

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Monroe, William Senator _____

Represented Appanoose County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1808 Somerset County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna Ward 1831 Belmont County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Member of the Appanoose County Agricultural Society

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace in New Hope, Union Appanoose County 1859;

B. State He was an Oregon State Senator 1866-1868

C. National _____

7. Death 11 May 1873 Bridge Creek, Harlan County, Oregon

8. Children Elizabeth Hester Jane (Mrs. Hossa B. Griffin); David Monroe; Thomas J.; Dorcas Louise (Mrs. Henry H. Heeler); Margaret A. (died 20 Nov 1856); Nelson Shannon; James M.; Sarah Philena (Mrs. Henry Spores); John Lincoln.

9. Names of parents Nicholas and Sarah (Miller) Monroe

Monroe, William

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- In 1820 he lived in Amherst, Belmont County, Ohio, in 1840 and 1850, he was still living in Belmont County, Ohio
- He arrived in Appanoose County, Iowa in 1851 from York Township, in Belmont County, Ohio
- While living in Edline, Appanoose County, Iowa he was elected to the Iowa Legislature. By 1856 he was living at Caldwell, Appanoose County, Iowa as well as in 1860.
- Sometime in 1865 the family left Iowa and a covered wagon to travel the Oregon Trail arriving in Aug 1865 after a 6 month journey.
- While serving in the Oregon Legislature as a Senator he lived at Dallas, Oregon.
- In 1870 he farmed and raised livestock east of the Allegheny River at Hager, Oregon

THE
HISTORY
OF
APPANOOSE COUNTY,
IOWA,

CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Appanoose County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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boarders' voracious appetites for pumpkin, ran out to the pile in the lot and set a raw one on the table.

The Elder described Judge Tannehill as a tall, lank, freckled, and green-appearing fellow, who would blush whenever spoken to, but added that he soon outgrew his bashfulness, and proceeded to pass a high eulogium upon his long official services and character.

An adjourned meeting of the society was held October 6, when J. C. Sevey was elected President; James Hughes, Vice President; J. S. Wakefield, Secretary. Several ancient documents were handed around for inspection, after which the society adjourned till the first Saturday in September, 1876.

The meeting does not appear to have been held, owing, probably, to the fierce political contest then raging. The organization should not be allowed to die out, but a meeting should be held, at least once a year, and each town in the county should be called upon, in its turn, to entertain the old settlers' meetings of Appanoose.

APPANOOSE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The first record of this society has undoubtedly lain several years in the vault of the County Recorder, entirely forgotten by the present officers of the society. The first minutes are in the back-part of the book, and show that the preliminary meeting was held on the fourth Monday in April, 1855. A. S. Stone, President, and A. Harris was Secretary. It was resolved that the Townships Assessors present should inform the citizens of their respective townships of the formation of the society, and solicit their attendance at the adjourned meeting, to be held on the first Saturday in June. F. A. Stevens, W. W. Cottle, Reuben Riggs, James Galbraith and Amos Harris were chosen to prepare articles of incorporation, after which the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting was held as designated. A constitution was presented and adopted, after which the following paid the membership fee: Elias Conger, William Monroe, Asa Dudley, Harvey Tannahill, James McKehan, John Wilmington, Michael Caldwell, J. P. Anderson, James Wells, F. A. Stevens, D. T. Stevens, J. G. Brown, W. S. Henderson, Amos Harris, Hiram Summers, Solomon Walker, B. S. Packard, J. H. Parker, James Childers, James Galbraith.

James Wells was chosen President; Asa Dudley, Vice President; Amos Harris, Secretary; Harvey Tannehill, Treasurer. The Township Committees chosen were: Center—J. Delay, H. S. Stone, G. W. Perkins; Union—Dr Udell; Washington—E. Taylor; Wells—James Wells; Caldwell—F. A. Stevens; Pleasant—J. H. B. Armstrong; Shoal Creek—Dr. Hall; Johns—John Bland; Independence—D. Stooley; Chariton—Mr. Macon; Taylor—S. M. Andrews.

One or two meetings were afterward held, resulting in the holding of a fair near Centerville, on the 5th of October. The premiums awarded were: B. Adamson, best boar; H. S. Thomas, yearling heifer; Mr. Abel, second best heifer; James Wells, yearling bull; James Galbraith, cow; Mr. Abel, second best cow; Valentine Tripp, best bull-calf; Mr. Abel, second best; Valentine Tripp, best bull; D. Scott, second best; Thomas Tresser, best yoke of oxen; H. S. Thomas, second best; James Wells, best cow; H. S. Thomas, second best; J. H. B. Armstrong, best mule-team; Isaac Grigsby, second best; George Abell, best butter; Mr. Brazille, second best; M. O. Guinn, best boots; Silas Jump, best colt two years old; William Brazille, second best; D.

business some years ago, and is now building a larger store to accommodate his growing business. There are two other stores in the town, and a drug store. A saloon was started in the winter of 1877-78, but could not earn a living for its proprietor.

It is stated that \$600 worth of railway ties were purchased here in September last, most of them being hauled from the edge of Missouri.

An application was made for the establishment of a post office here in April, 1876, but without success until February, 1877, when the petition was granted, and Mrs. Price appointed Postmistress. The post office was named Exline, and soon after the railway company gave the stopping-place the same name.

