

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lakin, William Benjamin Senator Lakin,  
William Benjamin - Represented Wayne County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 May 1831 Point Pleasant Township Hardin  
County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Caroline Mabel Thompson 1860 Clermont County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1862 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1866 - Senate

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 7 Jan 1910 Miles City, Montana

8. Children Mabel L.; Corwin Thompson; Frederick James; Caroline Louise;  
William Parker; Anna Eliza

9. Names of parents William P. and Sarah (Betsey) Lakin

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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## William Benjamin Lakin

Male

Family

### Event(s):

**Birth:** 29 MAY 1831 Point Pleasant, Hardin, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 07 JAN 1910**Burial:**

### Parents:

**Father:** [William P. Lakin](#)

Family

**Mother:** [Sarah Bretney](#)

### Marriages:

**Spouse:** [Caroline Matilda Thompson](#)

Family

**Marriage:** 1860 Point Pleasant, Clermont, Ohio

### Messages:

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- *ID:* I102455866
- *Name:* William Benjamin LAKIN
- *Given Name:* William Benjamin
- *Surname:* Lakin
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 29 May 1831
- *Death:* 7 Jan 1910 in Miles City, MT
- *Change Date:* 9 Sep 2001 <sup>1</sup>

*Father:* William P. LAKIN b: 28 Oct 1791 in Flemingsburg, Fleming Co., KY

*Mother:* Sarah BRETNEY b: 7 Nov 1797 in Hagerstown, MD

*Marriage 1* Caroline Matilda THOMPSON b: Feb 1832

- *Married:* Abt 1860 in Point Pleasant, Clermont Co., OH
- *Note:* \_UIDD9009DD466A5D5119D65D6FBE23822357FF3

### Children

1. Mabel L. LAKIN b: May 1863 in Clermont Co., OH
2. Corwin Thompson LAKIN b: Jul 1866 in Fayette Co., IA
3. Frederick James LAKIN b: 1870 in Fayette Co., IA
4. Caroline Louise LAKIN b: 1874 in IA
5. William Parker LAKIN b: 1879 in Fayette Co., IA
6. Anna Eliza LAKIN

### Sources:

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O. C. COLE, { Editors.  
L. L. COLE, }

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

In another column of this paper will be found the annual statement of the Winneshiek County State Bank, Decorah, Iowa, at the close of December, 1909. We deem it a privilege to be able to present to our readers from year to year the exact condition of this old and strong financial institution.

The Winneshiek County State Bank makes these statements at a good deal of expense, feeling that its customers, friends and the public in general are entitled to full knowledge of its workings. During the last year, this bank increased its capital to \$150,000.

This, together with the surplus, united profits, and stockholders' liability, nets the nice little sum of \$350,000.

The bank's deposits hold well up over the million mark and as has always been the case, the greater portion of these deposits are carried in short time paper, United States and first mortgage railway bonds, which could be converted into cash at a moment's notice.

The Winneshiek is now in its 55th year and in twenty-six years has not had a foreclosure. Certainly, the officers have cause to congratulate themselves on this record.

May the Winneshiek continue to grow in years, in strength and may it maintain the honorable standard set by its founder, H. S. Weiser.

Nothing has happened in this county more surprising than the default of Lew Sturgis in the Oelwein postoffice. He has been postmaster for twelve years. He is reported \$1500 short on his receipts. We are sorry he has fallen into situation that will trouble him for life in any business situation. His friends should not be too harsh with him, as he has a family that may be entirely ignorant of his business affairs with the government. Help, instead of sinking him and his family in the "Slough of Despond."

The Waverly Independent says that Illinois coal for the west or across the river between East St. Louis and St. Louis, is unloaded on the eastern bank for 32 cents per ton for transportation: if the train crosses the bridge to St. Louis, the transportation fee is 52 cents per ton. The railroads are getting hard up for money, perhaps.

It is rumored that Theodore Roosevelt will return to New York and Oyster Bay in June, and may be elected Representative in Congress at the Me-

## WILLIAM B. LAKIN.

William Benjamin Lakin was born at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, May 29, 1831. The name Benjamin was given him for a great uncle who was one of the very oldest Methodist preachers in the United States, being present at one of the first conferences held in America by Francis Asbury.

The subject of our sketch received his education at Farmers' College, College Hill, a suburb near Cincinnati, and at Augusta College, Augusta, Kentucky. At these places he met and was associated with such men as Benjamin Harrison, Murat Halstead, J. P. Durbin, Henry B. Bascom and others to be listed among the most eminent men of the nation. Having studied law he practiced for a time at Zenia, Ohio; his office being in the same building in which a newspaper was published by Whitelaw Reid. These young men would sometimes amuse themselves after the manner of youth, by scuffling. At Lebanon, O., he was acquainted with Thomas Corwin, for whom he had great admiration. Mr. Lakin's native town was also that of U. S. Grant, Mrs Lakin having been born in the same house as that eminent American. One of the most enjoyable features of Mr. Lakin's personality was his charming ability to talk in reminiscence of these acquaintances of his youth. His brother-in-law, Dr. C. C. Parker, having moved to Fayette, in 1855, he also came to this place soon after. He engaged in the practice of law; and at two separate periods was the editor at Fayette of the North Iowa Observer.

