

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Loomis, Aaron Miles Senator _____

Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Apr 1831 Rodman, Jefferson County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Jane Briggs Mar 1852 Medina County, Ohio
② Alice Spitzer 9 Aug 1868

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of The First National Bank and later vice-president; Board of directors of the currency association; trustee of Leroy College
B. Civic responsibilities GAR. IO OF

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 26th General Assembly 1896

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster; school board member; town councilman

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Dec 1909 Hyannis, Mass; buried Hyannis Cemetery, Hyannis, Mass

8. Children Shirley; Mrs. Jessie Shepard; Milo M; Mrs. Mabel Kirkpatrick

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- At age 2 he moved with his family to Medina County, Ohio where they lived until 1856 when he moved to Thompson, Iowa
- First wife, Jane, died in 1867
- Military service - Civil War - Co. K 24th Iowa Volunteer Infantry attaining the rank of Captain

Passing of Capt. A. M. Loomis.

A Good Career Ended. A Pioneer of Wyoming and a Highly Respected Citizen Has Passed to His Final Reward.

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, 1909, while sitting at the dinner table at his home in this place, occurred the death of Capt. A. M. Loomis, at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 5 days. Although a recent serious illness had confined him to the house for some days, the news of his death was a painful shock to this community, and the whole county of Jones, where he was a prominent figure and a highly respected citizen.

Capt. Loomis was above the average man in intelligence, in social culture, in gallantry of heart and man-

der Banks, and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. On the 21st of July, 1864, he was promoted to the captaincy of his company, and continued in command until the close of the war, and his mustering-out, August, 1865. There could never be any question as to the patriotism, bravery and fidelity of this beloved Captain in behalf of the cause of the Union. Those who served under him can testify to his courage, and can also give testimony as to his kindness of heart, and his tenderness in dealing with the sick and wounded. When the Ben Paul Post, G. A. R., was organized in February, 1883, Mr. Loomis was chosen commander, and his interest and enthusiasm has had much to do with the life of this organization. His comrades will miss his influence and leadership, and the country will miss a good citizen.

Mr. Loomis entered upon a mercantile career early in the history of the town. In the fall of 1866 he became a member of the firm of Fordham & Co., and had the management of a large mercantile business and other branches of activity. This continued until 1869, when he became proprietor of the mercantile interests of the firm, and formed a partnership with A. E. Spitzer. Later Mr. Loomis became sole proprietor of the dry goods and grocery departments, and for many years enjoyed a large and successful trade. About ten years ago he retired from the mercantile field, selling his store to Morse Bros. During the next few years he lived in retirement, so far as active business was concerned.

On March 7, 1904, he was commissioned postmaster to succeed Mr. Garrieta who had resigned, and this position Mr. Loomis occupied at the time of his death. As postmaster he gave good satisfaction. He was his best to serve the best interests

public improvement, and also encouraged many private enterprises. His benevolences and his large sympathies have endeared him to the hearts of the people to a degree seldom realized in the experience of human life.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, the services being held in the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. H. Isley of Maxwell Iowa, conducting the service, assisted by Rev. C. F. Hoffman and Rev. H. E. Wilcox of this place. The funeral was largely attended. Kind and appreciative words were spoken by each of the ministers. The choir rendered special music. A touching incident was a chair in the choir, vacant, draped in mourning in memory of the deceased, who for many years was the choir leader and a member of the choir. The pall bearers were J. S. Robertson, R. M. Corbit, A. A. Vaughn, R. Fishwild, C. S. Ames and J. M. French. After the services the remains were laid to rest in the Wyoming cemetery. The casket was draped with the national colors; the stars and stripes for which the fallen hero had fought in life; and covered with white flowers, indicative of the simplicity and purity of the life. These were buried with the body in the silent tomb. The members of the G. A. R. Post, the W. R. C. and Odd Fellow fraternity marched in a body, the latter depositing, each, his little token of esteem and brotherly love. We shed a tear of sorrow; for the doer of kindly deeds is laid to rest. We rejoice that our loss is his gain; for the kind husband the good father, the thoughtful friend and neighbor, after a long, useful and appreciated life, now lives in the heavenly mansions with his Savior and his God. "Come ye Blessed."

