

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Riddick, George William Senator _____
Represented Bremer and Chickasaw Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 May 1835 Sullivan County, New York in
Thompson, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary E. Strickland 15 Dec 1859 Andover, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1856

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer; prosecuting attorney; Bremer County judge;
circuit judge; judge of the 12th judicial district

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1860

6. Public Offices

A. Local Judge of the Circuit Court; Judge of the District Court until 1874

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Dec 1905 West Liberty, Iowa; buried Warlington Cemetery, Hawley, Iowa

8. Children Julian; Dorcas; three additional children preceded
their father in death - Day, Burton

9. Names of parents William and Elizabeth (Conner) Riddick

10. Education Educated in a district school; attended an
academy in Kingsville, Otsego County, Ohio and
supplemented with a course of instruction at Monticello, New York

11. Degrees Graduate of Albany Law School, Albany, New York in 1856
after entering in Sept 1855

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 14 he left home where he had been working on his father's
farm and attending district school as well as lumbering.
- After leaving the schooling he went to Kingsville, Ohio where he
stayed for 2 years and then moved to Monticello, New York
- After being in Monticello one year he read law with A. C. Niven
for 2 years and then entered law school
- In July 1856 he went west arriving in Nevada, Iowa on 18 Aug. 1856
and opened his law practice
- In 1858 he formed a partnership with Herman A. Miles which lasted
2 years and then dissolved. He practiced alone until 1865
when the firm of Ruddick and Avery was formed lasting until
he was elected judge of the Circuit Court in Nov 1868
- After serving in circuit and district court from Nov 1868 - 1874, he
went into practicing alone until he became ill.

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HONORABLE GEORGE W. RUDDICK.

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Pioneer Citizen and Honored Jurist Responds to the Inevitable Summons.

After an illness extending over three years, the last twelve months of which were attended by the most intense bodily suffering, death has laid its kindly finger upon the heart of George W. Ruddick, and ceased its throbbing forevermore. Dissolution ensued at five o'clock Tuesday morning, when "finis" was written after the name of a man whose career will entwine and enrich the history of the city that through all the fleeting years of nearly half a century was proud to count him as one of her best, most worthy and most distinguished citizens.

The history of Mr. Ruddick's dread malady and prolonged suffering is well known to most of the people of this city, who for many months have inquired with anxious solicitude as to his condition. Though encroaching upon the scriptural allotment of three score years and ten, he was still strong and sturdy as an oak when what proved to be an incurable disease, cancer, attacked him. All the arts that the skill of surgery or the science of medicine could suggest were resorted to without avail. They

TRIPOLI'S CORN CONTEST.

A. H. Linder, a Waverly Grower, Secured Two of the Prizes.

About twenty Waverly business men visited Tripoli Monday to interest the people of that vicinity in the growing of sugar beets, as it was naturally expected that the corn contest held by the Tripoli Savings Bank would attract a large crowd of farmers. In the latter respect they were not disappointed, but as their time was limited and the topic of corn improvement an engrossing one, it was agreed to defer the presentation of the beet sugar proposition till some future time. Besides, it was found that the promoters of the new Tripoli canning factory had not as yet secured their required acreage, and to ask for beet acreage while the sweet corn acreage is yet unsecured, seemed like "butting in." In this connection we feel safe in advising our farmer friends to go after that sweet corn acreage "right away quick." The experience of the farmers about Waverly is good money in the growing of sweet corn, though when the factory here was first started there was the same reluctance about taking hold of it that is now apparent at Tripoli. Now the canning company

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 day by day his vitality was sapped
 he was confined to his home, and
 most of that time to his couch. He
 was fully conscious of his condition
 and the certainty that he could not
 recover, but he awaited his fate un-
 flinchingly, as he bore his sufferings
 bravely.

