

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Redfield,
James - Represented Adams, Cass, Dallas, Guthrie, Audubon and
Shelby Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Mar 1834 Clyde, Haynes County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Achsa Moore 7 May 1856 Redfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Farmer, merchant; ex-servant of New
York State;

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 9th General Assembly 1862

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Oct 1864 Allatoona, Georgia; Civil War Cemetery, Redfield, Iowa

8. Children Thomas M., Martha V. (Miss Hoff); Mary L.

9. Names of parents Luther and Mary (Dwyer) Redfield

Redfield, James

10. Education He was educated in schools near his Clyde, New York home,
he also took some high schools courses in Clyde

11. Degrees He was a graduate of Yale University entering
in 1841 at age 17.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- The town of Redfield, Iowa was named for him
- He came to Iowa in May 1855, first at Davenport and then to Dallas County.
- He purchased a large tract of land in Dallas County, Iowa.
This land was near an early settlement named New
Ireland. The name was changed to Redfield in 1860
- Military service - Civil War - Lieutenant Colonel of the 39th
Iowa Regiment, He was wounded early and then in Oct 1864
he died from wounds in the Battle of Atlanta, Georgia.
- After graduating from Yale School of Law he returned to Clyde, New York and
studied law with Honorable Colver Backford (later Governor of Wisconsin
and congressional delegate from Oregon)
- The following year he was elected Wayne County, New York Superintendent of Common
Schools 3 Dec 1846 - 1848.
- In 1846 he was made Supervisor of Common Schools in the state of New York.
He gave up his law pursuits.
- After retiring from his Common Schools position he engaged in mercantile
pursuits in Albany, New York.
- During his term in the Senate he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 39th
Iowa Volunteers by Governor Kirkwood.



James Redfield.



ISAAC L. ALLEN, Tama Co.

For Register of State Land Office,

JOSIAH A. HARVEY, Fremont Co.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

CHARLES BEN DARWIN, Des Moines Co.

WILLIAM G THOMPSON, Linn County.

JOHN VAN VALKENBERG, Lee County.

SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Clinton County.

BENJAMIN T. HUNT, Clayton County.

DAN. ANDERSON, Monroe County.

GILMAN C. MUDGETT, Desatur County.

HENRY CLAY HENDERSON, Marshall Co.

COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

For District Clerk.

Captain **HARRY H. GRIFFITHS.**

For County Recorder,

JOHN JACK, Jr.

ELECTION NOVEMBER 8TH.

DEATH OF IOWA SOLDIERS.

Special Dispatch to the State Register,

Rome, Ga., Oct. 10, 1864.

In the battle just fought at Altoona, the following officers of the **Thirty-Ninth Iowa Infantry** were killed, viz :

Lieutenant Colonel Redfield, commanding the Regiment; Lieut. C. Ayers, Co. A; Lieut. Andrew T. Blodgett, Lieut. N. H. Wright, Lieut. J. H. Jones.

The following named officers are missing :

Capt. W. T. Burnett, Lieutenant H. Crawford.

The loss in the entire regiment was one hundred and sixty-seven.

J. M. GRIFFITH,

Major 39th Iowa Inf.

DISLOYAL MILITIA-MEN.

A friend who has just returned from Poweshiek county, gives us some additional facts relative to the recent murder of **WOODRUFF and BASHORE**. It seems that the leading "Democrats" of Sugar Creek and three or four other townships in that county had been extremely active in their hostility to war measures, teaching their followers that the draft particularly would be an unendurable

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Iowa State Register.

and Miscellaneous.

CITY OF DES MOINES.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1864.

BLANKS.

Just printed carefully, revised and corrected forms of WARRANTY DEEDS, MORTGAGES and other legal documents. These blanks are printed on extra heavy paper, and are gotten up in better style heretofore furnished in the West. For sale in the Counting Room of this office.

The public will bear in mind that the Register is published for the purpose of publishing notices of legal proceedings, and all business notices for societies, companies, or individuals, published in the local column of this paper, are charged for at the rate of forty cents per line, per insertion. The person heading in the notice is held responsible for the pay.

CAPITAL GUARDS are requested to attend the Representatives Hall, Thursday, (to-morrow) evening. Important business will be transacted. By order of the

CAPTAIN.

