

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith, Joseph Henry Senator _____
Represented Harrison and Shelby Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Dec 1833 Beers (which later became part of
Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Julia Ann Harruck 1 Jan 1859

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar 14 Apr 1857

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Lawyer, Harrison County School Superintendent

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 12th General Assembly 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local First Harrison County School Superintendent elected 1858. Harrison County
Recorder elected in 1864; Chairman of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors

B. State

C. National

7. Death 22 Jan 1893 Magnolia, Iowa

8. Children Lawrence P.; Mary Margaret; Mary E.; John Lewis; Thomas C.;
Thaddeus Lincoln

9. Names of parents John and Sarah Ann (Wright) Smith

Smith, Joseph Henry

10. Education He was educated in schools in his local neighborhood

11. Degrees He attended Washington College, Adamsport, Pennsylvania

12. Other applicable information

- The first 16 years of his life were spent on the family farm
- After college he went to study law with Judge Eben Newton and Judge Frank Gerard Serwin at Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio
- As soon as he was admitted to the bar he started westward, settling on 17 June 1857 at Magnolia, Iowa where he began practicing law.
- He returned to Pennsylvania to get married
- Military service Company C, 29th Iowa Infantry
- He wrote a creditable history of Harrison County in 1858

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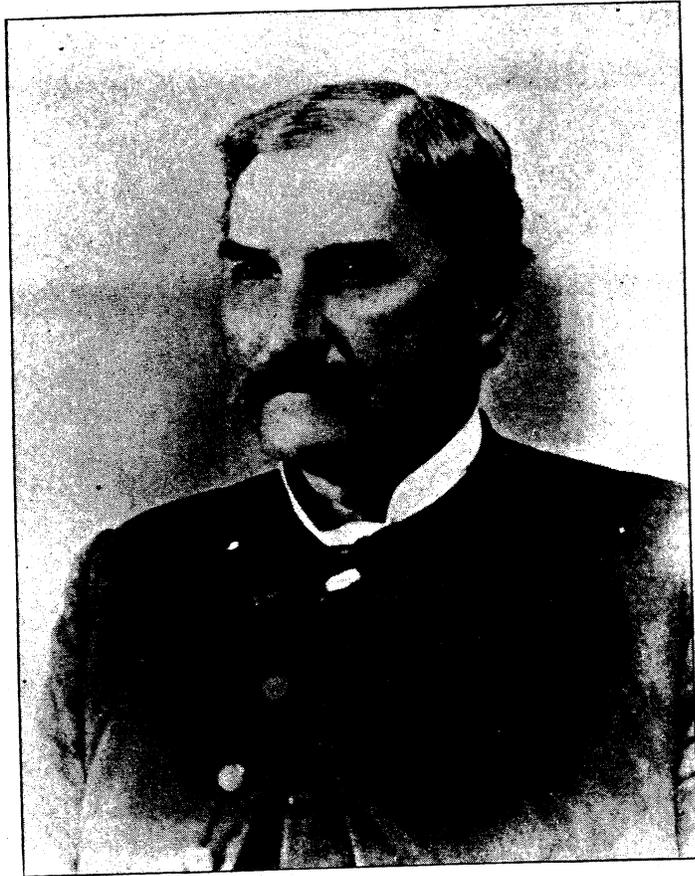
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TOGETHER WITH

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dist Regiment," but properly speaking, Company B, of the Twenty-fourth Iowa Infantry, serving until May 26, 1865, receiving his discharge at Philadelphia, when he came back to Cedar County, and remained until October, 1873, and then went to Brooklyn, Poweshiek County, Iowa, remaining there two years, then went to Mt. Vernon, Linn County, Iowa, and from there to this county in 1878.

He was united in marriage at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, October 2, 1873, to Mary E. Powers, a native of Des Moines County, Iowa, born December 6, 1848. She was the daughter Garrett and Eliza A. (Kynett) Powers. Six children have blessed their home—Royal W., Frank W., Rose L., Ninorch B., Effie E., Josie E., all of whom are living at this time.

After coming out of the army Mr. Edwards attended Cornell College for one year, after which he taught for five years.

Our subject is politically a Republican, and in his religious belief independent. During his residence in Harrison County he has won for himself, both through his business and social relations, a good reputation and stands high as a citizen.

JOE H. SMITH, one of the pioneer attorneys of Harrison County, now practicing at Logan, was born December 27, 1833, in Beaver (now a part of Lawrence) County, Pa. The first sixteen years of his life were spent on the farm, having such educational advantages as were to be had in the public schools of the place. Later he became a student of Westminster College, at Wilmington, Pa. From this place he went

to the office of Judge Eben Newton and Judge Frank Girard Servis, at Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, where he was admitted to the bar, April 14, 1857. Immediately on admission to the bar, he started for the "far West," and June 1st, of the same year located and began the practice of law at Magnolia.

January 4, 1859, he returned to the old home, in the Keystone State, and married Julia Ann Warrick, and at this date as the result of this marriage union, there are the following children: Law P., Mary M., Palmer, John I., Tad L., and Thomas C.

But few of the early settlers have entered into and become more conspicuous in the "warp and woof" of Harrison County, individually and historically, than the subject of this sketch, for few public measures were proposed or carried through unless Smith figured more or less therein.

