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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Nisher

Maturin L. - Represented Dobson, Delaware, Buchanan, Black Hawk, Butler, Grundy, Bremer, Clayton, Fayette, Allamakee, Winneshiek, Howard, Mitchell, Floyd and Chickasaw Counties, Iowa.

1. Birthday and place 3 April 1807 / 10 June 1807 Danville, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Caroline Pratt 1842

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1852, 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State In 1857 he was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, Trustee of Mt. Pleasant Insane Asylum in 1860-1872. President of the Senate and Lieutenant Governor 1854 & 1856

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 5 Feb 1879. Farmington Township, Clayton County, Iowa; buried Windsor Cemetery

8. Children Mrs. Alonzo Burlingame; Louis J.

9. Names of parents Lewis

10. Education

11. Degrees

Brown University - graduate with high honors in studying law

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- After graduating from college he began to study law with Hon. Isaac Davis of Worcester, Massachusetts
- In 1835 he appointed librarian of the American
- In 1849 he moved to Iowa, settling on a farm in Clayton County



He was originally a Democrat but became a Republican during the war period. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Chicago which, in 1868, nominated General Grant for President and was chosen one of the secretaries. Later he removed to Kansas where he became prominent in public affairs and was elected Lieutenant-Governor of the State.

ROBERT S. FINKBINE, the builder of the permanent State House of Iowa in his fourteen years' superintendence of that structure, erected a monument to his own memory that will endure for many generations. From the day that he was appointed Superintendent of the construction of the Capitol not a dollar of the appropriations made from time to time, was misapplied. He was thoroughly competent from long experience in building and no contractor was ever able to deceive him in the quality of the material furnished. His eagle eye was on every part of the work and from start to finish the State never lost a dollar of the \$2,876,300 expended under his supervision. Mr. Finkbine was born in Ohio on the 9th of July, 1828, removed to Iowa in 1850 and for many years was a resident of Iowa City, where he engaged in contracting and building. On the 22d of February, 1856, when a State Convention of the opponents of slavery assembled at Iowa City and proceeded to organize the Republican party in Iowa R. S. Finkbine was one of the delegates from Johnson County. He was one of the men who in the evening at the ratification meeting called out Samuel J. Kirkwood for a speech which was the first introduction of the afterwards famous "War Governor" to the public. In 1863 Mr. Finkbine was elected to the House of the Tenth General Assembly and two years later he was reelected to the Eleventh General Assembly. He was not a speechmaker but was esteemed as a member of excellent judgment. Soon after his appointment as superintendent of the erection of the State House, Mr. Finkbine became a resident of Des Moines, where he died on the 8th of July, 1901.

X MATURIN L. FISHER was born in Danville, Vermont, on the 10th of June, 1807. He was a graduate of Brown University and studied law, but never practiced. He was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Worcester District of Massachusetts in 1836. In 1849 he removed to Iowa, settling on a farm in Clayton County, making that his permanent home. In 1852 he was elected to the State Senate from a district embracing fifteen counties of northeastern Iowa. Two years later he was elected President of the Senate of the Fifth General Assembly and presided over the joint convention which first elected James Harlan to the United States Senate. At the extra session of 1856 Mr. Fisher was chosen President of the Senate by a unanimous vote. In April, 1857, he was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Democratic ticket, although the Re-

publicans had carried the State at the preceding August election by more than 7,000 majority. Mr. Fisher was elected one of the trustees of the Mount Pleasant Insane Asylum in 1860 and served as president of the board until 1872. In 1861 he was appointed to act with the State Treasurer to negotiate the sale of State bonds for the War and Defense Fund. In 1863 Mr. Fisher was nominated for Governor by the Democratic State Convention but declined. He was one of the commissioners who superintended the erection of the Hospital for the Insane at Independence and the State House at Des Moines and was universally esteemed as one of the most useful public men of Iowa. He died on the 5th of February, 1879.

