

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Trauer, John Keller Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Denton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Nov 1832 Knox County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Allanisia D. Beardslee 1853 Whiteside County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Agent for the Fidelity Life Insurance Company; business agent of the Burlington Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railroad

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Insurance agent; banker; farmer; druggist

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1868 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 20 Sept 1899 Kansas City, Missouri; buried

8. Children Mrs. Willie Bradley; Maud; Mrs. George Penfield; Mrs. H. E. Harcourt-Vernon

9. Names of parents Jamies Montgomery and Parthenia (Hitcher) Trauer

10. Education Educated in the common schools of his Ohio neighborhood

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Whig, later Republican
- At age 16 he began the study of medicine under Dr. W. W. Mearns
  - At age 21 he began as a druggist, but sold his business in 1856 and moved to Benton County, Iowa at Tipton.
  - In Benton County, he engaged in banking and real estate known as the Tracer Brothers.
  - He also was actively engaged as a general business agent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota railroad.
  - The town of Tracer, Iowa was named for him.
  - He later moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana for 2 years and then moved to Kansas City, Missouri.
  - There he was in the insurance business.
  - He was in an accident with no injuries, but was found unconscious near the office. He was taken to his home and died soon after.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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-			The Western Life, Post and Journal of Geography, History and Biography by Edmunds, 1873, p. 192
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- Obituary -			The Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette Cedar Rapids Iowa Mon. Sept 25, 1899 p. 8, col. 3
-			ancestry.com (accessed 14 Jan 2010)
-			rootsweb.com (accessed 14 Jan 2010)
-			The History of Iowa County, Iowa 1957, p. 82

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 Marion Savings bank vs. Jane Stinson  
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 vorce from her husband, Owen H. Sei-  
 ple, on grounds of desertion.  
 Daisy Rubeck was granted a divorce  
 on the same grounds from her husband  
 Joseph Rubeck.  
 Chas. M. Paden, of Belle Plaine, was  
 granted permission to sell liquor.  
 The court will continue this week  
 and probably most of next.

**JOHN W. TRAEER DEAD.**

A Pioneer Resident of Vinton Dies at Kan-  
sas City.

The Kansas City Star of last Wednes-  
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Traer.

"John W. Traer, agent for the Fi-  
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Mr. Traer was found in front of the  
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W. G. Harcourt-Vernon, of Toronto,  
Canada.

**Good Roads Convention.**

Iowa Good Roads State Convention,  
Des Moines, October 6-7. Half fare  
railroad rates. Also free rural mail  
delivery convention same time and  
place.

The government of the United States  
has established a department called  
the Office of Road Inquiry.

General Roy Stone is the Director.  
Hon. E. G. Harrison is the United  
States Special Agent and Road Expert.  
These gentlemen will be in Des Moines

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**Roster of Company G, 49th I.**

Once more Co. G is in exist-  
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- Captain, J. E. Whipple.
- 1st Lieutenant, Edward Carl
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- Alvord, Joseph A.
- Austin, Geo. K.
- Ball, Benj. C. E.
- Ball, G. K. Jr.
- Benfer, Jas. A.
- Clime, Walter D.
- D'Acres, Clyde H.
- Eggleston, Milc A.
- Fish, Thos. G.
- Fish, Geo. M.
- Fish, Chas. W.
- Gould, George
- Hammond, Steve
- Hammond, J. P.
- Hayes, W. C
- Kagley, Herman
- Kirk, Harry D.
- Lamos, Wilbur W.
- Lane, David A.
- Metcalf, Oren J.
- Miller, Edward C.
- Montgomery, Frank
- Nabholz, Paul
- Porter, Leroy L.
- Ralston, Herry M.
- Scott, Elmer
- Scott, Clarence
- Simmons, Wm. J.
- Sibert, Wm. V.
- Shaw, Earl
- Smock, Edward J.
- Smouse, John H.

ness within the next few months, possibly within the present week. I hope that some radical changes in the insurance laws will be made at the coming session of the legislature."

### **MET ACCIDENTAL DEATH.**

**John W. Traer, a Former Resident of This City, Dead at Kansas City.**

The details of the sad accident which resulted in the death of John W. Traer, a former resident of this city, at Kansas City last Wednesday, still remain a mystery. Mr. Traer was found in an unconscious condition in the street in front of his office, his bicycle lying by his side. No one saw the accident, and as there were no bruises or marks on the person a carriage was called and he was sent to his home, where death ensued a few minutes later, evidently from the effects of internal injuries.

