

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative **BALDWIN**, JOHN T. Senator

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 October 1820, Washington Co., Pa.

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jane Hunter (Pa. c. 1822 -), August 1843, Washington Co., Pa.

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lumber co., merchant, banking, real estate, street railway

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership *Presbyterian*

5. Sessions served 5th GA, 1854, HD 41, Pottawattamie Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local city councilman and mayor, Council Bluffs

B. State

C. National

7. Death 30 January 1890, Council Bluffs *buried Walnut Hills Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa*

8. Children (1) Anna (Pa. c. 1848 -); (2) Sarah (Ia. c. 1849 -);
(3) Jane (Ia. c. 1855 -)

Two daughters married - Mrs. George J. Phelps and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler

9. Names of parents unk

Baldwin, John T.

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Pottawattamie County history says he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Washington, Pa., then moved to Fairfield, Iowa 1844. However, he was in Ottumwa on 1850 census, as lumber dealer. Moved to Council Bluffs 1853. In mercantile business; then in 1856 in land agency and banking associated with (Gen.) Grenville Dodge in firm of Baldwin and Dodge until 1869. Organized Pacific National Bank 1869 and was dir. and vp. March 1877 organized Broadway Street Railway Co., and constructed and operated it.
Elected to city council when Council Bluffs first incorporated. Elected Mayor 1877. Delegate to Republican National Convention 1876.

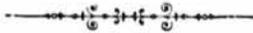
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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Bio Hist Pottawattamie Co. 1891		x	bio incl birth and death
Walnut JHill Cem. burials		x	bir 2/1/1890
Council Bluffs Nonpareil	missing for 30 Jan 2 Feb		
1850 census, Wapello Co. 432		x	lumber dealer; 1 ch
1860 census, Pottawattamie Co. 850		x	merchant, fam/3ch; mother in-law
1870 census, Pottawattamie Co. 83		x	as J.T., bsnker, 3ch
1880 census	not in soundex		

Obituary - The Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Fri Jan 31, 1890, p 5, col. 2
Biographical Dictionary of Iowa 1876, p. 173-174

In 1880, at the age of twenty years, August Bostedt came to America, and after landing in New York came direct to Minden, Iowa, where he began work at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in the old country. Politically Mr. Bostedt is a Democrat, and has taken an active part in political matters. He was elected Constable and served four years, and in 1889 was elected County Commissioner by the large majority of 1,300 votes, which office he is still holding, to the general acceptance of the people. Since July 4, 1890, he has built thirty-six bridges, which had been washed away by the floods of June, 1890, and which is an astonishing number for such a short time. Mr. Bostedt has the confidence and respect of the people on account of his sterling honesty and a desire to do what is right. He is descended from the sturdy old German stock, who have helped to build up America. He is a lover of good books, and a believer in self-education and cultivation. He was married April 23, 1887, to Mary Goethje, a daughter of Christ Goethje, and they have one child, Minnie.



JOHN T. BALDWIN was born October 12, 1820, Washington County, in the State of Pennsylvania, and died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on January 30, 1890. While his education was not what is termed liberal, yet he was a man of extensive observation, a great reader, possessed of strong intellectual powers, which he so thoroughly developed that he was at all times enabled to successfully cope with the best minds that he came in contact with. Having large practical experience in business, a sound judgment, coupled with good common sense, he mingled largely with men of affairs, both in the State and in the Nation, and became himself pre-

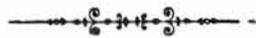
eminently a man of affairs and one of the leading and most influential men of Iowa, his adopted State.

About the time that he attained his majority he engaged in mercantile pursuits in the village of Washington, Pennsylvania, and in the year 1844 removed to Fairfield, Iowa. In 1853 Mr. Baldwin closed out his business interests in eastern Iowa and removed to Council Bluffs, where he resumed his mercantile pursuits. In 1856 he established a land agency in Council Bluffs and also engaged in banking. While so engaged in banking and land agency from 1856 to 1869, he was associated with General G. M. Dodge, under the firm name of Baldwin & Dodge. In 1869 he organized the Pacific National Bank, and became a director and vice-president of the same. In March, 1877, as principal owner he organized the Broadway Street Railway Company and constructed and operated in Council Bluffs the first street railway, running the same to the Union Pacific Railway depot, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad depot and to other portions of the city.

