

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Porter, Joseph R. Senator _____

Represented South County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Oct 1825 near Jamesville, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Hannah Hineman 4 June 1863 Blue Creek, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Physician; farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 9th General Assembly 1862

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 31 May 1895 Davenport, Iowa. Buried Blue Grass Cemetery, Blue

8. Children Willard J.; Arthur H.; Jesse R.; Leroy V.;

Clarence; Charles; a daughter preceded her father in death

9. Names of parents Joseph R. and Elizabeth (Spicer) Porter

10. Education

11. Degrees

He studied medicine under Dr. Lyman Little in Zanesville Ohio; also attended Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio

12. Other applicable information

- He remained on the family farm near Zanesville, Ohio until age 18. He then went to Zanesville to study medicine with Dr. Lyman Little. He studied with him for 5 years teaching school in the winter, in order to earn money for his studies.
- He then went to Columbus, Ohio to study at Starling Medical College.
- He then came west settling at Canton Iowa. He became very busy in a short time, and finally stayed in Canton Iowa for 2 years.
- He then moved to Blue Grass, Iowa in 1853. Then in 1871 he moved to a farm in Buffalo Township.
- Just a couple of months before his death he moved to Davenport, Iowa

OWEN JERKED UP.

LITTLE SELMA BOHNHOF DIES FROM MALIGNANT DIPHTHERIA.

The Christian Scientist, in whose Charge she was, Fails to Report Either the Illness or Death to the City Authorities—An Entire Neighborhood Exposed to Contagion.

Charles A. Owen, who is named in the city directory as the pastor of the First Church of Christ (Scientist) but who has been practising in Davenport and vicinity as a Christian science 'doctor' for the past two or three years, is in trouble again. Democrat readers will remember that, not so very long ago, Owen's sister-in-law and niece died at Long Grove from diphtheria while under his care. History repeats itself, and Owen seems no more able to cope with this deadly malady now than formerly. In fact, he is unable to recognize it at sight or after long acquaintance.

Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock little 6-year-old Alma Bohnhof died at the home of her parents, 1938 West Third street, under the "treatment" of Owen. When the undertaker's assistant applied to Owen for a certificate as to the cause of death, so that a burial permit might be secured, Owen was unable to tell from what ailment the child had suffered. The case was reported to Coroner McCortney, who went to the house and concluded, from the description given by Mr. Bohnhof, that the child had probably died from lung fever. He decided to hold a post mortem, and did so Saturday morning.

Upon the supposition that the child had died from lung fever, the coroner first examined its lungs. There were found in a perfectly healthy condition. So was the heart, although almost drained of blood, and the liver and the stomach, which were successively investigated. The stomach was empty, showing that the child had not taken any nourishment for some time.

Almost at a loss to account for the death, the doctor...

OBITUARY.

PORTER.

Dr. Joseph R. Porter, one of the oldest physicians of this county, or of this part of the state, died at his home, 1620 LeClaire street, this city, at 2:15 Friday afternoon. His death was due to gastritis, complicated with other diseases that had almost disabled him before he should properly have given up active work.

Dr. Porter was born near Zanesville, O., Oct. 6, 1825, and for 18 years he remained on his father's farm. Then he went to Zanesville and took up the study of medicine under Dr. Lyman Little of that place. He remained in Dr. Little's office five years, reading and studying most of the time, and teaching school in the winter months in order to earn money to carry him through the rest of the year. He then went to Columbus, O., and went to the Starling Medical college one term, and then came west, settling at Canton, Ia.

In those days the remuneration of the finished physician in this part of the country was so slender that few graduated members of the profession came here to establish themselves, and still there was urgent need for men of medical skill, and a fair chance to make a living. It was the general custom then for struggling young medical students in the east to attend one or two courses of medical lectures, aside from a year or two in medical colleges, and then to come out here and begin work. Dr. Porter was one of these young men; earnestly devoted to his profession, a student and a worker, and an honest, upright man. He took two courses of lectures before he came to Iowa, and found his place waiting for him as soon as he landed here. He doubtless intended then to go back to the east, at some convenient time, and take additional lectures; but, as many other frontier physicians did in those days, he became so busy in a short

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eath, the doctor as a last resort had
he little girl's jaws, set stiff in death,
ried open. Then the shocking truth
was reveal. The odor at once showed
hat the cause of death was nothing
ut diphthoria, and further examina-
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onsils and fauces were coated deeply
with diphtheritic membrane. It was
s plain a case of malignant diphtheria
s is ever met with.

And yet the gross ignorance of the
nan Owen was responsible for the fact
hat the case had never been reported
o the board of health, the house
ad not been quarantined, and
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athizing faces over the very sickbed
f the suffering child. For at least
hre days and probably for some time
ef the little girl had been compelled
o take to here couch, the neighbor-
ood had been exposed to contagion.
There are a number of other cases of
he disease in the neighborhood, and it
s not beyond belief that some of them
re traceable to the absence of quaran-
ine upon the Bohnhof house.

A warrant was sworn out for Owen's
rest last evening and is supposed to
ave been served. The charge was a
iolation of the ordinance requiring
hat such cases be reported to the city
hysician. It is probable, too, that
Owen will be requested, if at liberty, to
iscontinue his Sunday school for the
ay if not for a longer time. The little
Bohnhof girl was a member, and was
n attendance last Sunday, only a cou-
le of days before she was taken down
with the attack that ended fatally. It
was upon her insistence, say her parents,
hat the "treatments" of Owen were re-
ied upon for her cure.

