

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bonson, Richard Senator _____

Represented Dubuque, Delaware and Buchanan Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Oct 1814 Yorkshire, England

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Jane Burton 1838
② Mrs. Harriet (Watts) Pearson 1868

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Miner

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 4th, 5th General Assemblies 1852, 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Board of supervisors

B. State State Bank Inspector

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Feb 1883 near Dubuque, Iowa; buried Asbury Cemetery, Dubuque County, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Priscilla (Mrs. Morgan); Mary Ellen (Mrs. Simplot);
By 2nd wife - Robert William H.; Annie (Mrs. Watts)

9. Names of parents Robert and Mary (Spensley) Bonson

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Capitalist

- He came with his family to America in July 1834 settling in Dubuque, Iowa.
- His father and others built blast furnaces near Dubuque at Rockdale, Iowa.
- He made maps of mining claims, settling disputes between claimants.
- His first wife, Jane, died in 1866.

German dialect, have placed more exalted position than reached by an actor in a similar business, and he only needs a good capable manager to enable him fully compete with any dialect in the country. As will be seen on the title page of this work Mr. Gardner will commence his tour next August, appearing in beautiful and original comedy-titled "Karl," which depicts a of German character. Mr. as a number of new songs, dances, and songs, which he will introduce in. With a strong company and energy and wealth which he has, Mr. Gardner should, and will, meet with great success.

LAYTON CONCERT COMPANY.
Members of Hyde Clark Post, G. A. at in full force yesterday disposed tickets to the concert to be given at the opera house on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the post. The Slayton company includes the leading singers on the lyric stage, and the number is the favorite come- Lucas, who is no stranger to the city. The entertainment is at the Hyde Park Post, and the house will undoubtedly be crowded. Tickets to-morrow at Grosvenor & Co. is too late.

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.
Miss is doing Rip in Kentucky. The man Opera Company has dismissed Gill and John Rogers have had a success is playing to small houses in Illinois." Miss is positive in her demands for a house.

of wealth Lotta is catching up could. talks of erecting an opera house in Portland, Conn., his home. The gardiner has bought a cow to be only a Farmer's Daughter." The urgent has organized a new Entertainment company with Marie Rose as manager. It is to have a new theatre, six stories high, to be called the Park, and to be opened next October.

Wyndham, the English come- like James Gordon Bennett, and the late E. A. Sothorn. The artist thinks Tom Whiffer the comedian and Tom Whiffer regards as a greater playwright than the other. The plan proposed by the territorial legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa. Operatic representations, have been ordered forbidding more than three

Mississippi valley in the twenty-four hours ending 2:05 p. m.: The barometer has remained high together with higher temperature; northerly winds and cloudy weather; snow at Keokuk, Davenport, Omsaha and LaCrosse.

LOCAL SUMMARY.—10:05 P. M.—Mean barometer, 30.273. Mean thermometer, 11 below zero. Maximum temperature, 15 deg. Minimum temperature, 6.3 below zero. Total melted snow, .23 inch.

J. HARVEY SMITH,
Sergeant Signal Service U. S. A.

Internal Revenue.

Following are the detailed items upon which special taxes were paid to Collector Simpson of this district for the month of January:

Banks	\$17,067 19
Beer stamps.....	5,559 99
Cigars.....	4,098 75
Tobacco.....	3,950 80
Special tax.....	1,007 09
Total.....	\$31,683 82

The latest news from Africa is that the Zulu king has the croup; this news is doubted by many, but notwithstanding; the friends of the king have sent him a case of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and consequently know his cure is certain.

DIED.

BONSON—At his residence on Feb. 1, 1883, at 3:45 a. m., Richard Bonson, aged 68 years and 3 months.

Funeral from the residence, on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 o'clock p. m. Burial at Asbury cemetery. Friends of the family desiring to see the remains can do so during Saturday, and before the services on Sunday.

THEATRICAL.

OPERA HOUSE.

DUNCAN & WALLER, Managers.

Monday, February 5th, 1883.

Inaugural appearance of the Funniest German Dialect Comedian in the World.

CHARLES A. GARDNER.

