

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Conlee, Reuben Samuel Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Feb 1790 Tennessee

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nancy Dayles 7 Nov 1815 Warren County, Kentucky

3. Significant events for example:

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

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

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

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

5. Sessions served 1st General Assembly 1846

6. Public Offices

A. Local Lee County Justice of the Peace

B. State He had been a Territorial Legislator

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

7. Death 23 Dec 1846 Iowa City, Iowa; buried Wilson Cemetery, Lee County, Iowa

8. Children Isaac; Mary; Samuel D.; James Reuben; John J.; Jane Letha; Elizabeth; Thomas; Paris; George Perry; William M.

9. Names of parents Isaac and Mary (Kennedy) Conlee

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

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Can officers created by the General Government hold and exercise office at the same time under our State Government? If they cannot, will the decisions of the Supreme Judges, appointed by the President, and who are to meet at Iowa City next Monday, in their action as State Judges, be valid? We ask for information.

The death of Mr CONLEE, Representative from Lee county, has left a vacancy in the House of Representatives. According to the Constitution it becomes the duty of Gov. Briggs to issue his writ for an election without delay.

Sec. 13. of Article 4, says "When vacancies occur in either House, the Governor, or the person exercising the functions of Governor, shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies."

An informal meeting of the Members of the General Assembly then at Iowa City, was held in the Senate Chamber on Thursday the 24th December, and Messrs BOWIE and MORTON were appointed a Committee to address a letter of condolence and sympathy to the Widow of the late Hon. KRUBEN CONLEE. M. C. was about 60 years of age.

The Philadelphia papers give quite a graphic description of the late departure of the Pennsylvania volunteers from that city, for the seat of war.

We see, it stated that Commodore Stewart is to take command of the Ohio, now fitting out at Boston, and sail in a few days with sealed orders.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

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Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by Volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa.

For the Hawk Eye.

"Granby House" Iowa City, }  
Thursday morning, Dec. 24, 1846. }

It is my melancholy duty to-day to inform you that Death has wrought here, and struck down one of the Peoples' Representatives.—  
Esq., member of the Iowa House from the county of Lee, departed this last evening, shortly after 10 o'clock, at his lodgings. How uncertain is and how true and forcible is the language of inspiration—"that in the midst of life we are in death!" But I must not dwell on this event, which has cast a gloom over the feelings of the members of the two houses now in the city, and which will be deeply regretted by those who were absent, when they hear of it.—  
One short week ago, Mr Conlee held his seat in the House, apparently in the enjoyment of good health, and was elected a U. S. Senator. On Saturday morning or Sabbath morning, he was seized with illness, and despite the attention of skillful physicians, and attendance of warm and kind friends, has been taken from the earth of his usefulness, to render up his spirit in eternity. He was conscious of his approaching dissolution, and died with a resignation which leads us to hope that his soul had not arrived at the time of death; and to-day his remains left the care of the Speaker and Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. I need say nothing of you, who were acquainted with the character of Mr CONLEE.—  
It is to say, that he was an honest man, and discharged his duties faithfully. At the joint convention, he voted for Gerrit for U. S. Senator.

# COMMERCIAL.

Burlington Dec. 31 —Wheat 35 cts—Corn 12 to 15 cts. per bushel—Pork \$1.50 a \$2.00  
Oats 12 cts—Potatoes 20 per bush.—Butter 10 to 12 cts—flour 3,25.

Baltimore, Dec. 14.—There is more firmness in the flour market, with an additional advance in price. Sales ranging from \$4.75 to \$4.62½. Corn meal \$3.50 per bbl.

Grain is in better request. Sales of prime red wheat at 96 cents; white and yellow new corn 45 to 47; oats 31; rye 63.

New York, Dec. 14.—The flour market is rather firmer, with a slight tendency to advance. Sales this morning at the opening of the market of Genesee brands, at \$5.25 per barrel.—  
Holders are asking \$5.31½. Western flour sold in moderate parcels at \$5.06½ a \$5.12—held by some at \$5.18.

No change in grain. Prime Genesee wheat 114 a 115 cents. Corn is unchanged—sales of new white at 62 a 63 cents, and yellow 61—oats continue at 31 a 37 cents.

