

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shipman, George Chauncey Senator _____
Represented Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Jan 1824 Meritta, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Malissa Barker Stone 19 May 1853 Lomer, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; member of Law Association of West Liberty

C. Profession Flat boat operator; farmer; grain dealer; grocery and provision merchant

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 8th, 9th General Assemblies 1860, 1862

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace over 25 years; secretary of a coal bank; secretary of fair association at West Liberty; Township assessor in 1855; Muscatine County Assessor in 1857

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 Jul 1897 West Liberty, Iowa; buried Oak Ridge Cemetery, West Liberty, Iowa

8. Children Annice (died in Feb 1886); William Henry; Rufus Stone (died at age 1 1/2); Mary D. (Mrs. J. H. Clark); Lizzie T.; Alice E.

9. Names of parents William Henry and Mary Ann (Edgerton) Shipman
Later Mary Ann married Joseph Barker.

10. Education Educated in the common schools; also attended Marietta Academy, Marietta, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In the fall of 1853, he and his wife came to Iowa settling at West Liberty.
- His wife, Frances, died in Feb 1883
- In 1862 he returned to Ohio where he lived for 4 years. He then returned to Iowa, back in West Liberty where he spent the rest of his life.
- His father was a carpenter living in Marietta Ohio until 1828 when he moved the family to Wheeling, West Virginia where he worked as a contractor until his death.
- George moved with his widowed mother back to Marietta, Ohio and 2 years later married Joseph Barber. The family then moved to Washington County, Ohio where Mr. Barber was in the legislature.
- George lived with his mother and step-father until age 16 when he began working in a mercantile business until age 21.
- In fall 1846 his step-father fitted up a flatboat and together they loaded it with produce and embarked for New Orleans. They sold out with a profit of \$300 and because of the venture were successful he followed this business until 1862.
- He then came to Muscatine County, Iowa where he purchased 200 acres in Goschus Township.
- His step-father died in Ohio, so they returned to Ohio staying until 1867.
- They then returned to Iowa and moved into West Liberty, Iowa. There he engaged in the grain business for 2 years.

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At West Liberty, Iowa, July 9th,
1897, **George C. Shipman** entered into
rest in the 74th year of his age. Al-
though his serious illness was of short
duration, yet he had been in failing
health for some months.

Mr. Shipman was born in Marietta,
Ohio, Jan. 17th, 1824. On May 19th,
1853, he was united in marriage to
Melissa Stone, and in the fall of 1853
they came to Iowa and settled here.
Unto them were born six children, one
of whom died in infancy. Fannie, the
eldest child, died in February, 1886,
his wife having gone before in Feb.,
1883. In 1862 he returned to Ohio,
where he lived for four years, then
coming back to Iowa he spent the rest
of his life in or near West Liberty.
March 2d, 1884, he united with the
Presbyterian church of West Liberty
and continued an earnest and devoted
member until the time of his death.

Mr. Shipman was beautifully simple
in his life; generous and large hearted,
he always had respect for the rights
of others. As a citizen he was irre-
proachable. He was entrusted with
many positions of honor, having served
two terms in the legislature of Iowa
and for more than twenty-five years
held the office of Justice of the Peace.

It was in the church and home that
the beauty of his character was seen.
In both there was that which drew
out the best in him. He loved his
home, his family and friends. His
home was a happy center for all. He
had no other aspiration than to live a
good, pure life, loving the good in
everybody. Those who mourn his loss
are comforted with the remembrance
of a life full of good works, kindly
deeds, loving thoughtfulness and a
Christian faith that never grew dim.
A good man has gone to his reward
and his works do follow him.

"Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me,
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.
But such a tide, as moving, seems asleep;
Too deep for sound or foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless
deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.
For though from out the pourn of time and
place
My boat may bear me far,
I hope to see my pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Yet the editor sat in a straight back chair
On a sweltering summer day,
And prayed and swore for a breath of air,
As he brushed the flies away.

A Scene at the Polls.

"What is the required age
woman to vote?" she asked with a
smile, though her teeth were set
and she had a scared unrest about
lips. It was the first time she had
been at the polls. She was just
one year on the safe side of thirty,
being a West Liberty girl kept it
concealed.