Blank forms always on hand at the U. S. Excise Office. Call around. They are the genuine and no mistake. Oct. 12—dtf.

VERY.—For the first time in weeks, Mr. Brownell, Provost Marshal, was around town. He is still feeble, but is improving, and will be able before many days to resume his duties of his office.

—On the afternoon of the 11th inst., a large amount of money, belonging to a lady in this city, contained about \$15 in money, and a few stamps. The finder will confer a favor

PINE LATH for sale at Gilchrist's Planing Mill. Oct. 11—dtf.

DEAD OF THE 39TH.—The news yesterday published in this paper, which chronicled the death of **Lieut. Col. Redfield**, Lieut. A. T. Blodgett, Lieut. O. C. Ayres and others, created a profound sensation in this community. Col. Redfield, as our readers generally know, was from Dallas county. He represented the District composed of Dallas and other counties, in the Senate of the State, three years ago; and on the organization of the 39th Infantry, he was appointed to a Lieutenant Colonelcy. He filled that position in the most acceptable manner, as he did the civil office to which he had been called by the votes of his countrymen. He distinguished himself in the battle of Parker's Cross Roads which was fought immediately after the regiment entered the enemy's country. He was severely wounded in that engagement; and after a brief furlough to the North, he returned to his command and remained there until he was removed by death. He was a man of much intelligence, thoroughly devoted to his country. He was an accomplished legislator, a brave officer, and a genial friend.

Lieutenant Blodgett was from this city. He had the reputation of being one of the best officers in the Regiment. His loss to the service is great; and his death is a great blow to his friends in Iowa.

Lieutenant Ayres was a merchant for some time in Winterset, and was subsequently Editor and Proprietor of the *Winterset Madisonian*. He went into the 39th on its organization, and was distinguished for his bravery and efficiency.

With the others spoken of in the dispatch we had no personal acquaintance. We think Lieut. Jones was from Madison county.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

50 Boxes of Field's fresh Crackers—all kinds—Soda, Butter, Pie-Nic, Boston, and Sugar, just received by

ANKENY & DART.

Oct. 11—spec. wd.

By TELEGRAPH.—We want cotton rags, old papers, books and pamphlets, also hemp rope, sacks, cotton and hemp carpets. As we are building

FRUITS OF ENTERPRISE.—Keeping like keeping up with age. Messrs. Manning & Co. at their store in Union, Bl. large assortment of boots, ladies' baskets, gloves of every kind, and a large stock of fancy dry goods articles inquired for at Store. **Ellie Woodward**—is present, ready as of y. Sept. 17—dtf.

Late Arrival at the on Walnut

A fine stock of Beaver stock of Fall and Winter. If you are in need of such and buy; you are sure to. Sept 17 dzw.

Walnut Street

The crowds of teams on this street, show that a business built up by the business

H. Beckman, one of the the Street, is on hand, as Goods for the million. prices and new competition my old customers—and a favor me with a call—w prices that they cannot h Staple and Fancy Dry Goods opened a large and varied shawls of latest styles. A Goods, Ladies' Cloths, S. Nubias, Breakfast Capes, Shoes, Hats and Caps. Furs, all of which will be on New York cost. Give our Goods with pleasur Molnes.

Store opposite Savery 1

Sept. 25, spec.

At Gilchrist's Planing

and planed for sale; Oak wood planed. Nails, Gla Sash and Blinds, for sale Des Moines, Sept. 24—

James Redfield,

Born New York,

A citizen of Redfield, Dallas county, Iowa, when
commissioned September 16. 1862

[1st.] Lieutenant Colonel,
39th Iowa Infantry.

Wounded severely in Left shoulder, in
Battle at Parkers Cross Roads, Tenn, December 30. 1862.

Killed
in Battle at Allatoona, Ga, October 5. 1864, when in
command of his regiment, he fell
dead with four wounds.

Redfield Post N° 26. G. A. R., and Womans Relief Corps N° 54, at
Redfield, Iowa, named to perpetuate his memory.

Discharged

Date

Place

GAR Record

Indexed

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Name Redfield, James

Membership

Occupation

Post Name Number Location Date Joined

Born Apr 4, 1824 New York

Redfield 26 Perry (Dallas Co.)

Died Oct 5, 1864, Allatoona, Ga.