John W. Traer was one of the pioneers and builders of Cedar Rapids, being prominently identified with the building of the Pacific division of the B., C. R. & N. and having the beautiful little city of Traer named after him. After a residence here of nearly forty years he removed to Lake Charles, La., from which point he removed to Kansas City two years ago to engage in the insurance business. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Willie Bradley, and Miss Maud Traer of Kansas City, Mrs. George Penfield of Chicago, and Mrs. W. G. Harcourt-Vernon of Toronto, Canada, who will have the sympathy of many friends in Cedar Rapids and elsewhere.

### **REDUCED RATES TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.**

Reduced rates will be made by the Northwestern line to New York and Washington, account **Day** celebration. For partic-

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"Mr. Traer was sent home in a carriage. His body had no bruises on it, but he was unconscious. It is thought that internal injuries caused his death. Mr. Traer was one of the pioneers and builders of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he lived nearly forty years. He lived in Lake Charles, La., awhile, but two years ago came to Kansas City.

"He was 63 years old and lived at 3119 Peery avenue."

Many people in Cedar Rapids will remember Mr. Traer, who was in business here for some time. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Willie Bradley and Miss Maud Traer of Kansas City; Mrs. George Penfield of Chicago, and Mrs. W. G. Harcourt-Vernon of Toronto, Canada.

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good until and including Oct. 14.  
The B., C. R. & N. offers the best  
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trains, fast schedules and the  
most convenient depot in the city.

J. A. LOMAX, Tkt. Agt.  
Union Depot.

WAS A RESULT FO A FALL.

Further Particulars in Regard to Death  
of John W. Traer.

The Kansas City Times contains  
further particulars in regard to the  
death of John W. Traer in that city  
as follows:

John W. Traer for two years past a  
resident of this city, died at his resi-  
dence, 3110 Peery avenue, yesterday  
morning. Tuesday he was knocked  
down by a vehicle at Grand avenue  
and Eleventh street, but was able to  
proceed to his office in the Shieldsley  
building. Shortly after his arrival  
there he complained of being ill and  
soon became unconscious.

Mr. Traer was 44 years old and leaves  
a wife and four daughters, one of  
whom is the wife of W. C. Bradley,  
manager of the Anchor Fence company  
of this city. He was a pioneer of Iowa  
and for many years during his resi-  
dence there was a banker and railroad  
promoter.

The coroner was notified yesterday  
and is investigating the circumstances  
leading up to the death.

WANTED—GOOD NURSE GIRL AND  
assist in light housework. Mrs. A.  
M. Dugano, 817 Division st.

OBJECT LESSON IN POLITICS.

Wonderful Change in Condition of Akron  
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new possessions. After five years successful farming he sold out and moved to Vinton where he engaged with his father in the agricultural business, at which he has since been engaged. Their sales average about \$50,000 a year. They sold 55 Marsh Harvesters during the season of 1872. He was married in 1861 to Miss Lemira Gunison, a native of N. H. They have a family of two children.

Politically he is a Republican—voted twice for Lincoln and twice for Grant. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church. He has a vital-mental temperament, is a thorough, practical business man—successful because he is always faithful to business.

In the winter of 1872 they erected a fine brick block, 40x80, two stories, at a cost of \$12,000. They occupy the entire lower floor with agricultural implements, and the basement for storage. He takes an active interest in the prosperity of the place.

#### JOHN WELLS TRAEER.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE, IOWA LEGISLATURE.

J. W. Traer is a native of Knox county, Ohio, where he was born, November 13, 1832. He is of English-Irish ancestry. Gen. Montgomery, who fell at Quebec, is in the line of the paternal ancestry, his great-grandmother being a Montgomery. He is the third generation from the colonial pilgrims, his grandfather being an Englishman by birth. His father, James Traer, was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the early settlers of Ohio, having settled in Knox county in about 1816. At that time there was but one log cabin in Mt. Vernon.

Young Traer was educated to agricultural pursuits during his minority with the advantages of the common schools of the Buckeye State. At the age of sixteen years he began the study of medicine under Dr. H. H. Meridith. At the age of 21 he began as a druggist but sold out in 1856 and moved to Vinton, Iowa, where he engaged

in banking and real estate, in which he is still interested at present under the firm name of Traer Bros., but for the past seven years he has been actively engaged as a general business agent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad.

