

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Noble, Christian Emigh Senator  
Represented Jefferson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Jan 1825 Blair County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) Philicia A. Rees 6 Dec 1849 Fairfield, Iowa  
(2) Laura Lena Payne 6 Jul 1890 Fairfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar, on 4 Mar 1881 at Osheleson, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F., Old Settlers Association;  
one of the organizers of the Jefferson County Library Association

C. Profession Cabinet maker, undertaker, lawyer, manufacturer  
of sash doors

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1856-1857

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace 1856-1862 and 1886-1890

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 18 Sept 1905 Fairfield, Iowa, buried Old Fairfield City Cemetery, Fairfield, Iowa

8. Children Leroy C.; Louisa May (Mrs John Ameston); W. S. Grant; Artemus Oliver;  
Lillie Grace (Mrs Albert Oswald); three additional children predeceased their father

9. Names of parents John Spencer and Elizabeth (Crane) Noble

10. Education Educated in the common schools

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Whig, later Republican

- His first wife, Zilpha, born 1821, died 1886, buried Fairfield Pky. Cemetery.
- He emigrated to Fairfield, Iowa in Jefferson County from Clear County, Pennsylvania on 15 Oct 1846.
- Second wife, Lena, born 1848, died 9 Mar 1918, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield, Iowa



Benjamin Droz, E. F. Franklin vs. I. D. Franklin, Ida Hall vs. Benjamin F. Hall, Ida Bell Mock vs. William J. Mock, Dora B. Moore vs. R. M. Moore, Elizabeth Thomas vs. J. Ernest Thomas, S. R. Voolens vs. Julius Voolens, Georgiana V. Coats vs. John W. Coats, Frank O. Nelson vs. Vesta Nelson. There are two applications for permits to deal in intoxicating liquors under the laws of the state, filed by D. G. Higley of Fairfield and Julius H. L. Swenson of Batavia.

**FAIR HITS BAD WEATHER.**

**Attendance and Receipts Greatly Reduced by Rain and Storm.**

The Jefferson county fair struck a bad streak of weather again this season and is short in attendance and receipts. Thursday, which was to have been the big day, opened bright and fair and people came to town by the thousand, but a rainstorm about noon spoiled everything and gave the society a black eye. There were 2,150 paid admissions that day, but the probabilities are that there would have been 5,000 had the day been fair. The attendance Friday was about 1,900. The receipts of the association this year from all sources will amount to about \$2,200. It will pay out about \$1,000 in premiums, \$1,050 in speed purses and \$600 in running expenses, and will be \$400 to \$500 "to the bad." All premiums and other indebtedness will be paid in full, however, the association having sufficient credit to borrow funds for that purpose.

The prospects for a good fair this year were excellent, provided the weather was pleasant. In many classes the exhibits were even greater than those for the best former years. The horse classes showed over 200 entries, not including race entries, and there was sharp competition for nearly all premiums. There was also an excellent showing of ponies. The exhibit of cattle was away above the average of a county fair. The hog show was as fine as a State fair, although it was not so

Billy Moore.....2  
Red Bird.....3  
Time, :53

A full list of premiums awarded will be published next week.

**Nearly Sixty Years in Fairfield.**

Christiana E. Noble, a resident of Fairfield since October 15th, 1846, died at his home in this city Monday afternoon, after an illness of little more than a month, a general breaking down incident to advanced age. It is probable that there are not more than two or three persons now in Fairfield who were living on the town site when he came here. His life was closely connected with the history of the town. He was one of the oldest Odd Fellows in Iowa, joining Jefferson lodge, the fourth lodge instituted in the state, in 1847. He was a justice of the peace from 1856 to 1862 and again from 1886 to 1890. In 1857 he represented Jefferson county in the lower house of the legislature. He was one of the organizers of the Jefferson County Library association and its first secretary, and a charter member of the Old Settlers' association. He was a manufacturer of sash and doors and an undertaker during his earlier years in Fairfield, but was admitted to the bar in 1881. Mr. Noble was born in Blair county, Penn., January 20th, 1825, where he grew to manhood. After his removal to this city he was married to Zilphia K. Rees, who died in 1886. Three children by this marriage survive—Mrs. John Smeaton of this city, Mrs. Albert Oswald of Albia, and S. G. Noble of Davenport, Wash. July 6th, 1890, Mr. Noble was married to Lena Paine, who survives him. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Christian church, Rev. H. C. Littleton being the minister in charge. The body was interred with the rites of Odd Fellowship, Jefferson lodge, of which he had so long been a member, conducting the ceremonies.

**"Yes, It Rained Well"**

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of the Whig party, Mr. Williams cast his first vote for Henry Clay. Strongly opposed to the institution of slavery, he later became an Abolitionist, was afterward a Free-Soiler, and when the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks, and has since continued to fight, a valiant soldier, under its banner. He has often represented his township in the county conventions of his party, and has faithfully served in the offices of Township Trustee and Justice of the Peace. His residence in Jefferson County covers half a century, and therefore he has been a witness of almost its entire growth. Anything pertaining to its advancement he is deeply interested in. It has been the scene of his business successes, and the stage upon which he has played the part of an honorable, upright man, winning the confidence and respect of all. In his declining years he can look back over the past and feel no great regret for unimproved opportunities or time unworthily spent, but has the consciousness of knowing that his character has been unmarred by anything which would detract from a clean and worthy record.



