

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Joungard, John Selby Senator _____
Represented Monroe, Lucas and Clarke Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Aug 1824 Morganfield, Henderson County Kentucky
(later Union County)

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Mary C Brooks (1830-1852) 1848

(2) Anna Catherine Elbert 1853

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Attorney judge

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 4th General Assembly 1852

6. Public Offices

A. Local Prosecuting Attorney of Monroe County 1851

B. State Judge of the District Court of Iowa 1853-1863

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Apr 1892 Albia, Iowa. Buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Albia, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Rufus B.; James B.; By 2nd wife - Mary, James Elbert;
William; John; Ned; Selby; Wilbur

9. Names of parents James and Catherine (Hodge) Joungard

10. Education

11. Degrees

He graduated from Albany University, Williams, Kentucky

12. Other applicable information

- His first wife, Mary E., died in 1852
- He was eight when his family moved to Putnam County, Indiana. He was raised and educated.
- In 1850 he came to Iowa, stopping for a short while in Lucas County and later located permanently in Albia, Iowa
- He came to the bench in 1858 or 1859, serving 4 full terms and having served in a previous district. He had a judicial career of 10 years. When he retired from the bench, he formed a law partnership with T. B. Perry continuing until his retirement in 1863.

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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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honesty and integrity throughout his entire life. He had no sordid ambition to accumulate wealth, and was as ready to spend his money for the good of his family, his friends, and his fellow-men as he was to earn it. He stood high in his profession and was universally esteemed by his fellow members of the bar.

To these testimonials of his character I can heartily add my own. He was a very pleasant man to be with; his simplicity and generous traits were conspicuous throughout his life. He had a good clientage, but caring nothing for money save to minister to the comfort of others, he accumulated but little and died comparatively poor at his home in Albia in the eightieth year of his age, in 1901.

I have omitted to mention that in the second election of President Lincoln, in 1864, he was one of the presidential electors on the Republican ticket; in 1867 he was appointed Register in Bankruptcy and filled this position until the Bankrupt Law was repealed.

He was a good specimen of the old-time gentleman; resolute, sometimes arbitrary, in character; dignified in manners, but simple and unaffected in his intercourse with his fellow men; in figure, very tall and erect.

For a period he was associated with a young lawyer, D. W. O'Bryan, who was killed many years ago in a runaway accident. Though our acquaintance had been short, I was attracted to O'Bryan by his engaging manners, his brilliant temperament and the great promise, as it seemed to me, that he gave of becoming a notable man. Colonel Anderson took great interest in him and appeared to think as much of him as he did of his own sons. After the death of Mr. O'Bryan, Colonel Anderson took into partnership with him his son, D. M. Anderson, who became a lawyer of note, and is now the able Judge of the District Court of that district.

Judge John S. Townsend came to the bench of the Second Judicial District in 1858 or 1859, succeeding Judge Henry B. Hendershott. He had been on the bench immediately previous to that since 1853 in a district differently composed. The constitution of 1857 made a change, and Monroe County became a part of the Second Judicial District. Judge Hendershott was the regular Democratic candidate for re-election. Samuel W. Summers was the Republican candidate. Through some arrangement, Summers withdrew and Townsend was induced to become an Independent candidate and was elected after a heated and somewhat bitter contest. Judge Hendershott, by his uniform amiable bearing, and especially by his helpful kindness to young men, had greatly endeared himself to them, and the means through which he had been defeated as the regular candidate, had a strong tendency to prejudice them against his successor. But this wore away, and in time we became perfectly reconciled to Judge Townsend. He served the full term of four years, making his entire judicial service in both districts, ten years.

While, as already indicated, he was without that outward kindness, and that felicity of speech and action that characterized Judge Hendershott, he made a good

judge, for he had been a hard-working student, was a well-grounded lawyer, and his character was above reproach. A long acquaintance convinced me, that at heart he was a very kindly man, and such he had the credit of being by those who knew him intimately. His old townsman, Josiah T. Young, once Secretary of State, writes that "he made no display of his good actions, and that in giving to the poor and needy, his liberality was well marked." Another distinguished townsman, and for many years his partner, T. B. Perry, writes: "He was entirely free from hypocrisy and deception. Though unassuming and retiring in his nature, no man was more tender of heart for those in trouble or distress."

