

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Carpenter, Cyrus Clay Senator _____

Represented Wash. Cross, Gordon, Franklin, Herington, Hancock, Himmelberg,

Hosketh, Webster, Hamilton, Calhoun, Paabroten, Pals Alt, Sag, Bena Vista,

1. Birthday and place 24 Nov 1829 Northfield Township, Surgoonhanna
County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Susan C. Burkholder

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; real estate

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 7th General Assembly 1858

6. Public Offices 20th General Assembly 1884

A. Local Elected Webster County surveyor in 1856; Ist Dodge postmaster 1889-1893

B. State Elected Register of the State Land Office 1866-1870; nominated for
Iowa Secretary, elected for 2 terms

C. National Appointed Comptroller of the Currency under President Grant

7. Death 29 May 1892 Fort Dodge, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Iowa

8. Children No children of their own; adopted his wife's niece,
Jenny Burkholder who lived with them after the death of her parents
with her marriage to Cyrus Allen in 1873

9. Names of parents Ashabel and Amanda M. (Hoyer) Carpenter

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Clay,
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Carpenter, Cyrus Clay

10. Education

He studied each winter in district schools
in winters; attended the Hartford, Pennsylvania
Academy

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- By the time Cyrus was age 12 his parents had died, leaving him an orphan.
- He first learned the clothier trade, but didn't like it and soon started working with a farmer during the summer.
- At age 18 he began teaching school and did for 4 years.
- He then moved to Ohio where he taught school 1 1/2 years and worked on a farm in the summer. This was in Johnson, Licking County, Ohio.
- In 1854 he moved westward first to various points in Illinois and in Iowa and finally arrived in Des Moines, Iowa. He then moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa arriving 28 June 1854. There he was hired as a surveyor's assistant. He later taught school when out of money.
- He later opened a private land office. He platted and surveyed the land for those seeking land or a home.
- Military service - Civil War - chief commissary of the left wing of the 16th Army Corps, promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.
- After the war he returned to Fort Dodge he improved land that he owned until fall 1866.
- When he was elected to the State Land Office he moved to Des Moines.

TIME TABLE.

Trains at Fort Dodge

C. R. R., AVENUE GOING WEST.

Day.....3:15 a. m.
 Sunday.....3:10 p. m.
 Sunday.....6:15 a. m.

GOING EAST.

Day.....10:50 p. m.
 Sunday.....3 p. m.
 Sunday (arrives).....10:30 p. m.
 except Sunday... 5:30 a. m.

St. L. R. R.

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 Ex.....12:55 a. m.
6:30 a. m.

GOING SOUTH.

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St. P. R. R.

NS ARRIVE.
 Ex.....8:30 p. m.
10:45 a. m.
4:00 p. m.

NS DEPART.

Ex.....7:00 a. m.
10:00 a. m.
2:55 p. m.

Ft. D. R. R.

-TRAINS ARRIVE.
5:30 p. m.
1:10 p. m.

NS LEAVE.

Day.....8:00 a. m.
11:45 p. m.

RANCH-LEAVES.

Days, Thurs, Sat.....7:30 a. m.
2:35 p. m.

ARRIVES.

Days, Thurs, Sat.....9:10 a. m.
5:45 p. m.

GOV. CARPENTER DEAD.

Summons Came With But a Few Days Warning.

Gov. Carpenter died at his home in Fort Dodge at 9 o'clock Sunday night. The announcement of the end came like a thunderclap upon the community who had no warning of his critical condition. Gov. Carpenter has been a sufferer for a long time from kidney trouble but control has been maintained over the malady and no immediate danger was apprehended. A little over a week ago he was taken sick and confined to his bed. His condition indicated extreme prostration, but it was not believed but that he might rally, as he had done before from other attacks. On Saturday a change for the worse came, and he sank rapidly, passing away at nine o'clock Sunday evening. The funeral takes place from the home at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Wednesday. A fitting record of this useful and honored life will be published later.

