

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Jisdale, Orrin Drake Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Davis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 June 1822 Jefferson County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriet N. Baldwin 6 Mar 1850 Keosauqua, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

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

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

C. Profession Merchant; hotel keeper; teacher; farmer

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

5. Sessions served 5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayer of Ottumwa 1876

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

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

7. Death 22 May 1891 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried Ottumwa Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa

8. Children Orrin; Rosy; Ida; Elaine; Angie; William D.; Frederick A.;  
Nathaniel B.; Grace S.

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education It was educated in the common schools of Lewis County,  
New York; he attended Lowville Academy,  
Lowville, New York.

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

12. Other applicable information Republican, later Democrat
- When he was very young his parents moved to Lewis County, New York,  
where he spent his youth on a farm.
  - At age 24 he left home and spent 4 years teaching in Tennessee and Alabama.
  - In 1849 he came to Iowa settling first at Troy in Davis County, Iowa where  
his old friend engaged in the mercantile business. There he bought interest  
in the business.
  - In fall of 1852 he moved to Bloomfield, Iowa. There he taught school for a time  
and then again engaged in the mercantile business.
  - In 1865 he moved to Ottumwa, Iowa. There he again worked in the  
mercantile business until 1875
  - Later he went into the hotel business until 1884 when he retired.



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was able and eloquent and the charge to the candidates for confirmation full of practical wisdom. After the sermon and charge were delivered the sacrament of the confirmation was administered to one hundred and fifty children and adults. It was a large addition to the church and filled the heart of the venerable Father Kreckle with gladness to know that his faithful labors had been rewarded with a rich harvest.

In the afternoon Bishop Cosgrove confirmed a class of one hundred at St. Patrick's Catholic church, where the services were very similar to those held at St. Mary's church.

The following is a list of those who were confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic church with the exception of two names that were not handed in:

Jacobus Conroy, Andreas Leo Queeny, Guilhemus Pate, Georgius Edwardus Holland, Edwardus Patritius Conroy, Carrolus Aloysius Kessler, Johannes Sullivan, Johannes Franciscus Foe, Edwardus Gillmore, Henrichus Schmitt, Margareta Maria Curren, Maria Theresia Downy, Anna Maria Schmitz, Clara Gertrudis Kelly, Margareta Anna Bell, Johannes Agnus Gitspy, Edwardus Franciscus Blake, Anna Elizabeth Daly, Michaels Jacobus Gallagher, Henricus

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Helena O'Hanoran, Joannes Stroban, Anna Crusan, Maria Agnes Rosa Koett, Josepha Clara Coday, Anna Caecilia Kain, Maria Helena Smyth, Helena Caecilia Langton, Helena Caecilia Brady, Julia Geneveva Holand, Henrietta Caecilia Sessingea, Maria Helena Enice Campbell, Maria Quirk, Stella Caecilia Lynsy, Elizabeth Magdalena Brady, Catherina Rosella Rusch, Henrietta Shea, Catherina Rosatta Sheehan, Maria Catherina Cody, Anna Bertha Constantine, Anna Maria McConwell, Helena Caecilia Kamey, Gertrudis Rosa Quirk, Elizabetha Mullen, Anna Agnes Gardner, Anna Catherina Lynsy, Anna Kessler, Maria Caecilia Fisher, Lucia Winneford Rouch, Louisa Caecilia Meier, Maria Caecilia Gillen, Julia Rosa Crowley, Elizabeth Magdalena King, Aloysia Catherina Hendrick, Margareta Souders, Helena Caecilia Kessler, Susana Elizabetha Gallagher, Jennetta Albertina Stossel, Maria Agnes Urbain, Maria Caecilia Souders, Catherina Magdalena Langton, Paulina Florentia Stoessel, Maria Beatrice Foe, Maria Lucia Graham, Catherina Agnes Kaleggher, Maria Mongavan, Julia Anna Caecilia Shoughrow, Maria Christina Meena, Elizabetha Maria Melchior, Maria Agnes Morrisey, Susanna Francisca Gallagher, Maria Blanka Bell, Julia Caecilia McGarity, Agnes Evangelina Doran, Cereda Maria Caecilia Zangs, Sara Margaretha Gallagher, Maria Anna Fischback, Maria O'Laughlin, Helen Lauretta Welch, Elizabeth Foe, Maria Gertrudis Erbacher, Maria Theresia Strobanes, Maria Geneveva Kain, Maria Margareta Douglas, Maria Theresia Quirk, Maria Magdalena Bradley, Alma Josephine Shea, Gertrudis Maria Muirroy, Catherina Agnes Sullivan, Margareta Anna Pate, Elizabetha Maria Sweeny, Catherina Sullivan, Beatrice Rosa Silvers, Christina Agnes Schnitz, Therisia Margareta Kurtz, Maria Francisca Clara Lynch, Maria Caecilia Conroy.