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Theodore B. Perry was a young lawyer of the Albia Bar when I came to Ottumwa in 1856. He studied law with Judge John S. Townsend, was admitted to the bar in 1854, and the same year elected Prosecuting Attorney for Monroe

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- ID: I18749
Name: John Selby TOWNSEND
Given Name: John Selby
Surname: TOWNSEND
Sex: M
Birth: 21 Aug 1824 in Morganfield, Henderson County, Kentucky (later Union County)
VERI: YES 1
VERI: YES 2
Death: 23 Apr 1892 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 1
Burial: Apr 1892 Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Monroe County, Iowa Section T1
Census: 9 Jun 1860 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 3
Census: 12 Aug 1870 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 4
Census: 2 Jul 1880 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 5
Will: 1892 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 6
Probate: 1892 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 7
Event: HISTORY 1916 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
VERI: YES 8
Change Date: 15 Dec 2008 at 09:07



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1 possible matches found on Ancestry.com

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Mother: [Catherine Hodge DAVIS](#) b: 23 Aug 1789 in Worcester
County, Maryland

Marriage 1 [Mary E. BROOKS](#) b: 1 Jul 1830

- *Married:* 1848
- *Change Date:* 5 Apr 2004

Children

1. [Rufus B. TOWNSEND](#) b: 12 Sep 1849 in Indiana
2. [James B. TOWNSEND](#) b: Unknown

Marriage 2 [Anna Catherine ELBERT](#) b: 9 Feb 1830 in Logan County,
Ohio

- *Married:* 15 Nov 1853
- *Change Date:* 15 Dec 2008

Children

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2. [James Elbert TOWNSEND](#) b: 19 Jul 1858 in Iowa
3. [William TOWNSEND](#) b: 18 Dec 1860 in Albia, Monroe
County, Iowa
4. [John TOWNSEND](#) b: 18 Dec 1860 in Albia, Monroe County,
Iowa
5. [Fred TOWNSEND](#) b: 1 Jul 1862 in Albia, Monroe County,
Iowa
6. [Selby TOWNSEND](#) b: 18 Apr 1867 in Albia, Monroe County,
Iowa
7. [Wilber TOWNSEND](#) b: 19 Mar 1871 in Albia, Monroe
County, Iowa

Sources:

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Publication: Ruth T. Dryden
2414 Front St. # 25
San Diego, CA 92101-1438
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Title: 1860 Census Monroe County, Troy Twp., Iowa

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Date: 14 Mar 2004

Text: Occupation: Judge District Court

Listed as 35 years old; born in Kentucky.

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Title: 1870 Census Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

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Date: 14 Mar 2004

Text: Occupation: Attorney at law

Listed as 45 years old; born in Kentucky

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Title: 1880 Census Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Page: ED 138, sheet 191C, line 32

Quality: 4

Date: 14 Mar 2004

Text: Occupation: Attorney

Listed as 55 years old; born in Kentucky

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Stan Hendershot's Family Tree

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ID: I90067

Name: John Selby Townsend

Sex: M

Birth: 21 AUG 1824 in Morganfield, Henderson, Kentucky

Death: 23 APR 1892 in Albia, Monroe, Iowa

Note:

Burial: Apr 1892 Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Monroe County, Iowa Section T1

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

about John S Townsend

Name: John S Townsend

Birth Year: abt 1826

Birth Place: Kentucky

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Census Date: 1856

Residence State: Iowa

Residence County: Monroe

Locality: Troy

Roll: IA_62

Line: 9

Family Number: 4

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members: [Name Age](#)

John S Townsend 30

A E Townsend 25

Rufus B Townsend 6

Mary C Townsend 1

Catherine Townsend 8

Census: 9 Jun 1860 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

1860 United States Federal Census

about John S Townsend

Name: John S Townsend

Age in 1860: 35

Birth Year: abt 1825

Birthplace: Kentucky

Home in 1860: Troy, Monroe, Iowa

Gender: Male

Post Office: Albia

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members: [Name Age](#)

