

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Goodwin, James Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Clay and Osceola Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1825 Auburn, Seauga County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Hannah Elwood Lorain, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Civic responsibilities Mason  
C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Board of supervisors 10-12 years;  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 27 Apr 1899

8. Children Eva May (Mrs. H. H. Webb)

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He lived in Auburn, DeWitt County, Ohio until age 13 when he was thrown upon his own resources.
- He went to Lorain, Ohio where he worked as a carpenter for 10 to 12 years.
- He came to Iowa in 1857 settling at Clear Lake, Iowa.
- In 1869 he formed a partnership with M. Tuttle and established a general store.
- He moved his family to Spencer, Iowa in 1877.
- He worked heavily in Clay County land and was one of the largest land owners in the county.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<i>Obituary - The Spencer Herald, Spencer, Iowa, Ibid. May 3, 1899, p. 3, col. 4</i>

Friday purchasing the right of way for the Milwaukee's extension from Fonda to Spencer, and the Review is informed that work will commence inside of two weeks.—Fonda Review.

Miss Elsie Willhite, who has been employed at the Earling hotel in this city for the past few years, left Friday morning for Sanborn to visit her parents. From there she will go to Canon City, Colorado, where she expects to make her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, living on section five, Gilletts Grove township, lost their house and its contents by fire last Saturday. No one was in the house at the time the fire started and its origin is unknown. There was no insurance on the building or its contents and as Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are poorly able to stand the loss, a subscription paper was circulated the first of the week to raise money to help replace their loss.

Last Friday was Grandma Moore's ninetieth birthday and in honor of the event a family dinner was served at the residence of her son, P. M. Moore, with whom she makes her home in this city. In the afternoon a reception was held and about sixty of her friends called to pay their respects. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents and flowers. Mrs. Moore has lived in Clay county for thirty-three years and for thirty-two years to a day she was a resident of Gilletts Grove, the last year she being a resident of Spencer. Before coming to Clay county Mrs. Moore was a resident of Rock Island being the oldest living settler at that place. She was acquainted with the officer who owned the slave, Dred Scott, of the Dred Scott decision fame. She enjoys good health and is able to be about although some lame, the result of breaking a limb about two years ago.

**Teachers Association.**

Program of the County Teachers Association May 13, 1899, at 1:30 p. m.  
 Recitation.....May Raymond.  
 Speer Number Work.....Mary Griffin.  
 Solo.....L. F. Burnett.  
 Ethics for the Public Schools.....H. F. Smith.  
 Discussion—Stena Martenson, Frank Anderson, Berry Buck.  
 Prayer.....Mrs. Koch and Mrs. Williams  
 How can the Educational Sentiment of the School District be Improved.....Pllny Chase  
 Discussion—Anna Starr, Mary Tindall, F. E. Tragg.  
 Song.....High School Quartette.  
 Propositions for the Iowa Territorial and State Legislatures Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.  
 Discussion—E. M. Culver, Elizabeth Reynolds, Martha Johnson.

**James Goodwin Dead.**

By the death of James Goodwin, which occurred early Thursday morning, Clay county loses one of its early pioneers and respected citizens. For two years or more past Mr. Goodwin had been in failing health caused by nervous and stomach trouble and his death was not unexpected by his relatives and intimate friends.

Deceased was born in Auburn, Geauga county, Ohio, in 1825 where he resided until about thirteen years of age. He was thrown upon his own resources when a boy and went to Lorain, where he worked at the carpenters trade for ten or twelve years. He came to Iowa in the year 1857 settling at Clear Lake. In 1869 he formed a partnership with the late M. Tuttle and they established a general store in this city, but Mr. Goodwin did not move his family to Spencer until 1877. He invested quite heavily in Clay county lands and was at one time one of the largest land owners in the county.

Mr Goodwin was prominently connected with the development and growth of Clay county and was a member of the board of supervisors for ten or twelve years. During the war he held the position of deputy United States marshal, and in 1891 he represented this district in the lower house of the state legislature. He always took a prominent part in politics and for many years was one of the active leaders of his party in this locality. He was a shrewd business man and conducted his affairs in such a manner as to acquire considerable property. While living at Lorain Mr. Goodwin was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Elwood who preceded him in death several years ago. To their union was born one child, Eva May, now Mrs. W. H. Webb. The funeral services were held at the home Sunday morning under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge, of which order Mr. Goodwin was a member. The large number of people present attested the esteem and regard in which the deceased was held.

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