The following are the members of the class confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic church yesterday: Arthur Joseph, Bridget Loretta Garven, John Legaire Dawson, Catherine, Arthur Patrick, Edward Joseph, James Hare, Peter Henry, John Henry, Michael Boylan, William Edward Dawson, Mary Ann Loretta Frohan, Joseph Eugenio Gillespie, Mary Frances Tierney, Pierce Joseph Quinan,

mons and Curries Hartman. There were ten or twelve names that could not be secured.

DEATH OF O. D. TISDALE.

At the Age of Sixty-nine He Passes Away Surrounded by His Family—A Sketch of His Life.

From Saturday's Daily. Died, at his residence, 211 West Fifth street, last night, at 9 o'clock, O. D. Tisdale, aged 69 years.

Mr. Orrin Drake Tisdale, the subject of this sketch, was born in Jefferson county, New York, June 9th, 1823.

While still very young his parents removed to Lewis county, N. Y., near the town of Copenhagen and there with his parents he spent his youth upon a farm.

Quite early in life he developed a taste for literature, and became an ardent lover of good books. The passion for reading thus early acquired, remained with him throughout his entire life, and during the recent years of his enforced retirement from active life, aside from the society of family and friends, its gratification became his greatest source of consolation.

It may be said of him that he had not only read extensively but intelligently, and with discrimination, and had thus acquired a stock of information upon general topics far beyond the average of men of reading and intelligence. In the public schools and at the Lowell Academy he acquired a very fair education, but to his reading habit, he owed almost entirely the rich and varied stock of information which formed the heritage of later years. At the age of twenty-four he started out in the world for himself.

Leaving the haunts and scenes of his youth and early manhood, he turned his footsteps toward the south and spent four years in teaching and educational work in Tennessee and Alabama.

In 1840 his attention was directed to the young and promising state of Iowa, then just admitted into the union and thither he directed his steps.

He came first to Troy, Davis county where he met an old friend, Henry Briggs, who was there engaged in the mercantile business, in which he was induced to buy an interest. Here he met Miss Harriet N. Baldwin to whom he was married March 6th, 1850, at Keosauqua, and who survives him. Together in mutual helpfulness and affection they have journeyed on along the pathway of life for over forty-one years. Nine children have been born to them, of whom six survive, to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent father, and to comfort and help to bear the sorrow of a bereaved and affectionate mother.

In the fall of 1852 Mr. Tisdale removed to Bloomfield, Iowa. Here he taught school for a short time and again engaged in mercantile business. While residing at Bloomfield he took an active part in all matters of local concern, and took an intelligent interest in not only local, but state and national politics. From Davis county he was elected to the legislature and served his county and the state with intelligence and credit. He was an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of the Union during the war, and was a great admirer of President Lincoln and his administration. He was a man of very positive convictions upon most questions in which he took an interest, and so taking issue with the Republican party after the close of the war upon certain questions of reconstruction and tariff, he returned to the democratic party, and in the main supported its principles of public policy down to the time of his death.

In 1865 he removed from Bloomfield to Ottumwa, and has resided here ever since. He engaged in the mercantile business in Ottumwa down until 1875, then served the city as its mayor in 1876. He then engaged in the hotel business until 1884, since which he has not been engaged in any active business.

