

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clark, Elbert Warren Senator Clark,
Elbert Warren - Represented Keokuk and Poweshiek Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Feb 1842 Glover, Orleans County, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha Brainard 1874 Grinnell, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a doctor in Grinnell for 39 years

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Physician; farm laborer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 31st General Assembly 1906, House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 32nd, 33rd General Assemblies 1907, 1909 - Senate

A. Local Grinnell City councilman; school board president; trustee of Grinnell College; trustee of Grinnell Public Library; mayor of Grinnell 1893-1897

B. State He was president of the Iowa Medical Society in 1907

C. National

7. Death 16 Feb 1910 Grinnell, Iowa; buried Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell, Iowa

8. Children Elbert Warren, Jr.

9. Names of parents

Clark, Elbert Warren

10. Education He was educated in country schools; he attended
high school in Keokuk, Illinois

11. Degrees He entered Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois
in 1866, graduated in 1871

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 12 he moved with his parents to Bureau County,
Illinois where he lived until 1865
- In May 1871, he came to Geneseo, Iowa where he practiced
medicine.
- His wife, Martha, born 12 Apr 1846, died 15 Oct 1912, also
buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, Geneseo, Iowa.

Applicability

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GRINNELL, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1910.

ALL GRINNELL MOURNS A GOOD CITIZEN



DR. E. W. CLARK

One of the builders of Grinnell was carried to his last resting place this afternoon. Senator E. W. Clark is mourned today in all Grinnell, and at the hour of his funeral, factory wheels ceased to turn, business houses closed their doors and a whole city paid homage to the man who has exemplified to a great degree, the possibilities of a life of service.

Dr. Clark was a part of Grinnell. For almost forty years he was a practicing physician in this city, and he practiced with a devotion and a self-sacrifice hardly realized. It was considered so much as a matter of course. No matter what his own ailments, no matter how wearied he might be from previous calls, he was always ready to answer the summons of those who needed him. He was a power as a doctor. Though graduated from Rush medical college at an early day, before the institution had reached the eminence which it has since attained, he kept abreast of his profession. He possessed an unerring sense of diagnosis. He went to the seat of the trouble with a common sense and a sound judgment rarely mistaken as the years have gone by and he has grown weaker by reason of his exertions among the people he has served so faithfully. No better parallel can be found to the light in which he was considered by the people of Grinnell than that of Dr. McClure, the loved physician of Drumtochty. To this, the spontaneous movement to do him honor which has been shown today bears eloquent witness.

As a citizen Dr. Clark has been called often to positions of public trust. As member of the school board, of the city council, of the house of representatives of the state senate, where his term is just closing, as a trustee of Grinnell College, he has shown the same devotion to duty which marked his career as a physician. It is a good man who has gone and his memory will long be kept green in Grinnell.

The words of his biography may be briefly given. Elbert Warren Clark was born in Oliver, Orleans county, Vermont, February 11, 1842, of Scotch-American parentage. He moved when 12 years old to Bureau county, Illinois, where he resided on a farm until 1865. His education was acquired in the country district school and the high school at Kewanee, Illinois. In 1866 he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating in February, 1871. In May of that year, he came to Grinnell, where he grew up with the city in a way with which all the readers of the Herald are familiar. He was married, in 1874, to Miss Julia Brainard. His wife and one son, E. W. Clark, Jr., survive him. Dr. Clark was elected five times as a member of the city council of Grinnell. For six years he was president of the school board. He has been a trustee of Grinnell College since 1898, has served as a trustee of Stewart public library, and was mayor of Grinnell from 1893 to 1897, during which time great improvements in the way of sewers and water works were installed. He was president of

the State Medical Society in 1907. He was a lifelong republican, casting his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln and voting for every republican candidate for president since that time. His party honored him, calling him to serve first as representative from Poweshiek county in the Thirty-first General Assembly and then electing him in 1906 to the state senate from the Twelfth district, composed of Poweshiek and Keokuk counties. His service in the legislature was marked by great devotion to duty. He rarely missed a session and even last winter, when his attendance was a matter of difficulty on account of his physical condition, he was always in his place.

Of late years, Dr. Clark's friends had noted that the efforts of long years of arduous practice were beginning to tell upon him. He had never spared himself. Time and again, when he should have been in bed himself with sickness, he had gone out at night to answer the call of some one in distress. In July of 1908 he made a trip to Careyville, Wyoming, where he had property interests and while there suffered a heavy fall, striking his side violently against a piece of machinery and fracturing a rib. The injury was not in itself serious, but the shock was great and soon after his return to Grinnell, his condition became such as to cause great alarm. He was taken to California for the winter and when he returned to Grinnell in the spring, he was apparently much improved. Declining to desist entirely from the work to which his life had been devoted, he persisted in his office practice during the summer, but in September was forced to desist by the combination of ailments which finally caused his

death, which was due to chronic bronchitis and the general collapse of a body worn out by faithful service of his fellowmen. The most careful care was given him until the end. In addition to the tender care of Grinnell physicians, the expert advice of Doctors N. C. Morse, of Eldora, and B. C. Brockman, of Ottumwa, old time friends, was called for and freely given, but the best medical skill was of no avail. Death came peacefully on Wednesday morning at 11:15 o'clock.

After a private service at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the home the funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the Congregational church. By general consent, business was suspended and the church was crowded with those who had come to pay the last tribute of respect to the good man who was gone.

From 12:30 until 2 o'clock the body was at the church, and an opportunity was given to all who so desired to look their last upon the face of a friend, an opportunity of which many availed themselves.

The impressive services were in charge of Rev. H. N. Dascomb, assisted by Professor L. F. Parker, President J. H. T. Main and Hon. J. P. Lyman. Music was furnished by a male quartet composed of Professor Ralph Lyman, A. C. Lyon, E. B. Brande and Professor David Peck, with Professor H. W. Matlack at the organ.

The active pall bearers were S. J. Pooley, B. J. Ricker, A. D. Talbott, G. H. Hamlin, Representative George Grier of Deep River, and C. P. Roe, of New Sharon.

The honorary pall bearers were H. W. Spaulding, R. G. Coutts, Professor Jesse May, J. A. Flock, C. W. H.

Beyer and Dr. Gershom Hill, of D. Moines.

The services at the church were conducted by H. F. Langphere and E. Brande and the ushers were largely chosen from the Poweshieks, an organization of which E. W. Clark, Jr., is member.

Interment was made in Hazelwood cemetery.

A profusion of floral offerings testified to the love of many friends.

The memory of Dr. E. W. Clark will be long in Grinnell. A loving husband and father, a faithful and devoted practitioner of the noble art of healing, a public spirited citizen, a place is forever fixed among the grinnellites with which the history of Grinnell has been so richly blessed.

J. M. Woodworth left Wednesday for a business trip through Texas, and will be gone about two weeks.

NOTICE.

All knowing themselves indebted the Rhoadsman Clothing Co. are requested to settle their accounts once. Call at the store. All accounts not settled by March 15 will be placed in the hands of a collector.

NOTICE.

SEALED BIDS WANTED.

The trustees of Hickory Grove township hereby advertise for sealed bids for Road Supervisors in Hickory Grove township, Jasper County, Iowa.

Bids are to be made by the day, applicant stating whether he wishes work all or part of said township. Bids to be in by March 15, 1910.

The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

FRANK BEATY,
Township Clerk,
Newburg, Iowa

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