In 1866 he was elected to fill a vacancy in the Legislature. In 1867 he was elected as Representative and re-elected to the same position in 1869. He made a very successful legislator—earnest and constant in defense of what he believed to be right.

Failing health and his private business have prevented his accepting other and more important offices in the gift of the people.

Politically he was an old-line Whig, and a Republican from the organization of the party and took an active part in organizing the party in the county, and during the war took an active part in organizing clubs and was the organizing officer of the Union League in the county.

He was married in 1858 to Allowesia D. Beardslee, daughter of Beverly Beardslee of Whiteside county, Illinois. They have a family of four children.

Religiously he is a liberal, taking a wide view of theology and a liberal estimate of man, his duty and his destiny.

All in all Mr. Traer is a true and loyal man, full of business and successful in all he undertakes.

#### WILLIAM McCLAIN,

PRINCIPAL OF THE IOWA CITY ACADEMY AND IOWA COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

This distinguished educator was born in Lancaster county, Pa., February 27th, 1817, is of Scotch-Irish descent and lived in the place of his nativity five years, when his parents moved to the city of Philadelphia, where the father died when the son was 10 years of age. Upon the occurrence of this event, William went to reside with an uncle in his native county of Lancaster, and a few years later removed with the family to Columbiana county, Ohio, and in the fall of 1836 commenced teaching school in Marlborough, Stark county, Ohio, and after one

year's service, attended a Quaker school taught by Jesse Holmes, Esq., now of West Liberty, Iowa. The next twenty years of his life was spent in teaching schools of various grades in various places in Indiana and Ohio, principally in Richmond, in the former State, and in Salem, Belmont, Atwater, Marlborough in the latter State, and he tells us that, in Salem and Marlborough the best twenty years of his life were devoted to his loved profession and in his effort to establish a grade of education in those schools which should conduce to the greatest possible good to the pupils, he succeeded most satisfactorily. His advent into this State was made in the fall of 1854, in an endeavor to regain that health which had been greatly damaged by incessant professional application. On the 9th of September, 1841, he married a lady who, in all the subsequent years of effort, he found to be truly "an help meet," for him, and in April of 1855, with his family he settled in Tipton, Iowa, where with but a brief interval to 1866, his time was occupied in the conduct of his farm, and in the last named year he removed to Iowa City for the purpose of availing himself of the opportunity presented by the schools of that place for the more perfect education of his children. In the fall of 1857 he bought the Iowa City Commercial College and conducted this institution until September, 1870, when he opened the Iowa City Academy. In the founding of this preparatory school was furnished all students an opportunity for the acquisition of knowledge in all the common branches of an English education, and an intimate acquaintance with mathematics, the natural sciences and languages.

Its exercises are conducted by a corps of able and accomplished teachers, and in connection with the Business College possesses ample facilities for imparting either a good Academic or Commercial business education. Though established but two years it has attained a popularity with the people of the State, second to no similar institution in the State, and in view of its facilities and of the results already accomplished it is made the

subject of a very fine recommendation from the State University. 261.

Iowa City, in which college is located, a great educational center, affords this city its opportunity for various libraries and its citizens as manifestly exerting upon it a very desirable influence upon student life. Many years devoted to the honor of the State, yet we may truly say, become dim, nor his and long may he liberations coming to thefluence so particular as an educator and

