

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Rogers, Jacob Kentworth Senator _____

Represented Fayette, Chickasaw, Pottaw, Bremer, Clark, Humboldt, Grundy, Franklin, Floyd, Erwin, Gordon, Howard, Mitchell and North Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Aug 1820 Moultonboro, New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Jane Simons 25 Feb 1848 Belvidere, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Fayette County Bar Association member; admitted to the bar in June 1855; lived in West Union 50 years

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Attorney; real estate business; merchant; farmer; teacher; clerk of the district court

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local First postmaster of West Union; Fayette County clerk; Fayette County judge;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 8 Feb 1902 West Union, Iowa; buried West Union Cemetery, West Union, Iowa

8. Children Ada A. (Mrs. Elisha M. Eggleston); Oscar H.; Anna (Mrs. Charles J. Babcock); Amanda; Frances (Mrs. John S. Sampson, Jr.) - preceded her father in death in 1883

9. Names of parents John and Anna (Kentworth) Rogers

Rogers, Jacob Wentworth

10. Education

He attended public schools at Bethel, Vermont, four terms in an academy, as well as self taught

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Anti Slavery / Liberal / Republican / Whittier
- He came west in 1843 teaching school for 2 years in McHenry County, Illinois. He later moved to Monroe, Wisconsin where he also taught school.
 - He became a partner of Jacob Ly Brand in a store and in 1849 they brought their stock of merchandise to Iowa, seeking a place to make a town. They selected the spot where West Union, Iowa now stands. This was then part of Clayton County, Iowa, but after plating the town they soon organized Fayette County.
 - In 1861 he edited The Republican Era
 - Military service - Civil War - in 1862 he organized a company for the war which became Company F, 38th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, attaining the rank of Captain.
 - After the war he resumed his law practice and combined with it a real estate business. His firm was J. H. Rogers and Son, attorneys and real estate dealers
 - When he located in West Union Iowa he engaged in real estate business, brokering, entering, buying and selling lands. He carried on these enterprises quite extensively.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

- History of Jayette County 1878, p. 591
- The United States Biographical Dictionary, Iowa Volumes, 1878, p. 445, 446
- Obituary - The West Union Gazette, West Union, Iowa,
Feb. 16, 1900, p. 4, col. 34
- ancestry.com (accessed 24 Oct 2010)
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- GAR Index - he was not a member of a GAR post

Tribute to Governor Larrabee.

In the Senate Tuesday Senator Trewin introduced the following concurrent resolution, which was adopted by an unanimous, standing vote:

WHEREAS, The Hon. William Larrabee has served the state of Iowa with distinguished ability for nearly a quarter of a century as senator, governor and chairman of the board of control, and

WHEREAS, He has resigned his last named position and is about to go and remain abroad for a considerable time, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the senate, the house concurring, that in the token of appreciation for the splendid public service of the Hon. William Larrabee, the senate and house adjourn on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., and that the members proceed in a body to his office in the capitol and tender him personally their congratulations upon his successful public career and their best wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

When the concurrent resolution was messaged to the House Representative Miller of this county moved its adoption, and it was carried unanimously.

Working Night And Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by F W White.

The Cummins Banquet.

MR. EDITOR:—

The recent banquet given at Des Moines in honor of Mr. Cummins was no doubt a very shrewd move on the part of some political manipulators to keep alive the Cummins boom, and in so far as it was intended to encourage opposition to the ring of bosses and wire-pullers who managed our recent Senatorial contest in the interest of Mr. Gear and the C. B. & Q. Ry., was indeed laudable, but as an effort to saddle upon the State another ring, hoping to grow big enough to throttle the former in the interest of one man only, will not be looked upon by the people at large with so much favor. That the opposition to Mr. Gear and the combination in whose interest he was a candidate was sufficient to have defeated him, had some other man been the leader, is admitted by Mr. Cummins in his speech on that occasion, and the manly thing for him now to do is to thank his friends that stood so nobly by him, and thus make his formal announcement that he has retired from the arena and will give his hearty support to some more acceptable man. The truth is that while there was in the State a hearty and pronounced anti Gear sentiment there was but very little hearty

DEATH OF A PIONEER.

HON. J. ROGERS CLOSES A LONG AND USEFUL CAREER.

Brief Sketch of His Life—His Funeral—Resolutions of the Bar Association.