**HON. CHRISTIAN E. NOBLE**, attorney and Justice of the Peace, has been a resident of Fairfield since October 15, 1846. He was born in Blair County, Pa. on a farm, which was owned by his paternal grandfather prior to the War of the Revolution, and which was also the birthplace of his father. That farm is the present site of the city of Altoona. The birth of Mr. Noble occurred on the 20th of January, 1825, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Crane) Noble.

Our subject received a common-school education, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed after his emigration to Fairfield in 1846. He was married in this city on the 6th of December, 1849, to Miss Zilphia K. Rees, a daughter of Joel S. Rees. The lady was born near New-

ark, Ohio, and came to Iowa in the spring of 1847. Eight children blessed their union, three died in infancy and five grew to mature years, three sons and two daughters, as follows: Leroy C., the eldest, who was married three times, his present wife having been Miss Frances J. Moore, is a druggist of Springfield, Mo.; Laura May is the wife of John Smeaton, and resides in Arkansas; Artemus Oliver is living in Philadelphia; U. S. Grant is single, and makes his home near Walla Walla, Wash.; and Lillie Grace is the wife of Albert Oswald, of What Cheer, Iowa. The wife and mother died March 9, 1886. On the 6th of July, 1890, Mr. Noble was united in marriage with Miss Lena Paine, a native of Massachusetts.

Mr. Noble was a Whig in early life, and later became a supporter of the Republican party. He was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in the fall of 1856, and being re-elected, served until 1862. In 1856, he was also elected a member of the Lower House of the Iowa Legislature, and proved an able representative of the people. For several years he carried on the undertaking business in Fairfield, and also engaged in the manufacture of sash for a time, but desiring to give his attention to professional work, he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in the district court of Oskaloosa, on the 4th of March, 1881, entering upon the practice of his profession in Fairfield. In the fall of 1886, Mr. Noble was once more elected Justice of the Peace, and again re-elected in the fall of 1888, a fact which establishes beyond a doubt his trustworthiness and ability. He is an Odd Fellow of forty-three years standing, and holds membership in Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., being the second oldest surviving member of that organization, with which he became connected in the spring of 1847. In his religious views Mr. Noble inclines toward the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which numbers among its members several of his brothers, his brother G. W. being an ordained minister of that denomination. Mr. Noble helped to organize the Old Settlers' Association, drew the first draft for a constitution for that body, and was elected a Vice-President of the society. He also helped to form the first library association in Fairfield, and was its first Secretary. He has been an



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### 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Christian E Noble**  
**[Christian Noble]**

Home in 1900: **Fairfield, Jefferson, Iowa**  
**[Fairfield, Jefferson, Iowa]**

Age: **75**

Birth Date: **Jan 1825**

Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Spouse's Name: **Lena Noble**

Marriage Year: **1890**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **10**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Christian E Noble</a>	75
	<a href="#">Lena Noble</a>	50
	<a href="#">Artemus O Noble</a>	45

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Death: Sept. 18, 1905  
Jefferson County  
Iowa, USA



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The Fairfield Tribune  
Sept. 20, 1905  
Page 6 col. 4

DEATH OF A PIONEER. CHRISTIAN E. NOBLE was born Jan. 20, 1825, in Blair County, Pa., and died at his home in this city Monday, Sept. 18, 1905. MR. NOBLE was a cabinet maker by trade and came to Fairfield in 1846. He was married in 1849 to ZILPHIA K. REES and to this union were born eight children. Three of them survive their parents, the mother having died in 1886. The surviving children are: MRS. LAURA SMEATON of this city; MRS. LILLIE GRACE OSWALD of Albia, AND U. S. G. NOBLE of Davenport, Washington. In 1890 MR. NOBLE was again united in marriage to MISS LENA PAINE, who survives him.



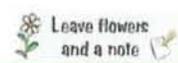
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In early life MR. NOBLE was an active politician and in 1856 was elected a member of the Lower House of the Iowa Legislature. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in the district court of Oskaloosa in 1881 and entered upon the practice of his profession in Fairfield... M. E. Church. He helped to organize the Old Settlers' Association, drew the first draft for a constitution for that body, and was elected a vice-president of the society. He also helped to form the first library association in Fairfield and was its first secretary...Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Christian church...Members of the I. O. O. F., of which he was a member, attended in a body and had charge of the services at the grave.



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Spouse:  
Zilphia K. Reese Noble (\_\_\_\_ - 1886)

Burial:  
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Plot: 58

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## NOBLE, Zilphia K.

**Born:** 1821  
**Died:** 3-9-1886  
**Cemetery:** FAIRFIELD  
**Location:** FAIRFIELD  
**County:** JEFFERSON CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:**

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## NOBLE, Laura Payne

**Born:** ...  
**Died:** 11-9-1918  
**Cemetery:** EVERGREEN  
**Location:** FAIRFIELD  
**County:** JEFFERSON CO. - IOWA  
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