John S Townsend 35

Ann E Townsend 30

Rufus B Townsend 10

Mary Townsend 5

James E Townsend 2

Catherine Wood 13

Census: 12 Aug 1870 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

1870 United States Federal Census

about John S Townsend

Name: John S Townsend

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1825

Age in 1870: 45

Birthplace: Kentucky

Home in 1870: Albia, Monroe, Iowa

Race: White

Gender: Male

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Post Office: Albia

Household Members: [Name Age](#)

John S Townsend 45

Annie E Townsend 40

Rufus B Townsend 20

Mollie Townsend 14

James E Townsend 12

Fred Townsend 7

Sels Townsend 3

Catharin Townsend 23

Census: 2 Jul 1880 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

1880 United States Federal Census

about John S. Townsend

Name: John S. Townsend

Home in 1880: Albia, Monroe, Iowa
 Age: 55
 Estimated Birth Year: abt 1825
 Birthplace: Kentucky
 Relation to Head of Household: Self (Head)
 Spouse's Name: Anna Elbert
 Father's birthplace: Maryland
 Mother's birthplace: Maryland
 Neighbors: View others on page
 Occupation: Attorney
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Household Members: Name Age
 John S. Townsend 55
 Anna Elbert Townsend 50
 Mary Townsend 24
 Janres E. Townsend 22
 Fred Townsend 17
 Wilber Townsend 9
 James R. Townsend 22
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925
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 Name: John S Townsend
 Birth Year: abt 1825
 Birth Place: Kentucky
 Gender: Male
 Marital Status: Married
 Census Date: 1885
 Residence State: Iowa
 Residence County: Monroe
 Locality: Albia
 Roll: IA1885_236
 Line: 5
 Family Number: 63
 Neighbors: View others on page
 Household Members: Name Age
 John S Townsend 60
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 May A Townsend 27
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Event: HISTORY 1916 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

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Married: 1853

Children

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James Elbert Townsend b: 1858 in Iowa

William Townsend b: 18 DEC 1860 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

John Townsend b: 18 DEC 1860 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

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 Surname: TOWNSEND
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Media: Book

Abbrev: Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Title: Recollections and sketches of notable lawyers and public men of early Iowa: belonging to the first and second generations, with anecdotes and incidents illustrative of the times"

Author: Edward Holcolm Stiles

Publication: Homestead Publishing Company

Des Moines, Iowa

1916

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John Selby Townsend

Born: 21 Aug 1824
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Mary E Brooks

Born: 1 Jul 1830
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Children

Children	Sex	Birth
James B Townsend	M	
Rufus B Townsend	M	12 Sep 1849 in [city], [county], Indiana, USA

Spouse 2

Annie Elbert

Born: 9 Feb 1830 in [city], [county], Ohio, USA
Died: 24 Jan 1901

Marriage: 15 Nov 1853 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA

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Children

Children	Sex	Birth
Mary Townsend	F	1856 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA
James Elbert Townsend	M	1858 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA
William Townsend	M	18 Dec 1860 in Albia, Monroe, Iowa, USA
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Wilber Townsend	M	19 Mar 1871 in Albia, Monroe, Iowa, USA

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1824
21 Aug
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Morganfield, Henderson, Kentucky, USA

1853
15 Nov
Marriage to Ann Elbert
Iowa, USA
Age: 29

1892
23 Apr
Death
Albia, Monroe, Iowa, USA
Age: 67

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No Father

No Mother

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Ann Elbert
1830 - 1901

Mary Townsend
1856 -

James Elbert Townsend
1858 -

William Townsend
1860 - 1861

John Townsend
1860 - 1860

Fred Townsend
1862 - 1918

Selby Townsend
1867 - 1870

Wilber Townsend
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Monroe County, IA

