

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator HARPER, SAMUEL
HOUSTON

Represented Wapello County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place April 1843, near Zanesville, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
Cornelia Russell (*Ohio March 1849 -), 9 November 1871 Wapello Co.

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Hardware retail & wholesale; banker

B. Civic responsibilities YMCA

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Presbyterian
28 GA, 1902 to fillvacancy; 29-30GA 1902-1907, SD 13, Wapello Co

5. Sessions served _____

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Ottumwa, March 1911 until death; school board

B. State Co B. 35th Ia Inf. then officer in 46th Regt US Colored Infantry

C. National _____

7. Death Tues, 17 Dec. 1911, at home.

8. Children (1) Clarence S. (Mar. 1876 -); (2) Russell L. (Nov. 1879 -),
(3) an infant, died young.

9. Names of parents father probably Samuel Harper (1807 - 19 June 1865)

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information PARENTS came to farm near Ottumwa 1853. He enlisted as pvt in Co B, 36th Ia Inf; 7^gth Cpl 1862, 2d Cpl May 1863. Then commissioned 2d Lt, later 1st Lt and Capt. 46th Reg. U. S. Colored Infantry. Served 3 yrs 6 mo.

~~Employed in hardware business in Ottumwa 1867, became partner in business 1869. Building and stock destroyed in fire 1873, so they purchased competitor. In 1876 firm also engaged in wholesale business. 1881 fire in adjoining building damaged their goods. Firm became Harper & McIntire Co. 1892, and was one of the largest commercial houses in Iowa.~~

~~He was member school board; president Mississippi & Missouri Valley Hardware Assn; presidential elector; president Wapello Co. Old Settlers Assn; Director Iowa National Bank for over 20 years. Delegate to national monetary convention in Indianapolis 1897 and 1898.~~

~~Leader in commercial associations; warm friend of church and YMCA. President Agency Savings Bank, vp South Ottumwa Bank and Phoenix Trust Co; director Dain Mfg Co., US F & G Co; Chillicothe Sav. Bank; Ottumwa WMCa, Ottumwa Cemetery Assn member Ottumwa Library board.~~

~~Commander Iowa Dept GAR 1905-06. (In legislature was chair of Military Affairs Committee). Also commander Ottumwa GAR post.~~

~~Knight Templar.~~

~~Survived by wife, 2 sons, 3 sisters, 1 brother.~~

~~Elect'd mayor spring 1911. Died during term.~~

Harper, Samuel Houston

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Ottumwa Weekly Review Tues 19 Dec. 1911		x	death, obit
Evans, Hist. Wapello Co. 1901		x	bio
BAker, In Retrospect--Wap Co Hist 1991		x	has picture of Co bldg.
Senate Minutes 19123		x	memorial resol.
GAR Post=63 records		x	bio
WPA cem records		x	bur of Samuel H (and possible father)
Wappello Co Marr 2-129		x	
1880 census 66-41-11		x	fam
1900 census 123-13-35		x	fam, says 3 ch, 2 surv
1910 census 121B		x	H & w; 3 ch 2 srurv

ENTIRE CITY MOURNS LOSS OF CITIZEN WHO WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF OTTUMWA'S MANIFOLD ACTIVITIES; FUNERAL TUESDAY AT 2:30 P. M.

BUSINESS MEN AND ASSOCIATES EULOGIZE DECEASED MAYOR AS A MAN AMONG MEN

The news of the death of Mayor S. H. Harper came as a decided shock to the citizens of Ottumwa, as there had been no intimation that he was not in ordinary good health. I have known Capt. Harper ever since I came to Ottumwa, nearly forty-two years. During all these years he has been closely identified with the business, political, social and moral life of this community. He was a man of ability, exceedingly well informed and of unswerving integrity. By his death the city has lost an upright and able official, the business interests a leading representative, the church a strong support, and every citizen an exemplar of a high type of citizenship. It can be truthfully said that the community is better for the life he lived, which will be, when the present hour of grief is past, a lasting consolation to the sorely bereaved family.

