Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clark, Matthew Senator _____

Represented Jefferson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1823

2. Marriage (s) date place

3. Significant events for example:

   A. Business

   B. Civic responsibilities

   C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Baptist Presbyterian but would not unite as an adult because of his belief it was pro-slavery

5. Sessions served 8th General Assembly 1860

6. Public Offices

   A. Local

   B. State

   C. National

7. Death 2 Dec 1863 Fairfield, Iowa, buried

8. Children

9. Names of parents

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10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - Civil War - Co. H, 30th Iowa Volunteer Infantry attained the rank of Captain; died at home of injuries suffered in the war.

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Clark, Matthew

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Obituary			The Fairfield Ledger Weekly, Fairfield Iowa, Thurs. Dec. 3, 1863, p. 3, col. 1 and Thurs. Dec. 10, 1863, p. 3, col. 3

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☞ Extra copies of the *Ledger*, neatly enveloped, for sale at this office at five cts. per copy

☞ The Union League meets in Sargeant's Hall, North side of the Square, every Saturday evening, at 6½ o'clock, P.M.

MANTUA MAKING: The card of Mrs. E. A. Ogden appears in our columns to-day. She exhibits much taste and neatness in her business, and will do all work in her line promptly and at low rates. Call and see her.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. CLARK: Capt. Matthew Clark, Co. H, 30th Iowa, who returned home wounded a few weeks ago, died at his residence yesterday morning about 5 o'clock. His funeral will take place to-morrow at 9 o'clock A.M. He will be buried with military honors. The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited.

BROUGHT HOME AND BURIED: The remains of George Steel, of Co. M, 4th Iowa Cav., were brought home on Thursday last. He died in the Hospital at Keokuk. On Friday his body was escorted to the grave yard by the Union Guards and buried with military honors. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss. In their bereavement they have the condolence of the community.

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CAPTAIN MATHEW CLARK.

Mr. Editor:—Permit me, in addition to the obituary of Capt. Clark in your last issue, to present a few more prominent traits of the character of this beloved and intimate friend. And first I would mention his constant, unwavering friendship. A friendship once formed by him was like the friendship of Him who "sticketh closer than a brother," unchanged by time or circumstance. To the writer this friendship commenced in Ohio, and was continued in Iowa through long dark years of trial and embarrassment, irrespective of the intrigue or malice of foe—no vicissitude could change its course: and in those precious hours in which I was permitted to minister to his wants on his bed of pain and death, it shone forth conspicuously in every word and look, and 'sparkled even' in his dying eye. Not a few there are who can testify that when the interests and welfare of his friends were at stake, before to his own. Again I would notice his hopefulness of his country's certain triumph. His faith never faltered in our hour of darkest gloom. When friends feared, and foes said, that Vicksburg could not be taken, from the battle field he wrote: "Let Copperheads hide their cowardly heads, this Government can and must be saved." And on that arduous march, a few days before he received the fatal blow, he wrote: "I may not live to see the entire triumph of our arms, but I have no fears about the result. This is God's war. He has a purpose to accomplish. You know what that purpose is, and you know that he will accomplish it in spite of traitors, North or South. God is just, and his justice must prevail."

But injustice would be done to the character of Capt. Clark did we not advert to the fact that he was an early, consistent and uncompromising enemy to oppression. This was the prominent trait in his character. He was a progressive man. Slavery found in him an unrelenting foe. In the days when the friends of freedom in this county mustered only a corporal's guard, in the midst of that small but valiant band stood MATHEW CLARK. No cringing of reproach ever daunted him. In these days when

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