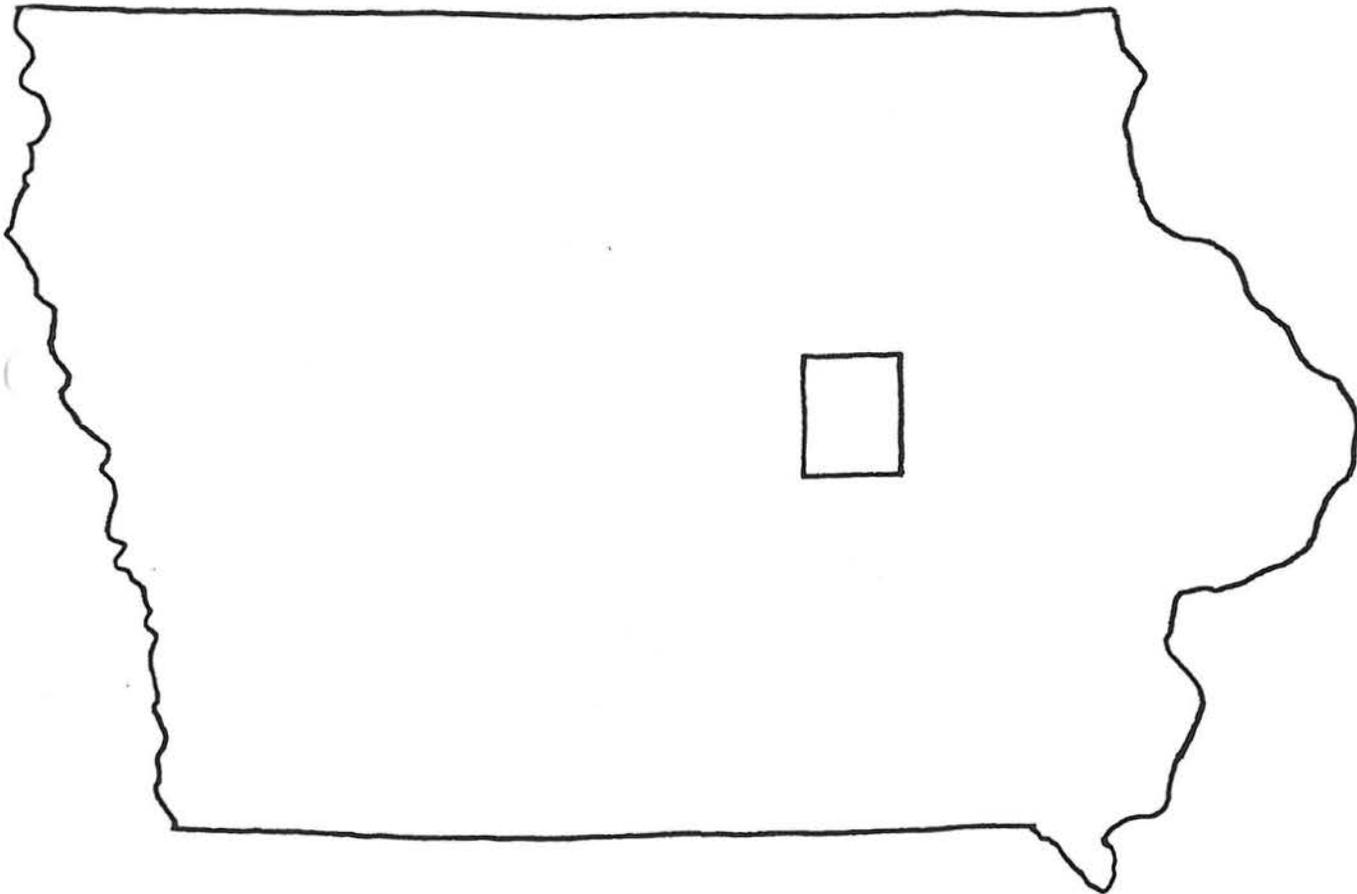
WILLIS F. WILLIAMS,  
BANKER,

Mr. Williams has been calculated for should be remarkable conscientious, earn has no more worthiness man.

W. F. Williams Ohio, where he is of Scotch-mother was born America, in 1807, but three years old and ancestry were generations back. He Hagerstown, Maryland by occupation farming and at produce in Vinton

Young Williams nineteenth year, and acting as clerk In 1849 he visit

**THE HISTORY  
OF  
TAMA COUNTY, IOWA  
1987**



**Compiled by  
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and  
The Tama County Historical Society  
and  
The Tama County Tracers Genealogical Society**



Lagoon in Traer Park, 1908

## Perry Township

This is a story of Traer; it is not THE story of Traer! Of all the cities in Tama county, this one perhaps has had more of its history recorded than any other, but there are the newcomers, the young, and those who delight in reminiscing — and a story of Traer is a delightful narrative. Through the media of newspapers and books, members of well-known pioneer families and their descendants have written of Traer and/or the early families who settled in the "new land". There are the late E.E. Taylor and his family through the *Traer Star* and the *Traer Star Clipper*, Janette Stevenson Murray in *They Came to North Tama*, as well as her other books, Margaret Wilson's novel, *The Able McLaughlins*, Allan Carpenter's *Between Two Rivers*, and Rev. James Chalupnik's *Pioneers, O Pioneers*. Facts have been kept from fading into oblivion in *Those Were the Days, 1873-1973*, the centennial compilation by a dedicated committee who collected into the volume what can most nearly be called THE history of Traer.

