

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Rees
J. Morris — Represented Black Hawk and Grundy counties

1. Birthday and place 1 Mar 1846 Chester County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ann Raymond 1875 Grundy County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1869, director of the Grundy County National Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Marr;

C. Profession Lawyer, bank director, bank owner, county superintendent of schools

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 25th General Assembly 1894

6. Public Offices

A. Local Grundy County Superintendent of Schools 1871-1873

B. State _____

C. National Democratic alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1864

7. Death 25 Aug 1895 Grundy County, Iowa owned Rose Hill Cemetery, Grundy County, Iowa

8. Children George; Ralph

9. Names of parents George

10. Education Educated in the Mount Carroll, Illinois Seminary

11. Degrees Graduate of Chicago University in June 1867.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved to Mount Carroll, Illinois in 1854 and attended the Seminary there.
- He studied law with C. P. Smith at Mount Carroll
- He moved to Grundy Center in 1870 when he practiced law
- He was the senior member of the law firms of Rea and Moffitt, Rea and Smyth, Rea and Hayes and Rea and Wood in succession.
- He also became an editor and proprietor of the Grundy County Atlas newspaper along with his brother-in-law J. H. Moffitt. They published this paper until 1876.

pastor of the Baptist church here at one time, and on Sunday evening filled the pulpit of that church. A large crowd was there to hear him.

Mr. John Cea has returned from his fruit farm in Howell county, Mo. He has not changed his opinion about Iowa being the leading fruit state this side of the Rocky Mountains. We understand he will not move there this winter.

Some of the boys stole a watermelon from Mr. Sampson Warner's wagon while he was doing some trading at the Star grocery. One of the boys was arrested and taken before Mayor Rice and his honor fined him two dollars and cost for his trouble. This made the melon cost over seven dollars.

Mrs. Stephen Green has returned from West Plains, Mo., where she visited with the families of Messrs. Smiths, Kelso and Mills. She enjoyed her visit and thinks the trip improved her health; she also informed us that Ed. and A. K. Smith expected to come north and will probably locate in Marshalltown or Des Moines.

Hummels! Hummels!! Try their fine new Sweet Potatoes.

At Spirit Lake there is a telephone exchange with no central office. Each patron is able to make his own connections in his own office or house. The system is new, works well when patrons understand and comply with rules, and ought to be profitable at a rental of a couple of dollars per month as against three dollars with a central office to support.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boyd of Conrad, were in town last Saturday and made the REPUBLICAN a pleasant visit. Mrs. Boyd is a daughter of Bro. Burton of the Journal, and having a pretty good knowledge of printing machinery she was delighted with the way the REPUBLICAN's new press and engine did their work. Mr. Boyd owns a harness shop in Conrad and is doing well.

Window and door screens at Scott's Lumber Yard.

We were in error two weeks ago in stating that Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Heffelfinger had a new boy. The mistake was due to what was considered authenticated rumor, and we are now glad to correct the blunder by announcing the advent of a twelve pound young republican at their home since last Thursday. The doctor has been receiving the congratulations of their many friends and he bears the new honor with a beaming countenance and a modesty that characterizes his profession. We hope to see the youngster grow and expect to be here when he casts his first republican vote. A name is being looked up for the new arrival but it is safe to say it won't be Grover.

brave man encountered in defying the dread enemy, death. In the quiet stillness of the solemn night when all others were reposeing in good health, he lay on his restless couch and conversed alone with his God. The brave soldier who meets the foe in open battle knows that the eyes of the world are upon him ready to applaud him in victory, or sympathize with him in defeat. But he who sees death staring him in the face must suffer alone and make his peace with the author of his being according to the measure of his earthly deeds. No one but a brave man can conceal his feelings from his family in such an hour. This Mr. Rea succeeded in doing so well that his best loved ones were scarcely prepared to meet the result when it came. He was so thoughtful of their feelings that he endeavored to spare them all he could and not until Wednesday afternoon did he apprise them of his belief that the end was near. No one knew as well as himself that "all was well;" that "though this earthly tabernacle were dissolved" a house not made with hands was to be his everlasting portion. In looking over his past life all that is ennobling, uplifting, true and commendable in humanity, can justly be attributed to his efforts to make life a success and the world better for his having lived in it. A life of true moral courage, a career that was honorable and just in sight of God and man; a public record of which no man need feel ashamed; a conscientious discharge of his earthly duties as a citizen, son, husband and father; a fearless defence of right against the wrong with charity for all and malice toward none—all combine to make a legacy which will be cherished by his loved ones far more than silver and gold. Such are the lives that are ever ready to yield and say with Paul that the battle is fought, and the victory is won.

