

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Brown  
John Daves - Represented Decatur, Ringgold and Union Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Aug 1840 near Norwalk, Linn County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Clara C. Hoadley 16 Jpl. 1865  
② Mrs. Annie Hissner 25 Oct 1905

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business I was a member of the commission firm of Brown Brothers and Ballingal of the Union State Trade in Chicago, Illinois  
B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Heimer; G.A.R.  
C. Profession Farming; raised livestock

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1909, 1911

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Decatur Board of Supervisors; president of the school board;  
B. State Member of the Iowa State Agricultural Board; member of the committee that purchased the site of the Iowa State Fair grounds  
C. National Commissioner of the National on a Dakota reservation for 4 years

7. Death 25 June 1927 Leon, Iowa; buried Leon Cemetery, Leon, Iowa

8. Children Elmer J.; Edna (died in early childhood)

9. Names of parents Hugh and Harriet (Burnes) Brown

10. Education Educated in the rural schools of Harroun  
County, Iowa until 14 years old; continued his  
education in Decatur County, Iowa

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 14 he moved with his parents to Decatur County, Iowa
- Military service - Civil War - Co. L, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry  
Attaining rank of Captain
- His first wife, Clara, died 23 June 1904 in Chicago, Illinois
- In 1906 he moved into Lee, Iowa where he lived in retirement.
- He served as Department Commander for the G.A.R. Department of  
Iowa in 1912-1913

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

| Source                   | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained   |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| - History                |                |            | - The Leon Journal Reporter, Leon Journal<br>Thurs. July 7, 1927, p. 1, col. 3, 4, 5 |
| - Iowa Official Reporter |                |            | 1911-1912, p. 595  |
| - G.A.R. Records         |                |            |  |
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# LEON REPORT

LEON, IOWA, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1927.

## CAPT. JOHN D. BROWN

### Last Sad Rites Were Held Friday Afternoon for One of Leon's Most Respected Citizens.

One of Iowa's early pioneers, distinguished soldiers, honored statesmen, and prominent commonwealth builders departed this life to join the hosts immortal when "Taps" was sounded, early Saturday morning, June 25th, 1927, for Capt. J. D. Brown of Leon, Iowa. In the departure of this extraordinary personality has gone out of the world, and the people who knew him, and there are legions, mourn because in his death they have been deprived of a true friend, a wise counsellor, a loyal American, and a good and Godly man.

John Dana Brown was born of Scotch-Irish parentage near Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, on the first of August, 1840. He was educated in the rural schools of Huron

October 25, 1905, Capt. Brown was again married in this instance to Mrs. Annie Thissell of Boston, Mass. In 1906 Capt. Brown moved to his present home in Leon, and there surrounded by his hosts of friends, spent the even-tide of his life. The last few years of his life, because of failing health and strength were spent in quiet retirement. But no man ever had better care and more loving attention than did Capt. Brown, especially on the part of his wife, and next on the part of his friends, as he wandered on toward the setting of the sun. Today he sleeps in "that low green tent where the curtains never open" with the bereaved widow, the son whose father has passed on before, and the home folks of Leon in mourning the passing of a man who was in all respects a man. Besides the sorrowing widow, the bereaved son, there are also six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren who are called upon with their loved ones to humbly pass under the Shepherd's Rod. These are also joined by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Susan Bartlett of Garden Grove, Iowa; Mrs.

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age, at which time he moved with his parents to Decatur county, Iowa, and finished his school work in this county which became his new home. August 9, 1861; he enlisted in Co. L, 3d Reg., Iowa Cavalry Volunteers as a private and served with this organization throughout the war. In rapid succession he was made sergeant, then second lieutenant, and then captain of his company. His company was at one time composed of picked men, especially known for their daring and skill and consequently were often used in the most hazardous expeditions and exploits of the war. When the war closed

Capt. Brown had been recommended for the rank of Colonel. He was in 21 battles and in many skirmishes. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Heartsville, Missouri, January 11, 1862. Was wounded at the battle of the Big Blue and was left on the field to die, lying on the field two days before being picked up. After the capture of Jeff Davis by Wilson's Cavalry Corps, he was detailed with one hundred men of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry to guard the prisoner and party from the train at Augusta, Georgia, to the boat on the Savannah river. He was mustered out of the service at Atlanta, Georgia, and discharged at Davenport Iowa, September, 1865.

