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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative CHASE, WILLIAM S. Senator

1. Birthday and place 11 April 1826, Washington Co., NY

2. Marriage (s) date place

Emily Lewis (c. 1823, Ohio - ). 8 Nov. 1855, Muscatine Co., Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business teacher

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 12th GA 1868, HD 35 Cedar Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local many local offices in Cedar Co.

B. State

C. National

7. Death

8. Children (1) Mary (Gugg) (c. 1856 - ) (BBs Moines); (2) Henry F. D. (c. 1858 - ) (bank cashier, Lamar, Nebr.); (3) P. McKelvey (c. 1860 - ) (teacher);

(4) Thomas L. (c. 1862 - ) (teacher, Clark Co, Kan.) (5) Milton A. (or Wilson A.) (c. 1864 - ) (imperial, Nebr.); (6) Jessie C. (c. 1864) (teacher). All born Iowa

9. Names of parents Nehemiah Chase; Mary Scooby. descendants of Pilgrim families. Came to Wayne Col, Ohio, 1833, and to Muscatine Co., Ia 1847.

Clark, William S.

10. Education common schools Wayne Co, Ohio  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information reared on farm, but agricultural life not congenial to his tastes. Limited schooling, much education by private study. Began teaching at age 15 in Ohio, where where he taught several terms. First winter in Iowa taught at Fairport, Muscatine Co., and thereafter teacher most of the time, in Muscatine and Cedar Counties. Initially Whig and Abolitionist. Joined Republican party when it was formed. Resided Cedar County from spring 1856 until he moved to West Liberty c. 1880.  
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to the old flag, and, realizing the Nation's peril, would gladly have joined the first company of heroes that sprang to the Nation's rescue, but being fifty-three years of age, was debarred from entering the military service. Nevertheless the voice and influence of this noble patriot were ever active in support of the Government in its efforts to crush the Rebellion in its infancy. But an opportunity was at hand which permitted those men who had passed the age of forty-five years to enter into service. In 1862 the 37th Iowa Infantry, the famous Graybeard Regiment, was organized. Mr. Allen took an active and important part in securing volunteers, and on the election of officers at Muscatine was chosen Major, a position which he filled in an able manner during the three years of service. While the principal object of this regiment was to do garrison duty, and thus enable the young men to march to the front, the service it performed was often extremely hazardous and proved of immense value to the Government. It entered upon its first duty at St. Louis, acting as guard of the military prison until the latter part of May, 1863, when it served about two months in guarding a portion of the Pacific Railroad. Next the regiment was ordered to Alton, Ill., where it acted as guard to some Confederate prisoners until January, 1864, and then performed a similar duty at Rock Island, after which it was stationed for about three months at Memphis, Tenn., whence it was ordered to Indianapolis. In that city the regiment was divided, Maj. Allen being ordered to Gallipolis, Ohio, with two companies, where he remained in command of the post until May, 1865, at which time he was ordered to join the regiment at Cincinnati with his detachment, and from there proceeded to Davenport, where he was mustered out May 24, 1865.

After the close of the war Maj. Allen settled with his family near Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., but in the spring of 1868 returned to Iowa, locating in Muscatine County, making his home with his son, Mark D. Allen, on section 30, Wilton Township, with whom he resided until his death, Feb. 28, 1888. He was a patriotic, worthy and estimable citizen, a man who possessed the confidence and respect of all. He was outspoken in his sentiments of right and wrong, and ever forward in promoting

the best interests of the community in which he lived. In his political sentiments he was a Republican, and an earnest and able champion of the principles of the great National party. Though at his death Maj. Allen had passed the age of fourscore years his mind was still active, and he was sincerely mourned by many warm friends. He was the father of five children, all born of his first marriage, and three of that number are yet living: William T., the eldest, served in the 4th Iowa Cavalry during the Civil War, and is now living in El Paso, Tex.