The relatives and friends present at the funeral from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shepard, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. B. Loomis, Akron, Ohio; Dr. M. M. Loomis, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Tourtellot, Hopkinton, Iowa; Mr. A. E. Spitzer, Chicago; Mrs. D. N. Loose, Maquoketa; Mr. Thomas G. Tasker, Waubeek; Mr. S. S. Haan, Oxford Mills; Miss Lizzie Russell, Anamosa; Messrs. Joe Hannu, and Chas. McMaster of Clay township.

R. M. CORBIT.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.



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Briggs in Medina county, Ohio. Mrs.
Loomis died in 1867. On the 9th of
August, 1868, Mr. Loomis was joined
in wedlock with Miss Alice Spitzer,
who now survives. Mr. Loomis is
also survived by four children, name-
ly: Finney Loomis of Lodi, Ohio, Mrs.
Jessie Shepard and Dr. Milo M.
Loomis of Omaha, and Mrs. Mabel
Kirkpatrick of this place.

Mr. Loomis was a pioneer of Wyom-
ing, and during his fifty-three
years' residence he has abundantly
borne his part of the public and pri-
vate burdens of a citizen, and shared
his lot in the care and sympathy of
those around him. As a pioneer he
helped to blaze the pathway for pos-
terity, and laid the foundations for
broad citizenship, for a liberal educa-
tion, for moral virtue and civic
righteousness. Having been reared
in a christian home and amid chris-
tian influences, his father having
been a deacon in the Congregational
church, Mr. Loomis very naturally
took part in the religious welfare of
the new country, and when the Pres-
byterian church was organized in
1857 he became one of the charter
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In a public capacity the deceased
has rendered his fellow-men a good
service. As a member of the school
board he took more than a passing
interest in the cause of a liberal edu-
cation, and he has always been a
heartly supporter of the best methods
of teaching. He has served the town
as a member of the council, and has
also rendered faithful service as may-
or. In the fall of 1895 he was chosen
as the representative of Jones coun-
ty in the state legislature, and in
this capacity he served as a member
of the 26th General Assembly with
credit and distinction. The friend-
ships he formed in the legislature
aided to his pleasures in life, and the
labors he performed in behalf of the
people have been a source of grati-
tude. He has served the county for
a number of years as a member of
the Soldier's Relief Commission, and
performed the duties of this office
with credit and satisfaction. For a
number of years he was a director in
the First National Bank, and at the
time of his death he was holding the
position of vice president of this in-
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the board of directors of the Ceme-
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Mr. F. B. Loomis, Akron, Ohio; Dr.
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N. Loose, Maquoketa; Mr. Thomas
G. Tasker; Waubeek; Mr. S. S. Haun
Oxford Mills; Miss Lizzie Russell,
Anamosa; Messrs. Joe Haun, and
Chas. McMaster of Clay township.
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A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.
Hopkinton, Iowa, Dec. 7, 1900.

At a meeting of the faculty of Len-
ox College, Hopkinton, Iowa, the fol-
lowing action was taken relative to
the death of Captain A. M. Loomis of
Wyoming:—

On account of the official connec-
tion of Captain Loomis with Lenox
College as a member of its Board of
Trustees for a number of years, we
deem it appropriate to express in a
public manner our high appreciation
of his character and life. We think
it especially in place to direct the at-
tention of the young to a life of such
noble aim and valuable achievement.

His example of patriotism and life-
long civic loyalty, of devotion to high
intellectual and spiritual ideals, of ef-
ficient helpfulness to educational and
religious institutions, and of the
broadest and warmest human sym-
pathy and the kindest action, should be
brought to the attention of the great-
est possible number of youths. We
have seen the evidence of Captain
Loomis' beneficent influence during
his life, and we desire to do what we
may towards extending and perpetu-
ating such a force for good.