He was a very genial and companionable man, and as a conversationalist had few equals and no superiors among his associates. His genial nature, his fund of information and love of companionship won for him a large circle of friends, who will join heartily with the writer, in paying him this last tribute of respect.

A FRIEND.

All-wool Suits, everyone worth \$10, for this Sale only \$6.98;

All Sizes from 33 to 42, Breast Measure. all sizes

Hat Department. 50 Dozen White and Black Straw Hats, Square Crown with wide Black Band, 100 Shirts 50 cents.



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PENNYROYAL PILL advertisement with image of a woman's face and text: CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH, RED CROSS DIAMOND PILL THE ORIGINAL AND GENUINE. The only Safe, Sure, and Reliable Pill Laxative and Druggist for Chichester's English Diamond Brand in Red and Gold boxes sealed with Hiss Ribbon. Take no other kind. Beware of Substitutes and All pills in pasteboard boxes, pink wrappers, are dangerous counterfeits. At D 4c in stamps for particulars, testimonials, and "Receipt for Ladies," in letter, 10,000 Testimonials, Home Paper. CHICHESTER CHEMICAL CO., PHILADELPHIA.

stalled at Butte to share the bounty of his fortunate brother.

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### Return of an \$800 Check After Eight Years.

March 15th, 1883, a pension was grant-

managed by the city council and three trustees to be selected by the city council. He also directs that the southeast 110 feet of that part of lot 13, herein devised is to be used and kept up under the supervision of the trustees, as a park without expense to my estate. He directs that a sinking fund of \$20,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the Balingall in case of fire, or remodeling the building to keep up with the times and growth of the city, shall be created from the insurance and revenue of the property. After that fund has been accumulated he directs that another fund of \$6,000 shall be created for the express use and purpose of maintaining the public library and suggests that a building be erected for a library on the ground which he donates for that purpose near the Coal Palace building. After the founding of the above funds he directs that all accumulations from rent of said Balingall House and other property shall be devoted under the direction of said trustees to the following uses and purposes annually. One fourth to aid for the further benefit of the library association herein before named; one fourth to the poor and needy people of the city of Ottumwa, who are dependent upon their own labor for livelihood; one fourth to the religious societies of said city without regard to sect and to include all denominations professing to work for the good and well being of mankind; one fourth to the accumulation of a fund to build or aid in the building and maintenance of a founding hospital with the especial view and purpose of relieving unfortunate females and for protecting and caring for their offsprings.

Mrs. Mary J. Phillips, C. A. Walsh, and A. G. Harrow are the executors of the will.

### Decoration Day.

May 30th will be observed as Decoration Day by Elisha B. Townsend Post, No. 100, Department of Iowa, G. A. R., and all citizens who desire to participate in the memorial services respectfully invited to attend and aid the Post in decorating the grave of the nation's dead.

The children are especially invited to participate in the services, and all persons are requested to bring flowers and wreaths in profusion that there may be a generous decoration of the graves of those who, in the days of trial, "stood between our loved homes and the war's desolation."

The Post will meet at their hall at 1:30 p. m., and march to the court house with the Post flag.

The citizens and children are requested to meet at the court house at 2 p. m. The band, that has so often favored the Post and citizens on other memorial occasions, are invited to attend and add grace and beauty to the services by playing the national airs.

Under the direction of the Marshal of the Day, the Post and citizens will form in procession and march to the North cemetery where short addresses will be made by Messrs. Brockhart, Carroll Taylor Bryant, Smith, Travese and

to destroy it, and suit against the proper party cost thereof.

County Attorney S. the Hem case, and is with the verdict. I carried the other case court, and is gratified tribunal has sustained the case.

### Mark T.

We have had a fine that has been a great growing crops.

Elbert Stogdill made to Burlington and F days ago.

Mrs. W. H. Simm Iowa is visiting friends is in poor health, she ment of Dr. N. D. J

Sunday afternoon, of the people had st church Robert Wis Barns got into a dispute in a fight. About the round Barns said he was let up somewhat seriously hurt so w Barns was arrested a Esq. Edwards where h was fined five dollars dom's fine was one do

Dr. and Mrs. Jones Mark visitors, Sunday that there was but Glenwood and vicinity

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Miss Jennie Andrew in Mo. last week. M tends to teach this fall Rev. M. M. Modise will preach at Mark o day in June, morning Jesse Foster drives team that comes to I what the young ladie

### Monterey

Elmer Dickson was in search of a school winter.

