

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Anderson, J. M. (John M.) Senator _____

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Jul 1818 Montgomery County, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place

Electa Miles 1 Jan 1843

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Odd Fellows; Mason

C. Profession Physicians; mercantile business

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 4th General Assembly 1852

6. Public Offices

A. Local Lee County, treasurer; mayor of Montrose; Justice of the Peace; school trustee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Moras J. (Mrs. C. M. Horn); Lillie C. (Mrs. L. J. Crane); Josephine; Frank; Augusta (predeceased by father in death); Viola (predeceased by father in death)

9. Names of parents William and Francis (Anderson) Anderson

10. Education He received his primary education while living at Quincy, Illinois

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- He moved with his parents to Quincy, Illinois in 1829 and to Van Buren County, Iowa in 1836, moved to Montrose, Iowa in Lee County in 1844.
- He taught school for 2 years while living in Van Buren County, Iowa.
- In 1837 he studied medicine in the office of Dr. Miles for 3 years.
- He began medical practice in Van Buren County, Iowa and then moved his practice to Lee County in 1844.
- He tried the mercantile business at Farmington in Van Buren County, Iowa. His partners took the goods for sale, the proceeds and went to Iowa.

THE
HISTORY
OF
LEE COUNTY,
IOWA,

CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Lee County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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Wolter, William, far., Sec. 5.

Woodward, A., river pilot.

Wright, John, engineer.

Wright, Thomas, engineer.

WRIGHT, ROSANNA, MRS.,

formerly Miss Rosanna Irvin; was born in Virginia; came to Indiana, where she married Thomas Wright in 1827; he was a native of South Carolina and was born in 1801; they lived in Indiana about ten years, then removed to Illinois, where they lived until coming here in 1851; Mr. Wright died of cholera in 1850, leaving nine children—Margaret (now Mrs. Henderson, who lives here), Mary, Perry C. (living South), Thomas W. (an engineer), Caroline (now Mrs. Col. Sanford, of Marshalltown), Nancy M. (now Mrs. Samuel Atlee), Ella (now Mrs. Strain, living in California), John T. (an engineer), Artemisia (now Mrs. Myers, of Kansas); during the war, Perry C. en-

listed, served as ensign in the navy and had charge of the tug dispatch-boat Ivy.

WRIGHT, SAMUEL, retired; was born in England in 1812; he learned the trade of machinist and emigrated to America in 1832, and lived in Ohio until he came here, in 1840, and located in Lee Co.; has made a farm close by Keokuk, where the west part of the city now stands; he was engaged in steamboating for fifteen years, acting as engineer. He married Miss Leonora Dowd, of Missouri, in July, 1874; she is a native of Vermont. When Mr. Wright began life, he had nothing; has earned what he acquired by his own industry.

YAEKEL, GEORGE, expressman.

ZIMMERMAN, F., cabinet-maker.

ZOOK, JACOB, fruit-grower.

MONTROSE TOWNSHIP.

A DAMS, A., far., Sec. 24; P. O. Montrose.

Adams, W. J., far., S. 24; P. O. Montrose.

Anderson, Andrew, far., Sec. 31; P. O. Summitville.

Anderson, Frank, harness-maker, Montrose.

Anderson, J. G., far., Sec. 13; P. O. Montrose.

Anderson, Geo., boat builder, Montrose.

ANDERSON, JOHN M., M. D.,

Montrose; was born in 1818, in Kentucky; he removed from Kentucky to Quincy, Ill., in 1829, and to Van Buren Co., Iowa, in 1836; he came to Montrose in 1844; he received his medical education in Van Buren Co. He was married in 1843, to Electa Miles, a native of Vermont; they have had six children; four now living—Flora J., Frank, Josephine and Lilly; two deceased—Augusta and Viola. The Doctor has been engaged in the practice of medicine, in Montrose, for thirty-five years; has also been engaged in the mercantile business; was a member of the Legislature in 1851 and 1856.

Andrews, W. C., Jr., far., Sec. 3; P. O. Montrose.

BALLEAU I. P., carpenter, Montrose.

Ballinger, F. M., far., Sec. 36; P. O. Sandusky.

Ballinger, Wm., far., Sec. 35; P. O. Keokuk.

Barber, J. P., Rapids pilot, Montrose.

Barrett, Wm., Sec. 24, Montrose.

Bassett, Wm., farmer, Sec. 7; P. O. Montrose.

