

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Brown, Alexander - Represented Van Buren and Davis Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 May 1837, near Carbondale, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Rankin 9 June 1870 Kearsaugus, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1859, mayor of Kearsaugus for 10 years, school board member

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; Mason

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local In 1863 he was appointed to a clerkship in Burlington Iowa until 1865, in 1867 elected Judge of Van Buren County until 1869, County auditor for 6 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 10 Aug 1910 Kearsaugus, Iowa, buried Purdom Cemetery, Kearsaugus, Iowa

8. Children Ord (died in 1905)

9. Names of parents Hugh and Mary (Gibson) Brown

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A southern editor has discovered that "pronunciation tells," and backs up his discovery with this statement: "The man who says 'pro-high-bition' is apt to vote dry every time."

Biography of Alex Brown.

This highly esteemed citizen died Aug. 10th, 1910, after having resided in Keosauqua almost continuously for nearly 68 years. He was of Scotch descent. His father, Hugh Brown, and his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Gibson, were both natives of Scotland, were married in that country and partly reared a family there. They were zealous adherents of the Presbyterian church. Hugh Brown was a man of energy, ability and honorable character, and his wife was a most estimable woman. They emigrated to America in 1820 or 1822 and lived for some years in Albany, N. Y. They then moved to Pennsylvania, and from there they came to the Territory of Iowa in 1842, and settled in Keosauqua, where Mr. Brown in partnership with his son-in-law, James Johnston, erected and operated a flouring mill. He died in 1847; but his widow survived him 30 years, dying in 1877 at the age of 80 years. They were the parents of nine children, eight of whom lived to maturity and beyond, but all of them are now dead, Alexander, the subject of this sketch, being the last one to leave the shores of time. He was the youngest child, born near Carbondale, Luzerne county, Penn., May 8rd, 1837. He was therefore but 5 years old when the family came to Keosauqua, and only ten when his father died. He attended various schools in this town, and here he studied law under the tutelage of Judge Geo. G. Wright and was admitted to the bar in 1859. In the fall of 1861 he and his older brother, Hugh Gibson

tions to and long continuance in various positions of public trust show better than mere words can do, that the people of this town and county highly appreciated his character, that they had great confidence in his ability and integrity, and were glad to honor him. His urbanity, his friendliness and good will for everybody were known and felt by all who met him. His reputation is made; no one wishes to detract from it; and nothing need be added to it. His popularity was well deserved. In 1870 Judge Brown was married to Mary Rankin, who survives him. Their only child, Ord, grew to manhood, and was for some time associated with his father in the abstract business, but died in 1905. Our friend's love for, and kind attentions to his aged mother indicated what he would make of a home of his own. His domestic life was beautiful, and it was largely the result of a christian faith, which he did not loudly publish but deeply felt. He habitually attended the public worship of God, and it was his custom for many years to read the scriptures and pray in his own home. He was a constant and careful reader of the Central Christian Advocate and other religious literature. All old soldiers will readily understand, from their own experience, how war times and scenes came more and more into his mind as he grew older, and with every passing year his attachment to his comrades became stronger. Although in feeble health on last Memorial Day, he took his place in the ranks, marched from the G. A. R. Hall, through the dust and hot sun, to the Soldiers' Monument, and participated in the services there, but the exertion made him quite unwell for several days. The old Shiloh and Corinth spirit, was still willing and strong within him but the flesh was weak. His comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic should know, as they will highly appreciate, his repeatedly expressed wish that they should have a prominent part in his funeral services; and that he said to comrades, on several occasions, that he considered our Grand Army ritual, for the burial of the dead, to be unusually beautiful, appropriate and impressive.

J. W. C.
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and was admitted to the bar in 1859. In the fall of 1861 he and his older brother, Hugh Gibson Brown, enlisted in Company E. 15th regt. Iowa Infantry. Hugh was made Second Lieutenant at the outset, served about a year with the company, then on Gen. Ord's staff for the remainder of the war, after which he joined the regular army, in which he served many years, retiring with the rank of major. The 15th regt. was organized at Keokuk, Iowa, and remained in quarters there through the winter of '61 and '62. Alex Brown was promoted, March 1, '62, from private to Sergeant Major of the regt, which left Keokuk for the front, March 19, and arrived at Pittsburg Landing, Tenn., April 6, on the first day of the sanguinary battle of Shiloh. The regt. was immediately sent to the firing line, became heavily engaged, and came out of the battle with a casualty list of 218 killed, wounded and missing. In this action Sergeant Major Brown was severely wounded in the hip, but recovered in time to reach his regt and participate with it in the battle of Corinth, Mississippi, October 3rd, 1862, in which the casualties of the regt. were 109, and Brown was again wounded, this time dangerously in the shoulder. This wound unfittd him for further active service in the army, and became a severe drain upon his vitality through

ney officiated at the services at the house Aug. 12, the burial being in the Pardon cemetery, the G. A. R. having charge of the exercises at the grave. The Knights Templar also attended in a body. The active pallbearers were relatives of the deceased, viz Dr. J. A. Craig, J. A. Brown, H. B. Sloan, S. W. Manning, LeRoy Daugherty, and Craig Miller. A military escort of six members, consisting of comrades in Co. E. Fifteenth Infantry, accompanied the hearse. They were Maj. W. P. L. Muir, Geo. DeHart, J. W. Cheney, C. Warren, W. H. Har-ryman and Martin Corns.]