Jacob Wentworth Rogers died at his home in this city Thursday evening, Feb. 8, 1900. For fifty years he had been a foremost and conspicuous character in Fayette county, known, admired and respected by all, loved and esteemed by those capable of estimating the sterling worth, the inflexible honesty and the sturdy manliness of the man. For a half century he has gone in and out among this people, yet there are none who have ever thought to question his uprightness or his integrity. He was the soul of honor, a good man and true, and it was to be expected that such a tribute to his memory would come as it did in the overflowing house at his funeral Monday. He had lived the life that wins the encomium of such sorrowful faces as were grouped about his coffin on this occasion.

The salient points in the life of Judge Rogers are soon told. He was born in Moultonboro, N. H., Aug. 15, 1820. He came west in 1843, teaching



school in McHenry county, Ill., two years later moving to Monroe, Wis. where he also taught school. Here he became a partner with Jacob Ly-Brand in a store, and in 1849 they brought their stock of merchandise to Iowa, seeking a place to make a town. They selected the spot where West Union now stands. This was then a part of Clayton county, but after platting the town and erecting a log house they soon organized Fayette county. Mr. Rogers was the first postmaster here. He was county clerk, county judge and served two terms in the legislature. In 1854 he was first to move in the organization

O. W. Dyer, D. V. Clement, C. H. Quigley, F. C. Anderson, Henry Parker Anderson and Hon. W. B. Fuller. On motion the following committee was appointed in draft resolutions: Wm. E. Fuller, W. J. Ainsworth and W. A. Hoyt. A report was submitted by said committee and resolutions adopted as follows:

The Bar of Fayette County, Iowa, duly assembled, herewith express their deep sorrow in the death of Hon. Jacob W. Rogers, the oldest member of the Bar practicing in this County, whose death occurred February 8, 1900. Jacob W. Rogers was one of the early County Judges, was a member of the Iowa Legislature, Captain of Company "I", 38th Iowa Infantry, and held many other positions of honor and trust; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Bar of Fayette County, Iowa: That in the death of Hon. Jacob W. Rogers the legal profession of this County has lost one of its most esteemed and valued members; one who in the many years of practice was always distinguished by his unwavering allegiance to every case espoused by him, and who under all circumstances devoted his every energy to the promotion and success of the principles which he deemed essential and proper for the advancement of the interests of his chosen profession and the good of the community in which he resided. We desire to express our deepest sympathy with his esteemed widow and children in this their hour of loneliness and sorrow. We direct that copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased and that they be presented to the District Court of Fayette County, Iowa, at its next term with the request that they be spread upon its records. On motion the meeting was then adjourned.

L. L. AINSWORTH, Chairman, C. H. QUIGLEY, Secretary.

In addition to the adoption of these resolutions the Bar of the County secured for the funeral a most exquisite floral design.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

List of Deeds Filed in the Recorder's Office During the Past Week:

J P Jensen to Krasten Krastensen, land in fr. ne 2-94-9.	\$2100 00
Jacob Siglin to J H Poquett, Sr., land in 34-95-8.	175 00
F W Nichols to Sewell Page, lt 21-22 B 2 Sims' Add Fairbank.	50 00
Elizabeth Kleiman to John Peters se ne 4-91-10.	1225 00
Wm Klammer to G C Klammer e 1/4 ne 14-92-10 sw sw 12-92-10.	3600 00
Wm Klammer to G P Klammer w 1/4 se 1/4 sw 12-92-10.	4900 00
T P Ritchie to J H Frost, lt 17 blk 3 Westgate.	700 00
Levi Fuller to L A Fisher, land in West Union.	400 00
John Hofer to Jos Sneider, land in se 21-94-7.	600 00
Edward Stevens to Fred Erikson, lt 4 blk 15 Oelwein.	250 00
C Shippey to Orinda Wilson ne ne 23-91-10.	1500 00
J H Frost to C B Gowen, lt 17, blk 5 Westgate.	800 00
Wm Bentley to Jno Jamison, lt 7-21-22, blk 18, lt 11, blk 7 Armstrong's add Oelwein.	277 50
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S A Sylvester to Jno Jamison, land in Westgate.	600 00
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Jno Irvine to A P Dickman lt 9, blk 1 Irvine's subdivision Oelwein.	900 00
I B Countryman to Jas Miner, lt 14, blk 4 Grand View add Oelwein.	200 00

Glimpse Across The Sea

Is the charming title of a charming book from the facile pen of Mr. Sam T. Clover, and well known author and newspaper editor. The "Glimpses are particularly pertinent just now when so many people are considering about going to the Paris exposition, and many people will be glad to know that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has purchased an edition of Mr. Clover's work for distribution. In sending your address for a copy please enclose six cents to pay postage. Geo H Hoarford, General Passenger Agent, Old Colony Building, Chicago.