Who will appear in his Grand Characterizations of
A German From Frankfort-on-the-Main,
In his Comedy Drama of

KARL!

and 522 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa.
 The Largest, Best Lighted and M
 ring Opening. Orders by Mail will receive Prompt Attention. Rules for Self-Measurement Forwarded on Application.

rescriptions a specialty at Ruete's.
 ad Platt's "ad," First page.
 tomorrow will be Ash Wednesday.
 oper's wagon factory is booming.
 outh Library entertainment,
 Esmeralda,
 Madison Square theatre company
 Friday night.
 mas at the Opera House to-
 of. Hurich is predicting May frosts.
 ank Examiner Peterson is in Clinton.
 he Hyde Clark Post, G. A. R., met last
 eak thieves are operating in the city.
 'em.
 r. Isaac Platt is the happy father of
 er boy.
 r Rent—Store No. 559 Main street.
 Albee. 2t
 on. B. B. Richards will soon return to
 ue to reside.
 ere was a Christening party on West's
 unday evening.
 veral sleigh loads of Dubuquers
 d Galena on Sunday.
 m Lucas, at the Opera House to-
 ck's Sun regards St. Jacobs Oil as the
 " and everybody agrees with it.
 alentines wholesale and retail at
 enor & Harger's: 3t
 he German Benevolent society has do-
 \$2 the Rhine sufferers.
 orge Reinfield, on Center avenue,
 a party to his friends last night.
 e Volante social club will hold one
 ir pleasant parties at Kistler's Hall
 ening.
 anted—A harnessmaker. Please ap-
 immediately at Frank Richardson's,
 , Iowa. 1w
 ll and see our large and elegant as-
 ent of valentines and birthday cards.
 enor & Harger. 3t
 he western passenger train due at 5
 k yesterday morning arrived at 1 and
 r the east at 2.
 shier Harris is rejoicing over the ad-
 of a new boy which came to bless his
 hold last Sunday.
 outh Library entertainment,
 Esmeralda,
 Madison Square theatre company
 Friday night.
 movement is on foot to get up a per-
 nance at Turner hall next Sunday night
 e benefit of the Rhine sufferers.
 dw Hancock, D. A. Gehrig, P. H. E.
 rheld and Frank Strinsky constitute
 dd Fellows' Relief committee for the
 ing year.
 f you are not married, write the Mar-
 Fund Mutual Trust Association, Ce-
 lands, Iowa for circulars explaining

ice and she fell forward, her head striking
 the door, which contains a sash, breaking
 out several panes of glass, cutting her face
 badly.

AT PEACEFUL REST.

Funeral of the Late Richard Bonson.
 The funeral obsequies of the late Richard
 Bonson took place on Sunday afternoon at
 two o'clock, from the late residence a few
 miles west of the city. Services were held
 at the house, and a very large number of
 sympathizing friends gathered from far and
 near to pay their last respects to one whom
 in life they respected and esteemed. The
 services opened with the hymn, "Thy will
 be done," which was very sweetly ren-
 dered by the choir, consisting of Miss Altie
 Littleton, Miss Ada Moffett, Jos. Linehan
 and George Bingham, with Mrs. W. P.
 Bingham presiding at the organ. After the
 hymn Rev. C. E. Harrington, pastor of the
 Congregational church (of which the de-
 ceased was a faithful member), offered a
 fervent prayer. The choir then sang an-
 other hymn, which was followed by scrip-
 tural readings by Rev. Mr. Harrington. A
 very appropriate doct, "Morning Land"
 was rendered by Miss Altie Littleton and
 Mr. George Bingham. Rev. Harrington
 then made some very touching remarks
 concerning the life and character of the de-
 ceased, and offered appropriate words of
 consolation to the grief stricken family and
 friends. The choir then sang the beautiful
 hymn "Rest," after which Rev. William
 Wallis paid a splendid tribute to the mem-
 ory of the departed, and also comforted the
 family with words of Christian kindness.
 The benediction was pronounced by Rev.
 Harrington, and the beautiful casket,
 strewn with choice floral offerings, was
 conveyed to the hearse by the following
 pall-bearers: H. L. Stout, C. H. Booth,
 Jacob Christman, John Spensley, J. P. Far-
 ley, L. D. Raudall, John Palmer, and Wm.
 G. Stewart.