George W. Ruddick was born in
 Sullivan county, N. Y., May 11, 1835.
 Until fourteen years of age he re-
 mained at home upon his father's
 farm, his time being spent alternately
 at work and in attendance upon the
 district school. He attended a semi-
 nary at Chester, Ohio, one year, then
 went to Kingsville, Ohio, where he
 remained two years, then removed to
 Monticello, N. Y. After remaining
 in Monticello one year he entered the
 law office of A. C. Niven, reading law
 with him two years and a half. In
 1855 he entered the Albany Law
 School, graduating therefrom in 1856.
 He was then admitted to the bar. In
 July, 1856, he started west, arriving
 in Waverly, August 18, 1856, and at
 once entered upon the practice of his
 profession. In 1858 he formed a part-
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 when it was dissolved and Mr. Rud-
 dick continued the practice alone
 until 1865, when the firm of Ruddick
 & Avery was formed. This part-
 nership continued until Mr. Ruddick was
 elected judge of the circuit court, in
 November, 1868, being the first in-
 cumbent of that office in this judicial
 circuit. Before the expiration of his
 term, Judge Ruddick was elected
 judge of the district court, a well
 deserved compliment to his legal
 ability. This office he held until 1894.
 Previous to the beginning of his
 service on the bench, in 1860-61, Mr.
 Ruddick served a term in the legis-
 lature, and filled other positions of
 trust and honor.

As a judge he won and merited the
 utmost confidence of all who practised
 at his bar. All of his acts were care-
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 were backed by broad learning and
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factory here was first started there
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 Tripoli. Now the canning company
 can't begin to handle all the acreage
 that is offered.

The corn contest alluded to was
 held at the State Bank, which furnished the sub-
 stantial money prizes. The corn was
 scored by James Atkinson, editor of
 the Iowa Homestead who gave an in-
 teresting two hours' lecture on the
 subject of corn growing, with special
 reference to the care and selection of
 seed before announcing the winners
 of the prizes. There were about
 forty samples submitted, and from
 the deductions made from their exam-
 ination, Mr. Atkinson awarded the
 prizes as follows:

Ried's Yellow Dent—First, A. H.
 Lindner, Waverly; second, Chas.
 Prestien, Tripoli; third, J. C. Peters,
 Tripoli.

Silver Mine.—First, Dietrick Dett-
 mer, Tripoli; second, A. H. Lindner,
 Waverly; third, H. A. Luhring,
 Douglas township.

A prize for the best sample of sweet
 corn was also awarded, being won by
 J. H. J. Hagerty.

Mr. Atkinson's talk on corn was
 practical throughout, and eschewed
 all fine spun theories. It was the
 talk of a farmer who knew what he
 was talking about, and as such had a
 peculiar value to all corn growers
 who heard it.

The Waverly visitors were im-
 pressed with the fact plainly apparent
 on all hands that Tripoli has no no-
 tion of being left behind in the march
 of progress.

The new canning factory, which is
 expected to add much to the town's
 industrial activity is wholly com-
 pleted. As showing how one im-
 provement follows another, now a
 plan has well progressed to give the
 town electric lights, power to be
 furnished from the canning factory
 engine.

Apples! Apples! Apples! By
 barrel, bushel or peck at Downing &
 VanDervere's. 50-2

Tripoli.

Miss Emma Prestion visited over
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John Koeneke, of Waverly, spent
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C. H. Mohling was a Waverly visi-
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As a citizen Mr Ruddick did not
enjoy that undefined attribute known
as popularity to the extent of some of
his fellows, his natural reserve being
often mistaken for sternness by those
who knew him not well, but those
who were his intimates will remem-
ber him as the most genial of men,
whose warm and sunny nature was a
solace and delight to all whom he
honored with his friendship. In his
home especially did his kindly nature
ever assert itself, every consideration
of love and duty being given with
abundance in his capacity as husband
and father, and just in the measure
that his fireside was cheered by the
influence of his presence, will his
absence there be a void contemplated
with the poignancy of heartfelt grief.

Mr. Ruddick was married on Dec.
15, 1859, to Miss Mary E. Strickland,
of Andover, Ohio. Five children
were born to them, of whom but two
sons, Julian and Berossus, survive to
bear with their mother the sore
affliction that has been visited upon
them.

The members of the bar of this city
held a meeting Tuesday evening at
the office of Long & Kingsley, when
appropriate action was taken with
reference to their late associate.
Provisions were made for floral trib-
utes, and a committee was appointed
to draft resolutions of respect and
condolence. Official action upon
these will be taken at the first day of
the next session of the district court,
when addresses of eulogy will be
made by various lawyers who prac-
ticed before the bar at which the de-
ceased for twenty-four years presided
with dignity and impartiality.

The funeral will occur this after-
noon from the residence.