Parents

Father: [James Townsend](#) Disc #125 Pin #525610
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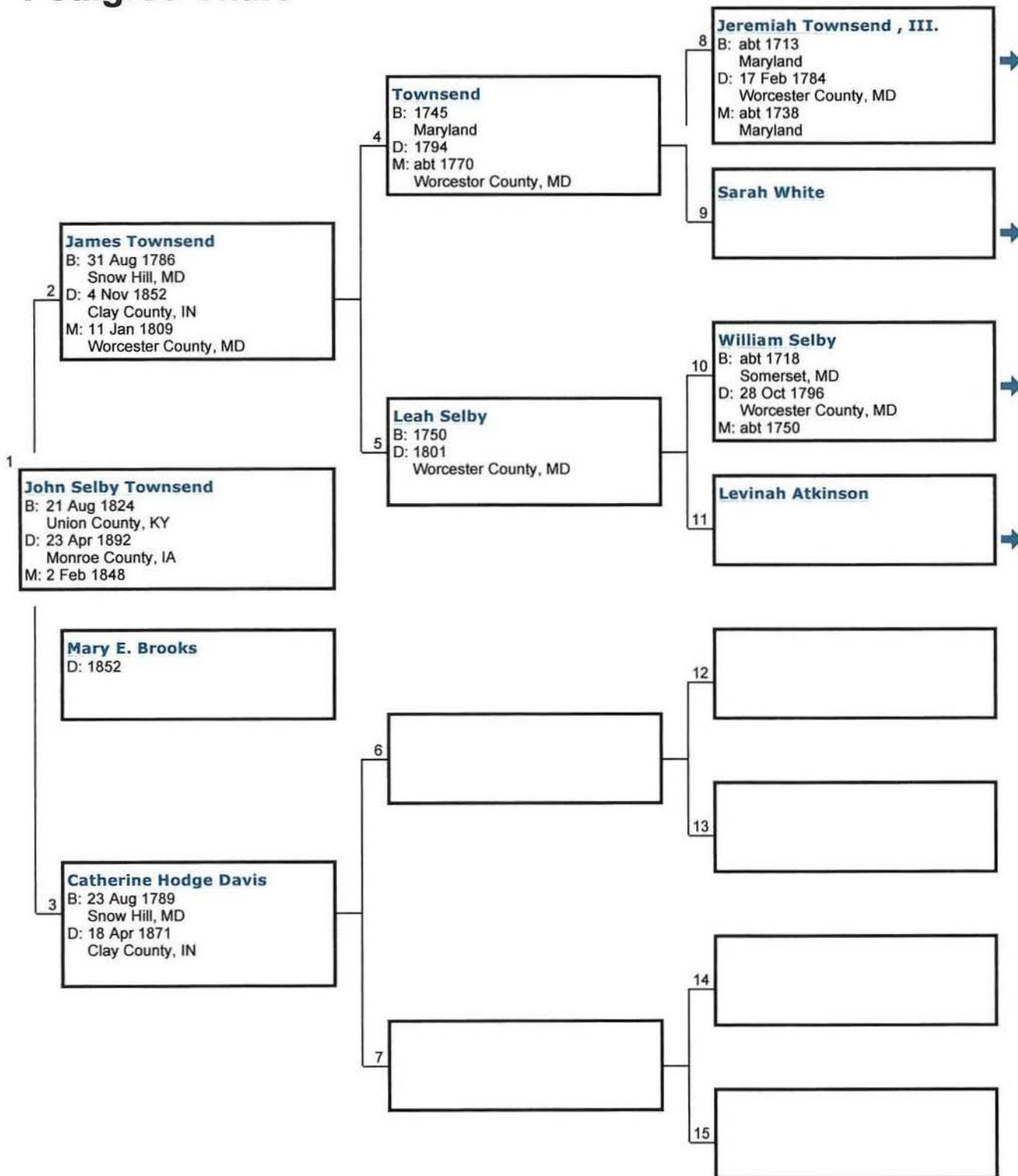
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **John S. Townsend**
 Home in 1880: Albia, Monroe, Iowa
 Age: 55
 Estimated birth year: abt 1825
 Birthplace: Kentucky
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)
 Spouse's name: Anna Elbert
 Father's birthplace: MD
 Mother's birthplace: MD
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Attorney
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>John S. Townsend</u>	55
	<u>Anna Elbert Townsend</u>	50
	<u>Mary Townsend</u>	24
	<u>Janres E. Townsend</u>	22
	<u>Fred Townsend</u>	17
	<u>Wilber Townsend</u>	9
	<u>James R. Townsend</u>	22
	<u>McGee</u>	18