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CHICAGO:
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present farm; have two children living—James W. and Edna L.; lost two—Catherine C. and Elizabeth D. His father died in this county April 16, 1872, and his mother died Oct. 8, 1862. Member Presbyterian Church; Democrat.

BELL, JOHN R., farmer, Sec. 19; P. O. Mt. Zion; is a son of James and Barbara Bell; owns 115½ acrs of land, valued at \$40 per acre, it being the old homestead of his parents; born Nov. 14, 1836, in Hancock Co., Ill., and, in the spring of 1837, his parents moved to this county, which has been his home ever since. He was married to Sarah A. Bridell March 17, 1859; she was born March 17, 1840, in Indiana, and died July 11, 1871; was again married to Almira Bell, maiden name Kimmel, January 24, 1872; she was born Sept. 28, 1847, in Iowa, and died Sept. 16, 1876; was again married to Mary C. Miller Oct. 3, 1877; she was born Aug. 24, 1842, in Indiana; have three children by first wife—Marietta, Harriet F. and Addie B., and one by second wife—Don S. Member of M. E. Church; Democratic.

Bennett, Benjamin, far., Sec. 35; P. O. Keosauqua.

Bennett, W. S., far., S. 35; P. O. Keosauqua.

Black, John, laborer, Keosauqua.

Bleakmore, J. B., druggist, Keosauqua.

BLEAKMORE, WYLIE H., publisher of the *Keosauqua Republican*, Keosauqua, with J. S. Sloan; born July 17, 1847, in Marshall Co., W. Va.; came from there to Jefferson Co. in the spring of 1857; in 1860, went into the office of the *Fairfield Ledger*, to learn the printer's trade; and, in 1862, went into the office of the *Burlington Gazette*; in 1863, went to Denver, Col., and worked in the *Denver News* office till the latter part of 1864; he returned to Jefferson Co., and went into the *Fairfield Democrat* office, where he remained till he came to Keosauqua in February, 1877, and went into his present office. He was married to Mary E. Goddard of Jefferson Co., Iowa, in September, 1863; she was born in 1847, in St. Louis, Mo.; have two children—Willard M. and John B. Republican.

Bonner, A., far., Sec. 28; P. O. Pittsburg.

Bonner, G., far., Sec. 28; P. O. Pittsburg.

Bonney, A. L., retired, Keosauqua.

BONNEY, J. H., retired merchant and farmer, Keosauqua; born Feb. 14, 1817, in Steuben Co., N. Y.; his father died the following summer; soon after, his mother moved to Tioga Co., N. Y.; at the age of 14, he went to Elmira where he clerked in the dry goods business about four years; in the fall of 1838, he emigrated West; stopped in Cass Co., Ill., till the spring of 1839, when he came into this county and settled about three miles below Keosauqua at a place called Rochester; engaged in the mercantile business. In August, 1840, he was elected Sheriff of the county, being the first elected by the people; he then came to Keosauqua; after his term of office expired, he clerked in a general store about a year. At the August election in 1843, he was elected a member of the Legislature; was again elected Sheriff of the county in 1844; and, in 1846, was elected County Clerk which was the first elected by the people. In fall of 1848, was elected Secretary of State. In 1851, he again commenced the mercantile business, which he continued about five years. In 1853, he was elected as one of the Commissioners for the improvement of the Des Moines River; was also one of the contractors for the improvement in Keosauqua. He opened an exchange business in 1855, which he continued till 1860; since that time he followed clerking, farming, etc., till February, 1871; he was appointed Steward of the Poor-Farm of this county, which he held till February, 1878. He was married to Orpha F. Stannard, in this county, May 20, 1841; she was born Sept. 16, 1822, in Newport, N. H.; have six children living—Mary J., Anna A., Arma F., Orpha, Estella R., C. Hinman; lost two—Sarah J., Laura C. Democrat.

Brill, D. O., far.; P. O. Pittsburg.

Brooks, W., far., Sec. 8; P. O. Pittsburg.

