Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative

Name of Senator

1. Birthday and place

2. Marriage (s) date place

(1) Melinda Singleton 26 Jul 1826

(2) Dorothy J. Arthur 1 Nov 1865

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Attorney, farmer, real estate business, Andignut

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 4th General Assembly, 1853

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 14 Jun 1879

8. Children

9. Names of parents James Belau and Mary "Polly" (Baldwin) Sharp

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10. Education

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11. Degrees

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12. Other applicable information

His father died in Florida in 1827 when he was young and the family moved to New York. In the early years of the Civil War, his family returned to Tennessee and settled at Tullahoma, Tennessee. In 1850, he joined the Union Army and served under General Sherman. In 1862, he was enrolled as a licensed boatman on the Mississippi River. He went to Washington, D.C., and submitted a plan of organizing territories for the proposed Nebraska Territory. When the Territory of Nebraska was organized, he was elected to represent Richardson County, Nebraska. At that time he was still living in Iowa.

He then moved to Colorado and served as an agent for several tribes living west of the Mississippi River.

Military service: Black Hawk War (1832-1833), Mexican War (4th Illinois Volunteers)

His first wife, Matilda, died 22 July 1860 at Glenwood, Iowa, buried Glenwood Cemetery, Glenwood, Iowa.

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On the 13th day of October the Arrow tells us that, "But a few short months ago

This statement should be modified as to Kempton and Purple, who both gained some claim to residence.

JOSEPH L. SHARP, president of the council of the 1st territorial assembly, was a son of James and Polly (Baldwin) Sharp, who resided upon a farm twenty miles west of Nashville, Tennessee. The Sharp family were descendants of Lord Baltimore and were early settlers of Baltimore, Maryland. One branch of the family settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and of these, John Sharp, grandfather of Joseph L. Sharp, subsequently settled upon a farm near Unictown, Pennsylvania. James Sharp, the father of Joseph L. Sharp, died in 1817, in Florida, having been engaged in trading in mules and horses from the close of the War of 1812.

The members of the first territorial council were Benjamin R. Folsom of Burt county, who was born November 26, 1804, and February 20, 1830, married to Matilda Singleton, of Virginia, a daughter of an officer in the Revolutionary war, who was born December 17, 1803. Soon after his marriage Mr. Sharp moved to Fulton county, Illinois, and settled at Bernadotte, a place laid out on land owned by him. In 1836, with his wife and oldest son, he moved to Coonville, Iowa, now known as Glenwood. In connection with J. W. Coolidge, Joseph Rawls, and Oliver N. Tyson, he laid out the town

of Glenwood. His first public office there was that of prosecuting attorney, and he was for a time acting judge of Mills county. He was the first member to represent Mills county in the Iowa legislature, and it is said that his legislative district covered about thirteen counties, or about one-third of the area of the state of Iowa. In 1852 he received a license to run a ferry between Bethlehem, Iowa, and Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Colonel Sharp went to Washington and submitted the plan of making two territories out of the proposed Nebraska territory, and upon the organization of the territory of Nebraska he was elected to represent Richardson county in the first territorial council, and was president of that body, though he was at the time a resident of Iowa. Subsequently he was appointed special Indian agent for several tribes west of the Missouri river. Mr. Sharp was an active and enterprising citizen and was always prominent in political affairs. Before he became a member of the Nebraska assembly, he had served two terms in the Illinois legislature, 1842 to 1846, and one term in the legislature of Iowa, 1853-54. He served in the Blackhawk Indian war, in 1832-33, and in the 4th Illinois volunteers in the war with Mexico; and was also in General Houston's command in the war for Texas independence.

His first wife died at Glenwood, Iowa, February 29, 1863, and November 1, 1865, he was again married, to Dorothy J. Arthur, of Hillaboro, Arkansas. Mr. Sharp was the father of six children: Illisanna, who married Westley Micklewaite, and now resides in Jonesborough, Arkansas; Emma Palmer, deceased; Melissa Jane married Thomas J. Palmer, Alliance, Nebraska; Neal J. Sharp, Haley, Idaho; Joseph G. Sharp, deceased; Ewing Smith Sharp, deceased, Joseph Sharp, deceased; Ewing Smith Sharp, deceased. Colonel Sharp was an active and enterprising citizen and was always prominent in political affairs. He possessed a kindly disposition, and was deserving of the prominent place accorded to him in public affairs. We are fortunate in being able to present the only portrait of him extant, and which is now published for the first time.