Mr. Rea was a true and devoted member of the Baptist church. He was one of their chief supporters, always being present when his health would permit. One week ago last Sunday morning, after spending a miserable night, he insisted upon going to church. He perhaps realized more fully than we can know that soon his feeble limbs would refuse to carry him there longer, and as his feet were touching the waters of the river of death 'twas sweet to him to hear the songs of Zion sung and hear the old story of the Cross and mingle his voice in prayer with the faithful whose hearts and sympathies he knew to be with him till the angels carried him over the dark river into the "everlasting arms of Jesus."

What more can we say? We would gladly add a thought of consolation, but we know that words are empty things, and the hearts already bereaved and broken and sad will find comfort at

dent of the same for some years. He represented Blackhawk and Grundy counties in the state senate one-half of the term to which he had been elected in 1893. He was the senior member of the law firms of Rea & Moffett, Rea & Smyth, Rea & Hayes, and Rea & Wood, in succession. Thus, not only the community will suffer a deep felt loss, but the state will share in the affliction.

tion. Daniel Kerr pays the following beautiful tribute to the deceased which is concurred in by our whole people.

Mr. Rea came to this county twenty-five years ago this summer and at once began the practice of law in connection with his brother-in-law, F. G. Moffett, and they also became editors and proprietors of the Grundy County Atlas, which is now the GRUNDY REPUBLICAN, which they continued to publish until 1876. During a considerable portion of this time Mr. Rea was county superintendent of schools. After this he confined himself to the practice of his profession. In every relation and position in which he was placed he acquitted himself honorably and well. As a lawyer he was careful and courteous, never encouraging litigation in a doubtful case. As a public man and politician he was faithful to his friends and just to his opponents. Showing the continuous good estimation in which he was held by his neighbors we note the fact that from 1879 until he was at last nominated and elected to the senate he on every occasion was presented as the choice of the Grundy county republicans. As a public speaker Mr. Rea always exhibited his fine scholarship and was never commonplace, and while he never wholly overcome his diffidence as a speaker his thoughts were always of a high order. Socially Mr. Rea was an exceptionally agreeable and interesting man to those who knew him well. Few were better informed in public affairs and his knowledge of public men was remarkable. His conversation was elevating and never of a low order. For a quarter of a century he has lived among us he has been a modest, unassuming and yet a very influential citizen, and the community and the town especially will miss him greatly.

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with the banking interests of the city. Mr. Vaughan was ever a public-spirited citizen, and greatly aided in the growth and prosperity of Newton. Having reached it in its mere infancy, he lived to see and enjoy its growth into one of the most prosperous towns of central Iowa. An intelligent, courteous, Christian gentleman, he was influential in the diffusion of sentiments of true, pure morality. Being a consistently practical temperance man, he labored quietly, yet persistently, against the use of liquor and tobacco in every form. Uniting with the Congregational Church with his wife in 1857, at its beginning, he labored for its upbuilding and always bore a heavy share of its financial burdens and his full share of its labor. He was a friend to its Sabbath-school, teaching its classes and serving for years as its Superintendent. As a business man he was successful, always maintaining the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

The social nature of Mr. Vaughan won for him hosts of friends, who mourn the loss of his genial presence. Few men have lived in any community who would be so much missed as is Mr. Vaughan by so large a circle of friends and citizens. He was universally loved, and is universally mourned. Business men most respectfully closed their houses during the burial services.



HON. J. M. REA, a member of the firm of Rea & Wood, attorneys-at-law of Grundy Centre, Iowa, claims Pennsylvania as the state of his nativity. He was born in Chester County, March 1, 1846, and is a son of George Rea, a carpenter by trade, who still makes his home in Grundy Centre. Our subject spent the first eight years of his life in the Keystone State, and in 1854 emigrated westward, locating in Carroll County, Ill. After removing to that state, he attended Mt. Carroll Seminary, and in 1865 entered the Chicago University, from which

he was graduated in 1867, having completed the scientific course.

Making choice of a profession which he wished to make his life work, we find Mr. Rea engaged in reading law in the office of C. B. Smith, of Mt. Carroll, Ill. After continuing his studies in this direction for two years, he was admitted to the Bar of Illinois in 1869. In August, 1870, he came to Grundy Centre, Iowa, where he at once opened an office and began practice. He was one of the first attorneys in this county, and has engaged in the prosecution of his profession continuously since. His deep researches and close study, combined with natural ability and good oratorical powers, have won him prominence at the Bar and gained for him a large practice. Other work has to some extent occupied his attention, for he was connected for a time with F. G. Moffett in the publication of the *Grundy County Atlas*, a newspaper of which the present *Grundy County Republican* is the successor. His partner served as local editor, while he was the political editor.