In 1854 he was elected a member of the State Legislature on the Republican ticket. He discharged his duties with ability, and was ever faithful to the trusts committed to his charge. As a member of the Legislature of Iowa he was active and attentive to his duties and diligent in performing them. He was watchful in protecting the rights and promoting the interests of the people he represented. He was possessed of much and varied knowledge, which he was always ready to use in promoting the prosperity and welfare of his adopted State. When Council Bluffs first became incorporated he was elected a member of the City Council, and in March, 1877, he was elected to the office of Mayor. In 1876 he was sent as a delegate to the

National Republican Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio. No man could be more devoted to a city than he was to the city of Council Bluffs, and no man who ever lived in the city did as much for it as did Mr. Baldwin. He was ever watchful of its interests, rights and honors, and when in office served the city faithfully. He experienced great pleasure in contemplating its growth of population and industries. Coming to Council Bluffs when it had a population of less than 5,000, he witnessed its slow but sure growth into a city of 35,000. He also took a deep interest in the western section of our country—in the advancement of its civilization and the development of its material interest. He was in all respects a splendid type of a western man. He was energetic, enterprising, industrious and self-reliant.

Mr. Baldwin was married in August, 1843, to Miss Jane Hunter, of Washington, Pennsylvania, and by her had three daughters. In private life he was a genial and agreeable companion, a warm and sincere friend. No man could hear him talk as he often did of his mother, wife and children without being impressed that he was an affectionate son, husband and father.



DR. J. W. NUSUM, of Crescent City, was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1848. His father, George G., was born in Virginia, September 2, 1822, a son of Silas and Charlotte (Frost) Nusum. Mr. Silas Nusum was a native of Virginia, and served in the battle of November 4, 1791, under General Arthur St. Clair; was taken to Ohio, where he was in the massacre or defeat at Fort Recovery, in which seven men were taken captives. He and a man named George Gallagher narrowly es-

caped from being burned alive at the stake. Gallagher first broke loose and then set Mr. Nusum free, and they then fought for their lives. They were, however, held captive for three years, and one day when, at Hanging Rock, Ohio, they were making their escape, Gallagher fell from the rocks and broke his hip; but he hid among the rocks on the banks of the Ohio River. Nusum swam the river and escaped, the Indians being in his pursuit. After night he swam the river back to where Gallagher was, made a raft of some logs, put him upon it and paddled him over to the other side, and thus succeeded in saving his life. He then carried him for three days before finding medical aid. He recovered and entered the practice of law, while Nusum went into the mercantile business, which he followed until he died in 1847.

Mr. George Nusum, brought up in the mercantile business in Morgantown, Virginia, following his father in that line, moved at his twentieth year to Freeport, Pennsylvania. He continued in merchandising from 1847 to 1853, when he came direct to Colesburg, Delaware County, Iowa, and was there engaged in merchandising and teaming for four years. He then sold out all his interests there, moved to Des Moines, entered general merchandising again and so continued for about ten years longer. In 1862 he exchanged his property and business for 40 acres of land in Warren County, six miles west of Indianola, and engaged in farming and stock-raising. In live-stock he dealt extensively, shipping largely. The land had but poor improvements upon it when he first occupied it, but is now well equipped and in a fine condition. There are at present 60 acres in the tract; it is an immense stock farm.

In 1844, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania,

The Champion Oarsman.

Wm. O'Connor, champion oarsman of the world, passed through with the fast mail for San Francisco last night. He is en route for Australia where he will have a heavy match. His shell was tied on top of the sleeper. He resides in Toronto.

A Cattleman's Pet.

A young cattleman from Oklahoma, bound for his home in Sioux City, had at his transfer last evening quite a curiosity—a young wild cat. It was hardly larger than an ordinary cat, altho its feet were particularly large. It attracted much attention.

Miners Going West.

A special, consisting of five coaches and baggage car, came in over the Northwestern yesterday and left over the Union Pacific for Rock Springs, Wyoming. It contained 484 negro coal miners from Illinois, who go to engage in mining at Rock Springs.

Stole a Saw.

Wm. Lawrence, whose outward appearance did not indicate that his brow was in the habit of perspiring very freely on account of laborous exercise on his part, was hauled in yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing a saw belonging to P. N. Riss. He will have a hearing to-day.

Coal Coke.

We are still delivering coal and coke at the old figures. Best quality, lowest prices. Coal well screened. Being large operators, we can save you considerable money.

