

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hamill Smith Senator _____

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3. Jul 1815 Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nancy McIndless 30 Jan 1838

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Iowa State Insurance Company; president of the Keokuk National Bank

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Grocer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 3rd General Assembly 1850

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 8 Nov 1895 Keokuk, Iowa. Buried

8. Children David B.; L. A.; Maria (Mrs. Carey); J. (Mrs. Keene);
H. M. (Mrs. Louisa); Carrie; Mary; Mrs. Brown; Mrs. Howard L. Linton;
Mrs. Albert McCall

9. Names of parents John Hamill

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- In 1846 they emigrated to Keokuk, Iowa where he bought land and farmed for a time.
 - In 1852 he engaged in the retail grocery business in Keokuk, which later grew into a wholesale grocery house
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HON. SMITH HAMILL DEAD

Keokuk's Venerable and Re-
spected Citizen Called to
His Reward.

DEATH WAS NOT UNEXPECTED.

Brief Sketch of the Early and Later
Life of One Who is Known and
Loved by All.

Hon. Smith Hamill, the honored
head of the wholesale grocery house
of Smith Hamill & Co., died at 1:30
o'clock this morning at his residence,
610 Morgan street. He was one of
the grandest of God's noblemen.
His death has been daily expected,
still the announcement comes as a
sad surprise to the thousands in Keo-
kuk who know and loved him. For
years the care of the business has
been in the hands of Mr. Hamill's
sons, he spending much of his time
in the enjoyment of a well-earned
ease.

At the bedside when the summons
came were his wife and the follow-
ing children: Sons, David B., L. A.
and daughters, Mesdames Marie
Carey, R. G. Horne and H. M.



HON. SMITH HAMILL.
Lourie, and Misses Carrie and Mary
Hamill. Resides those just men-



WASHINGTON, NOV. 8.—IOWA—
Fair in northwest; local showers,
followed by fair in southeast; north-
erly winds.

Illinois—Generally cloudy weather
and rain; northerly winds; colder in
southern portion.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

KEOKUK, NOV. 7 1898

Local forecast for Keokuk and vicinity for
24 hours ending 8 p. m. Friday. Cloudy,
much colder.

	Temperature	Weather.
Havre, Mont.	2	Cloudy
Bismarck, N. D.	5	Cloudy
Huron, S. D.	20	Snow
North Platte, Neb.	22	Clear
Omaha	31	Rain
Kansas City	30	Rain
Dodge City, Kan.	32	Rain
Port Smith, Ark.	32	-----
Des Moines	32	Rain
St. Paul	37	Cloudy
La Crosse	37	-----
Davenport	37	Rain
Keokuk	35	Foggy
St. Louis	50	Cloudy

Observations taken at all stations at 8 a. m.
Stage of river and change in past 24 hours—
St. Paul, —; rise, —; La Crosse, —; fall —;
Davenport, Ia., 0.1; rise, 0.0; Nashville, 0.5;
fall, 0.0; Keokuk, 0.3; rise, 0.1; St. Louis,
2.2; fall 0.1.

Keokuk observations at 7 p. m.—Barometer,
30.12; temperature, 41; N. W.; Cloudy; pre-
cipitation, .20 inch; maximum temperature,
48; minimum temperature, 41; stage of river
at 5 p. m., 0 foot 4 tenths; change in past 24
hours, rise 2 tenths.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

enterprises among others, the Iowa
State Insurance company of which
he was president, and the Keokuk
National bank.

The United Presbyterian church of
Keokuk owes more to Mr. Hamill
than to any other man. He helped
organize the first Sunday school
of that denomination in Loe county
and was its first superintendent and
continued as such and was superin-
tendent of the Keokuk school over
forty years, resigning because of the
weight of years Jan. 1, 1893. The
first school was organized in the fall
of 1847 under the name of Associate
Presbyterian Sunday school. Under
the shade of the forest trees about
five miles west of the city where the
brick school now stands, now known
as the Kerr school house, these
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through the influence of Mr. Hamill
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Presbyterian farmer. And Mr. Hamill's children have listened to their grandfather's tales of that great struggle, now embalmed in the romance of history. Until manhood Smith Hamill remained with his parents. In 1838 he and Miss Nancy McCandless were married.