"21 years, just the same as a
responded one of the judges.

"Oh!" she gasped, with a little
der, as a dainty blush tried to
out between her nose and one ear
thought it was eighteen and——"

The judge wasn't trying to get
but he poked a ticket out close to
hand. Perhaps she thought she
old enough or perhaps she wanted
tric lights real bad. At any rate
seized the ticket convulsively and
into one of the booths and made
cross after the word "for."

Gov. Drake was seriously injured by a fall on the Capitol steps yesterday and his life is despaired of.

A pleasant call from C. W. Norton, of Wilton, yesterday morning was one of the events that meet us as we take charge of the INDEX.

We can but thank our many friends for the numerous and varied congratulations which have been showered upon us in the few days in which we have figured in our new enterprise, and trust we may be able to merit and meet your expectations, although we believe it simply impossible for any human being to meet the demands of so varied a list of friends in newspaper work. Yet we will do our best. Angels can do more.

Our friend, **George C. Shipman**, has passed away. Loving hands have laid his body to rest. We are proud to say that George C. Shipman was our friend. Any man might be proud to have lived his neighbor and friend. He has left one son and three daughters who are ideal American citizens. Mr. Shipman left his mark in the world. I am a better man today for having known and associated with him. He was the best Justice of the Peace I ever knew. He was a peacemaker among men. No one who followed his remains to the grave but had at some time received kindness at his hands. His place in the community will be hard to fill. Our loss has been great. George C. Shipman may be at rest, or he may be still active in the great Universe of which we know so little. He was a part of nature here; he is a part of nature yet. He is not lost. Love does not lose its own, and God is love.

Young man, do you wish to get on in the world? Have you health? If so, you have all the capital you need. Your skies are as fair, your sun as bright, your air as pure, your earth as fertile, your God as good as were those of your forefathers and mine one hundred or one hundred and fifty years ago, when they tackled the bleak and sterile shores of New England or the dense forests of Ohio and Indiana, where, with guns strapped on their backs, in homespun dress, they battled with nature's elements and the Indian for a living. **Young man, a healthy call you need is your health and a good**

The Drift Toward Gold.

While Mr. Bryan and his associates, refusing to accept the verdict of November, are looking forward fully to renewing what they call "battle for silver" at the next congressional elections; while a bimetallism commission has just been appointed to visit the European government and report on the interest of international bimetallism there may be perceived all over the world an unmistakable drift toward a single standard of gold. Since the appointment of the United States bimetallism commissioners the dispatches from Europe indicate that their mission will be successful, and that there is no more probability of those governments returning to bimetallism than there is of their turning to flintlock muskets for their armies. The latest announcement from Russia, which is to the effect that she is irrevocably committed to a gold standard.

But it is not in Europe alone that this tendency is observable. The freedom and apparent ease with which the Japanese government has planned the adoption of the gold standard in the face of the marvels of modern science and marks that people as among the most sagacious nations of the world. Laggard China also seems to be waking from her silver dream of isolation and is anxious to have the custody of the treaty ports placed on a gold basis, as they substantially were when the treaties were made. The depreciation of silver has greatly reduced her revenues, and now that she is entering into closer financial connections with Russia it may be assumed that her finances will be conformed to a gold standard.

If we turn from the far orient to our own hemisphere, we will perceive a stirring in the Central and South American states to reform their monetary system and escape the losses entailed by an inferior and depreciated currency. A dispatch a few days since from Peru informed us that Peru had not suspended silver coinage but had passed a law against the importation of silver. Columbia has adopted the gold standard, while Chile, Uruguay and

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to walk a third of a mile to school with pieces of old bed quilts tied about his feet in place of boots. However, this did not prevent him making rapid progress in his studies. He began reading from "Sanders' Spelling-Book," but at the end of the term he was able to keep pace with those scholars who studied the fourth reader. The next winter he went through "Robinson's Higher Arithmetic," and in 1865, when only fifteen years of age, he began teaching school, and taught until 1870, being Assistant Principal the last year in the schools of Waupaca, Wis. In 1867 he was converted, and shortly after decided to study for the ministry. He pursued a three-years' course in the Collegiate Academy of New York, graduating in the class of '73, with highest honors, receiving a \$30 prize. In 1877 he graduated from the Madison University of New York, and delivered the philosophical oration, one of the highest honors conferred upon the pupils of that school. He was also elected a member of the O. B. K., for excellency of scholarship, and in 1880 his studies were completed by his graduation from the Hamilton Theological Seminary, of Hamilton, N. Y. The same year he received a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Homer, N. Y., and in 1884 responded to a call from the First Baptist Church of Muscatine, where he has since been stationed. He is an earnest laborer for the interests of the church, and under his ministration the church is in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