A. T. THATCHER,

H. A. Cox, Western Sales Agent.

114 Main Street. Telephone 48.

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Funeral of 'Gus' Murphy.

The funeral of the late 'Gus' Murphy, who died last Wednesday evening of Bright's disease, will take place at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The deceased was aged about 28 years. He was born in Monroe, Wis., and resided in Council Bluffs about six years, during which time he made many warm friends, all of whom sincerely regret his premature demise.

Aitchison-Patterson.

Last evening, at the residence of the bride's parents, Lieut. W. E. Aitchison, of the Lodge Light guard, and Miss Helen Patterson were duly joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. The contracting parties are among the best young people of Council Bluffs, and their hosts join their hosts of friends in extending congratulations and wishing them long, pros-

perity. We will be dead to our own interests if we let this offer pass.

Let the gentlemen be compelled to pay over his fifteen hundred dollars.

Obituary.

In the sudden and unexpected death of our distinguished fellow townsman, Hon. John T. Baldwin, which occurred last Wednesday evening at twenty minutes before 11 o'clock, a prominent figure in our public and business affairs has disappeared. Since 1853, the year he came to Council Bluffs with his family, no one has been more intimately and actively engaged in the various business ventures that constitute the activities of life than has Mr. Baldwin. Council Bluffs had scarcely five thousand people when he arrived in our midst. His vigorous intellect and resolute purpose seized upon every project for the growth and prosperity of Council Bluffs.

Born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1829, his early life was spent upon a farm, where he laid the foundation of a stalwart and vigorous manhood, well fitting him to endure the privations of pioneer life. After nearly seventy years of activity the noble spirit of our friend and neighbor has been suddenly called higher to dwell forever amidst the beatitudes of the blest. Peace to his beloved memory. Tears and sympathy for the dear ones who are overwhelmed by the consciousness of their great bereavement! It was as a husband, father, brother and friend that one got an insight into this noble man's heart and purposes of life. The rugged exterior that he some times wore in his struggle with fortune in the busy marts of commerce, was thrown off, as one casts off his outer garment on entering his hall, and the great big-hearted man of the fireside was as kind and loving and indulgent as a woman. *Pax vobiscum* was the motto of his home. Modest in his ambitions, retiring in his actions, he declined preferment while often his fellow citizens would have honored him. As a member of our legislature he was esteemed a prudent and sagacious law maker and as mayor of our city was a wise and just executive officer.

His nearest kindred are, his widow and two daughters, Mrs. George F. Phelps of this city and Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, of Janesville, Wisconsin, and an only sister, Mrs. J. H. Wheeler, of Janesville, Wisconsin.

The Board Secretaryship.

The action of the Board of Trade in dis-

Of the celebrated family who appear at Bohony's tomorrow night, the *West-Side Journal* says: "Those who attend the entertainment given by the Noss last evening, were so variously entertained that they would hardly know if they had attended a concert or a set to music. For variety, ranging the sublime to the ridiculous, the talent would capture the whole. Where all do so well it would be difficult to specialize, but we cannot refrain from mentioning the saxophone quartet only more but most pleasing, call it a hearty encore. The "Sleighting" was a beautiful combination of music facts, carrying the mind of one who has never been out to an all-night sleigh party with his best girl, back to the with vivid recollections. Taken in entertainment is one that should not be missed by anyone who would spend a couple of hours in mirthful enjoyment and at the same time enjoy a real treat."

OUR IRISH VISITORS.

If there is such a thing as a farce comedy it may be seen in *Our Irish Visitors*, as presented by Mr. Murphy and their company at 10 o'clock next Monday night. The fun is of as absurd as in any farce comedy ever written, but there is still a great deal of very witty dialogue, a vast amount of genuine humor in *Our Irish Visitors* one seldom finds in an entertainment of this class. Both these clever comedies and their comedy are so well and so early known as to need no further than to say that the performance still a good house and pleases people as ever. McGinty has never been sung in this city as it is by Mr. Murphy. They also sing two taking songs: *He's on the Police* and *I Went With Him*. The part interesting of the new figures in the company is the smallest of all, Miss A. rose, a bright little soubrette, who dance herself into favor with any at

ADVENTISTS' COLLEGE

A Possibility That Council Bluffs Yet Capture It Through the of the Real Estate Exchange.

The Real Estate exchange is manifesting its influence. Dece the secretary of the board of trustees of a college located in Iowa. son, chairman of the meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists, he