Mark D., the second in order of birth, and the subject of this sketch, was born Sept. 29, 1839, and in company with his parents removed to Iowa City in May, 1853. He also was one of the defenders of his country, enlisting in Company D, 1st Iowa Infantry, in the month of April, 1861, only a few days after the firing upon of Ft. Sumter. With the regiment he served in Missouri during his first term of enlistment of three months, after which he spent the remaining years of the Rebellion in doing duty in the Southwest. He was united in marriage with Miss Viola Baldwin, a daughter of his father's second wife, who now resides with them. Mrs. Allen was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., where her father died when she was but eight years of age, and in 1856 she removed with her mother to Iowa City. The union of this worthy couple has been blessed with a family of four children—Amelia, John T., Adeline W. and Luella M.

The next child of Maj. Allen is Ella May, wife of H. N. Crane, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The members of the family now deceased are Mrs. Luella Allen Morris and Mrs. Theresa J. Saunders.



**H**ON. WILLIAM S. CHASE, of West Liberty, may justly be termed one of the pioneers of Muscatine County, as he first became a resident of the county in 1847. He is the eldest son of Nehemiah and Mary (Scoby) Chase, who were both natives of New York State, and descendants of old Puritan families who emigrated with

the Pilgrim Fathers. Our subject was born in Washington County, N. Y., April 11, 1826, and was but a lad when his parents with their family removed in 1833 to Wayne County, Ohio. There they resided until 1847, when they joined the tide of human immigration and came West, and located in Muscatine County, Iowa. Our subject was reared to farm life, but agriculture not being congenial to his tastes, he early in life began to prepare himself for another sphere of usefulness. His very limited early education was received in the common schools of Wayne County, Ohio, but so poor were his advantages in this respect that his course did not include anything but the common branches, but such as it was it served as a foundation for a thorough education acquired later entirely by private study. In this important respect he is essentially a self-made man. He began teaching when but fifteen years of age while in Ohio, and then taught a few terms. The first winter he spent in Iowa he taught the school at Fairport, and has followed the profession of teacher most of the time since, his labors being confined to Muscatine and Cedar Counties.

On the 8th of November, 1855, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Emily Lewis, who was a native of Virginia, and a member of one of the pioneer families of Muscatine County. They are the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters: Mary wedded Niles Gugg, and is a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Henry F. D. is engaged as cashier of a bank at Laman, Chase Co., Neb.; P. McKelvey, who is a teacher, and resides with his parents at West Liberty; Thomas L. is also a teacher, in Clark County, Kan.; Milton A. is a resident of Imperial, Neb.; and Jessie E., who is a teacher in West Liberty.

In early life Mr. Chase was a Whig and an ardent Abolitionist, and on the formation of the Republican party joined its ranks, and has ever since been an active supporter of its principles. Though not an office-seeker he has been prominently identified with public affairs for many years, and has filled most of the local offices in the gift of the people of Cedar County, where he resided from the spring of 1856 until recently. In 1867 he was elected to represent Cedar County in the State

Legislature, and served one term. He has always taken a lively interest in educational affairs, and all measures having for their object the public good have received his cordial support. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also Mrs. Chase and two other members of his family.



**J**OSEPH LINN HOOPEES, an enterprising farmer residing on section 29, Lake Township, was born in Bloomington, now the city of Muscatine, Sept. 15, 1841, and is a son of Joseph J. Hoopes, whose sketch appears on another page of this work. In early life he attended the common schools of his native town, but when a lad met with an accident which for many years gave him much trouble and forced him to remain away from the school-room. At the age of twenty-five he began clerking in a dry-goods store, remaining in that employment for three years, when, in 1872, he rented a farm of 320 acres. Renting until 1876, he then purchased eighty acres on section 29, Lake Township, to which he has since added until he now owns 260 acres under a fine state of cultivation.

In 1874 Mr. Hoopes and Miss Emma Worsham, who was born in Muscatine, Jan. 22, 1852, were united in marriage, their union taking place on the 17th of December. The lady is a daughter of William G. and Rebecca (Marmon) Worsham, the former a native of Kentucky, and the latter of North Carolina. In an early day they came to this county, where the death of Mr. Worsham occurred July 16, 1867. His wife is still living in Muscatine, and is numbered among the honored and respected pioneers who have witnessed almost the entire growth of the community. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm, and removed to their present home in 1883. They now own a commodious two-story farm residence, and are surrounded with all the comforts of life. There Mr. Hoopes extensively engages in the breeding of Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs. He also owns a half-interest in "Baird," a fine black Norman horse, weighing 1,700 pounds, which was