The service will be conducted by
the Rev Dr. S. R. J. Hoyt, of Daven-
port, former rector of St. Andrew's
Episcopal church of this city, of
which the deceased was a member.
Members of the Bremer county bar
will act as both active and honorary
pall bearers, and a large attendance
of attorneys is expected from the sev-
eral counties in which the deceased
formerly held court.

A few of the most appropriate

Tripoli.

Miss Emma Prestien visited over
Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Heine,
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John Koeneke, of Waverly, spent
Sunday in town.

C. H. Mohling was a Waverly visi-
tor Thursday evening.

Miss Maud Osier spent Sunday at
Waverly.

The H. H. society meets with Mrs.
C. L. McCumber Thursday afternoon,
Dec. 14th.

Misses Nora Donovan and Anna
Liatha, of Bremer, were in town Sat-
urday.

Chas. Otto spent Sunday in Waver-
ly.

S. P. Hale and wife visited their
son Eugene and wife at Waterloo
Sunday.

Misses and Rose Cretzmeyer, of
Waverly, were in town Friday.

Miss Louise Bockhaus was at Wav-
erly Sunday afternoon.

Robt. Kerr, who has been working
near Waterloo for a few months past,
returned home Friday.

F. C. Oltrogge, August Mohling
and E. H. Martin were in Waterloo
Monday on business.

Miss Maggie Adair, of Waverly,
who has been sewing in his vicinity,
returned home Friday.

Miss Spears, of Westgate, made her
usual trip to this city Friday.

Miss Nellie Walters, the trimmer at
Schaltze's millinery store, for the
past season, returned to her home
Saturday.

L. W. Stagner returned Monday
from his trip to Missouri.

Quite a number from Waverly came
over Monday to attend the corn con-
test at this place.

D. A. Long, of Waverly, was in
town Tuesday.

The dancing club have announced a
public dance to be given here Thurs-
day, Dec. 21st.

NEW Maple Sugar and NEW Maple
Syrup, the kind that delights the
palate, at W. F. Fritz & Co's. 13

BIDS FOR WOOD WANTED.

The board of supervisors of Bremer
county will receive bids for maple,
oak, mixed wood or basswood, to be
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the county wood yard in Waverly, or
at both places, a portion of Tuesday,
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IOWA VOLUME.

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1878.

but has operated in harmony with all evangelical denominations. In 1873 he held a public discussion in Evansville, lasting for three days, with some of his brethren of the "close communion" school, in which he took the ground that all believers have a right to the Lord's Supper, and should be invited thereto by all christian churches. He has recently written a lecture on a "New Theory of Creation," in which he denies the eternity of matter, and advances the idea that matter is force, and that the world is only an exhibition of God's eternal power. His conclusions are arrived at by an original and ingenious method of reasoning, making, upon the whole, a novel and interesting theory. He has always taken a prominent part in ministers' meetings and institutes, and at all times and in all places has strenuously advocated the principles of total abstinence.

Reared among the hills of New England, he early imbibed an ardent love of liberty; and although his relations and associates were all democrats, yet he seemed to drink in abolition principles by instinct, and from early boyhood antagonized the institution of slavery, and consequently found his place in the republican party, the principles of which he has invariably advocated. He has never held any political office, but has often been honored by his own denomination of christians with positions of trust and responsibility. In 1874 he was elected to a professorship in Hillsdale College, which he declined.

He has given considerable attention to the subject of natural history, and has a very fine ornithological cabinet, as well as a number of specimens of the smaller native quadrupeds of the west. He is also

the owner of one of the finest libraries of the country, embracing an endless variety of subjects, besides one hundred large scrap-books, each devoted to a special department of literature.

On the 12th of December, 1858, he married Miss Sally Ann Weaver, a native of Somerset, Michigan, a lady of very high literary attainments, who has generally assisted him in his educational labors, taught classes in his seminaries and written extensively for the press. She has, moreover, drank deeply of the sacred "Castalian fount," and is one of the sweetest poetical writers of the period. Many of her poems, elicited by incidents of the late war, are interspersed through the volume above alluded to, adding a peculiar charm to its pages. She seems to fathom the depth of human affection, and to bring to the surface the best and purest feelings of humanity. They have had a family of four children, only one of whom survives, namely, Charles Clement, born in 1871.