Named in honor of this veteran
Photograph hanging in American Legion
Hall at Perry, Iowa (July 27, 1946)

Buried Wescotta Cem., Redfield, Iowa

War Record: Lieut Colonel 39 Iowa Infantry

Roster Iowa Soldiers: Redfield, James
Age 38. Res. Redfield, nativity New York
Appointed Lieutenant Colonel Sept 16, 1862.
Mustered Nov. 24, 1862. Wounded severely Dec 31,
1862, Parker's Cross Roads, Tenn. Killed
in action Oct 5, 1864, Allatoona, Ga.

Offices of Honor in G. A. R.

Serial No.

Sources: Graves Reg: burial/

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*Pleasant Hill Cemetery - Dallas Co
List Civil War Veterans.*

*(5) Brigggs, Joseph W.
Soldier of the 33rd Iowa Infantry
Co. H.
D 29, 1879
Husband of Mary M. Brigggs*

PAST AND PRESENT

OF

DALLAS COUNTY, IOWA

By PROF. R. F. WOOD



TOGETHER WITH

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF MANY OF ITS PROMINENT AND LEADING CITIZENS AND
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD



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land and made a home. As his financial resources increased and opportunity offered he extended the boundary of his place by additional purchases until he became the owner of three hundred acres, and this constituted the excellent farm upon which he made many improvements while the fields were brought under a high state of cultivation.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Staker have been born nine children, seven of whom reached mature years, while four are now living. George, the youngest, was reared upon the home farm and acquired a common-school education. He remained at home with his parents until they were called to their final rest, the death of the father occurring October 5, 1896, when he was seventy-six years of age, while the mother died in 1892, at the age of sixty-eight. They were worthy people and left behind them many warm friends.

As stated, George E. Staker was reared under the parental roof and afterward cared for his parents in their later days. He was married on the 1st of September, 1895, to Miss Minnie Snyder, a native of Polk county, Iowa, and a daughter of Christian Snyder who resided near Polk City. George Staker remained at home but spent one and a half years in the northern part of the state and returned to the farm. He built a house, two barns and other outbuildings, did much fencing and has laid many rods of tile, having now about thirteen hundred rods on his place. He is one of the energetic and successful agriculturists of the community and in addition to tilling the soil he is successfully engaged in raising short horn cattle, draft horses and Poland China and Duroc hogs, fattening about three carloads of hogs each year. He operates and manages his own farm of two hundred and forty acres, which is a valuable property and gives evidence of his careful supervision in its fine fields and well kept appearance.

Mr. Staker has served as director of schools and is president of the school board and has always given his support to the cause of education. He is connected with the Knights and

Ladies of Security of Woodward but his time and energy are mostly given to his business interests. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Staker have been born two children: Bertha and Lorna. The parents are highly esteemed in the community where they have long lived and their many good qualities of heart and mind have won for them a large number of friends. Mr. Staker's business operations have gained for him success, for although he started out in life empty-handed he is now numbered among the progressive and leading farmers of Des Moines township.

THOMAS M. REDFIELD.

Thomas M. Redfield, one of the extensive and widely known agriculturists of Dallas county, was born in Redfield, March 28, 1857, a son of Colonel James and Achsah (Moore) Redfield. James Redfield was the twelfth child and the youngest son of Luther and Mary (Dryer) Redfield, and was born in Clyde, Wayne county, New York, March 27, 1824. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers of New England and were noted for their sturdy characters and unremitting zeal. The great-grandfather of James Redfield was Captain Peleg Redfield, who fought in the French and Indian war under General Wolfe and participated in the battle of Quebec, while four of his grand uncles were in the Revolutionary war, holding commissions under Washington, and two of them were killed in battle. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Redfield were both natives of Richmond, Berkshire county, Massachusetts. They were married on May 19, 1803, and two years later Luther Redfield started with his family for the "far west," which at that time was western New York. After a long journey he reached Junius, Seneca county, New York, where he purchased and cleared a large farm. In 1822 he removed to the town of Galen (now Clyde) in Wayne county, adjoining Seneca county, New York. During the war of 1812 he was captain of the militia of the town of Junius and at the time



MRS. ACHSAH M. REDFIELD



COL. JAMES REDFIELD



THOMAS M. REDFIELD

of the landing of the British at Sodus, on Lake Ontario, in June, 1813, he and his company which was attached to Colonel Swift's regiment, were summoned to that place. They started at once, marching all Sunday afternoon and night and reaching Sodus at sunrise, just in time to see the burning village and the retreating vessels of the enemy. Mrs. Luther Redfield passed away at Clyde, May 7, 1853, while her husband's death occurred in 1868.