During the presidency of Chester A. Arthur, Capt. Brown was commissioned as a commissioner of the Indians on a reservation in Dakota. He served in this office for almost four years. When he left the reservation Chief Red Cloud presented him with a tomahawk of most exquisite workmanship, as a token of appreciation for the fair and impartial way in which he had ruled over them, and the kindly treatment and care that they had received at his hands. Capt. Brown also served for years in various township offices in Decatur county, as a member of the board of supervisors, president of the school board of Leon, Iowa; senator of the Fifth District composed of Decatur, Ringgold and Union counties, serving in the thirty-third and thirty-fourth General Assembly. He also served for years as one of the members of the State Agricultural Board, and was one of the committee that purchased the site for the Iowa State Fair Grounds. For years Capt. Brown was actively engaged in farming and stock raising. For a number of years he was a member of the commission firm of Brown Bros. & Ballinger of the Union Stock Yards in Chicago, Illinois.

July 16, 1865, Capt. Brown was married to Miss Clara C. Hoadley of Trenton, Missouri. Two children, a son and a daughter were born of this union. The daughter, Edna, died in early childhood. The son, Elmer J. has for some years been living with his family at Apple Gate, Oregon. Mrs. Clara Brown departed this life, after an illness of some weeks, in Chicago, Illinois, June 23, 1904. On

and Walter Brown of Garden Grove, Iowa.

Capt. Brown served as Department Commander for the G. A. R. Department of Iowa, for the fiscal year of 1912-1913. He was a prominent member of the Masonic lodge, belonging to the Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and for years served as a member of the board of trustees and president of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church in Leon.

Capt. Brown was a man whose body was the ready servant of his mind, whose passions had been trained to be obedient to his will; who enjoyed the beautiful, loved the truth, hated the wrong, loved to do good and respected others as himself. He was a commanding figure among his fellowmen; big of body, brilliant of mind, and with a heart as tender as that of a child. He was a man of mighty faith, of heroic courage, of industry that knew no weariness, and every power of his splendid body, mind and heart he endeavored to use worthily. In all of his dealings in private business, and in matters of the state, that he so often served, his was the soul of honor; and no man ever questioned his honesty, or the sincerity of his motives. He had legions of friends, and but few enemies. Having put his house in order, lo, many years ago, he awaited the end in the spirit of the poet who sang:  
Sun set and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning at the bar;  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home,  
Twilight and evening bells,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark,  
For though from out our borne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my pilot face-to-face  
When I have crossed the bar.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and were very largely attended, the church being filled to capacity by sorrowing relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Hablston, pastor of the Leon church and Rev. R. R. Moser, pastor of the Osceola M. E. church, a former pastor of Capt. Brown's. Mrs. Moser and Mrs. Manley of Osceola, sang duets with Miss Mida Bradley at the piano. The sermon was by Rev. Moser, and there was also an eulogy by Frank Dagle, of Des Moines, past commander of the G. A. R. who came as the special

representative of St. N. Nelson, who was attending by illness. The services were many, many coming from distant cities. The in full uniform act and the Masonic can Legion had ch services at the gra in the Leon cemete

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G. M. Kohler and son Bobbie re-  
turned Tuesday from their trip to  
Sheridan, Wyoming, with the Osce-  
ola band. They had a fine trip but  
were delayed 17 hours going and 21  
hours returning on account of wash-  
outs.

Miss Mary Ray, who has been trim-  
ming the past season at Eldorado,  
Kansas, came Saturday for a visit at  
the home of her brother, M. M. Ray  
in this city.

Ed Farquhar departed Thursday  
for Olathe, Kansas, where he visited  
over the Fourth with his cousin, Miss  
Maud Reeder.

#### Garden Grove Clothing Store Robber.

The C. L. Throckmorton clothing  
store was robbed early Sunday morn-  
ing between the hours of 2 a. m. and  
the time it was discovered. Twenty  
suits and possibly other merchandise  
were taken, valued at about six or  
seven hundred dollars. Entrance was  
gained by prying open a window at  
the rear of the store. Sheriff Kendall  
and his deputy Clint McConnell were  
called as soon as the robbery was  
discovered, but no clue has been  
found as to the identity of the rob-  
bers. During the past year and a half  
this store has been robbed several  
times. On one occasion all but a few  
pairs of the ladies' silk hose were  
taken, besides several top coats and  
a lot of shirts and several suits.  
All told, within the past year and a  
half, Mr. Throckmorton has been re-  
lieved of between \$2,000 and \$3,000  
worth of merchandise. This is a pret-  
ty hard blow to Mr. Throckmorton  
and it is sincerely hoped by everyone  
that the guilty ones may be found.  
For several months Mr. Throckmor-  
ton, or his clerk have slept in the  
store at night, in the hope of catching  
the thieves, but Saturday evening he  
worked late at the store and decided  
to go home to bed, and evidently  
someone knew of this. Store ro-  
beries are reported now quite fre-  
quently in our exchanges, but hitting  
one merchant for this much puts  
other petty robberies in the shade.—  
Garden Grove Express.