The professor, like his forefathers, is a splendid specimen of humanity; over six feet high, of easy manners, pleasing countenance and dignified bearing; strong in his friendships and uncompromising in his principles. Sensitive of his good name, he is scrupulously upright in character. He is an independent thinker, outspoken in the advocacy of his opinions and penetrating in his judgment. In his relations to society he realizes that he is one of the people, and that their interests are his interests, and that it is in their prosperity alone that he can prosper. With his irresistible will power and nerve force he is destined to carve a niche still higher up in the temple of fame.

HON. GEORGE W. RUDDICK,

WAVERLY.

GEORGE WILLIAM RUDDICK is of Scotch-Irish pedigree, his ancestors, in the days of persecution, fleeing from Scotland to the north of Ireland, whence his father, William Ruddick, emigrated to this country, settling in Sullivan county, New York. There George W. was born, in the town of Thompson, on the 11th of May, 1835. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Conner, who died when he was less than two years old. His father was a farmer and lumberman, and died at the old homestead in Sullivan county on the 1st of Octo-

ber, 1861. The son worked at farming and lumbering until fourteen years of age, then spent two years at an academy in Kingsville, Ashtabula county, Ohio, supplementing it with a similar course of instruction at Monticello, New York, and at eighteen commenced reading law in the same place with A. C. Niven. In September, 1855, he entered the law school at Albany, graduated the following spring, and came directly to Iowa. After a few weeks spent in prospecting he concluded to settle in Waverly, and here he is still to be found. Part of the time he has

practiced alone, and the remainder of the time with of parties; from 1858 to 1860 with H. A. Miles, the firm being Ruddick and Miles, and for a short time, commencing in 1865, with O. F. Avery, the firm being Ruddick and Avery. During the twenty-one years that Mr. Ruddick has been in the Cedar valley he has probably had more offices bestowed upon him than have been held by any other man in Bremer county. He was elected prosecuting attorney of the county in 1857, and held the office until the new constitution did away with it; was elected to the general assembly in 1859, and served in the regular session of 1860 and the special or war session of 1861; was elected county judge in 1862, holding the office two years; was elected circuit judge in 1867, and entered upon the duties of that office on the 1st of January, 1868; held it nearly two years, when he was elected judge of the twelfth judicial district, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. W. B. Fairfield. To the latter office he has been twice reelected, having held it seven consecutive years.

Judge Ruddick has emphatically a logical mind, and is remarkable for the clearness of his perceptions, and his comprehensive and masterly grasp of the details of a case. He is not swift to decide, but is correct in his conclusions, and is no doubt the best equity lawyer in the district. He has great executive ability, a good measure of dispatch in business, and is impartial. He has been strongly recommended by lawyers and others who best know him for the supreme bench of the state.

Judge Ruddick has always acted with the republican party, and in being elected to office from time to time has usually drawn much more than the party vote. He is very popular in his judicial district.

On the 15th of December, 1859, he was united to Miss Mary Estella Strickland, of Andover, Ohio, and they have four boys.

Judge Ruddick is of full medium height, of good proportions, of dignified bearing, and in social and moral character and legal qualifications is an honor to the bench.

JOSEPH R. GORRELL, M. D.,

NEWTON.

AMONG the physicians of Newton no one has a better reputation for skill than Joseph R. Gorrell. He is as much a student now as he ever was; dedicates his leisure to reading his medical periodicals and other scientific works, and hence is constantly progressing in knowledge, and, as a practitioner, in the confidence of the people. His mind is of that inquisitive, inquiring cast which is never satisfied without trying to look to the bottom of a subject, and without seizing any newly developed truths in medical science, and making use of them. Such minds can never become dry, they must expand.

Dr. Gorrell is of distant English descent, springing from early settlers in Pennsylvania, his parents being Joseph and Esther Glass Gorrell. His paternal great-grandfather was in the first war with the mother country.

Joseph R. was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 6th of May, 1835, and at ten years of age moved with his parents to Wells county, Indiana, where they settled on a farm, and where the son remained until about sixteen years of age. He then spent four years at institutions of learning in Fort Wayne; read medicine at Bluffton, with Dr. J. R. McCleary;

attended one course of lectures in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and another in Buffalo, New York, where he graduated in the spring of 1859.

After practicing three years at Newville, DeKalb county, Indiana, in the autumn of 1862 Dr. Gorrell was commissioned assistant surgeon of the 129th regiment Indiana Volunteers; went south in the winter following, and served nearly two years in that capacity; was then commissioned surgeon of the 30th Indiana, but owing to poor health resigned and returned to the north.