1Dr. Henry Bradford, member of the council of the 1st territorial assembly of Nebraska, was a son of Cornelius and Hannah (Gay) Bradford, and a lineal descendant of William Bradford, second governor of Massachusetts. Little is known of his early life, but it is supposed that he came to Council Bluffs, Iowa, from the state of Michigan. Upon the organization of the territory of Nebraska he crossed the river and, with a party of friends, helped to lay out the town of Tekamah, and

The first territorial house of representatives was comprised as follows: Burt county, Hascaill C. Purple, John B. Robertson; Cass county, William Kempston, John McNeal Latham, Joseph D. N. Thompson; Dodge county, Eli R. Doyle, J. W. Richardson; Douglas county, William N. Byers, William Clancy, Fleming Davidson, Thomas Davis, Alfred D. Goyer, Andrew J. Hanscom, and was effective in securing the passage of good bills which were of general interest. When it came to special legislation, he may not have been so vigilant. Colonel Sharp never appeared in Nebraska affairs after he had served his term of two years, but his son, Johnson (Neal J.), who had an actual residence in Cass county (the father claimed to represent Richardson in the council), gained a seat in the house at the second session. When he rose in that body and made a motion for the house to vote upon a pending matter, not vinJa voce, but *veI1 versa, his disgusted father, who was visiting the house at the moment, nearly fell out of his chair from chagrin.

In personal appearance, Colonel Sharp was tall and strongly built, of commanding presence and stately demeanor. He suffered from smallpox in 1829, which caused the loss of one eye, and otherwise disfigured his face. He possessed a kindly disposition, and was noted for his loyalty to friends. He is spoken of by his associates as a natural leader among men, and deserving of the prominent place accorded to him in public affairs. We are fortunate in being able to present the only portrait of him extant, and which is now published for the first time.

2Hascaill C. Purple, member of the 1st territorial assembly of Nebraska, was a gentleman of Council Bluffs and was active as early as about 1857.
Unmarked Burials, Glenwood Cemetery, continued

HENTON, Lulu Violet W.O. F. 0, dau of W.W. & Melvina Davis 3 Jan 1889 - 4 Dec 1933, (obit) 4W

HOUSTON, Ernest E., d 21 Jan 1933, 73y (obit) Malvern Leaders JACKSON, Ellis, d Mar 1960 94y (plott record)

JAMESON, E. 8 Apr 1893- 22 Jun 1970 lot 29-B (Memorial) JOHNSON, Theodore Younger, d 21 Nov 1932, 72y (info: Mrs Roy Burkhalter & obit)

Item Glenwood paper 1-21-1973 Ten yrs ago, children of T Johnson, Ira, 10, & Ross, 8, died eating poisonous roots. KEMP, Jerry Lee, d or bur 1 Apr 1943, 1 day (plat rec)

McBEE, Thomas, d Jul 1945, 75y lot 514 B (Section 3) McGUIRE, Ida Easka, child, d 9 Jan 1868 (see Cutler, above) MICKEY, Mary W. of Charles 7 Aug 1861-18 Mar 1915 (obit)

PICKRE, B. Frank 1875 - 8 May 1928 (obit)

POWLES, Walter Lee, d 1957 (plat rec)

PRANTE, Robert Warren d 1920a? lot 416-S (Section 8) RAIO, Mary Wells 1843 - 8 May 1915 WO. of Jesse Bains (obit) 4A RAINES/WELLS stone Sec 11 Row 30, page 62

RAPELENG, Arthur Raymond 3 Oct 1896 - 4 May 1952

RICE, Donald, d Dec 1963, lot 842-1 (Sec 12)

RILEY, Dora (Walling) sister of Sidney Walling, d May 1919 RISHEL, David or George d Oct 1943, 77y

ROSS, Russell or child of Russell, d Feb 1948 lot 192-2 SLEEP, James W. 7 Jul 1933 (WPA)