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REPUBLICAN.

A Frightful Blunder

We often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by F. W. White druggist.

—The boys of '61, who took a turn at Andersonville or Salisbury prison pens, will be interested in reading the following: "A British officer, prisoner at Pretoria, writes that we live in a large stone building that is cool and comfortable. The Transvaal government has given to each of us an iron bedstead, with mattress and pillow, a pajama suit, slippers, flannel shirt, pocket handkerchief, towels, socks, etc. We rise at 6:30 and indulge in a cold bath. We breakfast on porridge, bacon, sardines, butter, jams, tea and coffee. We read and smoke until one o'clock, when we get beef, beer, bread butter, jam and water. At 4:30 we have tea, and at 7 o'clock dinner. Then we play whist and go to bed at 9:20." It may be that it is this sort of treatment which makes the British soldiers easy to catch.

Stood Death Off.

E. B. Munday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a grave-digger. He says: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice. I persuaded him to try Electric Bitters, and he was soon much better, but continued their use until he was wholly cured. I am sure Electric Bitters saved his life." This remedy expels malaria, kill disease germs and purifies the blood; aids digestion, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50c at F. W. White's drug store.

Tonight

If your liver is out of order, causing Biliousness, Sick Headache, Heartburn, or Constipation, take a dose of

Hood's Pills

On retiring, and tomorrow your digestive organs will be regulated and you will be bright, active and ready for any kind of work. This has been the experience of others; it will be yours. HOOD'S PILLS are sold by all medicine dealers. 25 cts.

first postmaster here. He was county clerk, county judge and served two terms in the legislature. In 1854 he was first to move in the organization of the Republican party in this county. He was very earnest in his convictions on the slavery question and in the stirring days before the war was foremost in advocating resistance to the encroachments of the slave power. For a time in 1861 he edited the "Republican Era," where his trenchant pen gave forceful utterance to the prevailing radical sentiment. In the year 1862 he organized a company for the war, which became Co. F, 38th Iowa, and he was chosen Captain, serving as such until Dec. 31, 1864. He participated with his regiment in all its battles and sieges. After his return he resumed the practice of law combining with it a profitable real estate business, continuing without interruption (excepting a few months in California) till admonished by the encroachments of age to cease from the endless grind of business. The past few years he has rested from active labor, calmly and patiently awaiting the end he knew inevitable. When his health permitted he was on the street greeting all with the cordiality and frankness ever characteristic to him.

His funeral Monday was largely attended the large audience room and annex of the Presbyterian church being filled with his friends, the Bar of Fayette County attending in a body, with many here from neighboring towns. The sermon was by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Todd, from the text "Put not your trust in princes," and was very appropriate. Rev. Gillet gave an extended account of the life of the deceased, and solos were sung by Mrs. Woodard and Miss Profit. The floral decorations were elaborate and beautiful, especially the cross from the bar association.

J. W. Rogers and Jane Simons were married in 1848. Their first child was Ada, now Mrs. E. M. Eggleston, born in Monroe, Wis.; Oscar W., the first child born in West Union; Anna, who married C. F. Babcock; Omar and Frances, the latter married to J. S. Sampson jr., dying in 1883.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BAR.

Held at the office of Ainsworth, Ainsworth & Dykens, West Union, Iowa, on the 9th day of February, 1900.

Meeting called to order at 3:30 o'clock P. M. On motion Hon. L. L. Ainsworth was made chairman and C. H. Quigley, secretary. The chairman stated the object of their meeting to be, the adoption of proper and suitable resolutions regarding the death of Hon. Jacob W. Rogers, who was the oldest member of this Bar. The members present were as follows: Hon. L. L. Ainsworth, Hon. S. B. Zeigler, Hon. W. A. Hoyt, H. P. Hancock, I. M. Weed, W. J. Ainsworth,

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from Pneumonia before morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, which had more than once saved her life, and cured her of Consumption. After taking, she slept all night. Further use entirely cured her." This marvellous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at F. W. White's drug store.

You Can't Dodge Them

Did you ever try to dodge the rain-drops? Did not succeed very well, did you? It's just as useless to try to escape from the germs of consumption. You can't do it. They are about us on every hand and we are constantly taking them into our lungs.