WILLIAM H. FLEMING was born in the City of New York on the 14th of April, 1833. His education was acquired in the schools of that city and in the printing offices where he was employed. He came to Iowa in 1850 stopping in Davenport where he worked at his trade. A few years later he went to Le Claire where for three years he published a paper. He was later city editor of the *Davenport Gazette*, and soon after the beginning of the Civil War he became a clerk in the office of Adjutant-General Baker. In 1867 he was appointed by General Ed. Wright, deputy Secretary of State, remaining in that position until appointed private secretary to Governor Merrill. He has served as private secretary also to Governors Carpenter, Kirkwood, Newbold, Gear, Drake and Shaw. No man in Iowa has a more thorough knowledge of the State affairs and public men of the times than Major Fleming. He has been employed in superintending the State census upon several occasions. In 1883 he purchased an interest in the *Iowa Weekly Capital* and soon after established the daily edition. During his residence in Iowa he has done a large amount of newspaper work on various papers, and has long been regarded as high authority on all matters relating to Iowa history. In 1903 he received an appointment in the Treasury Department at Washington. He is a Republican in politics and has been a life-long worker in the temperance cause. He was one of the founders of the Unitarian church in Des Moines.

JAMES P. FLICK was born at Bakerstown, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1845. When he was seven years of age his parents removed to Iowa, making their home in Wapello County. In 1857 they became residents of Taylor County which has since been Mr. Flick's home. He enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Infantry in April, 1862, and served in the Civil War as a private soldier. Studying law after his return he was admitted to the bar. He was elected on the Republican ticket to the House of the Seventeenth General Assembly and was District Attorney for six years. In 1888 he was elected to Congress in the Eighth District and reelected in 1890, serving four years.

our citizens attended a dance and  
 fer supper at National, last Thurs-  
 and report a good time. . . . Those  
 desire good reading can obtain it  
 the drug store of C. A. Strobridge,  
 keeps a large supply of the pop-  
 L. Beside and Scaside libraries.  
 he no of Mr. and Mrs. Matsh,  
 township is rendered desolate  
 the loss of their youngest child.  
 sons should remember that if there  
 poor men's bricks in rich men's  
 shes, there are a great many rich  
 men's bricks in poor men's hats.

**Garnaville Locals.**

Correspondence of THE REGISTER  
 The sad intelligence of the death  
 Hon. M. J. Fisher, was received  
 with regret. Mr. Fisher regu-  
 larly come to Garnaville in the fall  
 1849, in company with Rufus P.  
 es and family (now of Prairie du  
 en) and resided here till the next  
 ing, when he moved to Farmers-  
 g township, to the farm he oc-  
 died at the time of his death. He  
 to many friends during his reside-  
 e here, who loved and respected  
 in life and now sincerely mourn  
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od of visited that place last  
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 eath Lodge there, and also par-  
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 e at the R. b. city Hotel. . . . T o  
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 e lent a helping hand in the busi-  
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Mrs. M. C. Brown, who has been  
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 rter, on the 20th, where all are  
 ured a source of information and State Legislators' Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

**DIED.**  
 Hon. Martin J. Fisher, died at his home, in  
 Farmersburg township, Wednesday morning, Feb.  
 5th, of paralysis, and general debility. Aged 71  
 years and 10 months.  
 The funeral of the deceased occurred at his  
 former residence in Farmersburg township, Satur-  
 day, at 10 o'clock a. m. Large delegations of peo-  
 ple from all sections of the county were present to  
 do honor to the illustrious dead. The funeral  
 sermon was preached at the home by Rev. J. W.  
 Clinton, of McGregor. It was an able effort, and a  
 fine tribute to the memory of the honored dead.  
 After the sermon, the procession nearly a mile in  
 length, moved to Windsor Cemetery, where the  
 first rites of returning "dust to dust" were  
 performed.