During the Western Movement from the early settled parts of the United States, Iowa was considered part of the Great American Desert, and emigrants bypassed it for Kansas and Nebraska. However, in the spring of

1849, some settlers chose the southern part of Tama county in which to live, but it was not until January of 1852 that the northern part had a permanent resident.

The first cabin in the area was built in 1852 by Norman L. Osborn, but he did not remain and the land eventually passed into the hands of Giles Taylor in the fall of 1852 when Giles and Ira Taylor and their families came from Ohio. Giles used the cabin Osborn had erected and Ira built another for his family. It was Giles Taylor who was the first mayor of Traer, and whose family consisted of Zoe, Traer's first postmistress when the Wolf Creek post office was moved to Traer Aug. 21, 1873, Melville, Addie, and Elmer E., originator and editor of the *Traer Star*, later the *Traer Star Clipper*.

John W. Traer, of Cedar Rapids, known among his friends as "Skinny", platted the site of a town on Sections 10 and 3, Perry township, when the Pacific branch of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad came to the region in July, 1873. The selected site, surveyed by Charles G. Johnson, was on land owned by Giles Taylor and J.L. Bull. Traer himself had owned a saloon in the new town, but although it had been named for him, he did nothing to further its development. An earlier Traer, J.C., was the clerk of court who signed orders for forming the three townships that made up Tama county in 1853: Buckingham; Indian Village and Howard.

Unfortunately, the "Crash of 1873" caught the B., C.R. & N. Ry. and the track ended at Traer for four years, due to lack of finances for completion. This crisis of the railroad caused it to be put into the control of John I. Blair, Moses Taylor, Wm. E. Dodge, and other eastern capitalists. Blair was president and the road, which cost about \$40,000 per mile, was put into the hands of a receiver in May, 1875.

On July 26, 1873, D.E. Bryson became the

first telegraph operator. The depot waiting room served as the scene of the first religious services held in the new town. Two churches, Ripley Congregational and the Methodist, which were in Old Buckingham, were moved to Traer where Giles Taylor donated the site for each.

Another railroad was to come later. A branch of the Chicago & North Western, known as the Mason City, Ia. and Blue Earth, Minn. Railroad, extended from Belle Plaine to Traer and thence northwestward in 1900. Its first passenger train reached Traer June 18, 1900, and for a long time there were two "day passenger" trains, 1:00 P.M. from the north and 6:00 from the south. An unfortunate wreck at Elberon Junction on March 24, 1968, terminated service on that line and the rails were removed in 1976. The abandoned depot, now restored as an eating place, still stands.

The B., C.R. & N. was absorbed by the Rock Island Ry. in June, 1902, and the last passenger service was in 1956; the depot has been removed after being in use until the late 1940's when it was dismantled and replaced by a rail car. Now that, too, is gone, and the Rock Island railroad is bankrupt.

J.R. Smith came from Tama City in 1873, opened a lumber yard and built the first building which burned within a few years. In this structure, B. Best operated the first substantial store, bringing the stock from Tama City. After the store burned, Best became the proprietor of Best House. A.M. Batchelder and J.G. Strong built a store building and had a stock of drugs. Clark Newcomber sold tobacco, cigars, and a little of everything. Within a short time, almost any item that would entice a customer could be obtained in Traer. By 1879, the professionals included 2 dentists, 3 druggists and 6 doctors. There was a land agent and 2 justices of the peace, not to mention 5 hotels, 3 restaurants and 9 grocers.

These numbers seem impossible, but the establishments were not the kind of super-businesses we patronize today. Each stocked small inventories. There were 5 blacksmiths, 3 livery stables, 3 harness shops, and 2 wagon makers which were also necessary activities in the nineteenth century. Many other businesses were carried on.

An election for incorporation carried Dec. 9, 1874, and Traer was incorporated in 1875. Mayor Giles Taylor took charge, while W.H. Bowen acted as recorder. The trustees were J. Morrison, T.H. Greelis, A. Mitchell, J.R. Smith, A.M. Batchelder and L. Ladd. R.H. Moore was treasurer, the marshal was Hiram Klingman and W. Rogers became assessor.