Then why don't we all have this disease? Simply because these germs cannot gain a foothold in a strong throat and lungs. It's when these are weak that the germs master.

The body must be well supplied with fat. The danger comes when the blood is poor and the body is thin. If your cough does not yield, and your throat and lungs feel raw and sore, you should not delay another day. Take

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A Biographical Directory of its Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Fayette County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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National Bank. Married Melissa A. Stafford; she was born in Auburn, Geauga Co., Ohio; they have four children—Charles W., Nellie S., Louisa and Mabel M.

Periee, W. N., carpenter.

Perry, M. H., Baptist minister.

Phillips, Anson, Sec. 17.

PHILLIPS, E. N., Postmaster, residence on Elm street; born Dec. 26, 1834, in La Porte, Ind.; in 1836, went to Winnebago Co., near Rockford; in 1847, went to Greene Co., Wis.; in 1850, came to Fayette Co., and has made this his home ever since. Married Emma Cox Nov. 1, 1866; she was born in 1844, in England; they have three children—Everett M., Charles C. and John T. Is a Republican; has been Alderman several terms. Enlisted in 1862, in Co. H, 18th Iowa Infantry; served one year and was discharged on account of a wound received in line of duty Jan. 8, 1863, at Springfield, Mo.

Phillips, L. C., far., Sec. 15.

QUAKENBUSH, JOHN, laborer.

RAPP, JOHN,

Reed, G. H.

REEDER, THOMAS D., far., Sec. 5; born Jan. 8, 1847, in Mercer Co., Penn.; in 1854, came to West Union; settled on his present farm in 1877; owns 170 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre. Married Isabelle Montgomery Sept. 13, 1876; she was born in Delaware Co., Feb. 18, 1847; have one child—Robert D., born Jan. 23, 1878. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has been School Director. Enlisted in 1862, in Co. C, 6th Iowa Cavalry, served three years; was at the battle of White Stone Hill, and in other battles on the Western frontier.

Redfield, D. W.

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Rich, A. E., nurseryman.

Richmond, H.

Rickle, H., attorney.

Riley, James, meat market.

Risner, H., Sec. 18.

Robbins, G. E.

Roberts, C. B.

Roberts, M. J.

ROBERTS, O., firm of Roberts & Glass, furniture, Main st.; born June 25, 1813, in Waldo Co., Me.; in 1853, came to Bridgeport, Conn.; in 1857, came to Chickasaw Co., Iowa, and commenced the furniture trade, and so continued till 1877, when he came to West Union. Married M. J. Treat; she was born Feb. 2, 1817, in Waldo Co., Me.; had ten children, four living—Mary A., now Mrs. Pepper; Florence A., now Mrs. Glass; Ella M., now Mrs. Sutton, and F. W. Is a Republican. Mrs. R. is a member of the M. E. Church.

Robinson, S. E., Physician.

Rogers, O. W., lawyer.

ROGERS, JACOB WENTWORTH, HON., of the firm of J. W. Rogers & Son, attorneys and real estate dealers, office in Owens & Davis' Block, Elm street, opposite Public Square; born in Moultonboro, N. H., Aug. 15, 1820; in September, 1843, he removed to McHenry Co., Ill.; in 1845, went to Monroe, Wis.; Sept. 7, 1849, he came to West Union. The Judge built the first house within the present limits or addition to this city; he was the first Postmaster here, appointed in 1850; he was Clerk of the District Court; in 1854, he was elected to the Legislature from this district. He was admitted to the bar June 1, 1855; was engaged in the real estate business here from 1853 until June, 1875; he was elected County Judge in 1857; served two terms; resigned that position in 1861. In August, 1862, he raised Co. F, 38th I. V. I., and was commissioned Captain of the company; was at the siege of Vicksburg and Fort Morgan; mustered out Jan. 1, 1865. Married, in Belvidere, to Sarah J. Simons, Feb. 25, 1848; she was born in N. Y., April 14, 1830; they have five children—Ada A. (now Mrs. Elisha M. Eggleston, of California), Oscar W., Anna A. (now Mrs. Chas. F. Babcock), Omar A., and Frances (now Mrs. John S. Sampson, Jr.)

Rosier, G. N., far., Sec. 9.

Rosier, J. R., Sec. 5.

ROSIER, LAWRENCE, farmer, Sec. 6; born July 27, 1850, in Clayton Co., Iowa; the same year came to Fayette Co., with his parents; has remained

THE UNITED STATES
BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

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IOWA VOLUME.