Martin J. Fisher was born in Danville, Ver-  
 mont, April 3rd, 1817. His father, Rev. Lewis  
 Fisher, was a Baptist minister. Martin was the  
 oldest of a large family of children. His youth  
 was spent upon one of those rocky farms, so nume-  
 rous in that state. He must have been a studen-  
 tious boy, for he fitted himself for college in a sin-  
 gle year, under the instructions of Rev. Abel Fish-  
 er, and in 1821 entered Brown University, teaching  
 school during vacations. In 1823 he graduated  
 with high honors.

After graduating from college he entered upon  
 the study of law with Hon. Isaac Davis, of Wor-  
 cester, Mass., and was admitted to the bar in 1824.  
 In 1834 he was democratic candidate for congress  
 in the Worcester district, but was defeated, though  
 the canvas was a closely contested one. In 1835  
 he was appointed librarian of the American Anti-  
 quarian Society, which office he filled until 1839,  
 when he was appointed postmaster at Worcester,  
 by President Van Buren, the salary being one  
 thousand six hundred dollars in gold per annum. He  
 continued in this office under the administrations  
 of Presidents Harrison, Tyler and Polk, and was  
 removed on the coming in of President Taylor's  
 administration.

Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Caroline Pratt,  
 of Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1812. She died at  
 Farmersburg, in this county, in 1852.

In 1852 Mr. Fisher came to Iowa, in search of a  
 home, going first to Des-moines and finally fixing  
 upon Clayton County, purchasing a claim in Farm-  
 ersburg township, from F. M. White.

At the general election held in 1852, he was elect-  
 ed as a democrat to the state senate, the district  
 then being composed of fifteen counties, having  
 three senators. His colleagues were Warren  
 Lewis, elected in 1850, and John Shields, elected  
 in 1852. John Garner, of Elkport, was the repre-  
 sentative from Clayton county in the lower house.  
 He was chosen president of the senate on the  
 10th ballot. By his election, Clayton county, had  
 the honor of seeing both the presiding officers of  
 the senate and house, selected from her representa-  
 tives. Hon. Reuben Noble, being elected speaker  
 of the house.

In 1857, Mr. Fisher accepted the nomination for  
 state superintendent of public instruction, though  
 not expecting an election as the state had just been  
 carried by some 6,000 majority; but he was elected  
 and was not only the last democratic presiding of-  
 ficer of the senate but the last democratic state  
 officer.

In 1860, he was elected commissioner of the In-  
 rans system at Mt. Pleasant, holding the office for  
 twelve years. In 1861, he was appointed by a re-  
 publican legislature in connection with the state  
 treasurer to negotiate a war loan of one million  
 dollars for the state of Iowa. In the same year he  
 was nominated for lieutenant governor on the  
 democratic ticket, but declined to accept. The year  
 following he received the nomination for the office  
 of governor, but again declined and General Tut-  
 tle was placed on the ticket. In 1868 he was ap-  
 pointed commissioner to build the hospital for the  
 Insane at Independence, and in 1870 trustee and  
 chairman of the board. In 1872 he was appointed  
 commissioner to build the new capitol at Des  
 Moines. His regret to the last was that he could  
 not help to complete the capitol.

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 will be for the advantage of every  
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 sence will have charge of our ware-  
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 receive money for the firm and receipt  
 for the same. **ENGELHARD & RAC.**  
 Elkader, Iowa, Jan., 15th 1880. A. A.

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Our country is getting to be fearfully  
 alarming, the average of life being  
 lessened every year, without a rea-  
 sonable cause, death resulting gener-  
 ally from the most insignificant origin.  
 At this season of the year, especially,  
 a cold is such a common thing that in  
 the hurry of every day life we are  
 apt to overlook the danger attending  
 it and often find to late, that a fever  
 or lung trouble has already set in.  
 Thousands lose their lives in this way  
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 Doctor been avoided. For all diseases  
 of the Throat and Lungs, *Boschee's  
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