James Redfield, who was born March 27, 1824, and was killed at Allatoona Pass, Georgia, October 5, 1864, supplemented his early education by a course in the high school of Clyde and in 1841, at the age of seventeen, entered Yale College as a freshman. While in college there was perhaps no member of his class more generally respected, his exceedingly genial manners and known integrity securing for him the esteem of the pupils with whom he came in contact. In scholarship he ranked above the average, but academic honors were less to him than the benefits of a thorough preparation in his college course for his future life work. His mind was well balanced. If not of the largest mental calibre, his great energy and indomitable perseverance, with a large share of self-reliance, compensated for any lack there may have been in other respects. His geniality and gentlemanly deportment, as well as his generous nature, made him popular among his classmates, he being always ready to do his full share in any class benefit or movement of a like character common to the interests of college students. He was in the main judicious, somewhat positive in expressing his opinions, quick and impulsive but noble of spirit and brave even to a fault, for he seemed almost morbidly sensitive on the subject of personal bravery. If occasion or duty seemed to him to deem it necessary, he was utterly oblivious to danger or fear—a trait which dominated his actions throughout his entire life. In 1848 he became a resident of Albany, New York, where he acquired a reputation for utter fearlessness in the discharge of whatever duty was entrusted to him. As his subsequent mili-

tary career fully proved, he was born to be a soldier, and, with his dauntless courage and bravery, his death at his post of duty in the midst of fearful conflict seemed almost inevitable. Upon graduating from Yale, James Redfield returned to his home in Clyde, where he began the study of law with Hon. Coles Bashford, who was afterward governor of Wisconsin and subsequently attorney general and congressional delegate of Arizona. The following year Mr. Redfield was elected county superintendent of common schools of Wayne county, New York, taking the oath of office on December 3, 1846. He acted in this capacity for two years and in 1848, at the invitation of Hon. Christopher Morgan, secretary of the state of New York, he went to Albany. Abandoning the law, Mr. Redfield accepted a position in the office of Hon. Morgan which virtually made him supervisor of common schools of the state. While at Albany he became exceedingly popular among all classes of people, perhaps no young man being better known or more highly esteemed throughout the entire city. He is not known to have had an enemy there, for he ever manifested the same geniality of manners which had made him so popular and well liked at college. After retiring from the office of the secretary of state he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Albany, but in May, 1855, came to Davenport, Iowa, where he made the acquaintance of Thomas Moore, his subsequent father-in-law, and in company with him spent some time prospecting for a location. Mr. Redfield and Mr. Moore, in connection with a Mr. Stevens, at length purchased a large tract of land in the beautiful valley of the middle branch of the Raccoon river in Dallas county, Iowa, near the original Dodge survey for the line of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, where they founded a village which they called Wiscotta. This survey was afterward abandoned and a narrow gauge road was built from Waukeet to Herndon in 1879. The town of New Ireland had been established at an early date but about 1862 the name was changed to Redfield in honor of Senator Redfield.

On May 7, 1856, James Redfield was united in marriage at Redfield, Iowa, to Miss Achsah Moore, a daughter of Thomas and Achsah (Harvey) Moore, both of Beaver, Pennsylvania. Three children were born to this union: Thomas, of this review; Martha H.; and Mary L. The first born at Redfield and the two latter at Wiscotta. The mother, born June 31, 1837, passed away June 5, 1907.