SCOTT, Goldie (Walker) d 6 Oct 1922, 25y 5m, WO Wills Scott & dau of Wm Walker (obit)

SCHULFER, Florence Nancy 16 Sep 1901 - 26 May 1955

SMITH, Martin R, d 3 Oct 1922 (obit) 70y (WPA)

SOUTHER, Thomas J. 23 Jul 1927-1 Dec 1947 (obit) lot 246-12

SUHUR, Myrtle (Beardurff) d Aug 1935, WO of Thomas TOLLS, Mary M. 11 May 1859-2 Dec 1933, lot 280-1, dau of Fannie & Henry Trolls & s of Addie Day (obit)

TRAVIS, Frank G 26 Sep 1888-6 Mar 1920 son of Wm (obit)

WHITE, Dudley & Oma brought Glenwood for burial, br of Julia Marsehon & Curt ex-fontmaster Glenwood (obit 15 Dec 1924)

WILLIAMS, Gertrude d Apr 1974

WILLIAMS, Nora 25 Sep 1875 - 15 May 1954

WILLSON, Wilson (obit 26 Feb 1973) transient killed in accident Pacific Jct railroad yards, d 1 day bfore 56th birthday, bur Glenwood, sister in Saginaw MI WINSLOW, Barbara d Nov 1946, 67y (plat rec) lot 978-12

WRIGHT, Alfred d Mar 1919 (plat rec)

YERGER, Charles 1805 - 21 Jan 1936 (WPA)

The following names on the Works Progress Administration (WPA) listing circa 1936-8, lot Owners, no dates, may be names of living persons and some buried elsewhere

ALEXANDER, S C lot 442

BAYS, Mrs M E lot 602

BEALE, Mrs S Paul lot 606

BEONE, J W lot 609

CONGER, Joseph lot 197

DAVIS, T A 17 Nov 1886-7 Dec 1924

DICKER, T J lot 446

DOAK, A G lot 453

GARDNER, Nettie lot 454

GATES, W H lot 377

HALL, T L lot 576

HALTER, Nancy lot 208

HUFFFIELD, Wesley H.

HOLYKE, R A lot 236

HORNET, J O lot 506

IRONS, Alta L lot 384

JOHNSON, Mrs Robert lot 718

JUDMAN, Mrs N lot 509

KERSSE, John H lot 50 WO Jennie recorded p55

KESSEY, R A lot 727

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LEET, G F lot 542

LUTAS, J R lot 441

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RUSSELL, C V lot 208

SEXTON, L F lot 494

SHANON, Francis lot 131

SMITH, C W lot 135

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SPOUD, L H lot 629

TAYLOR, Nelson lot 825

TIPPTON, J (Mrs) lot 252

WILKINS, Joe lot 135

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Name: Jas L Sharp  
Gender: Male  
Race: White  
Marital Status: Widowed  
Place of Birth: Tennessee  
Estimated birth year: abt 1804  
Age: 76  
Month of Death: Sep  
Cause Of Death: Yellow Fever  
Census Year: 1880  
Census Location: (City, County, State)  
Memphis Ward 10, Shelby, Tennessee  
Enumeration District: 152  
Page: 454  
Line: 9  
Roll: T655_30

Source Information:

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This database is an index to the Mortality Schedules of the United States Federal Censuses for 1850-1880. Each of the U.S. Federal Censuses from 1850-1880 included a mortality schedule enumerating the individuals who had died in the year previous to the census year. In addition, each individual is linked to the census image on which they appear.

SHARP, J.L.

Born: October 1804
Died: -
Cemetery: GLENWOOD
Location: GLENWOOD
County: MILLS CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: LOT 52

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George Poulsen

Entries: 4151  Updated: Sat Apr 19 00:45:45 2003  
Contact: George W Poulsen

ID: 1558
Name: Joseph L. SHARP
Surname: Sharp
Given Name: Joseph L.
Sex: M
Birth: 1807
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Change Date: 8 Aug 2002 at 16:59:02

Father: James Deloss SHARP b: 1783 in of, Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina
Mother: Mary BALDWIN b: 1785 in Nashville, Davidson Co., Tennessee

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