Inspection and certificates
are provided for the convenience of
the owners. The state automobile
department makes it clear that they
are not required by the new law. If
the owner can comply with the law
without the assistance of experts he
has a perfect right to do so. Nor
does it keep him out of the clutches
of the law if he relies on certificates;
for his lights may get out of focus
again soon after he has had them
inspected and adjusted.

It will pay car owners, however,
to make use of the assistance offered
by the state. It is reasonable to
assume that any court will consider
the owner's attitude toward the law
when time comes for fixing fines.
The owner who had used lenses and
devices officially approved by the
state highway commission and who
has had his lamps, bulbs and lenses
inspected and adjusted by an expert
will have excellent proof that he was
making a serious attempt to comply
with the law.

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RIVER RATS BEAT HUSMANN'S TEAM

Donald Jemison's base ball team—
the self-styled River Rats—played
their first game before a home
crowd last Monday afternoon, when
they defeated the Husmann team by
a score of 20 to 5. There was much
interest in the game, the youngsters
being top-heavy favorites with the
crowd.

The Rats were first at bat and got
one score across in their half of the
inning, and their opponents got one
in the last half. From that time on
the result was never in doubt. The
Rats played a snappy game all the
way, sending runners across the
plate inning after inning. There
was some good individual work done
by members of the opposing team,
but little effective team work.

"Shorty" McIntosh did some very
effective pitching for the River Rats,
scoring ten strike-outs, to two by
the opposing nitchers. The boys
hit like major leaguers, making 21
hits while their opponents were
garnering nine. Buckner cracked
out a home run when the bases were
full, along about the middle of the
game, which assured the result.

The River Rats will play the
Farmington team on the Husmann
grounds next Sunday at 2:30 and
hope to make amends for the poor
showing they made in their game at
Farmington.

Husmann Wins From Stockport

The Husmann team went to Stock-
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"Buzz" McIntosh was on the mound
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a Keosauqua visitor Wednesday.

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ceived a copy of the "Rainbow,"
official publication of Delta Ta
Delta, a college fraternity of which
her late husband was a member,
the paper containing Mr. Smith's
obituary. The paper was sent to
Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.
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the home and community lived so many years. The quiet country home has a scene of sociability a year ago last March ated their golden wednesday. Since then Mrs. ad gradually failing until death. The syme entire community goes husband and relatives in vement.

Afternoon, Rev. of Bloomfield officiating in the Center Chapel

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United States District Southern District of Western Division.

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h day of September, A. the filing and reading of the above named r his discharge herein,

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my hereto at my okuk, Iowa, the day and first above written. RENCE H. DICKEY, Referee in Bankruptcy.



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A short time before the fatal moment Mr. Rowley had been engaged in a heated discussion, and appeared to be considerably agitated. However, this stress had apparently passed, and when he was stricken he was engaged in reading the remonstrance—seemingly dispassionately. He suddenly ceased reading, uttered the single exclamation, "Oh!" and fell backward into the arms of those nearest him. His weak heart had been unable to bear the heavy strain placed upon it, and collapsed.

There is little doubt that Mr. Rowley's death was almost instantaneous. He was immediately carried outside, but life was probably extinct at that time.

News of the tragedy spread rapidly and stunned the entire citizenship. Sorrow over the passing of Mr. Rowley is universal.

For fifty years John W. Rowley had been active in the social, political, and business life of Van Buren county. For forty years he had been the dominant republican party leader in the county. A few years ago he was a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, receiving a substantial vote. Mr. Rowley had been county superintendent of schools, a member of the state board of education, member of the legislature, and for forty years was federal supervisor of the census for this part of Iowa. He acquired a partnership in the Keosauqua Republican in November, 1879, and had since been one of the publishers and its guiding genius.

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School Notes

School opened Monday with a large attendance. The total enrollment in the grades is 161; and in the high school 143. The freshmen outnumber the other three classes, but the juniors are nearly up to them. There are 46 freshmen, 37 sophomores, 41 juniors, 18 seniors, and one post-graduate. This is the largest high school enrollment ever had here.

Football practice has begun in earnest, with Mr. Beall as coach. The first game this season will be played at Milton on Saturday, September 17. We hope the boys will bring home the "bacon."

There are 35 pupils taking the normal training course.

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Roland B. and Clinton C. of this place, and Frank W. of Des Moines.

Funeral services will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2:30, in charge of Elder Hoff of the Christian church. Burial in Purdom cemetery,

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—Mrs. George F. Smith has received a copy of the "Rainbow," official publication of Delta Tau Delta, a college fraternity of which her late husband was a member, the paper containing Mr. Smith's obituary. The paper was sent to Mrs. Smith by Captain Ralph Smith Roberts, who is a member of the same fraternity.

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Church in June, 1850, and continued his connection with that organization until the spring of 1872. As there was no longer a house of worship in the place of his residence, he united with the Congregational Church in the spring of 1877. In his early life he was a supporter of the Democracy, but in 1856, on the organization of the Republican party in Van Buren County, he joined its ranks and has since been one of its stalwart supporters. He was the first candidate of his party for the office of State Representative but was defeated by ten votes, the county having a Democratic majority.



JOHN W. ROWLEY, of the firm of Sloan & Rowley, editors and proprietors of the *Keosauqua Republican*, is a native of Ohio. He was born in New Garden, Columbiana County, July 23, 1846, and is a son of Theodore B. Rowley, who was born in Victor, N. Y., August 6, 1817. Coming to Ohio during childhood, Theodore Rowley formed the acquaintance of Miss Emeline Watson, who was born in New Lisbon, Ohio, August 5, 1820, and on the 18th of May, 1842, they were united in marriage. Unto them were born three children: Anna, who died in childhood; John W., of this sketch, and Lavina.