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Mr. John Edwards, turned from the west is now talking of an Colorado.

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Davis, 1,000 and a 1,000 acre farm to "Jeff Davis" brushed up his mind until now he declares that he was present when it was drawn and saw A. J. Davis sign it. Needless to say Mr. Davison is a valuable witness and is carefully looked after. But Samuel Lassie and William Davis, who had heard "Billy profanely declare on previous occasions that he "believed that the will Eddy had was a damed fraud," are not unnaturally somewhat skeptical about the accuracy of his memory and are inclined to doubt whether he had the complete proof of the genuineness of the instrument which his statements would imply. It is also urged, and has been since the photographed copy of the will was first cautiously shown, that it did serious injustice to the scholarship of the late Van Buren county pedagogue, Job Davis. Seventeen words in the will are misspelled. But the people of the district where Job once trained the youthful idea declare that he was the champion speller of all this region. Spelling was Job's strong hold. He might be a little shaky on geography and somewhat weak in grammar, but when it came to spelling Job was a host in himself. He literally slew the Philistines who had the femerity to appear against him in the winter spelling bees, wherewith, in Job's time, the populace disported itself in the "Hackelbarny" region of Davis and Van Buren counties. To declare, therefore, that Job would be guilty of perpetrating seventeen such egregious blunders as spelling give "guive" is beyond credence and amounts to heresy. In fact, it is a profanation of that tender memory of which Job survives as a tradition of his intellectual leadership. So this will, drawn, as alleged by Job Davis, witnessed by his father, James Davis, and by his uncle J. C. Sconce and produced by J. R. Eddy, a lineal descendant and inheritor of old James Davis, has more sins to answer for than that of being a family affair. J. R. Eddy has been accustomed to boast how many wills he had himself drawn. The neighbors, with that loquacious confidence not unknown to coal communities, aver that to have heard Eddy talk one would suppose that no one had thought seriously of dying for years without first calling in the dextrous penman Eddy to have him safely transcribe the wishes of the would be deceased. But that Eddy did draw at least one will is a matter of public knowledge and from all accounts he is grieved that even that one should be known as his work. Francis Hem, who thought himself ripe enough to be garnered in 1888, summoned Eddy to help him tie up the acres of his upland farm, his cows, and pigs. Eddy did his part, but Hem declined to die and let his heirs enjoy what he had worked so hard to accumulate, so when the Davis matter came up Hem had his will on hand [a musty second] hand will, which wasn't of much account and wasn't likely to be in demand for some time anyhow. There were parties like Messrs Perry, Sharp, Darr, and at lawyers retained by the con-

id second, that a minority of the Republican party have voted steadily for the Republican candidates in spite of their contrary belief on this question. The COURIER believes that prohibition is right, that in many places it has succeeded, and with proper state enforcement would succeed everywhere: that it has lessened crime and increased the deposits in our savings banks and that its enforcement would be of greater benefit to Iowa than any other thing. But the COURIER would like to have prohibition taken out of the realm of politics, and cannot see why the anti-prohibition Republicans every year should be asked to assent to something which they do not concur, unless the people by a non-partisan election emphatically again that they are in favor of it. Thus far our anti-prohibition brethren within the Republican party have said that the people a few years ago declared in favor of prohibition and it was the duty of the Republican party to give the people what they desired. Of late they have held the belief, and honestly too, that the people of the state would prefer a return to high license. That is a question which ought to be decided not as prohibition and anti-prohibition Republicans, and not as prohibition and anti-prohibition Democrats, but as citizens of Iowa apart from party prejudice. The COURIER is broad enough to grant every one within the Republican ranks the right to think as he chooses on the best method of prohibiting drunkenness and the dictation of the saloon. It is emphatically in favor of prohibition as a policy and as a principle, yet it does not fail to accord to others the right to think otherwise. The question therefore arises what shall we do this fall? We believe that the Republican party dare not take any backward step. We are more willing than ever to take up the fight against the saloon. License in Ottumwa can have no better exposition of its fruits, than it has now, and sensible citizens are so thoroughly disgusted that they do not care for more of

wife. Great excitement prevails and Hiller was in imminent danger of being lynched when the police arrived.