The village is still destitute of a depot building and telegraph office; but these needs will probably soon be supplied.

A Christian Church was organized in this neighborhood in 1855, some of the first members being James Barrett and wife, David Farnsworth and wife, John Conger and wife, Solomon Hobbs and wife, Mr. Baker and wife. The ministers were Elders Humphreys, Harvey, Barrett, Jordan and Buchanan. About 1864, the society had about a hundred members, and, in the following year, a church was erected, which stands just clear of the town plat. The society became disorganized in 1874, owing to trouble between two members, but a partial re-organization has since been effected, with about twenty-five members. Elder Humphreys holds occasional services.

NEW HOPE.

This expectant village was laid out on the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 68, Range 17, by William Hall, C. S. Maring and J. W. Sheets, and acknowledged May 19, 1857, before William Monroe, Justice of the Peace. The streets running east and west are South, Main and North, intersected by Spring street. The surveying was done by E. D. Skinner, and the magnetic variation was $10^{\circ} 30'$.

The venture did not blossom into prominence, and having achieved the establishment of a store and post office, and a mill near by, the town stopped to rest, and has been resting ever since.

CALDWELL.

This station lies about two miles east of Exline, on a small creek emptying into the Chariton, and is a station on the Burlington & Southwestern Railroad, which was built from Moulton westward in 1874. There is a station-building, telegraph office and general store here. The houses are divided into two clumps, separated by the creek, inhabited almost exclusively by coal-miners.

At this point, the coal is found quite near the surface, usually from twenty to thirty feet, and one mine is reached without a shaft. It is hardly likely that any considerable town will grow up here, beyond the needs of the mining interest, as the ground is rough and broken; but the coal industry, as carried on here, cannot fail to be of great advantage to the business of neighboring towns. Many of the miners employed here are of foreign birth, but they are spoken of as being an industrious, thrifty class, quite temperate, and good citizens. Much of the coal mined here is consumed by the Burlington road; but a considerable share is sold at other stations along the line.



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William Monroe*

Birth **1808** in [Pennsylvania, Somerset, Pennsylvania, United States](#)
 Death **11 May 1873** in [Bridge Creek, Wasco, Oregon, USA](#)

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Family Members

Parents

[Nicholas Monroe*](#)
1775 – 1853

[Sarah Miller](#)
1780 – 1839

[Show siblings](#)

Spouse & Children

[Anna Mann*](#)
1808 – 1911

[Elizabeth Hester Jane Monroe*](#)
1832 – 1900

[David Mann Monroe**](#)
1834 – 1916

[Thomas J. Monroe](#)
1837 – 1909

[Dorcas Louise Monroe](#)
1840 – 1911

[Margaret A. Monroe](#)
1843 – 1856

[Wilson Shannon Monroe*](#)
1846 – 1905

[James M. Monroe](#)
1847 – 1902

[Sarah Philena Monroe](#)
1848 – 1912

[Franklin P. Monroe](#)
1854 – 1930

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1808 [Birth](#) [4 source citations](#)
[Pennsylvania, Somerset, Pennsylvania, United States](#)

1820 [Residence](#)
 Age: 12 [Somerset, Belmont, Ohio, United States](#)
 1820 Ohio Census

1831 [Marriage to Anna Mann*](#)
 Age: 23 [Belmont Co., OH](#)
 1 st child Elizabeth Jane born 1832

1840 [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)
 Age: 32 [Belmont, Ohio, United States](#)
 Farmer & trade 2 sons under 5 years (David, & Thomas) 1 daughter 5-9 years, Elizabeth Jane Hester

1850 [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)
 Age: 42 [York, Belmont, Ohio](#)
 Farmer born Pennsylvania

1851 [Arrival](#)
 Age: 43 [Appanoose Co., Iowa, USA](#)
 from York Twp., Belmont Co. Ohio

1854 [Elected](#)
 7 Aug [Exline, Appanoose Co, Iowa, USA](#)
 Age: 46 Elected County Representative ,see County History

1856 [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)
 Age: 48 [Caldwell, Appanoose, Iowa, USA](#)
 Note: James M. Monroe age 11 born Virginia listed here. Farmer

1860 [Residence](#) [1 source citation](#)
 Age: 52 [Caldwell, Appanoose, Iowa, United States](#)
 Farmer born Pennsylvania

1865 [Arrival](#)

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1840 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence**

1850 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Birth, Name**

1860 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Name, Birth**

1870 United States Federal Census

Aug [Coburg, Lane, Oregon, USA](#)
Age: 57 left Iowa in covered wagon to Oregon Trail to Coburg, Oregon, 6 months journey

1 citation provides evidence for Birth, Name, Residence

1865 Occupation
Age: 57 [Dalles, Oregon, USA](#)
Oregon State Senator 1866-1868

[Ancestry Family Trees](#)
2 citations provide evidence for (William Monroe*)

1870 Residence 1 source citation ▶
Age: 62 [East of Dechutes River, Wasco, Oregon, United States](#)
Farmer & Stock Raising born Delaware

[Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925](#)
 1 citation provides evidence for Name, Birth, Residence

1873 Death
Age: 65 11 May [Bridge Creek, Wasco, Oregon, USA](#)

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