When a lad of eight years, with his parents, John W. Rowley removed from New Lisbon, Ohio, to Van Buren County, Iowa. They reached their destination in December, 1854, and the following spring located near Utica. Our subject received a common-school education and for eight years, from 1867 to 1875, engaged in farming during the summer months, while the winter season was spent in teaching. He continued his residence in the vicinity of Utica until 1879. He was married to Miss Amanda M. Thompson, daughter of Elder David Thompson, near Bonaparte, Iowa, October 27, 1868. She was born in Highland County, Ohio, October 27, 1849. Three children, sons, grace their union—Roland B., Frank W. and Clinton C. They also lost one child, Lena A., their only daughter, who

was the second in order of birth. She died on the 17th of March, 1873.

Mr. Rowley has been a member of the Christian Church since 1867, and in politics he is a stalwart supporter of Republican principles. In 1875, he was elected on that ticket to the position of Superintendent of Schools, of Van Buren County, in which he served until January 1, 1880. On the 15th of November of the previous year he purchased an interest in the *Keosauqua Republican*, and in the latter part of the month removed with his family to Keosauqua, from his farm in Cedar Township. He is still one of the proprietors of the paper, which is devoted to the interests of the county and the Republican party. Its owners are business men of merit and progressive citizens of the community in which they make their home. In 1880 Mr. Rowley was appointed by President Hayes to the position of United States Supervisor of Census, having under his jurisdiction twenty counties. Soon afterward he was appointed a member of the State Educational Board and served four years, most of the time acting as its Secretary. In 1890 he received an appointment from President Harrison to the position of Supervisor of Census, his territory including twenty-one counties, and in that work he is engaged at the writing of this sketch.



CALVIN HAYDEN DOUGHTY, a representative farmer of Buchanan Township, Jefferson County, residing on section 34, springs from one of the early families of South-eastern Iowa. His father, John W. Doughty, was born in East Tennessee on the 15th of April, 1818, and with his widowed mother removed to Sangamon County, Ill., where he grew to manhood. After reaching years of maturity he determined to try his fortune beyond the Mississippi, and about 1835 made his way on foot to Henry County, Iowa, where his mother later joined him. There, on the 1st of December, 1836, he married Gracie A. Hut-ton, a native of Middle Tennessee. Her birth

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HON. JOHN W. ROWLEY

Mr. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable John W. Rowley, of Van Buren county, beg leave to submit the following report:

John Watson Rowley, son of T. B. and Emeline Rowley, was born July 23, 1846, at New Garden, Columbiana county, Ohio, and passed away in Keosauqua, Iowa, Wednesday evening, September 7, 1921, at 8:30 o'clock, aged 75 years, 1 month and 15 days. In the fall of 1854, Mr. Rowley emigrated with his parents to Iowa, settling near Utica, Van Buren county, where he resided until he reached manhood. In the year 1868, October 27, he was married to Amanda Melvina Thompson of near Bonaparte, Iowa. In the year 1879 Mr. Rowley moved to Keosauqua where he has lived since that time.

Mr. Rowley was one of the editors of the Keosauqua Republican for about forty-two years. He was elected county superintendent of Van Buren county in 1875 and served four years in that capacity. He also was appointed four different times as census supervisor of southeastern Iowa district. He was well informed on political questions and issues whether national, state, or county and being of an aggressive nature he instinctively took to politics and delighted in its accompanying excitement. For years he had been a conspicuous figure among the political leaders of the county, and none wielded more influence. Nor was his influence confined to the county, his campaign for nomination for governor in 1914, and his term as representative from Van Buren county in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, gave him a statewide reputation as one who had convictions and courage to defend them. Conservatism was one of his marked characteristics and his motto was to cling to the tried and true. Mr. Rowley was a conspicuous figure in the legislature. He had the courage of his convictions, and although sometimes in the minority he commanded the respect of his colleagues for his sincerity of purpose. He was particularly interested in measures affecting the public schools and his work as chairman of the committee on schools and textbooks was a factor in enacting important school legislation in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly. The state would benefit by having more men of Mr. Rowley's ideals in its legislature.

In the death of John W. Rowley the state has lost a useful citizen, his life and public services were of high character and he will be remembered as an ideal patriot, citizen, neighbor and friend.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of John W. Rowley the state has lost one of its most loyal citizens and that the House recognizes the high character of his services to the state and takes this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public services and to extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this House and that the chief clerk transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

W. J. DOOLEY,
FRANK C. LAKE,
OSCAR ULSTAD.

Committee.

Adopted April 12, 1923.

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Parents

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Amanda Melvina "Nellie" Thompson](#) Disc #114 Pin #250032

Marriage: 25 Oct 1868
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Home in 1880:	Keosauqua, Van Buren, Iowa												
Age:	33												
Estimated birth year:	abt 1847												
Birthplace:	Ohio												
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)												
Spouse's name:	Amanda Rowley												
Father's birthplace:	New York												
Mother's birthplace:	Ohio												
Neighbors:	View others on page												
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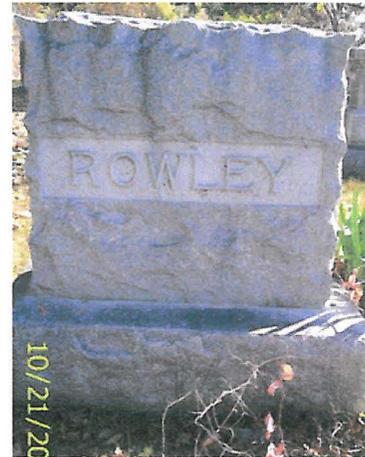
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