

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Rigger,
John A. - Represented Keokuk and Poweshook counties

1. Birthday and place 29 Oct 1841 Stark County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mrs. Harriet E. Mesley 1868 St. Joseph, Missouri

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He practiced medicine in Whit Chen for nearly
20 years; division surgeon for the B. & N. Railway

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; T.O.O.F. Knights of Pythias,
G.A.R.; Legion of Honor; Sons of Veterans; Royal Legion

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 25th and 26th General Assemblies 1894-1896

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Keokuk County Medical Society; Whit Chen school board;
Whit Chen postmaster for a short time

B. State Candidate for State Legislature in 1887 but was defeated;
member of the Illinois State Medical Society

C. National Member of the American Medical Association; National Association for
Railway Surgeons; member of the American Public Health Association

7. Death 12 May 1907 Elwood Springs, Arkansas

8. Children Jannie E. (Mrs. T.C. Legre); Cora J. (adopted daughter) - Mrs.
Joseph C. Reilly; S. J. J. J. J.

9. Names of parents John and Anna (Bothwell) Rigger

Riggen, John A.

10. Education He attended country school for 3 winters since the educational facilities at the time were very limited; his other education was gained by life experiences

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican
He went to Missouri in 1858 with his parents
Military service - Civil War - 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry
Attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant
After the war he taught school for a few months, then began studying
medicine, located in Lebanon, Boone County, Missouri practicing medicine for years
In 1879 he came to Iowa and in 1884 he located at Wheat
Chew, Iowa
In 1903 he bought a home in Selwyn Springs, Arkansas
where he lived until death. This is where he retired
from practicing medicine and instead devoted himself
to caring for his large fruit farm
For 20 years he was a division surgeon for the Burlington, Cedar
Rapids and Northern Railroad Company.
For several years he served as commander of Grand Army Posts #112
and #114, and in 1888 he was elected senior vice commander of
the department of Iowa and had charge of the Iowa camp at the national
encampment at Columbus, Ohio.



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Dr. Riggen in D.D.M.

A telegram received here Sunday summoned T. C. Legoe and wife to the bedside of the ladie's father, Dr. J. A. Riggen. Before they could get a train out today to respond another telegram was received saying that he died Sunday night. His death is not unexpected, as he has been failing for the last year and was the victim of creeping paralysis, which slowly, but surely overcame him.

There is little the Patriot can say that is not known to most of its readers concerning Dr. Riggen as a man. He was for years the most prominent and public spirited citizen of this city and was recognized as such by friends and foes alike. A native of Illinois, he was born in Stark county, October 29th, 1841, making his age 65 years, 6 months and 14 days.

He went to Missouri in 1859 and in June, 1861, enlisted in the Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the service over four years. He was in the battle of Shiloh, the second battle of Corinth, with Sherman on his march to the sea and the Atlanta campaign, in the Carolinas and at Bentonville, the last engagement of the war, being mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant. After the war he began the practice of medicine at Johnstown, Mo., in 1869. In 1879 he came to Iowa and in 1884 he located at What Cheer. For nearly twenty years his practice here was limited only by his physical endurance. He was division surgeon for the B. C. R. & N. railway and prominent in all local and state medical fraternities.

He turned his attention to politics and was the acknowledged leader of the republican party in the town and county. He was candidate for the state legislature in 1887 and defeated by Hon. J. C. Baum of this city by five votes. In 1893 he was elected state senator from the twelfth district and served one term in the senate, declining the second term, but still keeping his hold on local republican politics so long as he remained here. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, an Odd Fellow, K. P., G. A. R., S. of V. and Legion of Honor member and in 1888 was vice-commander of the department of Iowa, in charge of the Iowa camp at the national encampment at Columbus, Ohio.

