

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bicknell, Amos D. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Emmet, Palo Alto, Kossuth and Humboldt Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Dec. 1838 Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah J. Mills Dec 1864 Westmoreland, New York

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF

C. Profession Lawyer; farmer; educator; owner of a limestone quarry

4. Church membership Unity Church

5. Sessions served 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Humboldt County Superintendent of schools 1872-1873; mayor of Humboldt for 2 terms

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

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

7. Death 20 Apr 1918 Humboldt, Iowa; cremated

8. Children Frank H.; Clara R. (died Jan 1905); Charles M. (died Aug 1905); George J.

9. Names of parents Jesse

10. Education Educated in the private district schools of  
Hastmoredland, New York; attended Rome Academy

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

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remained for 2 years
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then walked to Fort Dodge and then to Dakota City.
- In Dakota City he met Simon B. Bellows and began working  
for him on his farms and in the winter he taught school in  
Dakota City
- In the spring he went to Fort Dodge and followed the mason's trade
- In 1864, with a partner, he purchased 40 acres near Fort Dodge  
which had a limestone quarry built on it. He built a kiln and  
had a profitable business.
- He returned to New York in Dec 1864 and got married
- After marriage they returned to Fort Dodge
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section of government land in Humboldt County about 2 miles  
west of Rutland where he farmed until 1877 when he  
moved into Humboldt to practice law for 41 years.



# NOTES

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Baptist Church.  
W. J. Robinson, pastor.  
Services as usual next Sunday.  
Morning worship 10:30 a. m. Even-  
ing service 8:00 p. m. Junior Society  
7:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 7:00 p. m.  
Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursday  
evening, 8:00 p. m.

## DEATH OF A. D. BICKNELL.

Anson D. Bicknell was a lineal de-  
scendent of one of the oldest families  
in this country. Zachary Bicknell,  
an English naval officer, his wife  
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Mr. Bicknell returned to New York  
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and went to housekeeping, cheerfully  
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Not only was he actively interested in all that was for the good of the town and county and state, so that his name is conspicuously connected with their history, but nothing gave him more pleasure than giving comfort and pleasure to others and in the little neighborly acts that mark the friend of man.

The funeral services of Mr. Bicknell were very appropriately held in Unity church which for all the years of its existence has been the church home of the family. The service was conducted by Rev. Williams. Though containing some innovation upon the conventional form, much favorable comment has been received from those in attendance as being especially fitting to the views and character of the friend whose memory it was devoted.

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Auto Collision

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A splendid article by Andrew Christensen came in too late for publication this week.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly assisted

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#### Wedding Anniversary

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