BECKLEY, CHARLES A.,

farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Montrose; Mr. Beckley was born in Lawrence Co., Ohio, in 1831; his father, Solomon Beckley, was a pioneer of Lee Co.; he came to Farmington, Van Buren Co., in 1841, and removed in 1844, to Montrose, where he engaged in mercantile business for one year; he then purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his son Charles; he was a member of the Presbyterian Church for fifty years, always contributing liberally to the support of the Gospel. Ever laboring in

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republican caucus was nominated for president of the same. During the balloting, however, a deadlock occurred which resulted in the election of Judge Mason, of Nebraska City. While acting in this capacity he rendered very efficient service, and was placed on some of the important committees. During the second session of the council he was one of the committee who prepared the constitution of Nebraska, which was afterward adopted. He was also author of the celebrated "Chapman Election Law," the purpose of which was to protect the purity of the ballot box. Although his business career was one of peculiar activity he found time for general reading, and kept himself posted upon the current news of the day. He is a man of literary tastes, and having some aspirations in that line, in the year 1865 became editor of the "Omaha Republican." He was also, during that year, chief clerk in the office of Colonel E. B. Taylor, superintendent of Indian affairs of the northern superintendency. In the summer of the ensuing year (1866) he purchased an interest in the "Council Bluffs

Nonpareil," and took up his residence in that city. He is at present editor-in-chief and principal proprietor of that paper. In 1869 he was elected county treasurer, and was reelected in 1871. He was also appointed, by President Grant, United States marshal for Iowa in March, 1875.

In local enterprises he has been especially active, and has done much toward the growth and development of his city. He has been president of the Merchants' Exchange Club, and is now (1877) one of the committee of eight—called the railroad committee—whose office is to look after and protect the interests of Council Bluffs in all railroad matters appertaining to the city.

In religious sentiment he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Chapman was married, in 1858, to Miss Ada Annagene Gillett, of Jamestown, New York, a daughter of Rev. Dr. E. J. Gillett, who is now president of the Keokuk Medical College. Mrs. Chapman is a lady of fine accomplishments, and highly esteemed by all who know her. Their family consists of two daughters.

J. M. ANDERSON, M.D.,

MONTROSE.

THE subject of this sketch, a native of Montgomery county, Kentucky, was born on the 11th of July, 1818, the son of William and Francis Anderson, both of whom were natives of Virginia. His father died at Montrose in 1861, and his mother, in October, 1876, at the age of eighty-five years.

Our subject removed to the west in 1828, and settled at Quincy, Illinois. During the cholera epidemic of 1833 the family removed about sixteen miles into the country, where they remained three years. An incident which occurred about this time is worthy of note, since it was the means of casting him upon his own resources, and doubtless shaped, in a measure, his subsequent course of life. His father sent him, in company with another young man, with a stock of goods to Farmington, Van Buren county, Iowa, with a view to opening a store. Upon reaching Alexandria, Missouri, his partner was taken ill, and he returned home to await his recovery. After ten days he went again to Alexandria, and found that his partner had not only recovered, but had also sold the stock of goods and, pocketing the proceeds, had gone to Texas. It was

a sad disappointment to young Anderson, and being unwilling to return home he went on foot to Farmington, and at once engaged in teaching school. He continued that vocation there and in Clark county, Missouri, about two years, and then returning to Farmington, spent six months working as a day laborer.

At the expiration of that time he entered the office of Dr. Miles, formerly of Vermont, and during the next two years zealously pursued the study of medicine. In 1840 Dr. Miles went to New Orleans for his health, and there died of yellow fever, leaving his business in the hands of Dr. Anderson, who continued in practice at Farmington until 1844, when he removed to Montrose, his present home.

At that time the old barracks were still standing; the population numbered about two hundred; rank weeds covered the ground, breeding malaria and ague, and pale faces and general lassitude marked the appearance of the inhabitants. There were several "steam doctors" in the place, and the Mormons were treating diseases literally according to the direction of St. James: "Is any man sick among you,

let him call in the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil," etc.

Against the prejudices incident to such a state of society Dr. Anderson was obliged to contend, but persevering in an upright, honorable course, he mastered every difficulty and overcame every opposition, and fully established himself in the respect and confidence of the people. For thirty-three years he has continued in the practice of his profession at Montrose and vicinity, and, having been eminently successful, has attained a wide reputation and accumulated a liberal competence.

Although Dr. Anderson is not a man of great physical strength, he has passed through all these years, subject at times to great exposure and fatigue, with scarcely any loss of time from illness. He has not been sick more than a week during this entire period of more than thirty years, a fact attributable to his thorough knowledge of himself and a strict observance of the laws of health.

Aside from his profession, Dr. Anderson has been honored by his fellow-citizens with many positions of trust.

In political sentiment, he is a conservative democrat. In 1850, 1851 and 1856, he was a member of the state legislature, and during his first term was chairman of the committee on schools and universities. He took an active part in legislation during his terms of office, and became widely known as a man of clear foresight and good judgment.