I. L. Waicerman.

The shock of Captain Harper's death comes to me so unexpectedly that it will be days before I can thoroughly realize the loss that I will be bound to feel as time rolls on, for our personal friendship in the years past had been very warm.

Several years ago we spent the winter together in Florida and I learned to know the personal side of Captain Harper's nature and it only served to further cement a friendship that had already been founded by our social and business relations which had always been most pleasant.

He was a man who had served his country as a gallant soldier and his state with honor as a senator and finally death finds him working for the welfare of his city as chief executive and serving in a way to meet the approval of all good, law abiding citizens.

As a business man his records show a career that those left behind him to carry it on can only be proud to emulate.

It was with the deepest regret that I learned of so good a friend's death and my heart holds only a deep love for him and the sense of a great loss both to myself and the community at large.

J. W. Garner.

The sudden death of Captain S. H. Harper Sunday morning was a calamity to this city. Taking the reins as mayor when the city finances were at low tide, his active participation in the affairs of the city was inestimable. Always a man of public spirit, when he saw the condition of the city government last spring he cheerfully accepted the mayorship and its heavy duties.

His counsel will not only be missed in the affairs of the city government but also in all other public enterprises for he was always one of the first to

put his shoulder to the wheel, giving his time and money to the upbuilding of the city.

I have been associated with the firm of which Capt. Harper was the head for over thirty years and will say that I never knew a more upright and just man. His sense of honor was keen and his knowledge of what was right unerring. His death means more to me than I can say in these few lines for his counsel and advice were always at my disposal. The loss is of a sincere personal friend and a well wisher with whom I have had the honor to be associated with all my business life.

William Fledler.

In the passing away of Captain S. H. Harper, every worthy interest of our city has sustained more than an ordinary loss. As a merchant he stood for everything honorable and progressive; as a citizen and in all that that implies, he stood for righteousness in all things, could always be depended upon to carry his full share and more of the people's burdens. As our city's chief magistrate, he had clean hands, and fearless in resisting wrong, and fearful in sustaining those things that were for the best interests of the community; as a Christian, he never shrank from meeting the obligations inseparably connected with that life whether in the church, other Christian organizations, or Christian education. He had a strong but kindly personality, his purse was open to all callers for every good cause, being a liberal and cheerful giver; he carried his Christian character with him into his daily life and many will miss his private benevolences and unselfish counsel.

Captain Harper stood for our country by placing his life at her service in the dark days of the rebellion and had a part in making the laws of our state in the senate chamber. Surely such a life is an honor to any community or country, and his place will be difficult to fill.

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CAPTAIN S. H. HARPER BORN 1843; DIED 1911



 Patriotic to the flag, loyal to his community, honest and upright in business dealings, a loving husband and father—these were the characteristics of Capt. Harper, whom Ottumwa mourns today. By all his acquaintances, Captain Harper was loved. To all his death comes as a keen shock.
 The remains will lie in state in the First Presbyterian church tomorrow from 12 to 2 o'clock. During the services, numerous business houses, the banks, courthouse and city hall will be closed out of respect for the deceased.
 Both posts of the Grand Army of the Republic will attend the services in a body, as will numerous fraternal bodies with which Mr. Harper was affiliated.
 The active pall bearers will be the following business associates of Mr. Harper:
 J. C. Jordan, William Fledler, S. L. McGavie, C. E. MeDaniel, J. W. Garner and Joseph Dain.
 The honorary pall bearers to serve are: Frank McIntire, George A. Brown, C. E. Boude, T. D. Foster, A. E. McCue, C. H. Merrick, C. O. Taylor, Frank Mills, Judge F. M. Hunter, W. D. Tisdale, W. H. Cooper, Chris Haw, Capt. C. P. Brown and W. R. Daun.

Heart Trouble Suddenly Terminated His Life at 4 a. m. Yesterday; Was Apparently Well Saturday.

HAD BEEN PROMINENT IN BUSINESS FIELD

Elevated to Captaincy in the Civil War, Honored by Citizens on Numerous Occasions; Mourned by All.