Philadelphia, December 11.—Flour on the advance, fresh ground brands at \$4.68 a \$4.75 per bbl. There is more firmness in grain, with an advance. Prime red wheat at 105 cents, sales of new yellow corn at 50 a 51 cents.

St. Louis Dec. 25.—Wheat 62 to 72—Pork \$2.25 to \$2.50, a slight improvement. Corn is on the decline.

*The Last Resort*—the only remedy for consumption—in its most terrible forms—is the Hungarian Balsam of Life, discovered by Dr Buchan of London.

*From the New York Hygeist.*—We cannot, after such evidence as has been exhibited by the American Agent of this medicine, refuse to admit that the Hungarian Balsam does possess a curative power in cases of confirmed pulmonary disease, superior to that of any preparation which has ever come under our notice.  
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Pamphlets respecting this great English  
remedy may be had gratis at "HIND'S FAMILY  
MEDICINE STORE, only agency in Burlington,  
Iowa.

See advertisement in another column of this  
paper.

*From Maine to Mississippi, from Ore-  
gon to Florida,* the wonderful effects of  
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Thousands who have sought another cli-  
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his approaching dissolution, and died with  
a resignation to the will of Providence.  
His family had not arrived at the time of  
his death; and to-day his remains left the  
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At the late joint convention, he voted for  
GARY for U. S. Senator.  
Yours truly, WM. PENN CLARK.

*For the Hawk-Eye.*  
IOWA CITY, Dec. 24th, 1846.

My Dear Sir: I regret the painful ne-  
cessity of announcing to you the death of  
Mr CONLEE, member of the House from  
Iowa. He died yesterday afternoon about  
one o'clock. His disease was bilious  
fever. He had every attention that  
could be given him by his friends, but he  
was too infirm to withstand the severity of  
the attack.  
The members remaining in the city met  
to-day for the purpose of making arrange-  
ments for his burial, and we have con-  
sented to send his remains to his family,  
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will arrive and direct otherwise. We  
have been expecting a son of his, but the  
probability is that he will not come. If  
any of his children should arrive this  
evening, Mr Spann, our worthy Sergeant-  
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ces, and will accompany his remains to  
his friends and will leave here in the  
morning. We have adopted this course  
because it will be most gratifying to his  
family, and consonant with our feelings.  
Truly yours,  
G. W. BOWIE.

*Independence of the Baltimore Patriot.*  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9, 1846.

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## Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Reuben Conlee**  
Death Date: **23 Dec 1846**  
Page #: **16**  
Birth Date: **1790**  
Cemetery: **Wilson**  
Town: **Jefferson**  
Level Info: *Grave Records of Lee County, Iowa (Part of County Only) Taken by Graves Registration F W P A*

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

**Description:**

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the WPA Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the name of the deceased, date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. [Learn more...](#)

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- **ID:** I2070
- **Name:** Reuben Samuel CONLEE
- **Surname:** Conlee
- **Given Name:** Reuben Samuel
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 17 Feb 1790 in Tennessee, USA
- **Death:** 23 Dec 1846 in Iowa City, Johnson Co., Iowa, USA
- **LDS Baptism:** 16 Feb 1994 Temple: OAKLA
- **Endowment:** 9 Nov 1994 Temple: OAKLA
- **\_UID:** 79D504FCB574384B8CAE1D92039913CF61D0
- **Sealing Child:** 11 Nov 1994 Temple: OAKLA
- **Note:**

I found limited information on Reuben on one of the Conlee family histories.  
 "Reuben immigrated to Lee County, Iowa where he died. He was a memeber of the Iowa Territorial Legislature at the time of his death."

This information came from a file I found on the internet, and I believe it to be very accurate.  
 PARENTS & BIRTH: REUBEN IS ON THE LIST FROM THE "CONLEE FAMILY BIBLE" WITH HIS BIRTHDATE. WHILE HIS CEMETERY RECORDS SPEAK OF HIM AS A NATIVE OF GREENE CO., TN, THE FAMILY IS NOT KNOWN TO BE THERE UNTIL EIGHT YEARS AFTER HIS BIRTH. HIS MIDDLE INITIAL WAS FOUND IN IA STATE RECORDS (STATE OF IOWA HOUSE RECORDS, 4 JAN 1847). A GRANDSON OF SAMUEL D. CONLEE (WALTER CONLEE, S/O JAMES) TOLD MARY LOZIER THAT REUBEN'S SON SAMUEL WAS NAMED AFTER REUBEN'S MIDDLE NAME.