#### Marriage Licenses.

Lawrence Crees, Grand River ... 17  
Viola Gilbert, Leon ... 15  
Spencer Earl Devore, Van Wert ... 21  
Helen Blanche Pierce, Van Wert ... 18

representative of state commander O.  
N. Nelson, who was prevented from  
attending by illness. The floral of-  
ferings were many and very beauti-  
ful, many coming from old friends in  
distant cities. The Knights Templar  
in full uniform acted as an escort,  
and the Masonic lodge and Ameri-  
can Legion had charge of the final  
services at the grave. Interment was  
in the Leon cemetery.

Instead of ordering the jockeys of  
the various mounts to hold up their  
horses to the favorite might win on  
the home stretch, Director Baggot  
staged a series of elimination races  
and then had Robert Agnew, who  
plays the part of Marty Kruger,  
mount the fastest horse of the group  
at the time the picture was taken.

In addition to Agnew, other featur-  
ed players in the cast of "Down the  
Stretch" are Marion Nixon, Otis Har-  
lan, Ward Crane, Edna Gregory, Jack  
Laugherty and Virginia True Board-  
man.

#### Auto Operating Expenses.

The experts at the Iowa State col-  
lege have it all figured out that is  
costs exactly 10.27 cents to operate  
an automobile for each mile traveled.  
With all due respect for the "finger-  
in" ability of the Ames experts, we  
would wager a week's salary that  
there are people living in Leon who  
would feel that they were million-  
aires if they could cash in the mile-  
age they have made at 10 cents a  
mile.

#### Van Wert Store Burglarized.

Blaf's store at Van Wert was en-  
tered by burglars some time last  
Saturday night and twenty suits of  
men's clothes and about \$100.00  
worth of silks were stolen. The  
burglars drilled through the door to  
get in the store, and sheriff Kendall  
secured a slight claw from Creston,  
where parties purchased a drill simi-  
lar to the one used at Van Wert, but  
so far no trace of the burglars or the  
stolen goods have been found.

#### Gilbert—Crees.

Mr. Lawrence Crees, of Grand  
River, and Miss Viola Gilbert, of  
Leon, were married at the M. E. pa-  
rsonage in Leon last Wednesday, Rev.  
J. E. Habliston officiating. They will  
make their home on a farm near  
Grand River, and their many young  
friends extend their congratulations.

#### Pierce—Devore.

Mr. Spencer Earl Devore and Miss  
Helen Blanche Pierce, both of Van  
Wert, were united in marriage at the  
M. E. parsonage in this city last Sat-  
urday, Rev. J. E. Habliston officiat-  
ing. Mr. and Mrs. Devore will go to  
housekeeping at Van Wert, and a  
host of good friends extend their con-  
gratulations and wish them an abun-  
dance of happiness and prosperity.

#### Ford Car Stolen.

A 1924 model Ford car owned by  
Raymond Dyer, who operates a tire  
shop in the Hotel Leon block, was  
stolen from in front of his place of  
business Sunday night, and the only  
trace of it found so far is that a man  
and a woman driving the car stopped  
at Davis City and purchased some  
gas.

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Brown, John Dana

Residence

Occupation

Date birth 1 Ag 1840 Place Huron Co., (Norwalk) Ohio

Date death 25 Je 1927 Place Leon, Iowa  
Cause Leon Cem. Place burial "

War record 2d Lt. L 3 Iowa Cav.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

(Vet) Age 21 Res. Garden Grove  
Enlisted 15 Ag 1861 as 4th Sgt. Place  
Prom. 2d Lt. 4 F 1862  
Prom. Capt. 31 Mr '64  
Must. Out 9 Ag 1865, Atlanta, Ga.

Discharged Date Place

War

Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

Father Hugh Brown

Nativity

Mother Harriet Burns  
(1) Clara C. Hoadley

Nativity

Wife (2) Mrs. Anna Thissel

Children Edna (died infancy)  
Elmer J Apple Gate, Ore

Source: The Iowa Department of the  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Roster Iowa Soldiers / Ex-Soldiers  
Living Iowa 1886: Capt-res Crown/  
Graves Reg: Brown, John Dana / Decatur  
County Journal July 7, 1927

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Brown, John D

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Dept. Commander Iowa from  
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Record Membership and Dues Paid

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| Leon      | 251(11)  | Leon  | 15 F 1884   |
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