He was during the Civil war appointed to an office connected with the payment of soldiers, and therefore was for a time in the South. He was twice in the legislature of the state representing Fayette county in both houses.

In the days of the great gold excitement in the West he in company with several fellow townsmen made a trip to the Rocky mountains. He also made a trip to California by the ocean, sailing from New York, and at a later period visited that country after the Union Pacific railway was built.

He was elected Clerk of Fayette County in 1868 and held the office several terms. He was once a candidate for the nomination as Judge of the Judicial District of which Fayette County is a part, being defeated in the convention by Judge Hunt of Elkader by a fraction of one vote. His home for the last five years has been in Miles City, Montana, where two sons conduct a large mercantile business. His death occurred there Jan. 7. There survive him his wife, three sons and two daughters. He was not a robust man, and of late had been seriously crippled by rheumatism. Fine in organization, capable of thought and expression, logical, ordered yet delicate, witty in speech, fearless in defence of what he thought to be right, a more attractive and companionable personality has not been among us. \* \* \* \* \*

The two paragraphs herewith are from a Washington "Bureau:"  
The senate situation is different from

## W. C. T.

[Through the courtesy of this space is granted to the editor of Fayette, the editor assumes all responsibility for the contents contained here.]

OUR MOTTO: "For and Native Land"  
OUR BADGE: A key  
OUR AIMS: Home-birth of the licit suffrage, one state and the bringing public sentiment

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**DEATH OF W. B. LAKIN**

**Passed Away Last Friday at His Home in Miles City, Montana.**

W. B. Lakin, the aged father of Messrs. W. P. and C. T. Lakin of this city, passed away at his home on Pleasant avenue shortly before seven o'clock last evening. His condition for several days has been serious and the end came as no great surprise. The deceased had been a resident of Miles City for the past six years, having come here from Fayette, Iowa, where he had resided for many years, and where he had been most highly esteemed by all his friends and associates. He was a native of Ohio and was about 80 years of age.

For a number of years he had been crippled with rheumatism, which ailment incapacitated him for the continuance of his law practice in Fayette county, Iowa. After coming to Miles City he sustained injuries from a fall and during the time he has resided here it has been necessary for him to move about with the aid of crutches. For the past year he had been confined pretty much to his home, but in all of his suffering he was cheerful and it was always a pleasure for a friend to engage in conversation. Even at his old age he had a most retentive memory and was an entertaining conversationalist.

Surviving him are his wife and five children, Messrs. C. T. and W. P. Lakin, Mrs. Patterson, who has a position in the city schools here, Miss Louise Lakin, who is in attendance at an art school in Chicago, and Fred Lakin, who is also a resident of Chicago, being engaged in the real estate business there.—Miles City, Montana, Independent, Jan. 8th.

Mr. Lakin was well known to the older residents of Fayette, and they are very sorry to hear of his death. He was an uncle of Dr. J. D. Parker, of this place. Mr. Lakin resided here for many years and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

**THE POLICEMAN IN CHURCH**

**Sight of Uniformed Official Seems to Get on the Nerves of the Worshipers.**

"Did you ever see a uniformed policeman in church?" asked the gray-headed man. "Did you notice the effect he has on the congregation? There is a psychological problem worth investigating."

**WEEK AMONG COLLEGE STUDENT**

**Doings of the Collegians and their Instructors, Told in Brief Paragraphs.**

The U. I. U. basket ball team will have two games with Luther College this season—one at Decorah Feb. 1 and the other here Feb. 17.

The regular convocation service will be held in the chapel next Sunday at three p. m. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. A. M. Billingsley, Superintendent of the Dubuque district.

Next Sunday will be the first opportunity the public will have to see the chapel in its rehabilitated form. Kelly & Simar are now finishing the placing of the seats, the work of the decorators and plasterers having been completed. The room is now a beautiful one, finished in a rich cream tint and shows excellent work on the part of all who had to do with its repair. The ceiling over of the loft gives the room a colonial appearance, with imitation heavy beams crossing at intervals.

The following paragraphs are from the U. I. U. Collegian:

Each year it is more clearly recognized by those who have to do with the instruction and guidance of students that a sound body is essential to a sound mind; that it is the well-rounded man who, other things being equal, succeeds best; that there should be physical education as well as mental education. That Upper Iowa may not fall behind in the march of educational progress, it is proposed to offer the student-body, during the coming semester, courses in physical education. These courses will be given by Prof. Harrington. They will include at the outset the Emerson system of physical culture for the young ladies and the United States Army gymnastics, or "setting up", drill, for the young men. As the students progress it is planned to supplement the courses by dumb bell and club drills and possibly apparatus work with military drill for the young men.

If the students take up the work with enthusiasm, they will be afforded the fullest opportunities to develop themselves physically.

Word has just been received from Khandwa, India, that during the entire month of November Mabel Lossin '03, was dangerously ill with hepatitis—a tropical fever. Before the illness had proved serious Miss Lossin went to Khandwa hoping to recuperate here.