MILITARY: HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE 1832 BLACKHAWK WAR (PRIVATE 2ND REG., 3RD BRIG., MOUNTED VOLUNTEER). ON A LIST COVERING THE BLACK HAWK CAMPAIGN OF 1832, IS SHOWS, "#16, CONLEE, RHEUBEN, PRIVEATE, GREENE CO., IL, ORDERED 22ND JUNE ON SPECIAL DUTY." WALTER REED FOUND THE RECORDS IN RECORDS FOR HIM IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. REUBEN WAS IN THE COMPANY OF CAPTAIN AARON BARROW. HIS MUSTER -- IN DATE WAS JUNE 19, 1832, HIS MUSTER -- OUT, AUGUST 16, 1832," HIS WIDOW RECIEVED A BOUTY LAND GRANT IN SAN BENITO CO., CA FOR HIS SERVICE. (NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUARTERLY, VOL. 65, P. 306 "NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOUNTY LAND GRANTEES UNDER ACTS OF 1847-1855."). WALTER REED NOTES THAT IT SEEMS SHE NEVER OPTIONED THE GRANT TO ACTUALLY RECEIVE THE 40 ACRES IN CA. "A FEW YEARS LATER A BETTER DEAL CAME ALONG AND SHE WAS ENTITLED TO 160 ACRES...THOSE APPARENTLY ARE THE 160 ACRES MENTIONED IN THE PROBATE."

MARRIAGE: NO PROBLEM ON THE NAME NANCY DOYLE. THEIR MARRIAGE IS RECORDED IN GREENE CO., TN. HER BIRTHPLACE WAS GUESSED AT BY A LOT OF HER CHILDREN AS: KY, SC, NC, AND TN. THE 1850 CENSUS SAYS SC. BUT HER FAMILY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND IN THE RECORDS OF SC AS YET. NC WOULD BE A BETTER BET AS HER GRANDFATHER, SAMUEL DOYEL PAID TAXES IN ROWAN CO., NC. IN 1778. IF SHE WAS BORN AS LATE AS 1799 SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN BORN IN KY. NANCY CONTINUED TO RUN THE FARM AFTER REUBEN'S DEATH WITH THE HELP OF HER CHILDREN. THERE WERE SIX STILL HOME IN 1850. IN ADDITION, HER SON ISAAC, WAS NEXT DOOR. THE WILLIAM CONLEE FAMILY BIBLE CLEARLY HAS HER DEATH AS 17 APR 1856, BUT HER PROBATE RECORDS STATE THAT SHE DIED 17 APR 1857.

CHILDREN: WITH THE HELP OF THE "WILLIAM CONLEE FAMILY BIBLE" WE HAVE A COMPLETE LIST OF THE CHILDREN AND BIRTHPLACES. WE ALSO KNOW THAT EMLEY DIED WHEN SHE WAS LESS THAN A MONTH OLD, ON 3 DEC 1817. THIS HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WAS FORGOTTEN ON ALL OTHER RECORDS.

LAND: ON 5 AUG 1846 REUBEN BOUGHT TWO QUARTER SECTIONS ON CHIMNEY CREEK ABOUT A MILE ABOVE THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. HE PAID \$40 TO THE SAC AND FOX HALF-BREEDS FOR THIS RESERVATION LAND CONTAINING 320 ACRES (THE SE QUARTER OF SEC. 15 AND THE ADJACENT SW QUARTER OF SEC. 14, TWP. 67N, RANGE 5W. NOW IN JEFFERSON TWP.)

POLITICS: IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL YEARS AS JUSTICE OF PEACE IN LEE CO., REUBEN HAD A BRIEF BUT DISTINCTIVE POLITICAL CAREER AS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM LEE CO. TO THE FIRST IOWA STATE LEGISLATURE. THE LEGISLATURE CONVENED AT IOWA CITY ON 30 NOV 1846, HE DIED LESS THAN A MONTH LATER. (THE ANNALS OF IOWA, FIRST SERIES, VOL. IX, P. 465).

