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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith, John Julian Senator _____

Represented Madison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15. Aug 1846 Alex, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mrs. Mary A. McLaughlin Derby 21 Nov 1866

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Catholic, later Universalist and at age 20, Methodist

5. Sessions served 16th General Assembly 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Cora Minnie; Estella Maudie; William E.

9. Names of parents Bernard N. and Sarah (Glendower) Smith

Smith, John Julian

10. Education He was educated in the common schools of Waukesha County, Wisconsin for 14 months

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His parents came from England in 1841 and settled in Ohio. His father served in the Mexican War.
- He died when John Julian was 4 and John was taken to an orphanage for 2 years.
- He was then adopted by Thomas Bernard, a farmer. Thomas was killed the following year by a load of falling wood.
- He worked on his own at age 15 and worked as a hired man for several farmers.
- He moved to Iowa on 9 Aug 1861 settling at Muscatine. He went to Clayton County in 1866 and to Madison County in 1867.
- Military service - Civil War - Company H, 11th Iowa Infantry
- After the war he returned to his home in Muscatine, Iowa and then by 1867 he was in Madison County, Iowa.

You searched for **John J. Smith** in Iowa

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Pro

Name:	John J Smith
Residence:	Muscatine, Iowa
Age at Enlistment:	18
Enlistment Date:	10 Jan 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	Iowa
Was Wounded?:	Yes
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in <u>Company H, Iowa 11th Infan</u> 18 Oct 1861. Mustered out on 15 Jul 1865 at Louisvil
Birth Date:	abt 1843
Sources:	Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the

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This database is a compilation of military records (including state rosters, pens regimental histories) of individual soldiers who served in the United States Civ [more...](#)

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MADISON COUNTY,

IOWA,

CONTAINING

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

A Biographical Directory of its 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 Madison County, Constitution of the United States, Constitution of the State of Iowa, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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- Smith, Jonathan, farmer, Sec. 14; P. O. Van Meter.
- Smith, G. W., farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Van Meter.
- SMITH, J. J.**, farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Van Meter; born in Akron, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1846; when four years old his father died, and one year afterward his mother removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, living there ten years; in the spring of 1861 they again removed, locating in Muscatine county, this State; August 10, 1861, in his fifteenth year, he enlisted in the 11th Iowa State Militia, October 10, following, was enrolled into the United States service, remaining with that regiment until the last rebel surrendered; mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 22, 1865, having participated in the following battles: Shiloh, Corinth, Medan Station, Tenn., Iuka, second Corinth, Vicksburg, Jackson, Meridan, Miss., Kenesaw Mountain and seven other severe engagements; returning home at the close of the war engaged in farming; was married in January, 1866, to Mrs. Mary A. Derby, formerly McLaughlin, a native of Ireland; by this union they have two daughters living: Cora Minnie and Estella Maud; Mr. Smith is a purely self-made man, cast upon his own resources at an early age; he did eminent service fighting the battles of his country, and later in life developed into a fine legislator of whom his country may well be proud.
- Stinehouse, Wm., farmer, Sec. 15; P. O. Van Meter.
- Stinehouse, Ed., farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Van Meter.
- Stork, G., farmer, Sec. 9; P. O. Van Meter.
- TANNER, OSCAR**, farmer, Sec. 24; P. O. Van Meter.
- Thoms, Fred., farmer, Sec. 16; P. O. Van Meter.
- Thompson, J. C., farmer, Sec. 31; P. O. Winterset.
- THOMPSON, R. L.**, farmer, Sec. 31; P. O. Winterset; born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1843; his parents moved to Iowa when he was two years of age and located in Jackson county; he came to this county in the spring of 1867; Mr. T. was in the army in company A, Ninth Iowa infantry; enlisted September 22, 1862, and served two years and ten months, being mustered out July 18, 1865; he was in the following battles: Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Tennessee, Dallas, Georgia, and several others; he married Miss Henrietta Clark, a native of Guernsey county, Ohio; they have four children living: George C, Sarah, Elizabeth and Georgiana L.; Mr. T. owns a farm of 120 acres.
- THOMPSON, HENRY**, farmer, Sec. 31; P. O. Winterset; born in Mercer (what is now Lawrence) county, Pennsylvania, April 5, 1805; was raised there and lived there until 1845; he married Miss Sarah Moore November 29, 1827; she is a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania; they came to Madison county in 1867 and located where they now live; he owns 360 acres of land; they have a family of three sons and two daughters: Elizabeth, Mary J., Robert L., Henry and John C.
- Trindle, Aaron, farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Van Meter.
- Trindle, Andrew, farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Van Meter.