In 1903 he purchased a home at Si-loam Springs, Arkansas, where he has lived since. He retired from the active practice of medicine and devoted his time to the care of a large fruit farm near that town. He has enjoyed the past few years the best of any in his life until sickness laid its paralyzing hand upon him. For the past months he has been patiently waiting the end. A host of admiring friends here will unite in sorrow at his death and sympathy with the bereaved relatives.

make the Patriot his for another year in advance. Mr. Maxwell is enjoying good health and is pretty hearty for

Calvin Madison Jack.
Calvin Madison Jack, eldest and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jack, living three and a half miles southeast of Thornburg, died at the home of his parents, Sunday evening, May 5th, 1907, aged 12 years, one month and 12 days. He was born at Barnes City, March 23d, 1895. His parents, four little sisters and many friends mourn his untimely death.

Calvin was a good Christian boy and was never known to speak ill of any one. Since last November he has been a great sufferer from what is called "Hodgekin's disease." For a time he was at Dr. Taylor's hospital in this city then his parents took him to Iowa City in the vain hope of securing medical assistance. He was always thoughtful of others and cheerful in spite of his suffering. When a sympathizing friend said: "Calvin I don't see why you should suffer so, you were always good," he replied: "Jesus was good, but he had to suffer and no one could take his place, so why should I complain."

The funeral was held at the M. E. church at Thornburg, Tuesday morning, May 7th, at 10 o'clock, interment at Sixteen cemetery. Friends sent many flowers, among them a beautiful bouquet of carnations from his Sunday School class, who also escorted the hearse bearing his remains to the church.

There is no death! the stars go down
To rise upon some other shore,
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine for evermore.

There is no death! an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread.

He bears our loved ones far away
And then we call them "dead."

There is no death! the choicest gifts
That Heaven hath kindly lent to earth

Are ever first to seek again
The country of their birth.

The parents and friends of the deceased desire the Patriot to express their sincere thanks to those who were so helpful to them in their great sorrow.

The Greatest Ball Game of the Season,
High School vs. Business Men
Thompson & Walker's Park,
Friday, May 17th, 2.30 p. m.

LINE UP.

Business Men.	High School.
Jim White c	Harry Barker
John Baylor	Roy Slack
Roy Bedford p	
Dr. Rayner ss	Wilmer Fletches
Jno Schoonover 1 b	Burly Hampton
Dr. Irwin 2 b	Lance Walker
H. L. Mitchell 3 b	Frank Wiser
B. L. Anderson lf	Harvey Paul
G. P. Gillhousen cf	Roy Ziegler
W. E. Walker rf	Rob Scott

A dozen reasons why you should come:

1. It will be worth your money to see the game.
2. You will see plays never before witnessed on the diamond.
3. You will see Jim White take them red hot from the plate.
4. Harry Mitchell, the old time sprinter and ball player, will make one of his famous dashes for first base.
5. Dr. Rayner came from the new world of Chester, England. Will be on the diamond for one day only.
6. G. P. Gillhousen, the silent man

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action of other countries, also he would like to see the matter settled by international agreement. Believing such action to be an impossibility he is in favor of the United States taking the lead in doing what is the right thing. He stands in this respect along with Blaine and other great Americans who believe in the abiding supremacy of this country.

SENATOR JOHN A. RIGGEN.—Dr. J. A. Riggen, senator from the Keokuk-Poweshiek district, was born in Knox county, Illinois, Oct. 29, 1843. He was educated in a common district school, attending only a few winter terms. With his father he settled in Missouri in 1859. When in his eighteenth year he enlisted from a strong secession community in the Union army, on June 6, 1861, and joined the 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry on its organization in July following. He was never absent from his regiment a day during a service of over four years, except two months spent on veteran furlough and recruiting service. He is proud of the fact of having carried a musket nearly three years; also he was mustered out as first lieutenant. Soon after the war he began the study of medicine, and began the practice of his profession in 1869. Since then he has been in continuous and active practice. He first located at Johnstown, Bates county, Missouri, where he remained ten years, coming to Wellman, Washington county, Iowa, in 1879, removing from that place to his present home, What Cheer, in 1884. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Iowa State Medical Society and ex-president of Keokuk County Medical Society; also belongs to the National Association of Railway Surgeons and the American Public Health Association. He has been a member of the city school board, postmaster under Harrison (resigning after two years' service), and alternate from the Sixth district to the Minneapolis convention. At the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1888 he was elected senior vice-department commander, and has held many other official positions in this, his favorite, organization. He has constantly been chairman of ward, city, or township committee since 1885, and has always given freely of his strength, time and means for the cause of Republicanism. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Grand Army of the Republic,

Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. At the senatorial convention held in Montezuma, September 23, 1893, he was nominated by acclamation, and elected by a majority of 885.