**Blaine Still Improving.**

NEW YORK, May 25.—Secretary Blaine is up and about the house this morning. While it is believed he will leave the city about the latter part of the week, no definite date is fixed, nor has it been determined whether the secretary will go to Washington or Maine.

**Memorial Day.**

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The president issued an order closing all the executive departments next Saturday, Decoration day.

**O. D. Tisdale's Funeral.**

From Monday's Daily. The funeral of O. D. Tisdale occurred at the family residence, 211 West Fifth street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A large concourse of friends and relatives were in attendance, many of whom had come from a distance. The floral tokens were many and beautiful. The sermon was preached by Rev. Albert W. Smalley of Chicago, who was a warm personal friend of Mr. Tisdale. The city council attended in a body.

The following resolutions were adopted by the city council this afternoon:

Whereas, Death has removed from the midst of family and friends the Hon. O. D. Tisdale, formerly mayor of the city of Ottumwa, therefore in just recognition of his service to this city as an officer and as a sincere tribute to his worth as a citizen, be it resolved,

That the city council hereby extend their sympathy to the family and relatives of the deceased.

That the members of the city council attend the funeral in a body.

That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the city and that a copy be furnished to the family, of the deceased and to the newspapers of the city of Ottumwa for publication.

T. M. PICKLER,  
C. T. MCCARROLL,  
ARTHUR GEPHART,  
—Committee.

Kossuth county has the record of two consecutive grand juries without a complaint to investigate. The last session only lasted five minutes.

**Children Cry for  
Pitcher's Castoria.**

BOONE, Ia., May 22.—A singular, unexplainable fatality exists among horses in Boone county, and large numbers, especially colts, have died. They sicken without apparent cause and die in a few days. The disease seems to be local and quite virulent in the southern part of the county, where some farmers have lost nearly all their horses.

**Iowa Congregationalists.**

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 22.—The fifty-second annual meeting of the General Association of Iowa Congregational Churches began here, and will continue until next Sunday. Rev. Dr. Alden B. Robbins of Muscatine preached the annual sermon. Over four hundred delegates are in attendance.

**BLAINE TO FAVA.**

Extracts from the Italian Green Book on the New Orleans Affair.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Herald prints the entire correspondence between Baron Fava and Marquis Rudini relative to the New Orleans affair. The letters are taken from the Italian green book and show that Secretary Blaine was firm in his deliberation not to be dictated to by Italy. In one interview Fava reports Blaine as saying: "We have never received odds from foreign powers, and don't propose to begin now." In another Blaine said: "It is a matter of total indifference what persons in Italy think of our constitutions. I cannot change them and will not violate them."

**Good Crops.**

DES MOINES, May 23.—This week's Iowa weather and crop bulletin reports the temperature slightly below normal and rainfall above the reasonable average in the larger part of the state. The drouth is broken and all languishing crops are greatly improved. Early planted corn shows a good stand and color except where injured by cut-worms. The fruit prospects generally are good.

**The Miners' Convention.**

OSKALOOSA, May 23.—There is evidently a dead lock in the miners' convention, for the session is still in progress. The meeting continues in secrecy. The reports from the camps so far are generally favorable toward continuing the strike until the operators concede to the demand, though some are willing to re-

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# Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

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Belonging to the First and Second  
Generations, with Anecdotes and  
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

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"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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general appearance, bore a striking resemblance to Edwin M. Stanton, President Lincoln's Secretary of War. Of this I can personally testify, having seen them both.