CHICAGO AND NEW YORK:
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and served the full three years for which it enlisted. His regiment was in the second brigade, third division, sixteenth army corps, and after being fearfully cut up at Pittsburgh Landing, it composed for a time part of the "Iron Brigade," which consisted of the 8th, 12th and 14th Iowa and 58th Illinois regiments. No better fighting regiment went from Iowa than the 14th, and no braver, more daring officer than Colonel Shaw.

For a while he commanded the third division of the sixteenth army corps, and when finally relieved at the end of the three years, on the 29th of October, 1864, Major-General A. J. Smith paid a high compliment to him for his "courage, patriotism and skill" during the fifteen months that he had its command. When about to leave the division which he had so bravely commanded, the officers made him a present of a beautiful sword and scabbard, a token of their kindly regard, which he cherishes highly.

The Shaws are a patriotic family. A cousin of the Colonel, Robert G. Shaw, commanded the first colored regiment, and was killed at Fort Wagner.

Colonel Shaw was originally a federalist, then a whig, and latterly a republican. He is now a member of the lower house of the general assembly, and one of the leading members of that body. He is not a member of any religious body.

Colonel Shaw has had three wives. In 1854 he married Miss Helen A. Crane, of Jones county. She had two children, and died in 1865. One child survives her. His second wife was Rhelta Harmon, who lived only one short year. His present wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Higby, of Kalamazoo county, Michigan.

Colonel Shaw is a tall, sparely built man, of nervous temperament, quick to act and to think, and always ready at repartee. He is as full of humor as an egg is of meat. He is a good hater, and would have pleased Dr. Johnson, hating hypocrisy, shams of every description, and traitors preëminently. He is attached to his friends and to every true, fair-dealing person, and will travel a long distance to render aid to the needy. In every respect he is a valuable citizen.

JACOB W. ROGERS,

WEST UNION.

JUDGE ROGERS, as he is universally called in Fayette county, and who was a pioneer in West Union, is a native of the Granite State, being born in Moultonboro, on the 15th of August, 1820. His father, John Rogers, was a farmer, whose ancestors came from England, and settled at an early day in the eastern part of New Hampshire. The wife of John Rogers was Anna Wentworth, a descendant of Governor Wentworth, and a relative of Hon. John Wentworth of Illinois. In England it is one of the noble families, but Judge Rogers places no weight in pedigree. In this free country every man builds his own ladder.

Jacob lost his father when the son was only four years old; at seven the family moved to Ossipee, in the same state, and in 1831 to Bethel, Vermont. There the subject of this notice worked out more or less on farms, purchasing, after four or five years, his time of his stepfather, Samuel Rogers, for one hundred dollars. At this time, seventeen years of age, he had had but a few months' schooling, and now alternated between laboring in the summers, attending academies at Randolph and Royalton

in the autumns, and teaching during the winters. This course he pursued for three or four years.

In 1843 Mr. Rogers came as far west as McHenry county, Illinois, where he taught steadily until 1845, going thence to Monroe, Green county, Wisconsin, where he taught four or five terms. He then went into the mercantile business with Jacob Lybrand; continued in trade there until the summer of 1849, and on the 7th of the following September he and his partner took a stock of goods to the spot where West Union, Fayette county, Iowa, now stands. The town was not laid out, and there was no building on the site. William Wells had a log house half a mile away. Mr. Rogers built the first house, which was made of hewn logs, in the place, and moved into it on Christmas day, 1849. The goods were put into Mr. Wells' log house, and the partnership was soon dissolved.

In 1850 Mr. Rogers, Mr. Lybrand and Mr. Wells laid out the town, and that year Mr. Rogers was appointed postmaster, the nearest postoffice before that date being at Elkader, Clayton county, twenty-five miles distant. Provisions were brought from

Quasqueton, on the Wapsipinecon, in Buchanan county, forty-five miles southward. For two or three years Mr. Rogers acted as compulsory landlord, there being no hotel in the place.

In 1850 the lands in northern Iowa were not in the market; so Mr. Rogers, dropping the mercantile business, took up claims, opened farms and sold the claims, and when the lands came into market, continued to deal in them, thus operating until 1857, when the financial panic put a stop to the business for a few years.

Prior to this date Mr. Rogers had read law, and was admitted to the bar as early as 1853, but did not practice much until of late years.

In 1854 he was elected to the legislature, and served two years. He was an anti-slavery man in those days, and was the first man in Fayette county to suggest the organization of the republican party.