A marked characteristic of Dr. Anderson during his entire career has been his untiring energy and enterprise. A man of strong will and a determined purpose, he turned the whole current of his life force into one channel, and as a result has secured that reward and success which must follow persistent, honorable effort.

He was married to Miss Electa A. Miles, a daughter of his early preceptor; they have had one son and five daughters, of whom four are now living.

JAMES F. EVANS,

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

THE subject of this brief biography is a man whose life-work well illustrates what may be accomplished by persistent, energetic and honorable effort. He was born in Huntsville, Alabama, on the 9th of October, 1825. His father, James Evans, was a farmer by occupation, and a man of high character.

Our subject received a fair education, attending school at Jacksonville, Illinois, and closing his studies at the age of seventeen, turned his attention to farming. He continued that occupation with varying success until the year 1864, when, on the 8th of November, he settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa. During the next three years he was engaged in the transportation of goods, groceries, provisions, etc., to the mining districts of Colorado, Montana and Utah. He was also, for three years, engaged in the lumber trade, and at the close of that time (about 1870) began dealing in grain. In this business he has been very successful and is vigorously prosecuting it at the present time (1877).

His business career has been one of gradual growth, and he has established a wide reputation as a business man of sterling integrity, shrewd tact and decided action; this he has acquired by long

years of experience. During his early life in Illinois he underwent great inconvenience in getting his produce, stock, etc., to market; but persevering he overcame all obstacles, and toiling on through every vicissitude has attained to his present high standing, where he is reaping a bountiful reward for all his effort. He has confined his attention to no single line of business exclusively, but being alive to the necessities of the times, and the demands of trade, has carefully watched his opportunities, and thus been enabled to make profitable and judicious investments. He now ships large quantities of grain to the eastern cities, and is also extensively interested in the shipment of cattle and hogs. He owns a large interest in the elevator at Council Bluffs, and besides is connected with several elevators along the line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, and of the Burlington and Missouri railroad in Nebraska. He owns a part interest in a large stock ranch in Wyoming, the object of which is to raise cattle for the eastern market. The present year (1877) there are about ten thousand head of cattle on the ranch. The amount of grain annually shipped by his firm varies from one to two millions of bushels.

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has established for himself a fine reputation both as a priest and scholar.

A lithographic view of St. Mary's Church is shown on other page of this work.



DR. JOHN M. ANDERSON is the pioneer physician of the Old School in Linn County, and was the first physician of this kind to make a permanent location in the village of Montrose. He crossed the Father of Waters in 1833, while Iowa was yet a Territory, and with his parents came first to Dubuque. His father, not being satisfied with the outlook, went back to Illinois, and remained there until 1836. Then he retraced his steps and located in Van Buren County, Iowa, and in 1846 came to Montrose, which he made his home until his death.

Dr. John M. Anderson is a native of Montgomery County, Ky., the date of his birth being July 11, 1818. His parents were William and Francis (Anderson) Anderson. The father was born in 1790, and departed this life in Montrose, in 1863. His wife, born in 1790, survived her husband twelve years, dying in 1875. The parental household consisted of five children, of whom the record is as follows: Henry B. was a soldier in the Mexican War and died in the army; B. F. died in Ft. Madison, Iowa, some years ago; John, the subject of our sketch, was the second son; I. N. is deceased, and his remains are interred at Keokuk; H. B. went into the late war and has not been heard from since.

The marriage of John M. Anderson and Miss Electa Miles was celebrated on New Year's Day, 1843. Mrs. A. was born Oct. 8, 1819, and is the daughter of David S. and Electa Miles, a prominent family in Vermont, who left their native State and emigrated to Iowa at an early date in its history. Of this union four children have been born, the record being as follows: Flora J. became the wife of C. M. Horn, who is now deceased; Lillie C. married L. F. Crane, and he is also deceased; Josephine and Frank P. are unmarried. These young

people are well educated, being graduates of Montrose public schools.

Dr. Anderson received his primary education at Quincy, Ill., and while a young man engaged in teaching in Van Buren County, Iowa. He remained thus occupied for two years, and in 1837 engaged in the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Miles, of Vermont, with whom he remained for three years. He entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Van Buren County, Iowa, removing to Lee County in 1844. He is a student of the regular Allopathic School, and in his professional duties, covering a period of forty-two years in this locality, has met with marked success. He has been a prominent man in his county, and is now holding the position of Treasurer. He has also served as a member of the Iowa Legislature for two terms, the duties of which office he transacted with great credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He was first elected on the Democratic ticket, and was his own successor in the office the second term by the votes of both parties.