Late in the winter of 1865 Dr. Gorrell settled in Newton, where he soon secured a remunerative practice. He makes a specialty of no one branch of the healing art: has a good name both as a physician and surgeon, and usually has as much business on his hands as any one man ought to be obliged to attend to. Pecuniarily as well as professionally he has been quite successful.

He is a member of the State Medical Society, and has been treasurer of the county society.

In politics, he is a republican, but seeks no office. He is thoroughly devoted to his profession.

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HISTORY OF IOWA.

EMBRACING ACCOUNTS OF THE PRE-HISTORIC RACES, ABORIGINES, FRENCH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CONQUESTS, AND A GENERAL REVIEW OF ITS CIVIL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY HISTORY.

ILLUSTRATED.

CHICAGO:
INTER-STATE PUBLISHING CO.
1882.

this year he came to Charles City. Here he commenced the practice of his profession, and in 1865 was one of the founders of the bank now conducted by Reiniger & Balch. In the autumn of 1864 he was elected Judge of the Twelfth District, was re-elected in 1868, but resigned in 1870. In later years he gave some attention to railroad building and farming. He and Judge E. H. Williams built in Clinton County the first narrow-gauge railroad in the State of Iowa, and as a farmer he took special interest in improved live-stock, as short-horn and Jersey cattle, Berkshire hogs and Clydesdale horses.

In politics Judge Fairfield was always a Republican, and in religion inclined to Unitarianism; he was a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons. As a lawyer Judge Fairfield stood high, in thoroughness and candor.

Dec. 25, 1857, he married Miss Estelle M. Balch, daughter of Rev. W. S. Balch, then of New York City and now of Elgin, Ill.; she is a sister of W. D. Balch, the well known banker of Charles City.

Mr. Fairfield died Oct. 27, 1879, at Hudson, N. Y., where he is buried.

Hon. George W. Ruddick, Judge of the Twelfth District, is a resident of Waverly. He is of Scotch-Irish pedigree, and was born in Sullivan County, N. Y., May 11, 1835. His father was a farmer and lumberman, and died Oct. 1, 1861. His mother died when he was but two years old. He worked at his father's occupation until fourteen years old, attended high school a few years, and at eighteen commenced the study of law, in which he graduated in 1855. Soon afterward he settled where he still resides, in Waverly, Iowa; here he practiced alone for awhile, and the rest of the time with other parties,—from 1858 to 1860 with H. A. Miles, and for a short time, commencing in 1865, with O. F. Avery. Judge Ruddick has held many local offices, as well as some of a higher order. He was a member of the General Assembly, 1859-'61, County Judge, 1862-'64, Circuit Judge, 1868-'70, since which time he has been Judge of the Twelfth District.

Judge Ruddick has emphatically a logical mind, and is remarkable for clearness of perception and comprehensive grasp of the details of a case. He has great executive ability, and ever proves himself to be impartial in his decisions. Many lawyers have recommended him for the Supreme Bench of the State. He has always been a Republican, and generally draws more than the

party vote. He is of full medium height, good proportions and dignified bearing. He was married Dec. 15, 1859, to Mary Estelle Strickland, of Andover, Ohio.

Hon. Robert G. Reiniger, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, was born in Seneca Co., Ohio, April 12, 1835, and is a son of Gustavus and Rosa (Durr) Reiniger, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who emigrated to this country, after they were married, in 1832, settling in the above-named county upon a farm. Here the subject of this sketch was reared and attended school. At the age of seventeen he commenced the study of law, at Tiffin, Ohio, at the same time attending college. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1856, and in March, 1857, he came West and settled in Charles City, where he formed a partnership with his elder brother, G. G. Reiniger, in the practice of law and in real-estate exchange, and insurance business. In 1858 Irving W. Card was admitted in partnership, and the firm of Reiniger, Card & Reiniger continued until Jan. 1, 1861.