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Albia, Monroe, Iowa; Roll: T9_357; Family History Film: 1254357; Page: 191,3000; Enumeration District: 138; Image: 0383.

Source Information:



Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **John S. Townsend**
Death Date: 23 Apr 1892
Page #: 114
Birth Date: 1824
Cemetery: Oak View
Town: Albia
Comment: wif: Mary E.
Level Info: *Grave Stone Records of Monroe County, Iowa; copied by Graves Registration a W. P. A. project*

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- *ID:* I18749
- *Name:* **John Selby TOWNSEND**
- *Given Name:* John Selby
- *Surname:* TOWNSEND
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 21 Aug 1824 in Morganfield, Henderson County, Kentucky (later Union County)
- *_VERI:* YES ¹
- *_VERI:* YES ²
- *Death:* 23 Apr 1892 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
- *_VERI:* YES ¹
- *Burial:* Apr 1892 Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Monroe County, Iowa Section T1
- *Census:* 9 Jun 1860 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
- *_VERI:* YES ³
- *Census:* 12 Aug 1870 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
- *_VERI:* YES ⁴
- *Census:* 2 Jul 1880 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
- *_VERI:* YES ⁵
- *Event:* HISTORY 1916 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
- *_VERI:* YES ⁶
- *_UID:* 139A8E559A00421486E3AAEFC44DB998E4D8
- *Change Date:* 10 Sep 2004 at 13:23

Father: James TOWNSEND b: 31 Aug 1786 in Maryland
Mother: Catherine Hodge DAVIS b: 23 Aug 1789 in Worcester County, Maryland

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Marriage 1 Mary E. BROOKS b: 1 Jul 1830

- *Married:* 1848
- *Change Date:* 5 Apr 2004

Children

1. Rufus B. TOWNSEND b: 12 Sep 1849 in Indiana
2. James B. TOWNSEND b: Unknown

Uncontested
Divorce \$450

Marriage 2 Anna Catherine ELBERT b: 9 Feb 1830 in Ohio

- *Married:* 1853
- *Change Date:* 5 Apr 2004

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Children

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Sources:

1. Abbrev: Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Iowa www.iamonroe.org/cemetery
Title: Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Iowa www.iamonroe.org/cemetery
2. Abbrev: The Townsend Family of Maryland
Title: The Townsend Family of Maryland
Author: Ruth T. Dryden
Publication: Ruth T. Dryden
2414 Front St. # 25
San Diego, CA 92101-1438
1993
Text: " INTRODUCTION
Early Eastern Shore Virginia, that is Northampton and Accomack Counties, reveal more than one Townsend Family living there in the early 1600's. John of Northampton County migrated to Maryland and is the progenitor of the lower eastern shore family. There was also a Thomas Townsend of Accomack county who left many ancestors some of whom also migrated to Maryland and Delaware. I was unable to connect these two families. There were a few families I was not able to identify. They consist mostly of the

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Townsend's that migrated to Delaware and later returned to Maryland, specifically those in now Wicomico County, Maryland.

Many of my correspondents and of course the unfatigable Leslie P. Dryden, now deceased, are responsible for some of the contents in this booklet.

Other sources include wills, land records, court records, marriages, cemetery, Bible, Church, census, and the SS death index.

I take all the blame for any errors that have occurred since some of the early records require interpretation which can be faulty. There are also omissions but I hope this document will be useful to researchers in identifying their fore bearers."