HON. D. H. BOWEN.—Dr. D. H. Bowen, member of the house from Allamakee county, was born in Green county, Wisconsin, in 1850. He was reared on a farm, and attended the local schools, including an academic course. He then turned his attention to school teaching. At the age of 22 he began the study of medicine at Brodhead, Wisconsin. He graduated from the Rush Medical College in 1876. Not long afterward he moved to Rossville, Allamakee county, where he remained until 1880. He then removed to Waukon, where he has since remained. He has been very successful in his practice. Dr. Bowen was married soon after he graduated from the medical college, to Miss Hattie E. Burns. They have two children, a boy of 16 and a girl of 10. He has always been an active worker for the Republican party, serving as chairman of the county central committee for several years. He has held the position of coroner, president of the school board and pension examiner.

HON. J. W. LAUDER.—Among the medical men of the legislature is Doctor John W. Lauder, of Afton, Union county. Herkimer county, New York, was the place of his birth and 1850 the year. While he was quite young his parents moved to Iowa, and after giving him all the advantages afforded by the district schools, sent him to the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. Subsequently he attended the State University at Iowa City and graduated from the medical department in 1874. He belongs to the Masons and is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity. He has always voted the Republican ticket. His record of two years ago was so good that he received renomination by acclamation, and was easily successful at the polls. In the last house he was chairman of the committee on medicine and surgery, and a member of the committees on railroad and commerce, suppression of intemperance, mines and mining, telegraphs, telephones and express, labor, penitentiaries, police regulations and pharmacy.

HON. FREEMAN McCLELLAND, M. D.—One of the older members of the Republican party on the floor of the house this

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RIGGEN, HON. JOHN A., of What Cheer, Keokuk county, was born in Stark county, Ill., October 29, 1841. His father was a native of Ohio, tracing his Scotch-Irish ancestry to the early settlers of Maryland and Delaware. His mother's name was Bothwell, whose father, a native of Ohio, was of Scotch origin. Her mother was of Irish parentage, and a product of Virginia. Both of these families settled in Knox and Peoria counties, Ill., in the early 30's and projected a generation of people known for their honest and sturdy habits.

Dr. Rigger was not educated in youth but attended a few winter terms in the country schools. What additional knowledge he possesses was obtained from the school of everyday life. He moved with his father to Missouri in 1859, and settled in what proved to be a strong secession community. When the war broke out they unhesitatingly declared their adherence to the cause of the union, and emphasized their sentiments by enlisting in the union army. The father served three years in the First Missouri cavalry, M. S. M., and returned home on account of wounds and disability. The subject of this sketch enlisted June, 1861, joining the Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer infantry at its organization in July following, and was mustered out in July, 1865, serving a period of four years, one month and fifteen days. During this time he was never absent from his regiment except two weeks in the hospital from measles, and two months on veteran furlough and recruiting service. He participated with his regiment in important skirmishes and small engagements in Missouri during the fall and winter of 1861. He was in the battle of Shiloh (where he was wounded), siege and second battle of Corinth, Miss., in 1862, campaigns and skirmishes in West Tennessee, in 1863. The numerous battles in which his regiment was engaged in the Atlanta campaign, and Sherman's march to the sea, the march through the Carolinas, the battle of Bentonville and on through Virginia to Washington and the grand review in 1865. He is proud of having carried a musket nearly three years, although he was mustered out a first lieutenant, having been promoted from the ranks for "conspicuous bravery and highly meritorious service." After the war he taught school a few months and then began the study of medicine, locating for the practice of his profession, at Johnstown, Bates county, Mo., in 1869, where he maintained an extensive practice for ten years, when he was compelled by failing health to change, coming to Washington county, Iowa, in the spring of 1879, removing to What Cheer, his present home, in 1884. During all this time his practice has only been limited by his physical endurance. He has for eighteen years been division surgeon for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railway. He is ex-president of the Keokuk County Medical society, a member of the American Medical association, the Iowa State Medical society, the National Association of Railway Surgeons, and the American Public Health association.

