

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cramer, Joseph Senator _____

Represented Potosi County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Apr 1813 Stranburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary Lytle 5 May 1834 Stranburg, Pennsylvania

② Mrs. Elizabeth Lytle 1849

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 12th General Assembly 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Apr 1900 Red Oak, Iowa; buried Clarinda Cemetery, Clarinda, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- In 1836 he moved to Columbus, Indiana, from there to Gosport Indiana in 1840.
- In May 1857 he moved to Clarinda and in 1860 he moved to Douglas Township of Page County, Iowa where he built the Cramer homestead.
- His first wife, Mary A., died 7 June 1846.
- His second wife, Elizabeth, died 27 Jan 1864.
- Military service - Mexican War - 4th Indiana Regiment attaining rank of sergeant.
- Military service - Civil War - he organized Co. K, 4th Iowa Volunteer Infantry attaining rank of Captain and later Major.

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OBITUARY.

This community was saddened, though not surprised, last Saturday, to hear of the death of Major Joseph Cramer at Red Oak on the day before. From a wide acquaintanceship and relationship in this part of Iowa, the Major had more and better friends than fall to the lot of most men, and his passing is such a loss as all unite in mourning.

Joseph Cramer was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, Penn., April 22, 1813, and died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Hendricks, in Red Oak, Iowa, April 6, 1900, age nearly 87 years.

He was married to Miss Mary Lytle in Strasburg, Penn., May 5, 1834. In 1836 they moved to Columbus, Ind., from there to Gossport, Ind., in 1840, and in May 1857 to Clarinda. Later, in 1860, he took up residence in Douglas township, Page county, and built the Cramer homestead. His wife, Mrs. Mary A. Cramer, died June 7, 1846. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Lytle in 1849, who shared life's toil and struggles with him until her death Jan. 27, 1884. There are nine living children of this family.

He was an honored citizen of Page county, all these years, not only having, but meriting the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He was an ardent patriot, loving his country and its flag. He served in the Mexican war as sergeant in the 4th Indiana and when the call came in the 60's he organized Co. K of the 4th Iowa volunteers, going out as its captain, becoming later, major of the regiment and giving a service of two years in the Civil War.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Strasburg, Penn., Dec. 14, 1830, thus being a member of said church for seventy years. As an office bearer, he filled all offices open to laymen, with energy, faithfulness and great liberality. It was largely due to his labor that preaching services were established and the Cramer Chapel of the M. E. church subsequently built in Douglas

William Whitehill Taggart, son of James Taggart, of this city, died at his home six miles southwest of Clarinda, on last Sunday. He was aged 36 years, 1 month and 21 days. Consumption was the cause of his death. Mr. Taggart was one of the best known young men of the county, and that he was an excellent man is known by all who were acquainted with him. He was married to Miss Lillie Thompson on December 8, 1892, and to them two children were born, one being dead, and the other, a son, is now five years of age. Mrs. Taggart was laid to rest in September of 1896, and her husband now goes to join her, leaving the little boy an orphan. The funeral services of Mr. Taggart were held from the home, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Martin of College Springs. The interment took place at College Springs.

Hitting All Around Him

Brother James McCormick, editor of the College Springs Current-Press, will have to get him an armor plate to guard against the darts of Cupid, if he is not careful, for the lightning is striking all around him. A few years ago his brother went astray from his parental abode and took unto himself a Frau. And now the only other child in the family, Miss Jennie McCormick, has succumbed to matrimony, and Jim is the only one left of the flock. We warn him in time, and if he is drawn into the maelstrom, he will do it with his eyes wide open.

The event that made Miss Jennie the wife of Mr. E. S. Martin took place at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mont McCormick, at the Springs, on last Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The groom is a son of Henry Martin, living near College Springs. About thirty guests witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Shenton, pastor of the M. E. church. A splendid wedding feast was spread after the ceremony, and later in the evening the bride and groom repaired to their own home, on a farm northwest of the Springs which was already fitted for occupancy.

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Major Cramer was a most consistent, cheerful, happy Christian, ever tender and gentle as a husband and father.

His life leaves a fragrance of Christ- ian love to abide with his family and friends. He was a devoted Methodist Christian, a true friend and a loyal citizen always. "He was a good man."

Funeral services were held in Red Oak Saturday, April 7, at 4:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Hohanshelt, as- sisted by Rev. Hooker, P. E., and Rev. Shaw, of the Baptist church. The body was brought to Clarinda, and ser- vices held in the M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday, April 8, conducted by Rev. Hohanshelt. Interment in the Clarinda cemetery. The G. A. R. at- tended in a body.

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High School Commencement Week

There are fifteen members in the Senior class of the high school at pres- ent. All of them may not get through, so we do not publish the class roster at present. The graduating exercises this year will not include the usual country-saving orations by the class. As a substitute, there will be an oration by Dr. Gunsaulus, of Chi- cago, on the evening of Thursday, May 17. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on the Sunday even- ing before, by Dr. T. C. Smith, in the

On Tuesday evening, the 15th, the