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3. Abbrev: 1860 Census Monroe County, Troy Twp., Iowa

Title: 1860 Census Monroe County, Troy Twp., Iowa

Page: page 262, line 11

Quality: 4

Date: 14 Mar 2004

Text: Occupation: Judge District Court

Listed as 35 years old; born in Kentucky.

4. Abbrev: 1870 Census Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Title: 1870 Census Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Page: page 418, line 8

Quality: 4

Date: 14 Mar 2004

Text: Occupation: Attorney at law

Listed as 45 years old; born in Kentucky

5. Abbrev: 1880 Census Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Title: 1880 Census Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Page: ED 138, sheet 191C, line 32

Quality: 4

Date: 14 Mar 2004

Text: Occupation: Attorney

Listed as 55 years old; born in Kentucky

6. Abbrev: Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

Title: Recollections and sketches of notable lawyers and public men of early Iowa: belonging to the first and second generations, with anecdotes and incidents illustrative of the times"

Author: Edward Holcolm Stiles

Publication: Homestead Publishing Company

Des Moines, Iowa

1916

Page: Chapter XVI

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TOWNSEND, Mary E.

Born: 1830
Died: 1852/7/15
Cemetery: OAKVIEW
Location: TROY
County: MONROE CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: (BROOKS) (WIFE OF JOHN S.)

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- Note:

Burial: Apr 1892 Oakview Cemetery, Albia, Monroe County, Iowa Section T1

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about John S Townsend

Name: John S Townsend

Birth Year: abt 1826

Birth Place: Kentucky

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Census Date: 1856

Residence State: Iowa

Residence County: Monroe

Locality: Troy

Roll: IA_62

Line: 9

Family Number: 4

Neighbors: View others on page

Household Members: Name Age

John S Townsend 30

A E Townsend 25

Rufus B Townsend 6

Mary C Townsend 1

Catherine Townsend 8

Census: 9 Jun 1860 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

1860 United States Federal Census

about John S Townsend

Name: John S Townsend

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Age in 1860: 35
Birth Year: abt 1825
Birthplace: Kentucky
Home in 1860: Troy, Monroe, Iowa
Gender: Male
Post Office: Albia
Value of real estate: View image
Household Members: Name Age
John S Townsend 35
Ann E Townsend 30
Rufus B Townsend 10
Mary Townsend 5
James E Townsend 2
Catherine Wood 13

Census: 12 Aug 1870 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
1870 United States Federal Census
about John S Townsend
Name: John S Townsend
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1825
Age in 1870: 45
Birthplace: Kentucky
Home in 1870: Albia, Monroe, Iowa
Race: White
Gender: Male
Value of real estate: View image
Post Office: Albia
Household Members: Name Age
John S Townsend 45
Annie E Townsend 40
Rufus B Townsend 20
Mollie Townsend 14
James E Townsend 12
Fred Townsend 7
Sels Townsend 3
Catharin Townsend 23

Census: 2 Jul 1880 Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
1880 United States Federal Census
about John S. Townsend
Name: John S. Townsend
Home in 1880: Albia, Monroe, Iowa
Age: 55
Estimated Birth Year: abt 1825
Birthplace: Kentucky
Relation to Head of Household: Self (Head)
Spouse's Name: Anna Elbert
Father's birthplace: Maryland
Mother's birthplace: Maryland
Neighbors: View others on page
Occupation: Attorney
Marital Status: Married
Race: White
Gender: Male
Household Members: Name Age
John S. Townsend 55
Anna Elbert Townsend 50
Mary Townsend 24

1. [Mary C. \(Mollie\) Townsend](#) b: 1856 in Iowa
2. [James Elbert Townsend](#) b: 1858 in Iowa
3. [William Townsend](#) b: 18 DEC 1860 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
4. [John Townsend](#) b: 18 DEC 1860 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
5. [Fred Townsend](#) b: 1 JUL 1862 in Albia, Monroe, Iowa
6. [Selby Townsend](#) b: 18 APR 1867 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa
7. [Wilber Townsend](#) b: 19 MAR 1871 in Albia, Monroe County, Iowa

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