He was elected county judge in 1857; reelected in 1859, and resigned in January, 1861, soon afterward, for a few months, trying his hand, for a temporary purpose, at journalism, he naming his paper the "Republican Era."

In August, 1862, Judge Rogers raised company F, of the 38th regiment, became its captain, and served

until January, 1865, when the 34th and 38th regiments were consolidated.

On returning to West Union, Judge Rogers engaged in farming a few years, dealing also in real estate at the same time. During this period, in 1871 and 1872, he was also editor and proprietor of the West Union "Gazette," doing good service in the republican cause, and showing himself a writer of much sharpness and power.

In 1873 the judge went to California and spent a year, and since his return has been engaged in the practice of law, giving his whole time to his profession. He is of the firm of J. W. Rogers and Son, his son, Oscar Wentworth, being in practice with him.

The judge was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Simons, of McHenry county, Illinois, on the 25th of February, 1848, and has five children, all married except Omar A., who resides at Los Angeles, California. Ada A. is the wife of Elisha M. Eggleston, of Los Angeles; Anna A., of Charles F. Babcock, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Frances, of John S. Sampson, of West Union. Oscar W., already mentioned, and who was married in May, 1874, to Miss Mary F. Putnam, of Lynn, Massachusetts, is a young lawyer of decided promise.

JAMES D. CARTER,

WINTERSET.

THE baptismal name of James Dyhouse Carter was derived from his maternal ancestors, who were among the early colonists from England. The ancestors of his father were also from England. James Carter was a native of Yorkshire, England, who, with a company of others from the High Church of England, landed in America in 1729; passed through Albemarle sound up the Roanoke river, and settled in Guilford county, North Carolina. There he was married to Charity Vincent, by which union they reared a family of eight children, one daughter and seven sons. Five of the latter were lost in the revolutionary war, three of them being killed at the battle of Guilford Court House, on the 15th of March, 1781. After the battle the Tories took possession of all they had, and he then engaged in the saddle and harness business. Benjamin, the youngest son, died of sickness, and the father did not long survive, his death occurring in 1783. Having sold his entire possessions for Continental money, Charity,

the only daughter, and Jesse, the only surviving son, inherited the entire estate in this currency. The money greatly depreciated in value while in their hands, and Jesse at one time gave a hundred-dollar bill for a jack-knife. Jesse Carter, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in 1764. When he was quite young he married Mary Hains. The spirit of adventure which animated their forefathers would seem to have been inherited by the descendants, for with the westward march of civilization they were found among the pioneers. Soon after their marriage they moved to near Murphysboro, Tennessee, where she died, leaving two children. They were sent back to her friends in North Carolina, and Jesse moved to Crab Orchard, Lincoln county, Kentucky, in 1811. In 1812 he married Sarah Dyhouse, and by this union they had ten children, five of them now living. She died in April, 1831. In 1832 he married Mary Sword, with whom he lived but one year, when she

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teaching and followed that profession for two terms. In the summer of 1890 she taught a school five miles from home, walking to and fro from her work morning and evening that she might be with her father. Feeling that he needs her care and attention, she now remains with him all the time. Mr. Tumlinson is a staunch advocate of Republican principles, but his infirmities prevent him from taking an active part in politics. He is a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now Class-Leader, and is an upright man, esteemed for his many excellencies of character.



HON. JACOB WENTWORTH ROGERS, of the firm of J. W. Rogers & Son, attorneys-at-law and real-estate dealers of West Union, enjoys the distinction of having been the first white man to settle on the original plat of this city, and to have been prominently identified with the public interests of the city and county ever since. Judge Rogers was born in Moultonboro, then Strafford County, N. H., on the 15th of August, 1820. His parents were John and Anna (Wentworth) Rogers, both natives of New England. The father was a son of Daniel and Martha (Hurd) Rogers, who were also natives of New England and of English descent. Daniel Rogers served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and for many years made his home in New Hampshire, where John Rogers was born. His death occurred in 1824, when his son Jacob W. was a lad of four years. The mother, also a native of the Granite State, married again, becoming the wife of Samuel Rogers, and in 1831 they removed from Moultonboro, N. H., to Bethel, Vt.