The Perry township census of 1875 listed 947 males and 699 females, a total of 1646 persons. A century later, Traer alone contained 1682 citizens. An early statement of elevation notes 916 feet above sea level, but the present one is given as 892, a difference of 24 feet, perhaps depending on one's location in the city.

The Independence Day celebration, July 4, 1875, was expected to be the grandest ever witnessed in the county. The Rev. Stephen Phelps, Vinton, was secured as orator, the Cedar Rapids Brass Band, one of the best in the state, was to furnish music, there would be a 13-gun salute at sunrise, as well as a display of fireworks after dark, and other attractions. The railroad had a special sched-



Traer, 1987



You searched for **J.W. Traer** in **Iowa**

### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>J W Traer</b>	
Age in 1860:	<b>27</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1833</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Home in 1860:	<b>Taylor, Benton, Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Post Office:	<b>Vinton</b>	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	J W Traer	<b>27</b>
	Nelly Traer	<b>2</b>
	Alla D Traer	<b>23</b>
	Marille Traer	<b>6</b>
	Minnie Traer	<b>4</b>
	U E Traer	<b>25</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1860; Census Place: Taylor, Benton, Iowa; Roll: M653\_311; Page: 840; Image: 454; Family History Library Film: 803311.

**Source Information:**

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>J W Traer</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1832</b>	
Age in 1870:	<b>38</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>	
Home in 1870:	<b>Vinton, Benton, Iowa</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Post Office:	<b>Vinton</b>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	J W Traer	<b>38</b>
	Alla D Traer	<b>33</b>
	Maud Traer	<b>15</b>
	Minnie Traer	<b>13</b>
	Nellie Traer	<b>11</b>
	Canio Traer	<b>8</b>
	Albert Marsh	<b>18</b>
	C M Sasse	<b>18</b>
	Jas Fowley	<b>36</b>
	M J Fowley	<b>31</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1870; Census Place: Vinton, Benton, Iowa; Roll: M593\_376; Page: 27B; Image: 546; Family History Library Film: 345875.

**Source Information:**

- Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data:
- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules, NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
  - Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **J. W. Traer**  
 Home in 1880: **Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa**  
 Age: **49**  
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1831**  
 Birthplace: **Ohio**  
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**  
 Spouse's name: **Cary Louise**  
 Father's birthplace: **Ohio**  
 Mother's birthplace: **Ohio**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
 Occupation: **Banker**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Cannot read/write:  
 Blind: [View image](#)  
 Deaf and dumb:  
 Otherwise disabled:  
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	J. W. Traer	49
	Cary Louise Traer	45
	Maude H. Traer	25
	Minnie M. Traer	23
	Nellie R. Traer	20
	Corrie L. Traer	18
	Obediah Clery	23

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa; Roll: T9\_351; Family History Film: 1254351; Page: 81,2000; Enumeration District: 256; Image: 0165.

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 Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census, Tenth Census of the United States, 1880; Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1880. T9, 1,454 rolls.

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- **ID:** I14625
- **Name:** John Wells Traer <sup>1</sup>
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 13 NOV 1831 in Ohio per 1870 census <sup>2 1</sup>
- **Death:** 20 SEP 1899 in Vinton, Benton, Iowa <sup>2 1</sup>
- **Occupation:** 186 Banker

**Father:** [James Montgomery Traer](#) b: 11 SEP 1783 in Maryland

**Mother:** [Parthenia Fletcher](#) b: 1795 in Virginia

**Marriage 1** [Alla D. Beardsley](#) b: ABT 1837 in Ohio per 1860 census

- **Married:** WFT Est 1862-1890 <sup>2 1</sup>

### Children

1. [Marille Traer](#) b: ABT 1853 in Taylor, Benton, Iowa
2. [Minnie Traer](#) b: ABT 1855 in Taylor, Benton, Iowa
3. [Nelly Traer](#) b: ABT 1857 in Taylor, Benton, Iowa

### Sources:

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TRAEER, JOHN W., Vinton, Benton  
Co., banker, born in Ohio, married,  
Liberal, 26 years in Iowa, 37 years  
old, weighs 125 pounds.

*Taken from the Magnolia  
Examiner, Thurs Jan 20, 1870,  
p 1, col. 4, 5, 6, 7*