Wesley Peterson is slowly recovering from an attack of sickness at his home in Dayton.

Mrs. R. W. Crawford returned Friday from Webster City where she has been

BOLD BURGLARS.

Light-footed Outlaws Go Thru S. J. Bennett Home.

Burglars, who acted as though they knew their business thoroughly, effected an entrance to the S. J. Bennett home Friday night, and after a long examination of the premises secured a number of valuable articles without awakening anybody or leaving any clue to their identity. A lever was used to pry open the porch window, the catch on the sill being sprung out. After hunting about the lower part of the house their actions being evident from the melting candle grease, they went in and entered Mr. Bennett's bedroom and took his clothing down stairs without rousing him. Before leaving the house they went through the pockets of the suit and took a gold watch worth about one hundred dollars and a valuable diamond shirt stud and a souvenir Grant engraving. An emblem on the watch chain was also taken off and left safely on the window sill. Evidently the criminals felt with a wholesome respect for that they feared detection if the emblem was taken.

About 2:00 o'clock the sound of a falling window attracted attention at the Roberts home, next to the Bennett's, followed by the sound of retreating footsteps. This music was found a large window pane with weights had been pried up, and the burglar was evidently surprised the burglars were lying down and caused them to get up. No doubt this was about the time when the Bennett home was broken into.

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THE GRIM REAPER

GOVERNOR CARPENTER CALLED SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY.

This Venerable and Honored Citizen had Been Sick But a Few Days and a Fatal End was Not Expected—Sketch of His Career.

Governor Carpenter died at his home in this city on Sunday night after a short sickness. The end of this useful and honorable life came as a complete surprise and shock to the community, the majority not realizing that the sickness which had confined him for the past two weeks was serious, and very few apprehending the fatal termination up to the last. A kidney ailment has threatened his health for several years, two years ago nearly proving fatal, but his health improved of late and until a few days ago no imminent danger was feared. He was a pall bearer at the funeral of A. E. Haskell, two weeks ago, and no one observing him at that time would have been impressed with the thought that he would be the next of the pioneer settlers to answer the final summons. A few days later he became so sick as to be unable to leave his bed, being completely prostrated, and since then every day has indicated the progressive nature of the disease, making him gradually weaker until the once robust constitution could no longer defend itself, and succumbed to the attack. The last day or two he was partially unconscious, although there were signs of recognition, and affection at times toward the attendant members of his family, but most of the time there was the blessed relief from physical pain that comes with unconsciousness. On Saturday a change for

with them until her marriage in 1878 to Byron Allen.

Returning from the war he was elected two years later Registrar of the state land office, holding the position four years. At this time he compiled a book upon surveying which is still considered a text book. In 1872 he was elected governor of Iowa and was re-elected two years later.

At the expiration of his official term Gov. Carpenter was appointed Second comptroller of the currency under President Grant's administration.

Resigning the office after two years he returned to Fort Dodge and was elected to congress from the Ninth district, being re-elected two years later. During his congressional career he accomplished at least two missions of surpassing importance. One was the division of the federal district of Iowa, which at that time was all one. In forming the northern district Fort Dodge was selected as one of the places for holding court and eventually our fine government building was secured. The other success of which we speak was the originating of the theory of crop bureaus which has been followed out to a successful issue by the government.

Gov. Carpenter later permitted his name to be used by the republican party as a candidate for the legislature and he was a member of the house, and the acknowledged leader, during the session when the prohibitory amendment was passed.

Under the Harrison administration he was appointed postmaster at Fort Dodge, and filled the office to the universal satisfaction of everyone. Since that time Gov. Carpenter has quietly lived in Fort Dodge, devoting his energies to the management of the affairs of his farm and his real estate business. The later years of his life have been brightened by the companionship of his nephew Clay, his namesake,

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there was the blessed relief from physical pain that comes with unconsciousness. On Saturday a change for the worse came and on Sunday night at 9 o'clock the vital spark was extinct and the soul of one of the best and truest of men returned to the Maker.