He is a member of most of the secret orders, including Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Mystic Shrine, and all the Masonic bodies up to and including the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United

States. He served seven years as commander of Posts 112 and 144, G. A. R. In 1888 he was elected senior vice-commander of the department of Iowa, G. A. R. and had charge of the Iowa camp at the national encampment at Columbus, Ohio, that year. In 1887 he was the nominee, by acclamation, of the republicans of Keokuk county, for representative, and came within five votes of being elected, although the county was strongly democratic. He has been a member of the city school board, and postmaster under Harrison, resigning in a short time on account of poor health. He was the choice of his county for district delegate to the national republican convention in 1892, and was elected as an alternate from the Sixth district that year. In 1893 he was elected state senator for the Twelfth district. He was nominated by acclamation and elected by a majority of 885, succeeding a democrat. During his term of four years he rendered, in a quiet way, honest and faithful service to his constituents and to the state. He was on



the important committees of ways and means, suppression of intemperance, railroads, corporations, military, mines and mining, labor, highways, elections, public health, and pharmacy.

He was chairman of the legislative committee, to visit the Independence insane asylum in 1894, and the Anamosa penitentiary in 1896. From the hour of his election he positively refused to be considered a candidate for re-election, his dislike for the duties of the office and his persistent poor health, making this resolve absolutely necessary. When the war with Spain was declared, he took an active interest in aid of the government, and by his diligent efforts the city in which he resides had the honor of a good representation in the Fiftieth Iowa volunteers. He organized a squad of fifteen, accompanied them to the recruiting station, and by his efforts raised money to pay the expenses of all who were accepted or rejected. He kept in

touch with the boys at the front, forwarded them money at Jacksonville, Fla., and when they returned gave his gratuitous professional services to all who were sick. Upon the receipt of the news of the battle of Santiago, he promptly tendered, by telegraph through Congressman Lacy, his immediate and gratuitous service to our wounded. As a number of similar offers had been made, the surgeon-general accepted the services of those who were nearer where they were needed.

Dr. Rikken was married in 1868 at St. Joseph, Mo., to Mrs. Hannah E. Mesley, with whose companionship and love he is still blessed. She is the daughter of the late Mr. John E. Warner, of Syracuse, N. Y. Their only child, Fannie E., is now the wife of Mr. T. C. Legoe, a prominent attorney of What Cheer, Iowa. An adopted daughter, Cora F., married Mr. Joseph C. Rielly, a successful millinery dealer in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Rikken has a splendid plantation of 2,120 acres in the sunny south, where he spends his winters. He loves Iowa and her people, but his physical condition will not permit him to risk the rigors of a northern winter climate.

ELLIOTT, THOMAS KNOX, cashier of the Commercial State bank, of Essex, Page county, was born September 13, 1863, in Warren county, Ill. His father, Thomas Cochran Elliott, was a farmer, and one of the early settlers of Warren county. His mother, Mary Louise Laird, was a native of Ohio. Alexander McCandless Elliott, the grandfather of Thomas K., came from Belfast, Ireland, and settled at an early date in Pennsylvania. From there he removed to Guernsey county, Ohio, and from that point to Warren county, Ill., where he died May 13, 1868. Thomas K. attended country school until after removing to Lenox, Iowa. In the fall of 1880 he returned to Warren county, Ill., and attended Monmouth college three years, in the meantime staying out one year and teaching country school in Adams county, Iowa. While in college he was a member of the Ecclerean Literary society, and was the first member of the freshman class to ever have been elected president of this society. He came to Malvern, Iowa, in September, 1884, and accepted a clerkship in the postoffice with O. H. Snyder, postmaster, where he entered his business career, and from a friendship which sprang up with L. Bently, then cashier of the First National bank at Malvern, Iowa, was recommended to B. M. Webster for a position in his bank in 1885. He entered upon the same April 20, 1885, where he has been