At the breaking out of the civil war, no one put forth greater efforts toward filling the ranks with enlisted men than he, for being Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors, when the young men of the county were ripe for enlistment, a meeting of this Board was called, and each person enlisting from the county was given a bounty of eighty acres of land or its equivalent. Smith then enlisted, not waiting for others to do, but said, "Boys, come along!" In one day an entire company was enlisted, and since then has been known as Company C, Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry, he being the Second Lieutenant of the Company.

In 1858 he was elected as the first County Superintendent of Schools. In 1864 was elected County Recorder, and in 1867 was elected as a Representative of this and Shelby Counties, in the Twelfth General Assembly, where it is said he

very ably presented the wants and protected the interests of his constituents.

Scarcely a case of importance upon the court calendars of Harrison County, but Joe H. Smith's name appears as attorney for one of the parties, and not only here, but in the Supreme Court of the State, a very creditable reputation is accorded him. He is untiring in his efforts, quite captivating in his manner; logical in his conclusion, and at times sarcastic and eloquent. In 1888, he compiled and published a condensed history of Harrison County, which had many points of excellence. He is a ready writer, graphic and pleasing in his description of pioneer days, including the early courts, schools, and churches. The volume was replete with information, general description, as well as amusing incidents, all of which had come under Mr. Smith's personal observation, for it will be remembered he was a pioneer of the county himself.

In conclusion it may be said that Mr. Smith is a man of noble impulses, positive in his opinions, and will be remembered, perhaps, as long as any one of the early settlers of this county.



THOMAS J. ACREA, was among the pioneers who found their way to Harrison County, in November 1855, and is now a resident of section 7, of Jefferson Township. He accompanied his father, William M. Acrea, who bought a farm in the spring of 1856 in section 24, Jefferson Township, and died October 17, 1869.

Thomas J. was born in Clay County, Ind., September 22, 1837, his parents moving to Putnam County when he was a

small child. In 1855 the family might have been seen wending their way, overland by horse-team to the fertile valleys of Harrison County, Iowa. Their outfit consisted of a horse-team, an ox-team and a drove of cattle numbering thirty head, a part of which belonged to S. L. Case, who came through with them. Our subject was married to Miss Sarah A. Deal, in St. John Township, March 9, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Acrea are the parents of fourteen children: James W., born January 1, 1866; John L., September 13, 1867; Eli N., December 25, 1868; Charlie P., June 1, 1870, Hannah J., Mary E., Mark M., Leslie O., Arthur B., Austin J., Coila B., and Minnie B. Two of the above died in infancy. Mrs. Acrea was born in Putnam County, Ind., November 25, 1848, and came to Harrison County three years after her parents came.

Concerning our subject's father, William M. Acrea, it may be stated that he was born in Kentucky, January 19, 1806, and when a small boy, his parents moved to Alabama, remaining there eight years and then moved to Indiana, where they lived until they came to Harrison County, in 1855. His wife, the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Pherraba Walker, was born in Clay County, Ind., where she remained until she was married. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Acrea were the parents of six children, Thomas J., being the third child. The mother died in Putnam County, Ind., in May, 1845. The parents of William M. were born in North Carolina, their names being John and Katherine, they were reared and married in North Carolina and emigrated to Kentucky, making the journey on horse-back, carrying their entire possessions with them. The husband died in Indiana, and the wife came to Harrison County, with her son William

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ITS PEOPLE, INDUSTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS

By
HON. CHARLES W. HUNT, Logan

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With Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens and
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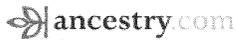
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He took the census of two townships in this county in two decades. He was thrice married and reared a large family. He died in St. Anthony Falls, Idaho, January, 1912, having moved there in 1901. He was a sterling example of an excellent type of American citizen.

HON. JOE H. SMITH.

Few of the early settlers in Harrison county, Iowa, entered more fully into and became more conspicuous in the warp and woof of the times in which he lived and operated, individually and historically, than did Hon. Joe H. Smith, now deceased, for many years a well-known attorney at Logan, this county. To his memory let it be recorded here that he was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1833 in what is now Lawrence county. He studied at Westminster College at Wilmington and later studied law at Canfield, Mahoning county, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar April 14, 1857, and at once sought the then "far west," the same year arriving at and commencing to practice law in the little pioneer hamlet of Magnolia, this county—then the county seat. In 1859 he returned to Pennsylvania and married Julia Ann Warrick, to which union six children were born, Law P., Mary M., Palmer, John I., Tad L. and Thomas C.

Upon the opening of the Civil War, Mr. Smith was a member of the board of county supervisors of Harrison county. He enlisted and went to the front. Through his zeal and patriotism, in one day, a full company of men enlisted for the Union cause. In 1858 Mr. Smith was elected the first county school superintendent of Harrison county. In 1864 he was elected county recorder and in 1867 was elected to a seat in the Iowa Legislature, where he made an excellent record in behalf of his constituents in Shelby and Harrison counties. In 1888 he wrote a creditable history of Harrison county. He stood high at the Harrison county bar and was connected with nearly every case tried, on one side or the other, for many years. Mr. Smith was a pleasing speaker and graphic writer. He could be mild as a woman and could also lay on right and left when necessity demanded. He was fearless and independent in all his actions and will be remembered, in and outside the legal fraternity, perhaps longer than most men, because of his peculiar personality. On January 22, 1893, he passed from the earthly courts. Peace to his ashes.



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Family group sheet

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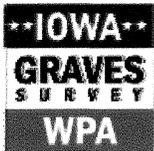
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