Captain Samuel Houston Harper, mayor of Ottumwa, died suddenly at his residence, 917 North Court street, at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, December 17, of angina pectoris.

The news of Captain Harper's death came as a great shock to the people of this city. He had been enjoying his usual excellent health and passed Saturday in the active conduct of his affairs at the city hall and at his store, the wholesale hardware house of Harper & McIntire Co. He was in good spirits all day and retired to a sound sleep at 10 o'clock. About 3:30 Sunday morning he was stricken with a severe attack of acute heart trouble and shortly after 4 o'clock, passed away.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 19, at the First Presbyterian church. The casket will be open and the body will lie in state at the church from 12 to 2 p. m. Tuesday in order that those who wish may pay their respects. The casket will not be opened after the services. Interment will be made in the Ottumwa cemetery.

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HOUSE—Met at noon. Bills considered under unanimous consent privilege. Sulzer, author of Russian abrogation resolution, agreed to change phraseology to make it less offensive to Russia. "Steel trust" inquiry resumed. J. B. Cotton denied padding ore railroad figures. Rules committee heard Representative Humphrey, of Washington, on his resolution for investigation of foreign shipping combines. House adjourned at 12:29 p. m., until noon Tuesday.

SHOOTS LAD WHO FIRED SNOWBALL

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—Elmer Gilbert, nine years old, was shot and fatally wounded here yesterday afternoon by Angelo Lombardo, 18 years old. The Gilbert boy and a number of other children of the neighborhood had erected a snow fortress, and when Lombardo came along it is said, they directed a fusillade of snowballs at him. Lombardo was carrying a 22 caliber rifle at the time and fired into the group of children. Lombardo fled after firing the shot and has not been apprehended.

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The young soldier returned to Ottumwa and in 1867 entered the employ of Henry & Haw in the hardware business. In 1869 he started business for himself as a member of the firm of Egan & Harper, retail hardware dealers. In 1873 this firm purchased the business of Daggett & Edgerly and consolidated the two stocks. In 1876 the firm started in the wholesale business, and in 1881 the firm was changed to Harper Chambers & Co., E. A. Chambers and Frank McIntire having acquired the interest of Timothy Egan. In 1892 Mr. Chambers retired, and the firm has since been known as Harper & McIntire Co., one of the largest jobbing houses in Iowa. In 1871 Mr. Harper married Cornelia Russell of this city.

Mr. Harper had been connected with many business enterprises in Ottumwa and had assisted in securing all of the industries which have located in Ottumwa for thirty years past. He was at the time of his death president of the Harper & McIntire Co., president of the Agency Savings bank, vice president of the South Ottumwa bank, vice president of the Phoenix Trust Co., director of the Iowa National bank, the Iowa Savings bank, the Dain

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"A disturbance that is now over the western plateau will advance eastward and cross the central valleys Monday and Tuesday and reach the eastern states by Tuesday night or Wednesday. Another disturbance will appear in the far west about Thursday, cross the Rockies Friday, and the great central valleys Saturday or Sunday and eastern states at the beginning of Christmas week.

"These disturbances will be attended by general precipitation and decided changes in temperature."

CHRISTMAS TREES IN GREAT DEMAND

New York, Dec. 18.—New York City will use nearly half a million Christmas trees this year and the "ultimate" consumer will pay for them \$250,000, or an average of fifty cents a tree. West street, where the steamers from New England dock, smells like a balsam forest.

"There appears to be no falling off in the demand for trees," said a dealer who handles thirty or forty thousand of them here every winter.

James K. Hackett Wed. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—James K. Hackett, the well known actor, was married to Miss Beatrice Mary Beckley of London, England, in Milwaukee late Saturday, according to announcement yesterday.

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WAR PLOT CHARGED BY A GERMAN PAPER

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The alleged discovery of a British plot to blow up the naval harbor at Wilhelmshaven, published in the Rheinisch Westphalian gazette is regarded in official circles in the light of newspaper nonsense while the essence of the newspaper's story is not denied, it is considered as a product of the prevailing espionage mania in Germany and England. Espionage certainly existed but it took less fantastic form than that related in the Gazette.