WILL: REUBEN'S WILL WAS WRITTEN IN IOWA CITY, IA, 23 DEC 1846. IT WAS ON HIS FINAL DAY THAT HE WROTE, "BEING WEAK IN BODY BUT OF SOUND MIND AND MEMORY." HE GAVE THE FARM IN JEFFERSON TWP., LEE CO., IA, THAT HE BOUGHT THREE MONTHS BEFORE, TO HIS WIFE, MANCY, "TO THE MAINTENANCE OF HERSELF AND THE RAISING AND EDUCATING OF MY MINOR HEIRS." IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE WILL OMITTS AS HEIRS THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO LATER WENT TO OREGON: MARY, JAMES REUBEN AND JOHN J.

RESIDENCES: AS A MINOR REUBEN MOVED FROM GREENE CO., TN TO BARREN CO., KY IN 1804. THERE HE BAGAN TO PAY POLL TAX WHEN HE TURNED 21, PAYING IN 1812 AND 1814. HE NEVER PAID TAX ON LAND IN BARREN CO. IN 1815 HE MARRIED IN WARREN CO., KY AND APPARENTLY STAYED THERE, EITHER NEAR THE DOYLES OR PERHAPS ON THE LAND HIS BROTHER JOHN LEFT THAT YEAR. REUBEN AND NANCY APPEAR WITH MARY AND ISAAC IN THE 1820 CENSUS. WILLIAM, SAMUEL, JAMES AND JOHN WERE ALL BORN THERE. LEATHA JANE WAS BORN IN MOUND RIDGE, WARREN CO., KY IN 1827. BY THE TIME ELIZABETH WAS BORN 23 APR 1830 THE FAMILY IS IN GREENE CO., IL. THE CENSUS THAT YEAR SHOWS FIVE CHILDREN. IT SHOULD SHOW EIGHT. THREE MORE CHILDREN WERE BORN THERE. THE LAST OF THESE, PARIS, WAS BORN 23 AUG 1836 IN WHITE HALL, GREENE CO., IL. AS THEIR DAUGHTER, MARY, MARRIED ANDREW SHUCK IN BURLINGTON, DES MOINES CO., IA, 8 FEB 1838, THE FAMILY MUST HAVE ARRIVED IN IA BY 1837. GEORGE PERRY WAS BORN 3 JUN 1840 IN BURLINGTON, DES MOINES CO., IA. THE CENSUS THAT YEAR WAS MORE COMPLETE LEAVING ONLY WILLIAM UNACCOUNTED. "AFTER A SHORT STAY AT THAT PLACE THE FAMILY CAME TO LEE COUNTY, LOCATING UPON THE FARM WHERE ...(WILLIAM'S WIDOW)...STILL RESIDES.

DEATH: THE DATE OF DEATH USED IS SUPPORTED BY THE WILSON CEMETERY RECORDS, AND HIS WILL, AND BIBLE RECORDS. THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF IOWA, MONDAY MORNING, 4 JAN 1847, ARE CONCLUSIVE.

• *Change Date:* 19 Apr 2005 at 21:05:33

*Father:* Isaac CONLEE Rev. b: 1745 in Virginia, USA

*Mother:* Mary KENNEDY b: ABT 1750

**Marriage 1** Nancy DOYLE b: AFT 1795 in North Carolilna or Kentucky, USA

- *Married:* 16 Nov 1815 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
- *Sealing Spouse:* 11 Nov 1994 in OAKLA <sup>1</sup>
- *Note:*

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#### Children

1. Emley CONLEE b: 10 Nov 1816
2.  Mary CONLEE b: 15 Mar 1818 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
3. Isaac C. CONLEE b: 3 Dec 1819 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
4. William M. CONLEE b: 9 Nov 1821 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
5. Samuel D. CONLEE b: 4 Dec 1823 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
6.  James Reuben CONLEE b: 9 May 1825 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
7. John J. CONLEE b: 24 Dec 1826 in Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
8. Aleatha Jane CONLEE b: 11 Sep 1827 in Mound RIdge, Warren Co., Kentucky, USA
9. Elizabeth CONLEE b: 23 Apr 1830 in Greene, Co., Illinois, USA
10. Levi Preston CONLEE b: 11 Nov 1833
11. Thomas CONLEE b: 23 Dec 1834 in Greene, Co., Illinois, USA
12. Paris CONLEE b: 29 Aug 1836 in White Hall, Green Co., Illinois, USA
13.  George Perry CONLEE b: 3 Jun 1840 in Burlington, Des Moines, Co., Iowa, USA