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establish his business, and to some extent repair his broken fortune.

In 1865 he enlarged his business in the same locality. He built a mill of several times the capacity of the former, and continued to enlarge and extend his mill enterprises till 1868, when he bought the entire property known as the "Lamb and Byng mill," in the vicinity of Clinton, Iowa, one and one-quarter miles distant from his other works, and one of the largest and finest in this section or state.

The capacity of the above mill is over two hundred and fifty thousand feet of lumber, one hundred thousand feet of shingles, and fifty thousand feet of lath. The planing mill is likewise of immense capacity. The entire business has increased to upward of fifty million feet of lumber annually manufactured.

In summer he employs in his mills about one thousand men, exclusive of a large number engaged at labor in his lumber regions in other localities.

Mr. Lamb's wonderful intuitive knowledge of mechanics has enabled him to successfully introduce many valuable improvements in saw-mill machinery. He was the first to introduce and put into practical operation in the State of Iowa the gang-mills, he having made the application of a gang of saws in his own establishment in 1859, being the only one below Stillwater, Minnesota, on the river.

In his steamboat enterprises he has been equally successful, having built and launched several for river traffic.

In all his undertakings he has manifested public spirit, and has contributed materially to the improvements of the city and county in which he resides.

His talent for invention seems to have exhibited itself in every step of his business career. Whenever he observed a defect in any mechanical construction, his mind involuntarily would suggest some

improvement, and he could not rest until the hand had put in tangible form the idea mentally conceived and entertained. Many of these valuable inventions, after having been patented and applied to use in his own establishment, he has generously bestowed on some deserving individual for his exclusive benefit. His benevolence and generosity are proverbial. Having himself experienced the vicissitudes of life, his sympathies are not withheld from the unfortunate, nor his charities from the children of poverty. His success in life is attributed to his being as true to all as it is possible to be,—never making a promise that he cannot perform, and always keeping his word if once given.

As a developer of the resources of the west, great credit must be awarded to him. It is through the agency of men of his nature and energy that the material interests of our county are forwarded and expanded.

At this time he is largely interested in the First National Bank, of Clinton, Iowa, being one of its heaviest stockholders and principal directors.

In politics, he is a decided republican, though not a partisan. In religious sentiment, he may be regarded as orthodox. He is neither a skeptic nor sectarian. He believes all religion relates to life, and that the life of religion is to do good.

He was married in 1839 to Jane Bevier. They have four children now living, and one died at the age of thirteen years. In the family burying-ground, in York, Carroll county, Illinois, are interred thirty-one of his immediate relatives.

Mr. Lamb is now in the maturity of life, full of vim and activity. The unswerving integrity which marks all his transactions, and the kindness of his manners to the numerous employes in his various enterprises, render him at once respected and loved throughout a wide circle of acquaintances.

HON. JOHN J. SMITH,

VAN METER.

THE biography of Hon. John Julian Smith presents one of the many examples found in the United States of rapid personal progress from a humble beginning to a substantial and honored position. Mr. Smith was born at Akron, Ohio, on the 15th of August, 1846. His mother's maiden name was Sarah Glendower. She was born in Ire-

land, but moved to England at an early day. His father, Bernard N. Smith, was a native of England. Married Miss Glendower in 1841, and embarked for America the same year, where he settled in Ohio. He served in the Mexican war, and died soon after his return home.