An abler pen than that of the writer will record in these columns the impression that Governor Carpenter's life has left in this community and upon the world, for a wide-spreading influence for good has radiated these many years from this gentle, kindly character. Only a brief sketch can now be given of a career that in the hands of a biographer might well be the subject for a volume: As pioneer, citizen, soldier and statesman, his personality has been so unique, his experiences so varied, his intellect so clear and penetrating that it is a source for deep regret that no memoirs exist to set in permanent form the history of himself and of the people and events of his time.

Governor Carpenter was beloved by everybody who knew him. It is customary to speak not unkindly of the dead but he wrote his own words of esteem and affection upon the hearts of all when he lived, and the words of homage today only repeat what his own deeds have engraved. It is an interesting but not difficult subject to analyze the cause for his wonderful hold upon the people. He could not have attained it if he were not a good man, but all good men are not universally appreciated. The integrity and purity of his character was understood and admired with the respect that makes love easy, but it was his own cordial and loving nature, and heart that held peace and good will for all men, which kindled and maintained the affections of those who came in contact with him. There was a benediction in his eye, his voice and his smile that hal- lowed the relations he held with other men.

the, later years of his life have been brightened by the companionship of his nephew Clay, his namesake, who was as dear to him as though he were his own son. He provided his education and entertained the keenest solicitude for his future usefulness and success. As was the wish of his uncle, Clay will remain now and care for his aunt.

Governor Carpenter.

MR EDITOR: When a man dies whose death is felt as a personal bereavement, not only by his relatives, but also by all his acquaintances, we know that a good man has gone and that the world has been made better and happier by his life. My excuse, Mr. Editor, for saying a few words about Governor Carpenter is that I loved him as a man, a friend, and a citizen. What was he as a man? First of all, he had what Emerson calls "the centrality of things" —character. He could be depended upon with a degree of certainty such as attaches to the rising and the setting of the sun. In strength and downright honesty his character was gigantic, and yet in it, as was said of the character of John Wesley, were the tenderness of a woman and the simplicity of a child. With such a character, his life was an open book that could be read by all, and which, when read, compelled love from the good and respect from the bad: With such a character he walked through life, a typical American and a true man, not above the lowliest and not beneath the highest.

As a friend—he was wise in counsel and earnest and strong to help. No young man ever went to him for advice who could not rely upon a wise father and a helpful brother. No young man ever listened to his advice who did not thereby get a higher aim in life and a broader and truer conception of the dignity of humanity and the true worth of life.

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He possessed a spirit of charity that gave him an insight into the motives of others and allowed him to appreciate the better instincts which were to be found in those opposing the policies he supported. He opposed wrong men and wrong principles, but never with the blind antagonism of personal enmity, and his influence in the field of statesmanship has been largely due to the breadth of the perspective given by his unselfish nature.

Gov. Carpenter was an earnest and consistent christian, being an active member of the Methodist church. As in all his other relations he was steadfast in what he regarded as his religious duties and unassuming in their performance.

Cyrus Clay Carpenter was born sixty-eight years ago in Harford, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania. His father, Ashabel Carpenter, and mother, whose maiden name was Amanda M. Thayer, were natives of Massachusetts. The father was a strong whig advocate, an anti-slavery man, and ardent admirer of Henry Clay. The mother was of a family well known in literature, statesmanship and military affairs. Among the most distinguished of the family was Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, who is called the father of the West Point Military academy, of which he was one of the first graduates and afterwards for many years its superintendent. There were six children in the family, one boy and one girl, the latter in infancy. G. J. Carpenter, the first, was born in 1811, residing at Placerville, California, since 1851, being also publisher of the "Mountain Democrat," a leading newspaper there; the second brother, Fred-

and a helpful brother. No young man ever listened to his advice who did not thereby get a higher aim in life and a broader and truer conception of the dignity of humanity and the true worth of life.