The subject of this sketch accompanied his mother to Bethel and attended the public schools of that place. He also had the benefit of a few terms of instruction in an academy, but is indebted more for his education to self-instruction by the light of the old-fashioned fire-place than to regular scholastic training. In September, 1843, he emigrated to the great West, then just opening up

to settlement. He landed in Southport, Wis., now Kenosha, but did not remain long in that place, continuing on his way to Belvidere, McHenry County, Ill., near where he engaged in teaching school. Having taught five terms, in April, 1845, he went to Monroe, Wis., where he taught four or five terms and also engaged in the mercantile business in company with Jacob LyBrand.

In Belvidere, Ill., February 25, 1848, Judge Rogers and Miss Sarah J. Simons, daughter of John and Adelia M. (Burbank) Simons, were married. Mrs. Rogers was born in Berlin, Chenango County, N. Y., April 14, 1830. During their residence in Monroe one child, a daughter, was born unto them—Ada Augusta, February 25, 1849, now the wife of Elisha M. Eggleston, of Denver, Colo. The younger children were born in West Union, Iowa. In September, 1849, the Judge started for this State, accompanied by his wife and daughter and his partner, Mr. LyBrand. They reached the site of West Union, in what is now Fayette County, then a part of Clayton, on the 7th of September of that year. The two gentlemen had been to Iowa the previous July and had bought an interest in a sixty-acre tract of land of William Wells, who had selected it as a site for a town which he proposed to call West Union. On their return, Messrs. Rogers & LyBrand brought with them a stock of goods and opened a store in Mr. Wells' cabin. This was the first mercantile house in West Union. Soon after their arrival they laid out the town, which is situated on the northeast quarter of section 17, Township 94 north, range 8 west. In October following Judge Rogers began the erection of a residence on block 17, the first house built on the original plat, Mr. Wells' cabin being outside. The house was built of hewn logs, was a story and a half in height and the dimensions were 18x26 feet. The roof was made of shakes and the lumber for the floors and finishing was hauled from Elkader, Iowa. At length it was completed, and on Christmas Day of 1849 Judge Rogers and his family took possession. Soon after locating in West Union he and his neighbors petitioned for the establishment of a post-office at that point, which was granted, and the post-office of West Union was instituted January 29, 1850, being the first

one in Fayette County. Mr. Rogers was appointed Postmaster and served one year, when he resigned, being succeeded by Daniel Cook who built the second house in the place.

The first white child born in West Union was Oscar Wentworth Rogers, the Judge's second child and eldest son. He was born October 2, 1850, wedded Miss Mary F. Putnam May 30, 1874, and is the junior partner of the firm of J. W. Rogers & Son. The three other children of the family are: Anna Adelia, who was born January 2, 1852, became the wife of Charles F. Babcock December 15, 1874, and is now residing with her parents, her husband being deceased; Omar Azro, who was born August 3, 1854, and married Lizzie Overman May 17, 1880, has for several years been engaged in farming in California; Frances, born November 23, 1856, on the 30th of November, 1875, became the wife of John S. Sampson, Jr., and died in West Union February 27, 1883.

On locating in West Union, Judge Rogers engaged in the real-estate business, locating, entering, buying and selling lands, which enterprise he carried on quite extensively. He was a strong anti slavery man from his earliest conceptions in regard to politics and became identified with the Liberal party while a resident of Monroe, Wis. By it he was nominated for the Legislature, but his party was not sufficiently strong to secure his election. In 1850 he was appointed the first Clerk of the Court for Fayette County and served two years. In 1854, previous to the organization of the Republican party, Judge Rogers was the first in Fayette County to move for a public meeting to organize that party and through his instrumentality such a meeting was held in West Union. He suggested the name of True Republican party and the name as since used was finally adopted at that meeting. Earlier in the same year he was elected to the Legislature by the Anti-Nebraska party and served two years. For some years he has been devoting considerable attention to law. While serving as Clerk of the Court and in connection with his real-estate business, he was admitted to the bar on the 1st of June, 1855, but at that time only practiced a year, as he was elected County Judge in August, 1857. Being re-elected in August,

1859, he served until January, 1861, when he resigned. In the spring of that year he purchased the office of the *Review*, a weekly paper of West Union, and changing the name to the *Republican Era*, issued the first number of the paper April 10 of that year. Finding the business too confining, he disposed of the paper and devoted his attention to the real-estate business. In August, 1862, he raised a company for the late war, of which he was elected Captain. With his troops he was mustered into the service on November 4, as Company F, Thirty-eighth Iowa Infantry. He participated in the sieges of Vicksburg, Ft. Morgan, Brownsville, Tex., which continued from November, 1863, to July 26, 1864, and was mustered out at his request December 31, 1864, on the consolidation of his regiment with the Thirty-fourth Iowa Infantry.