O. D. Tisdale was an influential leader of affairs in both Davis and Wapello Counties. He was born in 1822 in Jefferson County, New York. The family moved to the adjoining County of Lewis. He was educated in the common schools and in Lowville Academy, of Lowville, New York. In early life he went South and taught school in Tennessee and Alabama. He came to Davis County, Iowa, in 1849, first locating in Troy, and entered into the mercantile business. He subsequently removed to Bloomfield where he carried on a like business. He removed from there to Ottumwa in 1865, where he continued to reside until his death in 1891. While a resident of Davis County he was elected to and served in the State Legislature. While a resident of Ottumwa he was twice chosen its Mayor, and served with efficiency. He was a forceful public speaker, had a remarkable memory, and an excellent command of language.

The initial "D," in the name of O. D. Tisdale, was generally supposed to stand for Daniel, and he was always known and referred to as Daniel or "Dan" Tisdale, and I never had any other idea until I was informed by his son, Judge Tisdale, that his name was not Daniel at all, that his full name was Orin Drake Tisdale, and that he became known as "Dan" Tisdale from the following circumstance, as thus related by his son:

In early life, when he went from his old home in New York to Tennessee, he had a small hair-covered trunk, and had his initials on top of it, "O. D. T." In Tennessee someone asked him what O. D. T. stood for, and he good naturedly replied, "Old Dan Tucker." The name "Dan" stuck to him all through his after life from this characteristic incident.

His wife was a sister of Charles Baldwin, one of the early and well-known lawyers of Keosauqua and Southern Iowa, and father of W. W. Baldwin, an eminent member of the Burlington Bar. Mr. Tisdale left surviving him, two daughters and four enterprising sons. One of these was W. D. Tisdale, who became a prominent lawyer and jurist. I knew him from the time he was a very young man. He was well educated and a close student. Soon after his admission to the bar he became a partner of the learned and able William McNett, of Ottumwa. Mr. McNett had an extensive practice and this association early brought Mr. Tisdale actively into the professional harness. This partnership continued until the election of Mr. Tisdale as Judge of the District Court, a position which he highly graced. He declined a second term and returned to the practice in which he is still actively engaged at Ottumwa.

*John Judson Hamilton* was born at Harrisville, Butler County, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1866 the family removed to Davis County. In 1871 he entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City. In September, 1873, he was appointed

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the center of the block later taken over for the public schools, then Mr. Palmer retired from practice, and he and his gentle, dainty little lady completed the rearing of their family on his farm a mile south of the court house.

Mr. Palmer died in 1891, and his family have long since left Davis County; his widow is enjoying a serene old age with a daughter, Mrs. Louis Dysart, at Phoenix, Arizona.

Herbert D. Palmer, Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### O. D. TISDALE

I have been asked to contribute an article on the early history of Davis County in so far as the incidents in the life of my father, O. D. Tisdale and his living in the County at an early date have any bearing thereon.

He was born and brought up in Jefferson and Lewis Counties in northern New York. In early manhood he went to southern Tennessee and northern Alabama and taught school there a few years. He had a trunk with the initials "O. D. T." in brass tacks on the top. Some one asked him what the letters stood for. He replied, "Old Dan Tucker." His given name was Orrin Drake, but his facetious reply stuck to him the balance of his life and he was familiarly known as "Dan Tisdale." Being infected with the Western fever he came to the young State of Iowa in 1849. He got off the steamboat at Keokuk and started for the Raccoon Forks, as Des Moines was then known. In conversation with a passenger on the stage coach he asked about a man by the name of Briggs that he had known in Tennessee. He was told that he was across the woods in the little town of Troy. So he went over to Troy to see him. He found Briggs running a store there and doing a rushing business. Briggs induced my father to go in partnership with him. He had saved up some money in teaching. While there in business he met my mother, Harriet N. Baldwin. She was born and brought up near Marietta, Ohio. She had come to Keosauqua, Iowa, where her brother, Charles Baldwin, was living. My father and mother were married March 6, 1850. Substantially all the business the firm was doing was on credit. He did not like this feature of the business so he retired from the partnership.

Late in 1852 my parents moved from Troy to Bloomfield, Iowa. My father went back to his old business of school teaching and my mother assisted him. After a short time he went back into the merchandising business, running a store on the west side of the square in Bloomfield, Iowa, mostly dry goods, and remained in business there till he left Bloomfield in the fall of 1865.