Much of romance was intertwined in these two lives which for fifty-seven years had run parallel in the holy estate of wedlock. Indeed, they might be said to have run parallel from their cradles; and if it is true that the angels in heaven plot the happy marriages of earth, and if there is truth in the predestination of soul for soul, it would seem that these twain were indeed one flesh. Mrs. Hamill was also of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian ancestry and her ancestors also fought in the cause of American liberty in the revolution. Before the same altar in that old Presbyterian church in Pennsylvania on the same day Mr. and Mrs. Hamill in infancy received from the hands of Rev. David Emory the ordinance of baptism. Together their childhood days were spent. At the same school they received instruction. In all affairs of their native community they shared equally. It was the most natural thing in the world that they should have been sweethearts in their tender years and lovers when they had grown more mature and that marriage should have been the consummation.

In 1846 they were caught in the westward flow of the tide of civilization and the march of empire, and came to Keokuk. This was then a primitive settlement, and its development to its present stage is due in no small degree to Mr. Hamill's accomplishments and to the influences he set on foot. At first he followed the occupation to which he was born, and his first investment was in land in the Half-Breed tract. The title to his property proved valueless because of the unsettled condition of that tract at that time. In 1852 he embarked in the retail grocery business in this city. It was a little store, but out of that business has grown the present wholesale house. Fortune has smiled upon him because he was beserving and the God he has so faithfully served has rewarded his service in material as well as spiritual bounty. Mr. Hamill was interested in other business

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Methodist Church Extension Society.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The Church Extension society of the Methodist Episcopal church began its session here today, with fourteen bishops and about forty laymen in attendance. The report of the board of extension showed receipts on the general fund available for donations to needy churches during the past year to have been \$171,337. On the loan fund receipts \$245,438. Loans returned by churches which had been helped amounted to \$51,000 which, the report said, was a most encouraging feature. There was a decrease of sixty in the number of churches aided below last year. The decline in receipts noticed during the past few years is attributed partly to the general financial depression and partly to heavy gifts made to a few churches.

Money Order Record Broken.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—The money order department of the Chicago post-office today paid out more money in cashing money orders than was ever before paid out in any similar office on any one day. Total payments for the day aggregated over \$105,000, the exact amount not being obtainable until late tonight. This is the first time in the history of the money order department that daily payments at one office have reached a sum over \$100,000. In addition to \$105,000, which represents the amount that went through the clearing house, there was \$15,000 paid out by clerks at a window in the postoffice building.

appeared further agitated the party may have pronounced split and the result to the democracy.

Nov. 7.—The Republican newspaper, always a stalwart of Governor McKinley for president and Bradley for vice-president. The Leader says: Bradley as the first honor Kentucky ever in a vice presidential magnitude. McKinley stand for protection money, the issues upon which his campaign will be

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Louise, and Misses Carrie and Mary Hamill. Besides those just mentioned the following children survive him: Mrs. Judge Bruce, Montgomery, Ala., Mrs. Rev. Thos. L. Sexton of Seward, Neb., and Mrs. Albert McCalla of Chicago.

No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made.

July 23 of the present year Mr. Hamill reached the age of "three score years and twenty." He was born in 1815 in Lawrence county, Pa., his father, John Hamill, having been a staunch old Scotch-Irish Presbyterian farmer. And Mr. Hamill's children have listened to their grandfather's tales of that great struggle, now embalmed in the romance of history. Until manhood Smith Hamill remained with his parents. In 1838 he and Miss Nancy McCandless were married.

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through the influence of Mr. Hamill and Robert Kerr, the settlers united in the construction of a log house which served as a place of meeting for many years. In 1852 Mr. Hamill removed to Keokuk and in 1853 he was instrumental in organizing the Keokuk school and was made its superintendent. The first meeting was in the building adjoining the Iowa State Insurance company building on South Second street. The scholars sat on benches, sang the Psalms instead of songs, had neither choir, organ nor lesson papers. They studied the bible and the catechism only. The school was held in various halls in the years that followed until 1867 when the church was built on Ninth and Blondeau streets, and the basement used as a school room, as it is now.

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