In October, 1861, after a very heated canvass, James Redfield was elected to the state senate of Iowa on the republican ticket. That legislature, of which Senator Redfield was a member, was a notable body in the history of Iowa, furnishing a member of a president's cabinet, two members of congress, two lieutenant governors, two supreme and several district judges, two United States district attorneys, one state treasurer and other prominent officials. In this distinguished body Senator Redfield at once took high rank and acquired great influence, being placed on the committee of ways and means, schools and public lands. This was the legislature that made provisions for organizing Iowa's quota of the grand Union army and history has long since recorded how wisely and well that work was done. Senator Redfield had so distinguished himself by sound judgment and marked ability as a member of the senate in this most important session that he was appointed by Governor Kirkwood as lieutenant colonel of the Thirty-ninth Regiment of Iowa Volunteers, having previously, with characteristic promptitude and energy, organized a company of volunteers which, on his appointment, became incorporated in the regiment of which he was made lieutenant colonel. However, as the colonel, Henry J. B. Cummings (afterward member of congress), was almost immediately detailed to court-martial duty, Lieutenant Colonel Redfield was in command of the regiment until his death. This regiment was at once ordered to the front. Their first encounter with the enemy was with the Confederate General Forrest's brigade at Parkers Crossroads, near Lexington, Tennessee, on December 30,

1862. Lieutenant Colonel Redfield was especially conspicuous for coolness and courage in this engagement and though severely wounded he seemed wholly oblivious to his own sufferings in his effort to rally his men, and contributed not a little toward the victory which followed. As soon as he had recovered from his wounds he hastened to rejoin his regiment and was soon again in active service in the division commanded by General Dodge, seeing much hard marching and frequent encounters with the enemy up to October, 1864, when his command was attached to the brigade of General J. M. Corse and followed General Sherman to Atlanta, Georgia. On October 5, 1864, General Corse was stationed at Allatoona Pass with orders to hold the same, as it was essential to the safety of General Sherman's army, which was then beginning its march to the sea. An overwhelming force of the enemy encircled Allatoona, and the story of General Sherman's signaling General Corse from the top of Kenesaw Mountain the laconic "Hold the fort for I am coming" is familiar, while the heroic and successful defense of the pass is historic. Colonel Redfield received orders to hold the pass at all hazards and with the fealty of the truest soldier determined to hold it or die. We quote Ingersoll's graphic description of this desperate struggle: "The battle increased in fury. The enemy, failing to break our lines after repeated charges, at length moved in mass against them. Then ensued the most terrible combat in which American troops ever took part and well-nigh as terrible as any of which history speaks. Men bayoneted one another over the works, officers thrust their swords through the bodies of hostile officers. Corse and his little band fought against fearful odds many long hours, many brave officers and men were already dead or wounded and the fate of the battle was trembling in the balance. The rebels again charged in compact masses on the works. Our gunners double-shotted their pieces and, waiting until they could almost shake hands with the enemy, poured into their faces such a terrific

discharge of grape and canister that they staggered under it. Volley after volley followed in such rapid succession that human courage could not endure it longer, the column was thrown into confusion, fell back and finally fled in disorder, and the desperate battle was won. Allatoona was called the Thermopylae of the war. Colonel Redfield commanded his regiment in this bloody battle and no regiment at Allatoona Pass fought more gallantly than his, none suffered so heavily. The regiment was posted three hundred yards in advance of the fort to check the rebel advance. After it had repulsed several charges of the rebel army it slowly retired to the cover of the fort. It fought with a courage and obstinacy never surpassed by any troops on any battlefield. The heroic colonel was first wounded in the foot but he stood at his post, dragging himself along the line where duty called him. A second shot shattered his leg but he still refused (though entreated) to leave his post of danger and, seated on the ground, he continued to direct the fight; but soon a third ball pierced his heart and the soul of as brave and generous a man as ever lived passed into the undiscovered country." Colonel Redfield's remains were removed from Centerville and brought by his nephew, Ward Redfield, in the spring of 1865, and interred in the cemetery in the village which bears his name. In 1868 a fine marble monument was erected over his grave by his widow. It is twelve feet from the base to the summit and the name is set out in large letters above the inscription. Above is a pillar four feet long draped with the American flag with two swords crossed in front, below these is the square and compass and surmounting the pillar stands an eagle of life size with wings spread as if to soar—fitting emblems all, of the brave man who sleeps beneath.