As a citizen Governor Carpenter was what his character necessarily made him—the highest product of free institutions. He was a level-headed, broad-minded, honest, warm-hearted lover of his country. Though in politics a great part of his life, the polluted finger of corruption never touched even the hem of his garment. Today, as he lies cold in death, political friends and political foes alike declare that he was what Pope has called "the noblest work of God." When in political life he was assailed and his motives impugned he never descended to a defense of his character. When unfairly defeated he never complained. He never became soured and embittered against those who had done him wrong. His mind dwelt in the serene heights and could look down and see passion play at his feet unmoved. The result was that when he died he had not an enemy in the world. All, today, feel that a good man has left us and that his life has made us better men and better citizens.

R. M. WRIGHT.

From Mr. Coffin.

Inexpressible sadness fills our hearts. There are a few of us remaining who came to Fort Dodge about the same time that Gov. Carpenter did—some 44 years ago—to whom this news brings a sadness little known to others.

There is a cord that binds old pioneers' hearts to one another that hurts when the scythe of time severs it. "Inexpressible" is just the word with which the aching heart tries to express it.

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the occupation of farming. Cyrus C.
was the next to the youngest, and R.
E., now living in Des Moines, was the
youngest. When Cyrus was but twelve
years old his father and mother both
died. He obtained an academic educa-
tion and taught school until 1854, when
he came to Iowa and Fort Dodge, ob-
taining a position in the government
land survey, making the survey of
Webster county. In 1856 he was ap-
pointed chief of the survey in Kossuth
county. There was but one house in
Kossuth county at the time, and his
experiences with Indians and the
usual hardships of the frontier settlers
were stories of absorbing interest
when related.

He was elected county surveyor of
Webster county in 1856 and was elect-
ed in 1857 to the first Iowa legislature
that met in Des Moines.

When the war broke out he was ap-
pointed captain and commissary of
subsistence. He was on the staff of
Gen. Rosecrans, then on Gen. Dodge's
staff until the march to the sea, when
he was advanced to rank of Lieutenant
colonel on Gen. Logan's staff, which
place he held until the close of the
war, when he was brevetted colonel.
He was the personal friend of Gen.
Rosecrans and Gen. Dodge. At the
battle of Atlanta when on Gen. Lo-
gan's staff he took an active part.

In 1864 he married Susan C. Burk-
holder, who survives him. They had
no children. One of the pleasant fea-
tures of their lives was the virtual
adoption of Mrs. Carpenter's niece,
Fanny Burkholder, who after the
death of her parents made her home

which the aching heart tries to ex-
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away back in the east. One by one we
dropped into this new state—into this
embryo town and city, and we soon
adopted each other, not as friends,
merely, but as brothers, and the friend-
ships formed in those early crude days
have grown and strengthened and
deepened as the years wore on. Hon-
ored, indeed, the man who could call
Gov. Carpenter his intimate friend.
The body of Gov. Carpenter may be
dead, but that great soul, that sweet
spirit, that great manly manhood, that
ever active and unselfish love for his
fellows can never die. His body may
moulder in yonder grave, but the real
Gov. Carpenter will keep marching on.
He, himself, lives. On many a young
man he has impressed himself, and he
will still live on. Most truly we, his co-
temporaries of nearly half a century,
realize how truly he lives in our hearts'
truest affections now many fold more
than ever before. But, ah! our sad
hearts. Who of us can rise above our
selfish grief and say we are reconciled
to his taking away? While we know—
while we say—"It is far better to de-
part and be with Christ"—yet our
bursting hearts seem as if they must
break, and scalding tears burn our
cheek. We feel almost alone. Another,
yes, and still another generation has
come up among us who came in here
with him, and we are forced to feel we
are among strangers, and we old
settlers cling closer and closer togeth-
er as the years bring these changes,
and we are loath to part with those
with whom we have so long walked
together down the years. But he has
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 "He was a good man." That is his
 crown of everlasting life.