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- **ID:** I7927
- **Name:** Reuben CONLEE
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 11 JAN 1790 in Green Co.,TN
- **Death:** 23 DEC 1846 in Iowa City,IA
- **Note:**

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Facts about this person:

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- **Change Date:** 9 JUL 2004 at 15:23:40

**Marriage 1** [Nancy DOYLE](#) b: 1795 in SC

- **Married:** 7 NOV 1815 in Warren Ky <sup>1 2</sup>

Children

1. [Isaac C. CONLEE](#) b: 3 NOV 1816 in Barron Co.,KY Near Bowling Green
2. [Mary CONLEE](#) b: 15 MAR 1818 in KY
3. [Samuel D. CONLEE](#) b: 4 DEC 1822 in KY
4. [James Reuben CONLEE](#) b: 9 MAY 1825 in Warren Co.,KY
5. [John J. CONLEE](#) b: 1828 in Warren Co.,KY
6. [Jane Letha CONLEE](#) b: 12 SEP 1829 in near Mound Ridge,KY

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7.  Elizabeth CONLEE b: 23 APR 1830 in Green Co.,IL
8. Thomas CONLEE b: Abt 1832 in Ill.
9.  Paris CONLEE b: 29 AUG 1836 in near White Hall,Green Co.,IL
10. George Perry CONLEE b: Abt 1839 in IA
11.  William M. CONLEE b: 9 NOV 1821 in near Mammoth Cave,KY

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- **ID:** I098043
- **Name:** Reuben Samuel Conlee
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 17 FEB 1790 in Tennessee <sup>1</sup>
- **Death:** 23 DEC 1846 in Iowa City, Johnson Co., Iowa <sup>1</sup>
- **Burial:** Wilson Cemetery, Jefferson, Lee Co. Iowa <sup>2</sup>
- **Note:**

Reuben Samuel Conlee was a veteran of the 1832 Black Hawk War, a private 2nd Reg., 3rd Brig., Mounted Volunteers. On a list covering the Black Hawk Campaign of 1832 is "#16, CONLEE, Theuben, Private, Greene Co., Il ordered 22nd June on special duty." Walter Reed found the records in t National Archives. Reuben was in the company of Captain Arron Barrow. His muster-in date was June 19, 1832. His muster-out date was August 16, 1832. His widow received a bounty land grant in San Benito Co., California for his service. (National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 65, page 306: Northern California Bounty Land Grantees Under Acts of 1847-1855.) Walter Reed notes that it seems she never optioned the grant to actually receive the 40 acres in California. "A few years later a better deal came along and she was entitled to 160 acres....those apparently are the 160 acres mentioned in the probate record". On August 5, 1846, Reuben bought two quarter sections on Chimney Creek, about a mile above the Mississippi River. He paid \$40 to the Sac and Fox "half-breeds" for this reservation land containing 320 acres (the SE quarter of Sec. 15, and the adjacent SW quarter of Sec. 14, Twp. 67N, Range 5W, now in Jefferson Twp.).

Nancy Doyle Conlee continued to run the farm after Reuben's death with the help of her children. There were still six still at home in 1850. In addition, her son Isaac lived next door.

WILL: WILL: REUBEN'S WILL WAS WRITTEN IN IOWA CITY, IA, 23 DEC 1846. IT WAS ON HIS FINAL DAY THAT HE WROTE, "BEING WEAK IN BODY BUT OF SOUND MI AND MEMORY." HE GAVE THE FARM IN JEFFERSON TWP., LEE CO., IA, THAT HE BOUGHT THREE MONTHS BEFORE, TO HIS WIFE, NANCY, "TO THE MAINTENANCE OF HERSELF AND THE RAISING AND EDUCATING OF MY MINOR HEIRS." IT SHOULD BE

NOTD THAT THE WILL OMITS AS HEIRS THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE WHO LATER WENT TO OREGON: MARY, JAMES REUBEN AND JOHN J.