In 1875 Mr. Rea was united in marriage with Miss Ann Raymond, and unto them have been born two children, who are yet living, viz.: George and Ralph. In connection with his other interests, Mr. Rea is a Director in the Grundy County National Bank. He aided in its organization, and has served as Director since that time. He also owns two hundred and forty acres of land in this county. He has been in active practice longer than any other lawyer here, and his enviable reputation is well merited.

Socially, our subject is a Knight Templar Mason, and in religious belief he is a Baptist. He belongs to the church of that denomination in Grundy Centre, and is now serving as one of its Trustees. In politics he has ever taken a very prominent part. Since attaining his majority he has been a stalwart Republican, and has been a prominent worker in the ranks of the party. He has frequently served as a delegate to the county, congressional and state conventions, and was alternate to the National Convention in 1884. In 1871 he was elected County Superintendent of Schools, and acceptably filled that position for two years. On the 7th of November, 1893, he

was elected State Senator from the Thirty-eighth District, and, arguing from his past career, his fellow-townsmen feel assured that they will have in him an able and competent representative in the senatorial chamber.



JOHN UNRAU. Beginning in active business life with little to call his own, save a good physique and habits of industry, energy and perseverance, Mr. Unrau has conquered adverse circumstances and gained an influential place among the agriculturists of Grundy County. His farm consists of two hundred acres, located on section 25, Black Hawk Township, and the soil has been placed under good cultivation, while a cozy residence and neat outbuildings increase the value of the property.

Mr. Unrau was born in Prussia in 1832, and is the son of Hans P. and Catherine (Frahm) Unrau. His paternal grandfather, John Unrau, was a tailor by trade, and lived and died in the village of Schleswig, Holstein, Prussia, his death occurring at the age of eighty-five years. His good wife, who likewise died in the Old Country, became the mother of a family of three children: Hans P., the father of our subject; Katherina and Elizabeth.

The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation, and was the owner of a good estate in Prussia. The parental family included the following named five children: Peter, Hans and Jerry, now deceased, John and Anna. The eldest son died in the Old Country; Jerry, on coming to the United States, was a soldier during the late war in Company E, Twenty-sixth Iowa Infantry, and during the battle of Council Post was shot in the right leg, receiving an injury which resulted in his death. Hans was a soldier in the German and Danish armies.

John Unrau, of this sketch, was given a good education, and remained at home until reaching mature years, in the meantime learning the weaver's trade. Having heard such glowing accounts of the New World, he determined to try his for-

tunes in America, and in 1856 embarked on a sailing-vessel. Landing in this country, he made his way to Iowa, and for three and a-half years worked out as a farm hand in Clinton County.

The lady who became the wife of John Unrau in 1860 was Mrs. Catherina (Stocken) Unrau, the widow of our subject's brother, and a daughter of Frederick C. D. and Anna M. (Deathlefsen) Stocken. Mrs. Unrau was a native of Prussia, and by her first marriage had one child, Mary, now deceased. Her second union resulted in the birth of four children: Kate, Anna, Henry and Emma. Emma is a graduate of the Iowa State Normal, and is a teacher. Henry has been given a business education in the Des Moines Commercial College. Mrs. Unrau died in 1879, one year after the family located in this county.

Soon after his marriage, Mr. Unrau became the owner of land in Jackson County, which he disposed of in 1878, and on coming to this county has since resided on section 25, where he has two hundred acres of land. In religious matters he is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is active in all good works, and in politics always votes with the Republican party.



AL. ANDERSON is the editor and proprietor of the *Grundy County Republican*, the organ of the Republican party in Grundy County, Iowa. He is the eldest son of Col. Daniel Anderson, who was born in Monroe County, Ind., April 5, 1821, and was of Scotch extraction. His boyhood years were passed upon a farm, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of agriculture, and he also had the advantage, at the proper age, of three months' attendance during the winter season at the old log schoolhouse taught by the "Hoosier schoolmaster." After he grew to man's estate, he enjoyed other and better advantages, and through diligent application became well informed.

As a farmer, teacher and student of law, Colonel Anderson passed the time until the fall of 1847,



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Home in 1880:	Grundy Center, Grundy, Iowa	
Age:	33	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1847	
Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Father's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Lawyer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
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Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	J.M. Rea	33
	Ann Rea	30
	George Rea	4
	Ralph Rea	2

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Died: 1918
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Location: PALERMO TWP.
County: GRUNDY CO. - IOWA
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