COL. WATTERSON TO TALK IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—Colonel Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, arrived in this city today from Louisville, Ky. He is scheduled to deliver an address on "The General Arbitration Treaties With Great Britain and France" in Convention hall tonight under the auspices of the Kansas City Commercial club.

MAYOR S. H. HARPER DIED SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME SUNDAY MORNING

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Manufacturing Co., United States Fidelity and Guarantee Co., Chillicothe Savings bank, Ottumwa Y. M. C. A., Ottumwa Cemetery association, and Open Door Rescue Mission, and a member of the Ottumwa Library board.

Had Been Highly Honored.

In 1901 Mr. Harper was elected to the state senate and ably represented Wapello county during three sessions. In 1905 he was department commander of the Iowa G. A. R. In 1906 he was state commander of the Loyal Legion. Besides these honors Mr. Harper had been a presidential elector, delegate to the national monetary conventions held in Indianapolis in 1897 and 1898, a member of the school board, president of the Commercial association, post commander of Cloutman post G. A. R., president of the Wapello County Old Settlers association, and president of the Mississippi and Missouri Valley Hardware association.

Mr. Harper was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian church, and was prominent in the religious work of the city. He was a Knight Templar and was also a member of the Wapello and Country clubs.

Mr. Harper's living relatives are his wife, two sons, Clarence and Russell Harper of this city, three sisters, Mrs. Lydia Guthrie of Kirkville, Iowa, Mrs. Aaron Arick of Yates City, Ill., Mrs. E. D. Martin of Opolousas, La., and one brother, Joseph L. Harper of Barnard, Kansas.

At the regular city council meeting tonight, the councilmen will meet only to adjourn out of respect for the death of Mayor Harper.

The banks of the city will close at 2 o'clock tomorrow for the funeral.

The members of Cloutman post G. A. R. and all old soldiers of the city will meet at the post hall in the court house at 2 o'clock tomorrow to repair to the First Presbyterian church to attend the funeral.

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its various branches, and when death called him he was, and had been for many years, at the head of a firm whose reputation for honesty, integrity and square dealing is second to none anywhere.

Mayor Harper was a man of most generous impulses, every ready and willing to carry his share of the burden of this community; a live, progressive citizen, standing enthusiastically for anything which pointed toward the moral uplift and progress of Ottumwa.

His loss will be most keenly felt in every advanced walk of life.

A. G. Harrow.

I have known Capt. Harper since shortly after the close of the civil war. I have always regarded him as one of the strong men of our city, a public spirited citizen, a man of high ideals whose influence and example was elevating in the community in which he lived. He possessed in an unusual degree the confidence and esteem of those who knew him. In his death there is to me a peculiar sadness as I remember another old soldier has crossed over.

Ottumwa has sustained a great loss but the world is richer for his having lived.

T. P. Spilman.

Our entire community mourn with his family and friends the loss of Samuel H. Harper. His sudden death will be felt in the social, moral and religious life of the community, in business and in public affairs.

Coming from a pioneer family and identified in his youth and younger manhood with the early settlement of the country, he was foremost in every movement toward the upbuilding of the city and state in which he cast his lot. He has been in the span of his

business life, our city grow from a village to its present importance, and the state expand from the conditions of a wilderness to an empire; he had the proud consciousness of knowing that he was instrumental in this marvelous growth.

As a youth of nineteen he enlisted in the army of the union and fought through the civil war, entering the service as a private soldier and coming out at the close of the struggle a commissioned officer. At the close of the war he returned to his home and shortly entered on a successful business career, which is coincident with the growth and importance of our city.

I well remember in the early '70's we were side by side, each in his chosen career, in the old union block which burned in 1873, starting in, in a modest beginning of trade and business.

As a public citizen, he was always ready to forward with his money and his time, the interests of the community and the growth of our city. His influence in social, moral and religious matters was distinctly felt and may well be an example to the younger generation.

