

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bird, John Huber Senator _____
Represented Cassa Gorda County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Oct 1838 Belleme, Harrison County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Martha Washall 20 June 1875
(2) Martha J. Resnor 1881

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer, teacher

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 16th 21st General Assemblies 1896, 1898

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 15 Dec 1907 Omaha, Iowa, Cassa Gorda County, Iowa; Union Burial Cemetery
Rockford, Ill

8. Children J. Ernest; Clara

9. Names of parents William and Elizabeth Bird

10. Education Educated in the common schools, attended the
Rock River Seminary in 1844; spent much time
reading and studying

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His first wife, Martha, died 29 June 1876
- In 1857, at age 18, he moved with his parents settling on prairie
Illinois
- He taught public schools for 2 years, later farmed
- His second wife, Martha, born 1845, died 1930, also buried in
Reverend Cemetery, Rockford, Ill.



Pearson,

Des Moines, Ia.

J. W. Bird
April 8th 1896

Out Sale!

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eing closed out at cost
u are hunting for snaps
n and see what is being
pecial Sales on Saturdays:

J. Mathews

WANTED—15 old Poland China sows
will weigh from 250 to 300 pounds.
—Chas. Briggs. 52-1p

J. S. Cook, manager of the Johnson
Lumber Co. is passing the holidays with
his family at Independence.

Mrs. A. W. Adams of Cedar Rapids is
spending the week with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parmenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes with
Carlis and Helen were guests over Sun-
day in the C. E. Mitchell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Reed and son
Webster of Marble Rock were Sunday
guests in the Mrs. E. Reed home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sessions of Canton,
Ill., will arrive here Saturday for a visit
with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mitchell.

Robt. G. Ruggles and family of
Klester, Minn., are visiting in the home
of Mrs. E. A. Ruggles this week.

The Misses Emma and Anna Stoker
of Charles City are spending the week
with their sister, Mrs. A. G. Hillman.

Frank Knapp of Greene was a guest of
his mother, Mrs. Nancy Knapp and
brother Al the latter part of last week.

Jay and Lynne Lorenz, who are at-
tending college at Iowa City, arrived
last Friday to spend the holidays.

Martin Jenson left Tuesday morning
for a two weeks' visit with friends and
relatives at Geneva and Elendale, Minn.

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After a number of years of imperfect
health and great suffering, a highly re-
spected and honored citizen of Cerro
Gordo county passed from his beautiful
country home to his eternal reward.
John W. Bird was born in Bellevue,
Huron county, Ohio, October 20, 1838,
and died at his home in Owen township,
Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, December
15, 1907, aged 69 years, 1 month and 25
days. He was of English parentage,
who came to this county from Devon-
shire, England. In 1857, when 18 years
of age, he moved west with his parents,
Wm. and Elizabeth Bird, and settled on
the prairies of Illinois. From this time
on, owing to his father's ill health, he
was the main support of the family.

He was a great student and a lover of
books. His spare moments were oc-
cupied with reading and study, by
which, with the help of the common
school education he prepared himself
for entering the Rock River Seminary
in 1864, after having help provide for
the family a comfortable home. He
taught in the public schools for eight
years, but his health failing, he turned
his attention to farming, where, by the
application of good judgment, thrift and
honest business principles he achieved
success. Mr. Bird was married June
20, 1875, to Martha Noshold, of Monroe,
Ogle county, Ill., who died June 29, 1876.
In 1881 he married Martha J. Reasoner
of Cape Vincent, N. Y. To this union
were born two children, F. Ernest and
Clara.

Mr. Bird was a selfmade man of in-
dustrious habits, honest principles, and
of sterling integrity of character. He
won success in life by the honest labor

of his hand or brain. He was an active
and staunch republican and was elected
to the 26th and 27th General Assemblies
of his state and served on many impor-
tant committees with marked ability.
His political record was one of honor
showing him to be a man of true public
spirit, of enterprise, of keenness of con-
science and devotion to principles of
right, always commanding the confi-
dence, not only of his constituency, but
of all. He was kind, thoughtful, sym-
pathetic and considerate in all his rela-
tions, either in public or private life.
He was a loving and indulgent father
and a devoted husband, and provided
well for his home and family until his
health gave way. During the years of
his affliction he was surrounded with
loving hearts and gentle hands of loved
ones who thought no burden too heavy,
no labor too great to minister to his
wants. He received the most devoted
attention from a loving and self-sacrific-
ing wife, son and daughter that was
possible to give. Such loving faithful
service God, our heavenly Father, can
only reward. He leaves a wife, one son
and daughter, three brothers and one
sister to mourn their loss.

The funeral services were held at the
home on Tuesday afternoon, conducted
by Rev. Walter Piper, pastor of the M.
E. church, who spoke from the passage
of scripture selected by the deceased for
the occasion, John 3:16. The floral gifts
were beautiful, and the interment was
in Riverside cemetery. Those attending
the funeral from a distance were: Mrs.
Clara McCrea and James F. Bird of
Rochelle, Ill.; Archibald Thompson of
Monroe Center, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs.
Ed. Fitzgerald of Mason City.

Henry Linderkamp left Monday for

Out of town teachers of the Rockford

Christmas Exercises at

The Methodist church decorated with Christmas
the arch spanned the ro
with evergreens, Chris
electric jets. In the p
fashion Christmas tree, t
lor scene, with a fire pla
In the grate of the fire
burned brightly, but the
consumed. A large si
gumed as the program b
ed with a few recitati
then followed the cantat
mas Secrets." The first
of a number of cousins
in the parlor to deci
Claus. The second p
"The Good-night Girls,"
robes, carrying in one h
and in the other hand a
the good night wishes fe
marched to the fire plac
their stockings and th
their former position, at
song, which was well do
tered a girl called "S
on seeing the stockings
for Santa, thought she
for him, and she laid
When Santa came in an
by the watching cousin
part of the cantata wa
who came in drawing a
a very large pie, singing
ings. At the proper ti
jumped up and out of t
sweet message for the p
for the cousins. The l
song, "Christmas Caro
larger class of girls.
gram showed careful
committee. The prest
and it seemed every pe
thing. The Sunday sch
teachers were well ren
pastor and his wife wer
The audience arose
benediction, and marc
church. Few there we
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cause Christmas had con

Christmas Exercises at Church.

The Sunday-school o
tional church made mor
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was this year than usual
tainment—last Tuesday
high merit. Instead of
tations and songs the
rendered a cantata
Claus Entertained." T
expressive of the idea
all the songs which we
as the words spoken b
end of making Jolly Sa
that the boys and girls
good deal of hard wt
went off in a splendi