BROWN, ALEXANDER, attorney, Keosauqua; son of Hugh and Mary Brown; born May 3, 1837, in Luzerne Co., Penn.; parents came to this county in fall of 1842; commenced the study of law under Judge Wright

in 1858, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1859; he then went to Magnolia, Harrison Co., Iowa, and practiced law till in the year 1861. He returned to this county and enlisted in Co. E, of the 15th I. V. I., Oct. 20, 1861; was promoted as Sergeant Major of the regiment, March 1, 1862; participated in battle of Pittsburg Landing, where he was wounded, and afterward, at the battle of Corinth, from the effects of which wound he was discharged Feb. 12, 1863. Returned home, and was clerk in Provost Marshal's office at Burlington till fall of 1865; then, returned to Keosauqua, and was elected County Judge the fall of 1865, which office was changed to Auditor after first year, and he was elected Auditor three successive terms; after which, he commenced the practice of law with his present partner—W. A. Work. He was married to Mary Rankin, of Keosauqua, June 9, 1870; she was born June 16, 1848, in this county; have one son—Ord, born Feb. 22, 1876. Republican.

Brown, John G., banker, Keosauqua.

BROWNE, JOHN, farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Kilbourne; son of Wm. and Elizabeth Browne (nee Alexander); was born May 4, 1833, in West Meath, Ireland; father came to this county in 1847, and settled on the farm where John Browne now lives, his mother having died in Ireland Jan. 1, 1827, and his father here Nov. 12, 1854. Was married to Eliza Craig Feb. 22, 1860, in this county; she was born in Ireland in 1831; have six children—James R., born Dec. 13, 1860; Eliza, born Dec. 23, 1862; Mary J., born Sept. 11, 1865; Sarah, born March 28, 1868; Hester, born Oct. 10, 1870; William, born May 26, 1873. Mr. Browne, owns the homestead farm of 135 acres, valued at \$25 per acre. Politics, Republican.

BURTON, E. F., Keosauqua, proprietor of restaurant and dealer in groceries; born Sept. 1, 1812, in Fredericksburg, Va.; in 1833, came to Greene Co., Ohio; worked at millwright business and coopering till he came to this county in August, 1841; settled in Keosauqua and has followed his present business most of the time. He was married to Elizabeth McDill, of Virginia,

March 1, 1838; she was born in Pennsylvania in 1807; have six children living—Julia, Elizabeth, Margaret A., John, Daniel H., Edward F.; lost three—Mary A., William and Ira. Republican.

CAHILL, TIMOTHY, retired physician, Mt. Zion.

CAHILL, JOHN, proprietor of a saloon, and dealer in groceries, notions, etc.; born June 24, 1832, Mt. Zion, in County Kerry, Ireland; came to the United States in the fall of 1851; followed railroading in New Hampshire and Massachusetts till the spring of 1857; came to Jefferson Co., Iowa, and the following fall, came to Van Buren Co., which has been his home since, with the exception of some traveling through Missouri and elsewhere. He was married to Mary Breen April 8, 1856, in New Hampshire; she was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1830; have three children—Mary, born Jan. 3, 1859; James, born Dec. 2, 1864; Catharine, born May 16, 1867; lost two—Julia and Margaret. Member of the Catholic Church; Democratic.

CAMPBELL, BETHEL, farmer, Sec. 8; P. O. Mt. Zion; owns 200 acres of land, valued at \$30 per acre; born March 24, 1833, in Brooke Co., W. Va.; came with his parents to this county in 1840, and settled on the farm where he now lives; went to Idaho in the spring of 1862, and returned in the fall of 1866. Married Mary E. Johnston Nov. 28, 1867; she was born in Ohio July 27, 1843; have three children—Thos. E., Charles A. and Myrtes; lost Ira W. Democratic.

Carruthers, J., far., S. 17; P. O. Pittsburg.

Cheney, E. J., carpenter, Keosauqua.

CLARKE, ROBT. L., County Treasurer, Keosauqua; born April 2, 1838, in Portage Co., Ohio; parents moved to White Co., Tenn., in 1854, and came from there to this county in the spring of 1856, and settled in Vernon Tp.; the second year after arriving here, he moved into the village of Vernon, in Henry Tp., and taught school there one season; before coming to this State, Mr. Clarke had spent three years at the Western Reserve College at Hud-

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Brown, Alexander

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth My 3, 1837 Place Carbondale Penn

Father Hugh Nativity

Date death 10 Ag 1910 Place Keosauqua, Iowa
Cause Furdon Cem Place burial "

Mother Mary Gibson Nativity

War record Sgt. Maj. E 15 Iowa Inf

Wife Mary Rankin

Rank Company Regiment State Organisation

Children

Age 24 Res. Keosauqua

Ord

Enlisted 20 Oct 1861

Date

Place

Source Roster Iowa Soldiers
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: Sgt.
Maj. - Keosauqua. /
Graves Reg.: Keosauqua Rep Ag 18, 1910

Discharged

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Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Brown, Alexander

Record Membership and Dues Paid

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