continuously since, except one year, July, 1890, to July, 1891, when he went to Lenox, Iowa, and assisted H. Crittenden in opening a bank at that point. Mr. Elliott continued to act as assistant cashier of the Commercial bank at Essex until April, 1895, when he effected a reorganization of the bank, secured a charter as a state bank and became cashier of the new institution. Since taking charge he has so successfully conducted affairs that the business of the bank has almost doubled. Mr. Elliott, in November, 1897, formed a partnership with H. C. Binns, of Red Oak, and his son, C. R. Binns, of Essex, and bought the business of the Farmers Exchange bank, of



Stanton, Iowa, which business is now conducted with H. Binns as president, T. K. Elliott as vice-president, and C. R. Binns as cashier.

Mr. Elliott is a strong republican, but has never held a political office, or even been a candidate for one, but is at present treasurer of the independent school district of Essex, and has been connected with the schools for many years as secretary and treasurer. He belongs to Mountain Lodge 360 A. F. & A. M., Essex, and has held important offices in same; is also a member of Montgomery Chapter No. 51, at Red Oak, and also of the Knights of Pythias lodge, Essex. He is a member of

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Payne of Whatcheer; Maggie, at home. The mother of these children passed away in Whatcheer, October 12, 1882, and Mr. Nelson was again married on August 7, 1885, his second union being with Ella A. Hockenberry, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Iowa in her early girlhood, locating in Keokuk county, where she remained with her parents until her marriage. She became the mother of twins, who died in infancy, and she died May 20, 1886, at her home in Frontier county, Nebraska, and on the 11th of October, 1891, Mr. Nelson married Mrs. Anna Klein, a native of Keokuk county, but reared in Nebraska. A son, Elias, has been born to them.

Mr. Nelson has spent the last few years upon the old homestead in Washington township, and in addition to the attention which he gives to the operation and management of the old farm he is also engaged in carpentering. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in his political views is a Republican, faithful to the party and its interests, yet never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and is well known throughout the county as a man worthy the respect of his fellow citizens and deserving of the friendship which is so largely accorded him.

JOHN A. RIGGEN, M. D.

There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability, who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens and bear a most important part in the development and progress of the locality with which they are connected. Such a man is Dr. Riggen, who is a prominent physician and influential citizen of What Cheer, Iowa.

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J. A. Riggen M.D.

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The early educational privileges of our subject were limited, as he was able to attend the country schools only for three winter terms, and what additional knowledge he has acquired has been gathered from the school of experience. In 1859 he accompanied the family on their removal to Missouri, settling in what proved to be a strong secession community. When the war broke out, however, both father and son unhesitatingly declared their adherence to the cause of the Union and emphasized their sentiments by enlisting in the Northern army, the former serving for three years in the First Missouri Cavalry, after which he returned home on account of wounds and disability. The Doctor enlisted in June, 1861, joining the Eighteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry at its organization in the following July. He was in the service for four years, one month and fifteen days, during which time he was never absent from his regiment, except two weeks while in the hospital with measles, and two months while home on a veteran furlough and in recruiting service. With his command he participated in a number of important skirmishes and small engagements in Missouri during the fall and winter of 1861. He also took part in the battle of Shiloh, where he was wounded; and the siege and second battle of Corinth, Mississippi, in 1862. The follow-

ing year he was in the campaigns and skirmishes in western Tennessee, and later was in numerous engagements, being under the command of General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign; the march to the sea; the march through the Carolinas, and the battle of Bentonville, which was the last engagement of the war. His regiment then marched through Virginia to Washington, D. C., and participated in the grand review. The Doctor takes a just pride in the fact that he carried a musket for nearly three years, although he was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant, having been promoted for conspicuous bravery and highly meritorious service.