A very arge number of sympathizing
 friends followed the remains to their last
 resting place in the cemetery at Asbury.
 Owing to the severe blizzard and snow
 storm many relatives and friends
 of the family from Min-
 eral Point and other places were pre-
 vented from reaching the city, as was also
 Rev. Dr. Bingham of Traer, Iowa, who had
 been asked to conduct the funeral cere-
 monies; but he could not reach the city and
 so telegraphed to Mr. Jos. Herod. The
 funeral was one of the largest ever seen in
 this vicinity and fully attested the sterling
 worth and high esteem with which the
 Dubuque county.

ACTION OF THE EARLY SETTLERS.

The following petitions were refer-
 the delinquent tax committee:—Ma-
 livan, Catharine Phelan, Maria
 African M. E. church trustees, Cl-
 lain Plow company, Ann Stuart, E
 Taigel, M. M. Walker, Phillip Heus
 O. S. Langworthy.

The street railway company prese
 following petition:

To the Hon. Mayor and City Cou
 Dubuque:

GENTLEMEN:—I would state to yo
 orable body that the Dubuque Str
 way, with a single track, as it is no
 operated, is not a profitable investn
 the stockholders, and a very poor ac
 dation to the public. Therefore, w
 permission to lay a double track o
 street from Jones to Thirteenth to F
 on Main, thence east on Fifteenth
 street. Also a single or double tra
 First and Main, east to Iowa or up t
 between Main and Iowa to Second
 streets, thence north on Clay to Eig
 thence east on Eighteenth to Cou
 nue, thence north on Couler avenue
 ford street; a single or double tra
 Eightenth or Nineteenth on Coule
 to Lake street, thence east on Lak
 to High, thence east on High str
 point near Mr. M. Muschitsch's sto
 single track, the switches as may be
 necessary. Would like the privi
 twenty-five years. The present
 almost five feet wide; will if yo
 best make the new track but thi
 wide. Your early action is requ
 the matter as, if the improvement
 be made, we would like to comm
 ing track as soon in March, 1883,
 ble.
 BART. E. LINEHA
 Sec. D. S. R.

Referred to committee of the Who
 Ald. Kavanaugh present'ed a pet
 the return to him of \$5.60, alleged e
 charges on a draught which he caus
 weighed at the First ward scales.
 mittee on Markets.

A release from Henry Hagen
 acknowledging the receipt of \$500 in
 ment of a claim for damages aga
 city, was made by the recorder and
 on file.

Frank Adams et al., remon
 against laying a sidewalk on the e
 of Roberts avenue. To the Street (t
 tee.

A report from Auditor Brayton, i
 tion to the redemption of a certain
 referred to the Finance committee.
 . Mr. Morgan, asking for certain re
 the fire department. To the comm
 fire.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Auctioneer Hedley reported to
 sales to the amount of \$412.65.

Wood Measurer Warring reported
 uring 1,351 cords of wood during the
 of January, for which he received \$
 The city weighers made the follow
 port:
 First ward—181 dross



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- *ID:* I17277
- *Name:* **Richard BONSON**
- *Sex:* M
- *Change Date:* 20 MAY 2004
- *Birth:* 23 OCT 1814 in Swaledale, Yorkshire, England
- *Death:* 02 FEB 1883 in Burnage Villa, Dubuque, Iowa
- *Reference Number:* 733

Note: Richard Bonson traveled to Dubuque with his parents in 1834. His died of cholera during the journey. In 1836 Richard's father and others erected a blast furnace at Rockdale where he engaged in smelting and farming. Richard represented Dubuque County in the legislature in 1854 and 1856, and served as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He served as a bank examiner under Iowa's war governor, Samuel J. Kirkwood. He became both wealthy and prominent and is referred to in some records as Hon. Richard Bonson. Richard is buried in the Ashbury Methodist Church yard.

- *Birth:* 23 OCT 1814

Father: Robert BONSON b: 28 JUL 1781 in Swaledale, Yorkshire, England

Mother: Mary Clarkson SPENSLEY b: 1782 in Yorkshire, England

Marriage 1 Jane BURTON b: 1812 in Derbyshire, England

- *Married:* 10 MAY 1838

Children

1. [Priscilla BONSON](#) b: 13 MAY 1841
2. [Mary Ellen BONSON](#) b: 29 NOV 1844 in Dubuque, Iowa

Marriage 2 Harriet WATTS