In May, 1861, Mr. Reiniger enlisted for the war, entering the army in July as First Lieutenant of Company B, Seventh Iowa Infantry, which company was engaged in the battles of Belmont (Mo.), Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka, second battle of Corinth, the campaign against Atlanta under Sherman, ending with the battle of Jonesboro, when Atlanta was evacuated. In 1862 Mr. Reiniger was promoted to be Captain. In 1864, shortly after the surrender of Atlanta, he returned home and resumed the practice of his profession. In the fall of 1865, his brother removed to Missouri. Oct. 10, 1870, the Governor appointed him Judge of the Twelfth Circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Ruddick, who was appointed District Judge. At the succeeding general election, in October, 1871, he was elected to fill the rest of the unexpired term, and he was re-elected in 1872, 1876 and 1880.

As a jurist he is cautious, conscientious and candid, speaks clearly and to the point; and in his manner he is unpretentious and easy. He is now a member of the firm of Reiniger & Balch, bankers in Charles City, and is a Director in the Charles City Water-Power Company. He has been President of the Twelfth District Legal Association, organized in 1871, and likewise President of the Charles City Chess Society. He attends the Congregational church and society, is a Royal Arch Mason, and in poli-

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On May 1, 1854, William Gough, an Englishman, was granted naturalization papers by Heman A. Miles, clerk of court.

The second term was held in September, 1855, and was presided over by the same officials. One of the first acts was the admission of John B. Wyle to the bar, on motion of B. W. Poor.

James Shultz was indicted at this term for murder. The case was never tried, the prisoner escaping. An account of this murder is found in connection with the history of the city of Waverly.

The third term of the district court was held at Waverly, in June, 1856. A few naturalization papers were issued, and, for some reason, the attorneys agreed that all legal matters which had come up for this term should be postponed. This agreement was signed by L. L. Ainsworth, I. M. Preston, Smith, McKinly & Poor, J. T. Lovell, Adams & Lovell, D. S. Lee, A. F. Brown, P. V. Swan, and G. C. Wright. Judge Samuel Murdock, of the Tenth District, presided.

At the September term, in 1856, Judge T. S. Wilson was on the bench; J. G. Ellis, sheriff, and Heman A. Miles, clerk. A number of minor suits came up at this term. The record states "as P. V. Swan, the prosecuting attorney, is sick, and unable to attend, B. F. Perkins is appointed in his stead for this term."

The next term was held in March, 1857, and was presided over by Thomas S. Wilson, judge of the Second District; J. G. Ellis, sheriff, and Heman A. Miles, clerk.

In 1858, Bremer county became a part of the Tenth Judicial District, which was composed of Alamakee, Bremer, Butler, Clayton, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, How-

ard, Mitchell, and Winneshiek counties. At the October election, of 1858, Elias H. Williams was elected judge; was re-elected in 1862, and served until 1865.

On the 4th of July, 1864, the Twelfth Judicial District was created, and comprised the counties of Bremer, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago, and Worth. The counties composing the district, however, remained connected with their former districts, the Tenth and Eleventh, for the purpose of holding court, until January, 1865. On the 5th of November, 1864, William B. Fairfield, of Floyd county, was elected district judge, and John E. Burke, of Waverly, district attorney. Judge Fairfield was re-elected in 1868, and I. W. Card was elected district attorney. In 1870 Judge Fairfield resigned, and George W. Ruddick, of Waverly, was elected to fill the vacancy. Since that time he has been elected as his own successor at the end of each term, and is the present judge.

Hon. George W. Ruddick was born in Sullivan county, New York, May 13, 1835. Until fourteen years of age he remained at home upon his father's farm, his time being spent alternately at work and in attendance upon the district school. On leaving home he went to Chester, Ohio, where he attended a seminary for one year. He then went to Kingsville, Ohio, where he remained two years, then removed to Monticello, New York. After remaining in Monticello one year, he entered the law office of A. C. Niven, reading law with him two years and a half. In the fall of 1855 he entered the Albany Law School, graduating therefrom in April, 1856. He was then admitted to the

bar. In July, 1856, he started West. After stopping a few days at Delphi, Iowa, he came to Waverly, arriving here on the 18th day of August, 1856, and at once entering upon the practice of his profession. In 1858 he formed a partnership with Heman A. Miles, which partnership continued about two years, when it was dissolved and Mr. Ruddick continued practice alone until 1865, when the firm of Ruddick & Avery was formed. This partnership continued until Mr. Ruddick was elected Judge of the Circuit Court in November, 1868. Before the expiration of his term, Judge Ruddick was elected Judge of the District Court, a well deserved compliment to his legal ability. He still discharges the duties of the office. Judge Ruddick is a man of fine legal ability, with a thorough understanding of the law, and has made an acceptable Judge. He has frequently been honored by his fellow citizens with offices of honor and trust. He was a member of the Legislature in 1860-1. He has also held the offices of County Judge and County Attorney. In politics he is a Republican. On the 15th day of December, 1859, Judge Ruddick was united in marriage with Mary E. Strickland, of Andover, Ashtabula county, Ohio. Five children have been born unto them, two of whom are now living—Julia, book-keeper in the Bank of Waverly; and Berosus, a student in the Iowa College.