He was a great reader, had a good memory, had a gift of humor, was a good story teller and conversationalist and could always surround himself with a crowd of good listeners. While living in Davis County he took an active interest in all public matters and was a good public speaker. He made many political speeches in different parts of the County.

All four of the Tisdale boys, of whom I am the oldest, were born in Bloomfield. My father built a home in the eastern part of Bloomfield, and afterwards enlarged same. John Taylor bought the property of William Hill to whom my father had sold and he lived there a good many years and afterwards his daughter, Mrs. Wilder, lived therein.

In those early days in Bloomfield physical prowess was very attractive to the men folks. He was a very large man, weighing three hundred and sixty pounds. In his early days he was an athlete, was very strong and active. He

wrestling, collar and elbow, and that he could outrun any man therein for his distance, a hundred yards. He could run that distance without breathing and when he had to breathe his speed left him.

My father served in the Legislature, representing Davis County for one or two terms shortly before the beginning of the War of the Rebellion. My memory goes back to the early days immediately preceding the War of the Rebellion and during the same. I clearly and distinctly remember about the enlistment of Company G of the Second Iowa Infantry, of the drilling of the boys and of the anxious moments to hear the news about the battle at Fort Donnellson. Several Bloomfield boys lost their lives in that battle. My father tried to enlist on two occasions but at both times was rejected on the physical examination on account of his large size. On one occasion during the war, General Bussey and General, then Colonel Weaver, were at home on a furlough. General Bussey lived in Keokuk but had formerly lived in Bloomfield. They had a war meeting in Troy. General Bussey, General Weaver, both in the uniform of their rank, my father and mother, all went to Troy together. On the way there they passed four men on horseback, two of them together in two groups. All four men eyed very carefully Generals Bussey and Weaver. While the meeting was in progress in Troy some one came to the door and called out, "The guerrillas have killed William Wallace." The meeting broke up in great excitement, General Bussey went north and struck the Des Moines Valley Railroad. General Weaver, my father and mother returned home that night. General Weaver and my father were sitting in the front seat with guns in their hands. On the outskirts of Bloomfield at one or two o'clock in the morning, some one called out of the pitch darkness, "Halt!" They parleyed but soon recognized each other. They were guards thrown out to protect Bloomfield. In the morning, going to his business, my father took a long double barreled shotgun loaded with buck shot, over his shoulder. At the gate two men on horseback just passed him. He recognized them as two of the men they had passed the night before. He placed them under arrest and turned them over to the officers up in Bloomfield. They were not the ones that had killed William Wallace and had not heard of the killing. They were not guerrillas but were regular soldiers in General Price's rebel army; had been cut off by the Union forces. They were intending to come through the southern tier of Iowa counties, then go south in Nebraska, then come east in Missouri to get around the Union troops. The two that were thus arrested were in jail in Bloomfield during the winter, and as a boy full of curiosity, I frequently talked with them.

One night in April, 1865, my father and mother were giving a party. While the guests were assembled, word came that Lincoln had been assassinated. The party broke up in great excitement, the men went up town to get the news and the ladies had to get home the best way they could.

Our family moved from Bloomfield to Ottumwa on January 1, 1867, but my father had been in business in Ottumwa for nearly a year and a half before that date. I can reminisce by the hour about the old days in Bloomfield, but will not do so as it would not be very interesting to any one else.

W. D. Tisdale.

(W. D. Tisdale is now known as Judge Tisdale. He has served as Judge in this district and his name belongs in the galaxy of Davis County celebrities.)



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Name: **O D Tisdale**  
 Age in 1860: **38**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1822**  
 Birthplace: **New York**  
 Home in 1860: **Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa**  
 Gender: **Male**  
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Orrin D. Tisdale**

Home in 1880: **Ottumwa, Wapello, Iowa**

Age: **58**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1822**

Birthplace: **New York**

Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**

Spouse's name: **Hariette N.**

Father's birthplace: **Massachusetts**

Mother's birthplace: **Massachusetts**

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