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At St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1868, Dr. Riggen was united in marriage to Mrs. Hannah E. Mesley, with whose companionship and love he is still blessed. She is a daughter of the late John E. Warner, of

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CHARLES H. TALMADGE was born in Gerard, Erie county, Pa., Oct. 10, 1842; he died in West Union, Iowa, May 2, 1907. In 1850 his family moved to Illinois and in 1856 came to Iowa, locating in Mitchell county. In 1857 he entered the printing office of *The Mitchell Republican*; subsequently he worked on several other papers. In 1861 he was among the first volunteers to form a company in Mitchell county. He became a member of Co. I, 3d Iowa Infantry. For the past forty years he had been editor and proprietor of *The West Union Gazette*.

IRA E. DRAPER was born in Marion county, Ind., Jan. 4, 1834; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1907. He removed to Jasper county, Iowa, in the fifties, and engaged in business at Vandalia. From 1860 to 1871 he was postmaster of that place, and for a time published *The Vandalia Visitor*. He later engaged in the banking business in Prairie City, and became a large landowner. He served as a member of the House of Representatives in the 14th General Assembly.

HENRY L. HUFF was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Jan. 29, 1829; he died in Eldora, Iowa, June 9, 1907. He came to Iowa in December, 1853, and in 1855 settled in Hardin county, where for over fifty years he was engaged in the practice of the law. He had served as prosecuting attorney, county judge, and county attorney. In 1880 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention which nominated Garfield for President; he was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in 13th General Assembly.

ROBERT ALLEN was born in Antrim county, Ireland, Jan. 23, 1817; he died in Franklin township, near Burlington, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1907. When an infant his parents came to America, locating at Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1839 he removed to Des Moines county, bought a large tract of land, which has since 1844 been his home, and which he turned into a productive farm. In 1852 he was elected justice of the peace and for many succeeding years served in that capacity. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 12th General Assembly.

JOHN A. RIGGEN was born in Knox county, Ill., Oct. 29, 1841; he died in Siloam Springs, Ark., May 12, 1907. He settled in Missouri in 1859 and there began the practice of medicine in 1869. In 1879 he removed to Iowa, locating eventually in What Cheer. He served throughout the civil war in the 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, being mustered out as first lieutenant. He represented Keokuk and Poweshiek counties in the Senate of the 25th and 26th General Assemblies.

JOHN C. DONAHEY was born in Harrison county, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1832; he died in Newton, Iowa, March 26, 1907. In 1866 he removed to Muscatine, Iowa; in 1883 he settled on a farm in Jasper county, and in 1892 became a resident of Newton. He had served six years as a member of the Board of Supervisors. He was also a member of the House of Representatives in the 19th General Assembly.

WELCOME MOWRY was born in Putnam county, Ill., April 3, 1842; he died while temporarily at Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 15, 1907. He served in Co. D, 7th Kan. Infantry, and Co. F, 151st Ill. Infantry during the civil war and was in many of the most noted engagements.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Riggin, John A.

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation Physician

Nearest relatives

Date birth Place

Father

Nativity

Date death Place
Cause Place burial

Mother

Nativity

War record 1 Lt. B 13 Mo. Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Wife

Children

Res. Milan, Mo.

Enlisted 2d Lt. Feb 4, 1865. Prom. to
Date Place
1st Lt. June 12, 1865. Must
out June 18, 1865.

Sources Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Riggin
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Riggin, J. A. Sergt.
Adj. Gen. Rept. of Mo: Riggin,
John A. / From record of posts 7110

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Riggin
Veteran's name Riggin, J.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **J. A. Riggin**
 Home in 1880: **Lime Creek, Washington, Iowa**
 Age: **38**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1842**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's name: **H. E. Riggin**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **M. D.**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind: [View image](#)
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	J. A. Riggin	38
	H. E. Riggin	36
	S. F. Riggin	21
	C. F. Riggin	10
	John R. Riggin	2
	Mary William	6
	E. Whetstine	25

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Lime Creek, Washington, Iowa; Roll 368; Family History Film: 1254368; Page: 19A; Enumeration District: 131; Image: 0642.

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