On his return from the war the Judge resumed real-estate business and also purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres situated one mile northwest of the city, which he cultivated two years, but made his home in the city and continued to operate in real estate. He resumed practice again in June, 1875, since which time he has been constantly at work, except an interval of a few months spent in California. He went to the Pacific Coast in October, 1872, and engaged in the real-estate business in San Francisco until December, 1873, when he returned to West Union. In June, 1875, the existing firm was formed by the admission of Oscar W. Rogers to a partnership with his father. The Judge maintained his connection with the Republican party until 1884, since which time he has been identified with the Prohibition party. He was the candidate of that party for Attorney-General of Iowa and for Judge of the Supreme Court. There were three points in politics on which the Judge has never varied in his opinions—his opposition to human slavery, his earnest convictions in favor of prohibition and the justice of female suffrage.

From the first settlement of West Union and Fayette County, Judge Rogers has always been foremost in support of every worthy enterprise that was calculated to benefit the people of his city, county and State. He was actively con-

nected with the early movements to secure railway communication for his section of the State with the world, and to that end labored in the interest of the building of a road from Dubuque, Iowa, to Pembina, Minn., which was to pass through West Union. He also advocated voting local aid to the road from McGregor to Sioux City and was active in the support of the projected Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway, during its inception and construction. He once lost his re-election to the Legislature by seventeen votes on account of hostilities growing out of his support of a liberal policy on the part of the people toward railroads. Among the many first things and happenings pertaining to the settlement of West Union, with which Judge Rogers has been identified, should be mentioned the building of the first schoolhouse and the examination of the first teacher employed in the county. The last-mentioned event was rather informal as it happened while the Judge was hoeing in a field one day. The regularly constituted school officials came to him with a candidate for the position of teacher, whom they requested him to examine. Leaning on his hoe, the Judge conducted the examination which resulted in the teacher getting a certificate and a contract for the school. Among other local affairs, the Judge was one of those who were active in securing the location of the county seat in West Union, and in aiding in the construction of the county buildings. In manner Judge Rogers is plain and unassuming, genial and cordial. He possesses a keen appreciation of the humorous in life, making his companionship very enjoyable. In his religious views he is broad and liberal and leans toward the Universalist idea that all will enjoy a chance for happiness in a future state. In his views on the subject of temperance he is very pronounced and has done good work in promoting the success of reform in that direction. In all the relations of life he has ever been esteemed for his unswerving integrity and manly independence in defence of his honest convictions. His earnest patriotism was shown in his devotion to the Union cause during the late war, and was strongly expressed in a set of resolutions which he drafted and which were adopted by the officers of

the Thirty-eighth Iowa Infantry, at New Madrid, Mo., in the spring of 1863. Our space will not admit of their presentation here but they will be found on pages 426 and 427 of the old Fayette County History under the heading of "From the Front." He has never been a member of any secret organization, believing that they are unnecessary in a Republican government, and that they do not tend to the promotion of the public interests.



HON. LESLEY B. MATTOON, M. D., State Senator, was born in Hermon, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., on the 29th of April, 1847, and is a son of James and Mary A. (Wheeler) Mattoon, both of whom were natives of the Empire State where they grew to years of maturity and were married. Upon the breaking out of the Rebellion the father and three sons enlisted in the Union army and while thus engaged in his country's service the death of James Mattoon occurred July 3, 1862. Vincent served for nearly three years as one of the boys in blue and then returned home, while John was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. The Doctor and a sister complete the family.

Our subject is the only one who has followed a professional career. He was educated in the common schools and Wesleyan Seminary of Gouverneur, N. Y. Although quite young he entered the service August 30, 1864, becoming a member of Battery C, First New York Light Artillery and was honorably discharged June 17, 1865. He participated in the second battle of Hatchies Run, the capture of Ft. Stedman and the capture of Petersburg. On returning home, he again attended school through the winter season and in the spring of 1866 emigrated westward, locating in Dodge County, Wis., where he worked upon the farm in the summer season and taught school during the winter months. It was his desire to make the practice of medicine his life work and in leisure hours he gave his attention to the study of that profession. To further fit himself, in 1873 he entered the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, from which he



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Rank at enlistment:	Captain
State Served:	Iowa
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Commissioned an officer in Company F, Iowa 38th Infantry Regiment on 04 Nov 1862. Mustered out on 31 Dec 1864.
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