On the 14th of July, 1880, the Rev. Mr. Wilcox was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Baker, a daughter of John Baker, of Hamilton, N. Y. Three children have been born unto them: Florence Emily, born Sept. 7, 1881; Frances Ethelwin, Nov. 19, 1883, and Theodora Lucretia, Feb. 6, 1886.



HON. GEORGE C. SHIPMAN, of West Liberty, first came to Muscatine County, in 1853. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1824, and is a son of William H. and Mary Ann (Edgerton) Shipman, the latter a native of Connecticut, and the former of Marietta, Ohio, but of New England descent, born in 1793, shortly after the settlement of the New England Colony at Marietta, the

first settlement made in the State. William H. Shipman by trade was a carpenter, and a fine workman in that line. He lived in Marietta until 1828, when he removed with his family to Wheeling, W. Va., where he was engaged as contractor until his death, which occurred the following year. After that sad event his widow moved back to Marietta, Ohio, and two years later married Joseph Barker, and soon after the family removed to a farm in Washington County, Ohio. Mr. Barker was quite a prominent man, serving for several terms as a member of the Legislature, and was Associate Judge of Washington County for many years.

When his mother contracted her second marriage George C. was but six years old. He remained in the family until sixteen years of age, receiving his education in the common schools, supplemented by one year's attendance at Marietta Academy. When he arrived at the age mentioned he secured a situation as clerk in a mercantile establishment, where he remained until he attained his majority. He then returned to the farm for a few months, and in the fall of 1846 his step-father fitted up a flatboat, and together they loaded it with produce and embarked for New Orleans. Arriving at Memphis he sold out, realizing a profit of \$300 on the venture. Pleased with his success and believing the business a fairly remunerative one, he continued to follow it until the fall of 1852, when he made his last trip.

In the spring of 1853, Mr. Shipman was united in marriage with Miss Malissa B. Stone, a native of Ohio, and daughter of Samuel Stone. Believing the fair state of Iowa a far better country, the young couple resolved to move to this "beautiful land," and in the fall succeeding their marriage came to Muscatine County, where Mr. Shipman purchased 200 acres of land on section 9, of what is now Goshen Township. This was raw land, but willing hands went to work and in due time it was transformed into a beautiful and productive farm. On this farm they resided until 1862, when the step-father of Mr. Shipman having died, he returned with his family to Ohio, and lived on his mother's farm until 1867, when he again came back, sold his farm and moved into West Liberty, where he has since continued to reside.

On coming to West Liberty our subject engaged

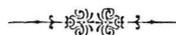
in the grain trade, in which he continued for two years. He then embarked in the grocery and provision business, continuing in that line for another two years. In the fall of 1870 he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, which office he has since continued to fill, having been re-elected biennially. In the discharge of the duties of the office he has given universal satisfaction. Unlike many others in the same position he seeks to prevent litigation instead of encouraging it for the fee that might be received.

Not long after the arrival of Mr. Shipman in this county, his neighbors discovered the worth of the man, and he was nominated and elected a member of the House of Representatives of the 8th General Assembly. He was re-elected and served as a member of the 9th General Assembly. During his first term he served as a member of the military committee with N. B. Baker, who gained great reputation as Adjutant General of the State during the Rebellion. In the 9th Assembly he was Chairman of the committee on township and county organization; a very important committee. He was present at the special session called on the outbreak of the Civil War, voting for every measure calculated to facilitate enlistments and preserve the honor of the State. Previous to the first election to the General Assembly, he served as Township Assessor in 1855, and in 1857 was elected and served as County Assessor.

