

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Holson, Silman Senator _____

Represented Johnson and Iowa Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 April 1818 Dorchester, New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place

Miss Arthur 1842

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business About 1841 at age 23, he was admitted to the bar in Ferrisville,
New Hampshire

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 3rd, 4th General Assemblies 1851, 1852

6. Public Offices

A. Local Receiver of the Federal Land Office;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 15 July 1872

Iowa W.P.A. Burial Record:
Oakland Cemetery,
Town City, Johnson County, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education He has indications of outstanding intelligence, so his
education was carefully monitored.

? 11. Degrees Yorwick University

12. Other applicable information

- He studied law with Josiah Quincy in New Hampshire.
- He came to Iowa in 1847 settling in Iowa City

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Iowa City, Iowa, July 24, 1872

From the Daily of Wednesday July 17

IN MEMORIAM.—At three o'clock on last Monday occurred the death of one of the first of our pioneer settlers, and one who in ability and acquirements was foremost of our citizens,—Hon. Gilman Folsom. He was born at Dorchester, N. H. on April 7th 1818, and at his death had reached fifty-four years, three months and eight days.

In his early youth he gave such indications of precocious natural gifts that his education was carefully attended to, and he improved each advantage with an industry that encouraged every effort to give him the best culture possible. His course in the schools terminated, at an age when the young men of to-day are mostly commencing their college classes, in the noted school founded at Norwich Vt. by Capt. Alden Partridge, former superintendent of West Point Military Academy. This school subsequently grew into Norwich University, and its founder, whose death occurred in 1854, laid the foundations of the noted military institutions of Virginia and Mississippi.

Leaving his *Alma Mater* Mr. Folsom prosecuted the study of law in the office of the Hon. Josiah Quincy, a noted jurist of New Hampshire, and at the age of 23 was admitted to the bar at Haverhill.

At that time the West, though far less accessible than now, was the Mecca of every young man's hope, and the new territory of Iowa was just beginning to draw from New England that immigration which gave to our early councils, to our bench, bar and pulpit so many cultured men, to the subduing of our wild acres so many strong arms, and to the rude homes of that day so many noble women that by their firesides laid the deep foundation of our State's best good, in the characters of their children.

To the West the young lawyer turned his face, and became a citizen of Iowa City early in 1841. Here he was soon selected as a man of mark and promise. Cheerfully sharing all the privations of the time with the rudest pioneer, his great acquirements and transcendent talent placed him foremost in a galaxy of able men, all of whom he survived. Of these, Judge James P. Charlston, the late Senator Grimes, and Judge Joseph Williams, members of his own profession were in turn his colleagues and competitors, or from the bench participated with him in the trial of most of the noted

UNHEALTHY.—We should be very careful during this hot weather, to keep the streets and yards clean and in the best possible condition for good health. This is not done at all places and we call attention to it. At the rear of some of the restaurants, bakeries, &c., in our city are kept perfect swill holes, where all the waste from such places is cast. From these, permitted to stand as they do, arise a very unhealthful odor, making it dangerous for any one to live in the neighborhood. We hope those who have been thus negligent will be more careful in the future, failing to do which, we trust the proper authorities will take it upon themselves to see to it.

A small boy the son of Mr. Thomas Humphrey fell from a tree yesterday and fractured both bones of his fore arm. Medical aid was summoned and the boy is doing as well as possible.

From the Daily of Thursday, July 18

Our neighbor republicans over in Cedar have instructed for Judge Cotton's re-nomination for Congress.

The political campaign of 1872 is now fairly opened, and you'll be interested, as every citizen should be, in the questions involved in the canvas. The best way of doing this and also being familiar with all local matters is to subscribe for the **DAILY PRESS**. Every business man in the city and his neighbor should take it.

A SUGGESTION.—Now that the weather is so intensely hot, and so many are suffering from the effects of heat, why would it not be a good idea for teamsters to attach a large umbrella to their wagon seats? This is done very generally in other places, and much suffering avoided—sometimes death.

VALUABLE CONSIGNMENTS.—Two valuable consignments passed through the city on the Rock Island road by the Thursday morning train. The first consisted of packages of ermine, astrachan, and other costly furs, invoiced at \$20,000. The other consisted of ten boxes of Chinese silks, billed at \$75,000 and weighing 4,984 pounds. They were shipped from Hong Kong to London, England, by U. S. Express. The express charges as far as New York amounted to \$1,222.80 in gold.