Thomas Redfield was the first white child born in Union township, Dallas county, and his parents were the first white couple married in Union township. The family have been connected with many "first things:" the

first work harness in Dallas county was made by C. B. Lamb for James Redfield; the first reaper brought into the county was purchased by James Redfield; the first sewing machine and first kerosene lamp brought into the county and the first piano brought to Union township were purchased by Mrs. Redfield, while T. M. Redfield—in 1871—brought the first pair of club skates into Iowa. He attended the common schools at Redfield and the Tarrytown Military Institute at Tarrytown, New York, for two years, after which he spent two years in the high school at Des Moines, Iowa, from which he was graduated. He finished his education at Woodland College at Independence, Missouri. He has always followed agricultural pursuits as his life work and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in Union township, known as the Colonel Redfield Farm—one of the best farms in the county. He has followed modern methods in the cultivation of his land and the present splendid improvements and equipments which are found upon the place are largely the result of his untiring industry and sound business judgment. He has made a specialty of the raising and feeding of stock and also finds this a profitable undertaking.

Thomas Redfield has two sisters: Martha, the wife of Judge Wolf, a resident of Tipton, Iowa; and Mary, who makes her home with our subject. Mr. Redfield also has one son, James B. In his political views he is a republican and has held several township offices, while fraternally he is connected with Wiscotta lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Redfield, which was organized in the house of his father, Colonel Redfield, who was a charter member thereof and in whose home meetings were held throughout one winter before the war. Thomas Redfield is also a member of Redfield lodge, No. 346, K. P., his sterling traits of character winning him the warm regard and esteem of the brethren of the fraternities with which he is connected, as well as the admiration and respect of those with whom he has come in contact in other ways. He has prospered from

year to year and has conducted all business matters carefully and successfully, and in all his acts displays an aptitude for successful management.

CHARLES E. COOK.

Charles E. Cook, a genial, social and hospitable gentleman, who is familiarly called Charley by his numerous friends, is the owner of the Maple Grove Farm, which is situated on section 10, Boone township. Here he owns one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land, while he controls and operates two hundred and forty acres in all. His birth occurred in Boone township, August 26, 1876, his father being William Cook, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. He was reared to manhood in the usual manner of farm lads of the period and in the common schools of the county acquired his education. Through his boyhood and youth he remained with his father on the farm and assisted in the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn.

Having attained his majority Mr. Cook was married, in Walnut township, on the 21st of February, 1900, to Miss Hattie Smith, a daughter of Clark Smith, now a resident of Waukeel. Mrs. Cook is a native of the county, where her entire life has been passed, and like her husband she has a wide acquaintance here.

After his marriage Mr. Cook operated rented land for three years and then took charge of the home place, comprising two hundred acres, of which he now owns one-half, including the old home and the improvements surrounding it. He has remodeled and repaired the dwelling, has built a front porch and has made it a very comfortable and attractive residence. It is tastefully furnished and is well finished throughout, having floors of quarter-sawed oak and many of the modern equipments. Not far away is a good barn and sheds furnish

shelter for farm implements and stock. There is a large orchard on the place with a fine variety of fruit, furnishing many a palatable meal for the table. The fields bring forth good crops of corn, wheat and other grains, and in addition to their cultivation Mr. Cook raises, feeds and fattens stock, making a specialty of Duroc Jersey hogs, annually shipping about two or three carloads. He also ships about the same number of cars of fat cattle each year. He is one of the active, progressive and successful farmers of Boone township.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Cook has given his allegiance to the republican party, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his business interests. He and his wife are members of the Maple Grove Methodist Episcopal church, which is located on their farm, and of which Mr. Cook is a trustee and the secretary. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, his membership being in Van Meter lodge. His life exemplifies its principles, for in all relations he is actuated by a sense of justice, of right and of consideration for others. Mr and Mrs. Cook have an interesting little daughter, Ethel Lucile. Their home is a hospitable one and their friends are many.

J. P. COLLEGE.

J. P. College, whose well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Adams township, gives evidence of the life of industry and enterprise led by the owner, has for several years been closely identified with the agricultural interests of Dallas county. He is one of the worthy citizens that West Virginia furnished to Iowa, his birth having occurred in the former state in 1855. His parents were James and Ruth (Cedar) College, natives of Virginia, who at an early day removed to Illinois where they lived for a number of years. In 1875 they became residents

Nurture Iowa's sense of place



James Redfield

Remembering long-ago battle part of preserving state identity

One of Iowa's allures is its sense of place. There is an almost palpable awareness that some pretty good folks set the pattern for life before us.