Our subject and wife are the parents of six children: Fannie, for twelve years a teacher in the schools of Iowa City, died in February, 1886; William H. is a harness-maker, residing in West Liberty; Rufus Stone died at the age of one and a half years; Mary D. is the wife of J. H. Clark, a farmer of Wapsinonoc Township; Lizzie and Alice reside at home. Mrs. Shipman died in February, 1885, at the age of sixty-three years; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, with which body she had been connected for many years. An earnest and devoted Christian woman, a loving wife and mother, her death was deeply mourned by all who knew her.

In his church relations Mr. Shipman is also a Presbyterian and a Trustee of the church at West Liberty. Socially, he is member of the Masonic fraternity, and is at present Secretary of Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., and also Secretary of Liberty Chap-

ter No. 79, R. A. M. Politically, he is a Republican, of "the strictest sect of religion," and withal a strong temperance man. He is Secretary of the School Board and holds a like position in the Fair Association of West Liberty. As a citizen no man has been more closely identified with every interest having a tendency to build up and honor the city of West Liberty, and for the good that he has done and for the good that is in him he enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.



HON. PLINY NICHOLS, an honored and representative citizen of this county, now residing on section 29, Wapsinonoc Township, is one of the early settlers of 1856. He was born in Wayne County, N. Y., on the 4th of October, 1821, and is a son of Jonas and Dorinda (Purvis) Nichols, the former a native of Vermont, born of English parentage, the latter of New York, of English descent on the paternal side, and of Welsh descent on the maternal side.

Jonas Nichols was by trade a brickmaker. In the year of 1834, he emigrated to Morrow County, Ohio, locating at Cardington, where he engaged in brickmaking for several years. In 1854 he cast his lot with the early settlers of Muscatine County, and became a resident of Wapsinonoc Township, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death occurring in January, 1856, at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were the parents of ten children: Jonas, who died at the age of nineteen years; Ira, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; George P., who was a farmer and prominent business man of West Liberty, now deceased; Pliny, of our sketch; Phineas, who is engaged in farming in Wapsinonoc Township; Daniel, also a resident farmer of the same township; Isaac C., who departed this life in 1886, at West Liberty; William A., who is living in West Liberty; Harriet D., wife of Henry Peollit, of Cardington, Ohio; and Eleanor A., wife of Clark Luse, of West Liberty.

Our subject in early life manifested a strong liking for books and study, and though only permitted to attend the public schools during the winter months,



You searched for **George C. Shipman** in **Iowa**

1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	George C Shipman
Age in 1860:	36
Birth Year:	abt 1824
Birthplace:	Ohio
Home in 1860:	Goshen, Muscatine, Iowa
Gender:	Male
Post Office:	West Liberty
Value of real estate:	View image

Household	Name	Age
Members:	George C Shipman	36
	Melissa B Shipman	37
	Fanny B Shipman	6
	William H Shipman	3

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George Chauncey Shipman Compact Disc #10 Pin #272616 [Pedigree](#)
Sex: M

Event(s)

Birth: 17 Jan 1824
Marietta, Ohio
Death: 9 Jul 1897
West Liberty, Iowa

Parents

Father: [William Henry Shipman](#) Disc #10 Pin #272617
Mother: [Mary Ann Edgerton](#) Disc #10 Pin #272618

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Melissa Barker Stone](#) Disc #10 Pin #272602
Marriage: 19 May 1853
Homer, Ohio

Notes and Sources

Notes: None
Sources: None

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Name:	George C. Shipman
Death Date:	9 Jul 1897
Page #:	657
Birth Date:	17 Jan 1824
Cemetery:	Oak Ridge
Town:	West Liberty, Wapsinonoc
Level Info:	<i>Cemeteries in Muscatine County</i>

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Surname	Given Name	Born	Died	Cemetery	Location	County	Comments
SHIPMAN	Fannie	20 Mar 1831	04 Feb 1886	Oak Ridge		Muscatine	
SHIPMAN	George C.	17 Jan 1824	09 Jul 1897	Oak Ridge		Muscatine	
SHIPMAN	Melissa B.	04 Jul 1822	21 Feb 1883	Oak Ridge		Muscatine	
SHIPMAN	W.H.	1857	25 Jan 1938	Oak Ridge		Muscatine	
SHIPMAN	Wilma A.	1856	1925	Oak Ridge		Muscatine	

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