RESIDENCES: AS A MINOR REUBEN MOVED FROM GREENE CO., TN TO BARREN CO IN 1804. THERE HE Began TO PAY POLL TAX WHEN HE TURNED 21, PAYING IN 18 AND 1814. HE NEVER PAID TAX ONLAND IN BARREN CO. IN 1815 HE MARRIED IN WARREN CO., KY AND APPARENTLY STAYED THERE, EITHER NEAR THE DOYLES OR PERHAPS ON THE LAND HIS BROTHER JOHN LEFT THAT YEAR. REUBEN AND NANCY APPEAR WITH MARY AND ISAAC IN THE 1820 CENSUS. WILLIAM, SAMUEL, JAMES A JOHN WERE ALL BORN THERE. LEATHA JANE WAS BORN IN MOUND RIDGE, WARREN CO., KY IN 1827. BY THE TIME ELIZABETH WAS BORN 23 APR 1830THE FAMILY IS IN GREENE CO., IL. THE CENSUS THAT YEAR SHOWS FIVE CHILDREN. IT SHOULD SHOW EIGHT. THREE MORE CHILDREN WERE BORN THERE. THE LAST OF THESE, PARIS, WAS BORN 23 AUG 1836 IN WHITE HALL, GREENE CO., IL. AS THEIR DAUGHTER, MARY, MARRIED ANDREW SHUCK IN BURLINGTON, DES MOINES CO., I FEB 1838, THE FAMILY MUST HAVE ARRIVED IN IA BY 1837. GEORGE PERRY WAS BORN 3 JUN 1840 IN BURLINGTON, DES MOINES CO., IA. THE CENSUS THAT YEAR WAS MORE COMPLETE LEAVING ONLY WILLIAM UNACCOUNTED. "AFTER A SHORT STAY AT THAT PLACE THE FAMILY CAME TO LEE COUNTY, LOCATING UPON THE FARM WHE ...(WILLIAM'S WIDOW)...STILL RESIDES.

In addition to several years as Justice of the Peace in Lee County, Reuben had a brief but distinctive political career as a representative from Lee County to the first Iowa State Legislature. The legislature convened at Iowa City on November 30, 1846. He died less than a month later. (from The Annals of Iowa, First Series, Vol. IX, page 465)

Notes in Cluff Francis research records indicate that Reuben died while attending the session of Legislature of the State of Iowa, he being a member of the Lower House.

Found at Ancestry.com May 7, 2002:

Grave Records of Lee County, Iowa (Part of County Only) Taken by Graves Registration Project W P A

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Name: Reuben Conlee

Birth Date: 1790

Death Date: 23 Dec 1846

Cemetery: Wilson

Town: Jefferson

*Father:* Isaac Conlee b: ABT 1745 in Virginia

*Mother:* Mary Kennedy b: ABT 1750

*Marriage 1* Nancy Doyle b: 1795 in North Carolina or Kentucky

- *Married:* 16 NOV 1815 in Warren Co., Kentucky <sup>1</sup>

Children

1.  James Reuben Conlee b: 9 MAY 1825 in Warren Co., Kentucky

*Sources:*

1. Title: "William Conlee Family Bible"...from the files of Richard R. Price
2. Title: Grave Records of Lee County, Iowa, a WPA Project



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- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 17 FEB 1790
- *Death:* 23 DEC 1846 in IOWA CITY,,,IOWA
- *Note:*

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- *Married:* 7 NOV 1815 in ,,WARREN,KY

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- *ID:* I1156
- *Name:* REUBEN CONLEE <sup>1 2</sup>
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 17 FEB 1790 <sup>1 2</sup>
- *Death:* 23 DEC 1846 in IOWA CITY, IOWA <sup>1 2</sup>
- *Note:* [brady1.FBK]

*Father:* ISAAC CONLEE b: ABT. 1750

*Mother:* MARY

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- *Married:* 7 NOV 1815 in ,,WARREN, KY <sup>1 2</sup>

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