Dr. Anderson has been Mayor of Montrose for eight terms, and has served as Justice of the Peace for fifteen years. The educational interests of this vicinity have received material aid at his hands, he having served as School Trustee and occupied other important positions among the educational interests of Lee County. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has received all of the degrees of the Subordinate Lodge of that order. He also belongs to the A. F. & A. M., has taken the Royal Arch degrees, and filled the Chair in the East, in Blue Lodge, for several years. Religiously he is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically is an uncompromising Democrat.

When Dr. Anderson first came into the Hawkeye State, it was a Territory, peopled principally by wild animals and Indians, the Sacs and Foxes being very numerous. He witnessed the stabbing of Keokuk by one of the Blackhawk tribe, and dressed his wounds, and upon more than one occasion he had conversation with Black Hawk, the celebrated chief. The experience of this honored old pioneer would fill an interesting volume, and the changes which have transpired since he first

crossed the Father of Waters have been witnessed by him with intense satisfaction and delight. Not only was he a witness of the development and growth of the Hawkeye State, but he assisted materially in the advance of civilization in this section by his sensible and intelligent advice and his more material aid whenever opportunity afforded, and as one of the band of choice and brave spirits who first assisted in marking out a path for civilization, he is held in peculiar veneration and respect.



REV. S. F. WIELAND, Rector of St. James Catholic Church at St. Paul, in this county, is a native of Dungannon, Columbiana Co., Ohio, and was born Oct. 1, 1842. He has been finely educated, pursuing his studies at St. Mary's College, Cleveland, Ohio, St. Charles College near Baltimore, Md., and St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wis., completing his course in the latter. His first charge was at Lyons, Clinton Co., Iowa, where he remained six and one-half years, and the next was at Baur, Marion County, this State. In April, 1884, Rev. Mr. Wieland came to St. Paul and took charge of his present church, which under his ministrations has greatly flourished. Not only has he succeeded in building up the congregation at this place, but he has also assisted in building and furnishing one of the neatest church edifices in the county. He is genial and courteous in manner, and this, together with his talents and learning, have made him a favorite in this community, where he is highly esteemed by all classes, both within his own charge and among the other denominations.



CHRISTIAN ROCKEY, of Charleston Township, has been a resident of Lee County since 1845, in which year he came to this section with his parents, John and Elizabeth Rockey. They were natives of Germany, who after their emigration to the United States, settled first in Ohio, and thence came to Iowa, making their home in Lee County, where they remained

until their lives terminated. Our subject was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in October, 1841, and after coming to Iowa lived in Lee County until 1864. He then went to McLean County, Ill., where he remained for one year, and then enlisted in the 94th Illinois Infantry, serving one year afterward until the close of the war.

Mr. Rockey then returned to Lee County, and on the 25th of October, 1866, was married, in Harrison Township, his wife's birthplace, to Miss Julia Schweer, who was born Oct. 3, 1844. Her parents were Conrad and Caroline Schweer, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in 1830, came into Iowa and located in Harrison Township, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Rockey have become the parents of seven children, six of whom survive—William, Lizzie, Frank, Frederick, Minnie and Otto; Allie died when an infant five months old.

Mr. Rockey is Democratic in politics, and takes an active interest in the moral and educational welfare of his community. He has been School Director and Road Supervisor, and in other respects enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen. His homestead comprises eighty acres, with a good residence, barn and outhouses, and he and his family are surrounded with all the comforts of life.



CHARLES L. BECKER, of Keokuk, a prominent factor in the business community of the city, is successfully engaged in trade, dealing in hardware, cutlery, iron and wagon material, agricultural implements, cement and plaster, his place of business being located on Main street. Mr. Becker is a native of the German Empire, and was born on the 17th of February, 1836. In accordance with the laws and customs of his native country he entered school at an early age and remained until fifteen years old. He then sailed for America, landing in New York City, whence he shortly proceeded to Schenectady, and engaged as a broom-maker for the following five years. In 1856 he decided to try his fortunes in the new West, and made his first entrance into the Gate City. He en-



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **J. M. Anderson**
 Home in 1880: Montrose, Lee, Iowa
 Age: 61
 Estimated birth year: abt 1819
 Birthplace: Kentucky
 Relation to head-of-household: *Self (Head)*
 Spouse's name: Electa A.
 Father's birthplace: Virginia
 Mother's birthplace: Virginia
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Physician
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>J. M. Anderson</u>	61
	<u>Electa A. Anderson</u>	60
	<u>Josephine Anderson</u>	26
	<u>Frank Anderson</u>	24

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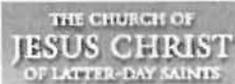
Other Information:

Birth Year	<1819>
Birthplace	KY
Age	61
Occupation	Physician
Marital Status	M <Married>
Race	W <White>
Head of Household	J. M. ANDERSON
Relation	Self
Father's Birthplace	VA
Mother's Birthplace	VA

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