He served his constituency in the state senate and during his term was active and influential in legislation affecting the interests of the state. He retired from office with a clean political record and universally respected.

He was honored by his comrades of the army in his election to be commander of the state encampment G. A. R. He gave his time and means liberally in discharging the responsibilities of that honorable office.

As mayor of our city, he was active and successful in reorganizing its finances and conspicuous in the interests of good government. He brought to the office business ability, painstaking industry and a high social and

SEYMOUR.

B. F. Whorton and H. W. Clemens went to Chicago where they attended the funeral of their brother-in-law Dr. J. F. O'Neal.

Henry LaFollette returned Saturday from Ottumwa where he had been visiting a few days on business.

Miss Lela Snok returned to her home at Centerville Tuesday after a visit of a week in this city with her sister Mrs. J. F. Hibbs.

John Oldaker of Clearfield and Isaac Oldaker of Milo are in the city this week visiting their sister Mrs. W. R. Coventry and family.

About twenty men of this place went to Allerton Sunday and attended the Nelson-Woods revival meetings that are in progress in that city.

Mrs. Samuel McFarland of Kansas City is here visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ruby and family.

J. W. Carter of Floris was here the first of the week visiting with his son Ed Carter and wife. He was returning from a visit with relatives at Lucerne, Mo.

On Monday night of last week at the regular meeting of the M. W. of A. the following officers were elected: Leo Wade, V. C.; W. G. Grump, W. A.; W. O. Bateman, banker; J. M. Daniels, clerk; A. D. Morrison, escort; A. J. Scott, watchman; Grant Gump sentry; C. O. Hibbs, manager; physicians, Drs. O. A. Cover and A. E. Davis.

On February 13, 14 and 15 there will be a school of instruction in the Masonic lodge in this city. A large attendance is expected.

The following are the officers elected at the meeting Tuesday night of the O. E. S.: Mrs. Chas. West, W. M.; J. L. Brooks, W. P.; Mrs. J. W. Lowry, A. M.; Mrs. M. J. Cain, conductress; Miss Merle Fox, assistant conductress; J. W. Lowry, secretary; Mrs. J. L. Brooks treasurer.

Leigh Cramer and Miss James of Trenton, Mo., were visiting in this city last Sunday with A. E. Cramer and wife.

C. E. Mumby went to Minneapolis the first of the week, being called there by the serious illness of his brother I. Mumby.

WILLIAMSBURG.

George Klein who has been visiting the past month with various relatives and friends at Doyner's Grove, Ill., returned Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hughes, former residents here, now of Sutherland, Ia., are here visiting at the E. M. Long and C. L. Evans homes.

Leo Smith is visiting for a few days at Newton, Ia., with his brother Rev. Walter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dawson and family left Thursday for Cedar Rapids where they will make their home while Mr. Davidson is engaged with the firm of Lightner Bros.

Gus Zimmermann, one of the prominent farmers of York township transacted business here Thursday and called for a visit with various friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Jones moved to town last week and are now located in their beautiful new home in the H. M. Long addition, where they will reside.

Mrs. John Bell of Wellman is here for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Eckhardt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lytle who have been visiting with their daughter Mrs. H. Erwin of Cedar Rapids have returned.

Thomas McCabe of Chillicothe, Ia., is here for a visit at the home of his parents and other relatives and friends of this vicinity.

Rev. F. A. Butterfield and wife of Hammond, Minn., are here visiting at the home of the former's sister Mrs. Walter Harrington.

Mrs. L. E. Lewis left Friday for a few days' visit at the home of her

trade, supplying the feed and grocery stores, and the business is in a thriving condition. He was alone in this business until 1899, when he took a trip to his native country, England, leaving his affairs in charge of his son and Mr. Weidenfeller. Since that time, the firm name has been Ainley & Weidenfeller.

Mr. Ainley was united in marriage, in England, with Hannah Crowther, who died in 1877, leaving four children, as follows: J. W., a railroad man who died in 1893, at the age of thirty-five years; Edwin, who is thirty-five years old, and is connected with the Union Stock Yards of Chicago; Sarah Elizabeth (Weidenfeller), whose husband manages the mill and lives in South Ottumwa; and Sewell C., who is located in the West. Politically, Mr. Ainley has always been a Republican. In religious views, he is an Episcopalian. He owns residence property in South Ottumwa, and has a pleasant home.