We therefore offer this tribute of
respect to his memory and sympathy
to those bereaved by his death.

For the Faculty,
Mary C. Lord, }
E. B. Taylor, } Com.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas it has pleased our Grand
Master on High to remove from our
lodge on earth to the Grand Lodge
on High, our beloved brother Aaron
M. Loomis, the last surviving charter
member of Wyoming Lodge No. 147,
I. O. O. F. instituted January 11th,
1867; and

Whereas, We shall no more clasp
the hand that was ever open to a
brother in friendship and in distress;
no more will he meet us in our social
circle but his virtues and many noble
traits of character will ever live in the
memory of us all; therefore—

Resolved, That in the death of our
beloved Brother our Lodge and Order
have lost a worthy member, his fam-
ily a kind and affectionate husband
and father, and the community an
honorable and esteemed citizen.

Resolved, That Brother A. M.
Loomis, whose death we so sincerely
lament, will ever be ranked with the
loved and honored of our order.

Resolved that these resolutions be
engrossed on the records of the lodge,
and that a copy thereof be sent to
the family of the deceased; also that
the charter be draped for thirty days
and that the brothers wear the usual
emblem of mourning.

G. W. Evans,
D. A. White,
A. A. Vaughn, } Com.

The following resolutions were pre-
pared as expressive of the sentiment
of Ben Paul Post G. A. R., concern-
ing the loss of Comrade A. M. Loomis.

Resolved: 1st. In the death of our
comrade, Capt. A. M. Loomis, we feel
that Ben Paul Post has suffered an ir-
reparable loss. Our rapidly thinning
ranks it will be impossible to "close
up" to fill the place thus left vacant.
2nd. We desire to express our high
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Mr. Loomis rendered valiant service in the civil war in support of the Union. He enlisted in the service August 9, 1862, as a private, but at the company election on the 20th of the same month he was chosen second lieutenant. This company became known on the records as Co. K 24th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served under General Grant in the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and on the 11th of June, 1863, he was promoted to the first lieutenant; he was in the Red River expedition, un-

stitution. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Cemetery Association and during the past three years he was president of the Association. He was also a trustee of Lenox College for quite a number of years. The public services of Mr. Loomis have formed a conspicuous part of his life work and is a feature to which his family can look back with pride and satisfaction.

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It is the good fortune of few men in any community to possess and practice to a more marked degree the gift of human kindness and brotherly love so manifest in the life of our departed friend and brother. He exemplified the good Samaritan, and with a large heart poured the oil of comfort, gladness and good nature in needy places. In the religious meeting, in the social gathering, in the public congregation, in the home and on the street, Captain Loomis proved himself to be just the man to fill a gap, to speak the word of harmony, to enliven with an anecdote or to quiet with a word of counsel. By adding a little here and a little there, he tried to keep the world going on smoothly. He believed that life was too short to harbor a grudge, and the forgiving spirit was exercised freely. He spoke well of everybody, and his hearty "good morning" will be missed by a host of friends. Wyoming will miss him, not merely because of his long residence, or because of his warm familiarity with the people, but because of the good he did for the individuals and for the municipality. He aided in every

on 11th, our beloved brother Aaron M. Loomis, the last surviving charter member of Wyoming Lodge No. 147, I. O. O. F. Instituted January 11th, 1867; and

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2nd. We desire to express our high appreciation of our late comrade as a brave soldier; a loyal, large-hearted citizen and a true christian gentleman. His life was an inspiration, his character a worthy example and his influence an uplifting power for good. "Being dead he yet speaketh" to those he left behind.

3rd. To his bereaved wife and family we extend our most heartfelt sympathy. In the hour of their sorrow we commit them to the tender care of our Great Commander, their Heavenly Father and ours, with the earnest desire that His divine grace will be sufficient for their time of deepest need.

J. L. Richardson, { Com.
G. W. Evans, {
W. H. Hsley, {

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