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Entering politics, Mr. Folsom, from the stump and for some time by his pen in the editorial columns of the old *Iowa Capitol Reporter*, fought an able battle against the Whig party of that day, and was for two successive terms made a member of the House of Representatives from this county. In the councils of the young State his great abilities were brought to bear upon the creation of our early statutes and the formation of our system of jurisprudence.

The code of 1851, which as a system of laws was far in advance of that of many an older State, was the joint product of the labors of himself and James W. Grimes, and in our later codes many of the legal landmarks reared by their hands stand as fixed boundaries in the midst of change which surges in vain against them.

On the election of Pierce, in 1853, Mr. Folsom was appointed Receiver of the Federal land office in this city, which place he held until the removal of the office. His colleague, as Register, was the Hon. John Clark, whose death occurred last summer, and the two were, respectively, the successors of Hugh D. Downey and Easton Morris, who had held the land office under Fillmore, and who are both long since dead.

This service terminated Mr. Folsom's public career and he devoted himself assiduously, thenceforth, to the large estate accumulated in the successful practice of his profession and by the eligible investments which a man of such prudent foresight found on every hand in the early days.

Throughout his professional career he had been peerless in its practice. As a writer the state furnished no opponent bold enough to brave his pen. As a legislator he rose to the full height of a statesman.

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The press will copy, and any information about him may be addressed *Plaindealer*, Cresco, Iowa.

July 12th, 1872.

We have further information from the affair on the Muscatine Western railroad which makes it appear very much like a conspiracy, on the part of the Company, to murder the men whom it had induced to work day and night to complete the work.

The men were packed in a box car along with some salt, like pork in bulk, and the coupling pin was pulled out as the car was on a down grade, running at a dangerous speed. One of the men climbed to the top of the car to put on the brake but found that it had been fixed so that it could not be used. The men began to jump off to save themselves and several were thereby badly injured.

We learn that the Company is now offering to pay them sixty cents on the dollar, of their hard earned wages.

NOTICE—Taken in the city of Waterloo, on Friday, July 12, 1872 by the undersigned Sheriff of Black Hawk county Iowa, two men on horseback described as follows: One colored man giving his name as Samuel Logan, 33 years of age, about five feet and eight inches in height, thick set and weighs about 170 pounds. Also one young man giving his name as Ike Sanford, 18 years old, about five feet and seven inches in height, slim built, weighs about 140 pounds, eyes sunken deeply in his head and his left eye is somewhat crooked, wears his hat drawn down over his eyes. The horses they had with them are described as follows: One brown chestnut mare about five years old, would weigh in fair condition 950 pounds white stripe in face, right hind foot white, some white on left. One brown horse about five or six years old, weight about 975 pounds, heavy mane and tail, white star in forehead and some white on nose. The said Samuel Logan, claiming to own both horses, having brought the brown horse from Doniphan county, Kansas, together with a gray mare he afterwards traced to the mare he now has with him. Says he went with the teams from Doniphan

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Mr. Folsom was married in 1843 to Miss Arthur, who with three sons and one daughter survives him.

To mourn the dead there came to-day others beside those whose consanguinity gave license to their tears, for he was a man of tender heart and free hand, and his charity was broad as his culture.

So has slept from his activity a man, great in genius and culture, adorned by mental gifts of peerless brilliancy, author of deeds all worthy of ability so exalted, and the places in public station and private life he was so qualified to fill are vacant and await the coming of occupant who can walk upon that higher plane pressed by his feet as their native path.

A DIFFERENT STORY.—The Republic

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Waterloo, July 13, 1872.

ORGANIZE.—In Burlington, Keokuk, Des Moines, Davenport, Council Bluffs and other large cities in the State, the young men have organized large and influential Greeley and Brown clubs, who are doing a good cause in the noble work of reform. More young men are enlisted in this work than in any other preceding presidential campaign and the zeal and earnestness which are exhibited in their deliberations predict a certain success. Iowa City should not be behind in this good move and the young men should see to it immediately. If we organize we will strengthen. There are scores of young men who are hesitating, doubting, lingering in the