H. HARPER, who has been prominently identified with the growth of Ottumwa for more than thirty years past, is a member of the Harper & McIntire Company, wholesale dealers in hardware. He was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, April 23, 1843.

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listed as a private in Company B, 36th Reg., Iowa Vol. Inf. In June, 1863, he was commissioned by the Secretary of War as a second lieutenant in the 46th Reg., U. S. Colored Infantry. He was later promoted to be a first lieutenant, and then to a captaincy, and was honorably discharged from the army in February, 1866, after three years and seven months of service.

In 1867, Mr. Harper entered the employ of the hardware firm of Henry & Haw, of Ottumwa, and thus continued until 1869, when he embarked in business for himself, as a member of the firm of Egan & Harper. In 1873, the building and stock of this firm were destroyed by fire, and the same year they purchased the stock of Daggett & Edgerly, their competitors in the hardware business. The business was then conducted under the firm name of Egan, Harper & Company, Mr. Edgerly remaining with the new firm. In 1875, Mr. Edgerly sold his interest to E. A. Chambers, and in 1876 the firm embarked in the wholesale business by putting two traveling men on the road. In 1881, Mr. Egan sold his interest in the business, and R. C. Wilson and Frank McIntire entered the firm,—the name being changed to Harper, Chambers & Company. In 1881, a fire starting in an adjoining drug store destroyed the building, and seriously damaged the goods of the firm. In 1885, Mr. Wilson retired from the firm, and in 1892 Mr. Chambers retired, the firm name being changed to the Harper & McIntire Company, which has remained its designation up to the present time. The large four-story building now occupied

by the company was erected in 1893, and the business has grown to enormous proportions,—the firm being rated as one of the largest commercial houses of Iowa.

Mr. Harper has always taken an active interest in public matters, and has assisted in securing all of the enterprises which have located in Ottumwa during the past thirty years. He has been a member of the school board, president of the Mississippi & Missouri Valley Hardware Association, a presidential elector, and for the past two years president of the Wapello County Old Settlers' Association. He has been a director of the Iowa National Bank for twenty years, and was a delegate to the national monetary convention held at Indianapolis, in 1897 and 1898. He is a man of great influence, and has many friends in the state. His portrait accompanies this sketch, being presented on a foregoing page.



WILLIAM M. REECE, who holds an important position with the government as secretary of the committee on public lands, is a prominent contractor and builder of Ottumwa, Iowa. When he came to this state he was without means, and it was only by hard work and perseverance that he attained his high standing in the community. He was born in Wood county, West Virginia, November 25, 1856, and is a son of Alpheus R. and Phoebe (Lowther) Reece.

Alpheus R. Reece was born in Wood county, West Virginia, and came from a promi-

nent old family of Virginia, of English and Welsh descent. His great-grandfather was also a native of Virginia. The members of the family have been largely mechanics and tradesman, but few entering professions. Abraham Rees, the compiler of the first English encyclopedia, was a relative of Alpheus R. Reece. The latter was a soldier of the Civil war, serving in the 15th Reg., W. Va. Vol. Inf., and after the war engaged in the boot and shoe and other mercantile business. He married Phoebe Lowther, who was born in 1828, in Ritchie county, West Virginia. Her father crossed the Alleghany mountains as early as 1799, and settled in what is now Ritchie county, West Virginia. He engaged with a pack-train in carrying salt to settlers in the Ohio River Valley in the vicinity of Marietta. He experienced all the hardships incident to that early pioneer life, and had many fierce skirmishes with the Indians. His eldest son, William M., moved to Clay county, Illinois, and engaged in farming on an extensive scale. His youngest daughter married David McGregor, an influential man in the Democratic party of West Virginia for many years, who was also extensively engaged in oil operations; he was somewhat unfortunate in speculations prior to his death, but left his wife 1,700 acres of land, upon which an abundance of petroleum has since been found, from which land she derives a handsome income, leasing it to operators. Mr. and Mrs. Reece reared two sons and three daughters, as follows: William M.; Abraham L., a Christian minister located in Fresno county, California;