John's advantages of education were very lim-

ited. He attended the common schools of Waukesha county, Wisconsin, but fourteen months. Being left an orphan at the age of seven, he was taken to the orphan asylum at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained two years, and was then adopted by Thomas Burnard, a farmer, who was killed by the falling of a load of wood the following year. Thus thrown on his own resources, from that time till the age of fifteen he worked among farmers for his board and clothes. He moved to Iowa on the 9th of August, 1861, and settled in Muscatine. Went to Clayton county in 1866, and from there to Madison county in 1867, where he now lives.

In religion, Mr. Smith was raised a Catholic; when he was fifteen he became a Universalist, and at the age of twenty a Methodist, and is a member of that denomination at the present time. Mr. Smith has always been a staunch republican; cast his first vote at eighteen for Lincoln and Johnson; was in active service during all of the late civil war; enlisted in 1861 in company H, 11th Iowa Infantry; reenlisted on the 7th of December, 1863, and served till the close of the war. Among some of the engage-

ments he participated in were the following well known battles: Shiloh, April, 1862; Medan Station, August, 1862; Corinth, Mississippi, on the 4th of October, 1862; Jackson, Mississippi, and at the siege of Vicksburg; was one hundred and one days without being out of danger; wounded at Atlanta, Georgia, on the 7th of August, 1864; was with Sherman on his march to the sea, and participated in their last engagement, at Bentonville, North Carolina. He was discharged on the 2d of July, 1865, and returned immediately to his home in Muscatine, Iowa. Mr. Smith has acquired an ample competence and is a public-spirited citizen, active in all progress, enterprising and much esteemed; an advocate of woman's suffrage, he believes that a woman should receive the same compensation as a man, where the labor to be performed is equal. Mr. Smith now holds the honored position as representative of Madison county, Iowa. Was married to Mary A. McLaughlin, on the 21st of November, 1866, and has two children: Cora Minnie was born on the 29th of August, 1867, and Estela Maud on the 11th of June, 1875.

HON. DAVID SECOR,

DES MOINES.

DAVID SECOR, a native of Putnam county, New York, was born on the 6th of January, 1836, the son of Alson Secor and Sarah Caroline *nee* Knapp. His paternal grandparents were Gidney and Catherine (Strang) Secor. His father's family is descended from the French Huguenots, and was first represented in this country by Ambrose Secor, who more than two hundred years ago emigrated from France, prompted by a love of religious liberty, and settled at New Rochelle, New York. Various members of the family served as officers during the revolutionary war. His maternal grandparents, David and Abigail (Lee) Knapp, were of English origin, and settled in this country prior to the revolution. David Knapp, an uncle of our subject, served in the war of 1812.

Prior to his twelfth year David attended the district school, but afterward was employed on his father's farm, there being eleven children in his family, and his father being a man of limited means.

In May, 1856, being then twenty years of age, he left home and, removing to Iowa, settled at Western

College, in Lynn county. Learning the masons' trade there, he worked at it during the summers, and for three years he spent his winters in the college at that place.

Going to Mason City, Iowa, in the spring of 1859, he had one dollar in his pocket upon his arrival, and remained one year teaching and working at his trade. In the spring of 1860 he settled at Forest City, in Winnebago county, and during that and the following year worked at his trade.

In 1861 he was elected county treasurer, and while holding that position purchased a farm adjoining the town, which he began to cultivate.

In October, 1864, he enlisted as a private in company C, 2d regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for the purpose of recruiting the regiment whose term of enlistment had expired. This company participated in Sherman's march to the sea, during which march he was taken ill and transferred to New York and thence to Keokuk, Iowa, where he was mustered out of the service in May, 1865.

Returning to his home, he engaged in farming,