CIRCUIT COURT.

By an act of the General Assembly, passed and approved April 3, 1868, circuit courts were established in this State, and each judicial district was divided into two

circuits, in each of which, at the general election, in November, 1868, and every four years thereafter, a circuit judge shall be elected. Four terms of court were provided per year in each county in the circuits. By this act the office of county judge was abolished, and all business pertaining to that office was transferred to the circuit court, which was to have concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in all civil actions at law, and exclusive jurisdiction of all appeals and writs of error from justices' courts, mayors' courts, and all other inferior tribunals, either in civil or criminal cases.

Bremer county, together with other counties, made a circuit of the Twelfth Judicial District.

George W. Ruddick, of Waverly, was the first circuit judge, being elected at the November election, in 1868. He served from January, 1869, until October, 1870, when, having been elected judge of the district court, he assumed his higher duties.

Robert G. Reiniger was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by Judge Ruddick's resignation, and has since been elected his own successor, being the present judge of circuit court.

The first term of circuit court for Bremer county was held at Waverly, commencing February 5, 1869. George W. Ruddick presided as judge, Charles M. Kingsley was sheriff, and Marquis F. Gillett, clerk. The following petit jury was summoned, and all the members appeared, viz: Edward Hubbell, Daniel Chambers, James Sturdevant, Hartwell C. Hamblin, Adin Terry, Warren Kellogg, S.D. Comins, David Clark, William F. Barker, James McCormick, and Cyrus Clark. The first

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HON. GEORGE W. RUDDICK,

WAVERLY.

George William Ruddick, ex-judge, is a native of Sullivan county, N. Y., and was born May 11, 1835. In the state of Ohio and his native county he chiefly obtained his elementary education and literary training, entering the Albany Law School to pursue his professional course.

In 1856 Judge Ruddick was admitted to the bar and soon after opened an office at Waverly. As early as 1860 he was serving as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives, and continued in that body during the following year. Subsequently he held the county judgeship of Bremer county for one term; was circuit judge of the twelfth district from January, 1869, to October, 1871, and district judge from the latter date until January 1, 1893.

An old and able member of the bar, who writes with authority, as one who for years has been in close professional contact with Judge Ruddick, gives briefly and, as he says, "very cheerfully" this measure of the man and lawyer:

"Hon. George W. Ruddick occupied the bench, as judge of the twelfth judicial district of Iowa, for nearly a quarter of a century. In that position he proved entirely worthy of the high esteem and confidence of the people, and achieved a success rarely equaled in the history of the state's judiciary. As judge he was dignified, learned, courageous, strong in his convictions, deliberate and dispassionate in his judgments, and merciful to law breakers when the circumstances justified mercy. From the bench he entered into a lucrative law practice, which seemed to be waiting for him, at Waverly, his home city. As a lawyer he is keen, broad and brave, painstaking, persevering and concise, clear, logical and vigorous, in the presentation of a proposition or a cause. His success at the bar rivals his success while on the bench. "Behind the judge and lawyer was always a broad, candid, aspiring and sturdy manhood, which assured the excellence and success

achieved and so honorably and steadily sustained throughout a long professional career.

"It can be truly said, that in him the people had a safe judge; clients still have a safe counselor, and the state a safe citizen, and that his whole life, public and private, is a safe example, worthy of emulation."

HON. SCOTT M. LADD,
SHELDON.

The life of him whose name heads this sketch has been marked by industry and devotion to duty. A careful and close student and a painstaking and conscientious practitioner, he held an honored place among his professional associates at the bar, and on the bench, both of the District and of the Supreme Court, he was and is known as an able and fearless and just judge.