It is one of the intangibles that make people feel good about living in Iowa, and it needs to be nurtured.

Which brings us to today's retelling of an almost forgotten Iowa story. It involves how the town of Redfield got its name, how the phrase "hold the fort" became an American idiom and why it makes sense to memorialize a battle fought 143 years ago in faraway Georgia. A Clive resident who's a descendant of one of the men who fought there is spearheading a drive to do so.

Let us begin with James Redfield, a native of New York and graduate of Yale. He was one of many thousands of people who flocked to frontier Iowa in the 1850s, following the famous advice, "Go west, young man." Redfield purchased a large tract of land in Dallas County, including a settlement called New Ireland, which in 1860 was renamed Redfield. The following year, Redfield

was elected to the state Senate, where he served during the early months of the Civil War.

The war experience defined the character of early Iowa. In proportion to its population, Iowa sent more volunteers to fight for the Union than any other state, and veterans of the war shaped the state's politics well into the 20th century.

In the fall of 1862, at age 38, Redfield left the Legislature to become lieutenant colonel of the 39th Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The war had been raging for a year and a half. The 39th was one of the last Iowa combat regiments organized during the war, but it didn't miss out on the action.

After the Union capture of Atlanta in the fall of 1864, the remnants of the Confederate army slipped to the rear of the main Union army and attempted to sever its supply line, the railroad from Chattanooga to Atlanta. A key spot was the Allatoona Pass, where the railroad cut through a narrow gap and where there was a large store of Union supplies. Anticipating an attack there, Union commander William Tecumseh Sherman sent several regiments under Brig. Gen. John Corse to reinforce the small garrison at Allatoona. Corse was from Burlington and had previously commanded the 6th Iowa Infantry.

The 39th Iowa, under Redfield, was part of Corse's division, and it was deployed in rifle pits some 300 yards outside a fort at Allatoona. The regiment would take



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Brig. Gen. John Corse of Burlington was in charge of a regiment ordered to reinforce the garrison at Allatoona.

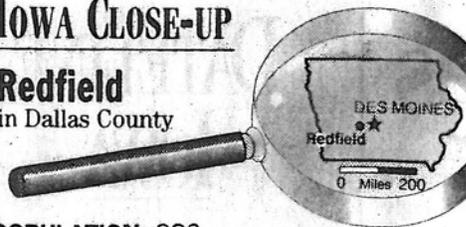


This is a photo of Allatoona Pass as seen from the south. The fort is a 6-foot earthen embankment at the top left. The Confederates attacked from the left (west) and from the north. The Iowa 39th was in position to the west and suffered severe casualties before being driven back to the fort.

See **BATTLE**, Page 6 OP

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Redfield in Dallas County



POPULATION: 883

FOUNDED: 1860

HOW IT WAS NAMED: In honor of Col. James Redfield, a Civil War casualty whose monument stands in Wiscotta Cemetery

TOP EMPLOYERS: Glen Gery Brick, Midland International Tile Works, Okoboji Wood Products, Enron Underground Storage, Redfield Locker, Redfield Medical Center

CLAIMS TO FAME: Annual Old Settlers celebration, fishing on Raccoon River

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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **James Redfield**

Age in 1860: **35**

Birth Year: **abt 1825**

Birthplace: **New York**

Home in 1860: **Union, Dallas, Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

Post Office: **Wescotta**

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Redfield	35
	Achsah Redfield	22
	Thomas M Redfield	3
	Martha Redfield	2
	Mary Redfield	8/12
	Vernon P Redfield	12
	George N Northrup	20
	Isrel D Redfield	41
	Lucinda Mckean	23
	Jane Bowine	16
	Layton Hawkins	35
	Rebecca Hawkins	41
	Robert Hawkins	8
	John Hawkins	7
	Ann Hawkins	4
	Jonathan Hawkins	9/12

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Birth: unknown
Death: Oct. 5, 1864

Inscription:
killed in battle at Allatoona Ga, found of yonder town, aged 40 years 6 months 1 day

Burial:
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Redfield
Dallas County
Iowa, USA

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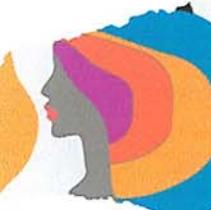
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