Upon what authority Owen is en-
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appear from an examination of the
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Aschermann. He has no certificate of
his competency on record there.

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time, and continued to be so busy, that
he found himself without the expected
opportunity, year after year, and final-
ly settled down to stay here, abandon-
ing the plan altogether. For the want
of a diploma he never joined any of
the medical societies with whose mem-
bers he came in contact, but he was not
the less respected as a man and a phy-
sician of skill and ability on that ac-
count.

In 1853, after a stay at Canton of
two years, he came to Blue Grass, this
county, and here he settled to stay. In
1863 he was married here to Miss Han-
nah Wineman. This lady was of dis-
tinctly German parentage, but she was
literally a woman without a country,
for she was born on the Atlantic, while
her parents were on their way from
Hamburg to America, in 1840.

In 1871 Dr. Porter left his home in
Blue Grass and moved to a farmstead
in Buffalo township, where he again
made a home. Last March he again
moved his household, this time to the
address above given in this city.

Dr. Porter was the father of seven
children—one daughter and six sons.
The daughter is dead, but the sons are
all living, with their mother. Two are
now at home, one of them a medical
student in the office of Dr. J. W. Bow-
man of this city, two are teaching
school in this county, and two live else-
where.

Dr. Porter was a member of both
the Masonic and the Odd Fellows'
bodies. He was elected to the Iowa
state legislature in 1861, and served his
term, and was also a member of the
extra session called by Gov. Kirkwood
during the war.

The funeral will be held at the house
at 10 o'clock this morning, and the re-
mains will thence be taken to Blue
Grass, where the burial will take place.

PROSECUTION REFUSED.

There was dark blood on the moon
at police court Saturday morning. Mrs.
John Dyer, wife of the colored cook,
was after revenge for the assault which

in Rock Island is
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AUCTION SALE

Don't forget the
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POSTAL CLERK

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Mr. and Mrs.
have received an
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John J. Ahern.
performed at the
sumption, Cresco
o'clock, Tuesday,
is the daughter

PERSONAL.

F. W. Haller is back from Hot
Springs, Mo. after two months absence

HISTORY
OF
SCOTT COUNTY,
IOWA;

TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF ITS CITIES, VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL HISTORY; PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

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

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Joseph R. Porter, one of the oldest living physicians in the county, was born near Zanesville, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1825. He remained on the farm until 18 years of age, then went to Zanesville and began the study of medicine, under Dr. Lyman Little; he remained with him and taught school during the winter months some four or five years, then went to Columbus, Ohio, and attended the Starling Medical College one term; from there he went to Canton, Iowa, and engaged in practice there for two years. In May, 1853, he came to Blue Grass. He was married here to Hannah Wineman, June 4, 1863. She was born on the sea while her parents were on their way to New York from Hamburg, in 1840. Her parents were Valentine and Barbara (Mathern) Wineman. He died July 16, 1880, she, in November, 1870. Dr. Porter practiced medicine in Blue Grass until 1871, then moved on the farm where he now resides, in section 5, Buffalo Township. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Porter are Willard F., Elizabeth, Arthur W., Jesse R., Leroy V., Clarence and Charles. James Porter, father of Joseph R., was born in Pennsylvania, and died Jan. 9, 1832; his wife, Elizabeth Spicer, was a native of New Jersey, and died April 9, 1876. She was then past 90 years of age, and had had 15 children. After the father's death they remained an unbroken family until 1875. Dr. Porter is a member of the Old Tuscan Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., at Davenport; has been a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 37, at Davenport. He was elected to the Iowa Legislature in 1861, and also in the extra session during the war.

John Presley was born in Jefferson Co., N. Y., Jan. 5, 1824. He became self-supporting at 13 years of age, and worked as a farm laborer until his marriage to Phylenia Bersie, Oct. 18, 1847. She was born in Jefferson Co., N. Y., and was a daughter of Henry Bersie, a native of Pennsylvania, and Parsena (Lawrence) Bersie, born in Vermont. Mr. Presley farmed and worked at ship-building in New York State until 1851, when he moved with his family to Muscatine Co., Iowa, remaining there eight or nine years; then came to Buffalo, where he has been engaged in farming since. To Mr. and Mrs. Presley have been born four children, two living, viz.: Eva W. and Ellen. The parents of the subject of this memoir were John and Almira (Raymond) Presley. He died in 1856. They reared a family of 14 children to maturity. Mr. John Presley, Jr., is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 7, at Davenport; also a member of the Corporation Board of Buffalo. He owns two lots and a nice residence on Second street, where he resides. Mrs. Presley's brother, Capt. Hiram Bersie, was for 22 years a captain of steamers on the Mississippi River. He died in Buffalo, in August, 1861, and is buried at Galena, Ill.

James H. Robison was a son of James H. Robison, Sr., a native of North Carolina. His wife was Elizabeth Parks, born in Pennsylvania. The subject of this biography was born in Warren Co., O., Oct. 13, 1805. His father died when he was eight years old, and he remained on the farm with his mother until his 22d



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No Father

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