L. S. COFFIN.

A Power for Good.

We often hear of men being spoken
 of as public benefactors, because of
 the impress they have left upon the
 commerce or the physical improve-
 ment of a community. Lines of street
 railroad, blocks of paving, new busi-
 ness enterprises are their legacy to
 their fellow men. But the greatest
 benefactor to a community is he who
 molds its character for good. Who
 shall estimate the power for good of a
 Christ-like man? The death of Gov.
 Carpenter deprives our citizens of one
 whose modest, quiet life has been a
 constant reminder of what a Christian
 may do publicly and privately for the
 uplifting and ennobling of humanity.
 In our bereavement of such a life how
 may our loss be measured? *

Death of Alberta Johnson.
 Monrovia Messenger.

Died, at Santa Monica, Cal., Monday, May 16
 1898. Alberta Johnson, only daughter of
 Capt. and Mrs. A. H. Johnson, aged 17 years
 9 months and 21 days.
 On Monday evening last, this community
 was terribly shocked at the announcement
 of the death of Miss Alberta Johnson, which
 occurred at Santa Monica, whither her parents
 had taken her for rest and recuperation. For
 some time previously she had not been feel-
 ing well, and it was thought best that her
 studies be dropped for a time and a visit be
 made to the seaside in the hope that she
 would come back in a week or two rested and
 ready for the examinations, previous to grad-
 uating from the high school. It was not sup-
 posed that anything serious was the matter,
 even by her parents and consequently her
 death was a greater shock than it would oth-
 erwise have been. The immediate cause of
 her death was heart failure. She was a lovely
 young girl, and her presence will be sadly
 missed not only by her
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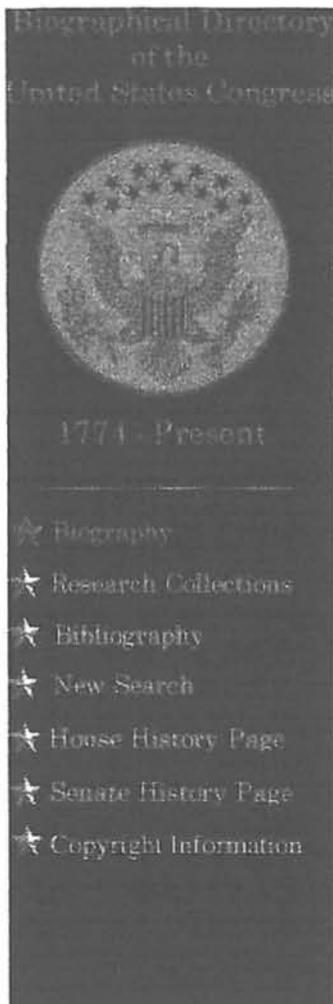
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CARPENTER, Cyrus Clay, 1829-1898

CARPENTER, Cyrus Clay, a Representative from Iowa; born near Harford, Susquehanna County, Pa., November 24, 1829; attended the common schools, and was graduated from Harford Academy in 1853; moved to Iowa in 1854 and engaged in teaching and afterwards in land surveying; studied law but never practiced; county surveyor of Webster County in 1856; member of the State house of representatives 1858-1860; during the Civil War was appointed captain of Volunteers March 24, 1862, lieutenant colonel September 26, 1864, and brevet colonel of Volunteers July 12, 1865; registrar of the State land office 1866-1868; Governor of Iowa 1872-1876; Second Comptroller of the Treasury from January 1876 to September 1877; appointed railroad commissioner of Iowa March 26, 1878; elected as a Republican to the Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh Congresses (March 4, 1879-March 3, 1883); was not a candidate for renomination in 1882 to the Forty-eighth Congress; again served in the State house of representatives 1884-1886; postmaster of Fort Dodge 1889-1893; engaged in the management of his farm and in the real-estate business; died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, May 29, 1898; interment in Oakland Cemetery.

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