Two early wholesale firms in Otumwa were the E. H. Emery Company, which sold fruit, and the Harper & McIntire Co., which specialized in hardware supplies, circa 1905.



what he himself knows himself to be, but it can be said of ex-Senator Julian Phelps that what he himself knew himself to be, his wife, family, neighbors and the public knew him to be, because he was true—he was what he was. I take pleasure in moving the adoption of this memorial or sentiment.

Senator Webber, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

SAMUEL HOUSTON HARPER.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions in memory of Samuel Houston Harper, of Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Senator Samuel Houston Harper, whose life work and character we commemorate tonight, was born near Zanesville, Ohio, April 23, 1843, came to Ottumwa in 1853, where he resided till the time of his death, December 18, 1911. He was the type of our best citizenship, successful in business, and every undertaking of life. In home life he was the ideal husband and father, in civic affairs he was active, giving his time and money and lending the weight of his influence to every movement for the moral advancement of the community.

When but a boy of nineteen years he was among the first to answer the call of his country to service, enlisting as a private to serve in the bitter struggle of the civil war. When he closed his three years and seven months of service he had attained the rank of captain.

He was a man of peace, and when at the close of the civil war he returned to Iowa it was to embark in the hardware business, in which he was successful to a degree that when his final summons came he was at the head of one of the largest wholesale hardware establishments in the middle west.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1901, and served his district with honor and distinction during the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. He was department commander of the G. A. R. in 1905, commander of the Loyal Legion in 1906, and at the time of his death he was mayor of his home city of Ottumwa.

In the passing of Senator Harper every worthy interest of the state sustained a loss. As a merchant he stood for everything honorable and progressive; as a citizen he stood for righteousness in all the word implies; as mayor of his city he was fearless in resisting wrong in the community; as a Christian he never shrank from meeting the obligations of that life.

Patriotic to the flag, loyal to the state, honest in all his dealings, a loving husband and father—these were the characteristics of Senator Samuel Houston Harper, whom we mourn tonight, therefore be it

d, That the Senate join with his neighbors and friends in
 ow, and hereby extend to his family its sincere sympathy in
 avement. Be it further

l, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the rec-
 ce Senate and that a properly engrossed copy, signed by the
 and Secretary, be sent to the family.

JOHN F. WEBBER,
 FREDERIC LARRABEE,
 JOHN L. WILSON,

Committee.

solutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Webber, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke

—In moving the adoption of these resolutions it is but fit-
 should state that it was my pleasure to know Senator Harper
 practically all of the time that I have been a resident of the
 wa, or at least up to the time of his death.

the first two or three years that I resided in Ottumwa he
 my nearest neighbors. Senator Harper was a man suc-
 business, was a man that always stood for the best in the
 and was such a man that the city of Ottumwa and the state
 his passing sustained a loss.

ident, I take pleasure in offering these resolutions.

Farr, from a special committee, submitted the follow-
 and moved its adoption:

ELBERT HAMILTON HUBBARD.

MENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions con-
 the life, character and public service of the Hon. Elbert Ham-
 ard, of Woodbury county, late a member of the Senate, beg
 omit the following report:

amilton Hubbard was born in Rushville, Indianā, August
 he died at Sioux City, Iowa, June 3, 1912. He was a son
 Abel W. Hubbard, a member of congress from Sioux City,
 Sixth Iowa District, from 1863 to 1869.

bard was privately prepared and educated at Yale, gradu-
 1872. He soon thereafter entered the law office of Hon.

Marks as a student, was admitted to the bar and became
 with his preceptor in 1874, withdrawing to practice alone.
 of Hubbard, Spalding & Taylor was established, in
 was the leading member until his joining with Craig L.
 1890, under the style of Wright & Hubbard. To this firm