He is a native of Sharon, Wis., and was born June 22, 1855, to John and Sarah L. (Wilmarth) Ladd. His parents came of sturdy New England stock, his father being of English and Welsh, and his mother of English and German lineage. His early life was passed on his father's farm, and was marked by nothing different from that of the ordinary farmer boy. After leaving the common school, he attended Sharon Academy, and from 1874 to 1877 was a student at Beloit College, where he completed the studies of the freshman year. Leaving there, he finished his college course at Carthage College, Illinois, and was graduated in 1879 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and three years later received the degree of M. S. In 1897 his alma mater gave him the honorary degree of LL. D.

After his graduation, young Ladd taught one year—1879-80—in Hillsdale Academy, Illinois, and in the summer of the last named year began his law studies in the office of Messrs. France & Sedgwick, at York, Neb. He then completed the regular course of study in the law department of Iowa State University, where he was graduated in 1881 with the degree of LL. B., and admitted to the bar. On August 10, 1881, Mr. Ladd opened an office at Sheldon, his present home, and began a general practice, which he conducted with satisfactory results till elected to the bench, becoming known as a hard-working, scholarly



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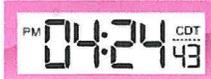
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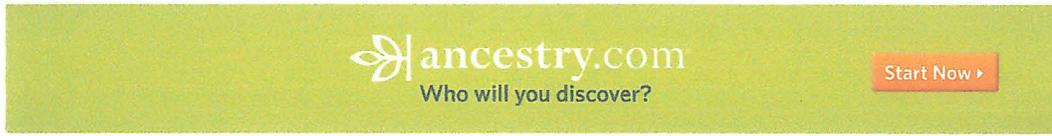
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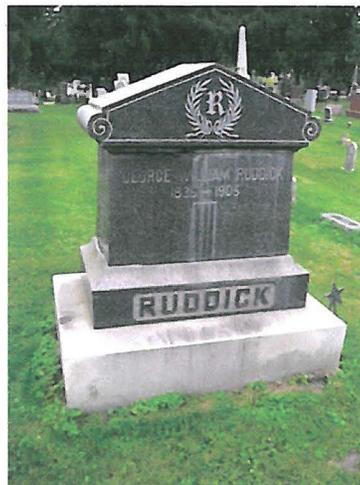
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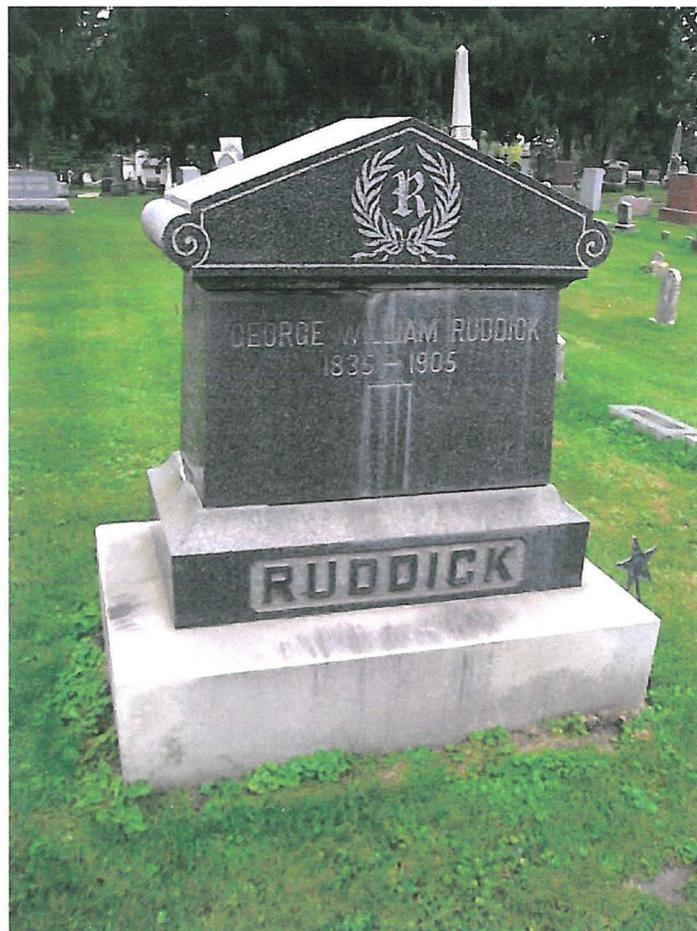
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