

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Townsend, Edward Senator _____
Represents Black Hawk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 Nov 1831 La Grange Township, Dutchess County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Sarah Seward 17 Oct 1867

② Sarah Huntington 26 Oct 1878

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, GAR

C. Profession Baking; milling, coal and lumber business;
Real Estate loans

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 22nd and 23rd General Assembly 1888 and 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the Cedar Falls City Council; school board member;
member of the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors

B. State Member of Board of Trustees of the State Normal School

C. National _____

7. Death 19 Jan 1900 Cedar Falls, Iowa; Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls, Iowa

8. Children Leavitt (died young); Catherine S.; Mary L. from first
wife; Edward from second wife

9. Names of parents Elijah and Rosannah (Downing) Townsend

10. Education Educated in the district schools in Dutchess
County, New York; he later attended an academy
for further education

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1859 he moved to Black Hawk County, Iowa settling at Waterloo.
- In 1861 he moved to Cedar Falls and engaged in the banking business with T. J. Knapp with whom he was associated under the firm name of Townsend and Knapp.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. D 31st Iowa Infantry and 15th Army Corps of Engineers
- After the war he returned to Cedar Falls and was connected with the bank until 1876 when he retired from the firm.
- He then engaged in the milling business and in 1879 with his partners; Mrs. Minns, A. Merrill and P. D. Carpenter they carried on successfully with a lumber and coal business.
- He also engaged in real estate loans.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary - <u>The Waterloo Courier, Waterloo, Iowa,</u> Jan. 23, 1900			
- <u>Historical and Biographical Records of Black Hawk County,</u> Iowa 1886, p. 266			
- <u>Progressive Men of Iowa 1899, p. 501-502</u>			
- GAK Records			
- findagrave.com (accessed 12 Jan 2010)			
- Iowa Genealogical Records - WPA - Black Hawk County, Iowa			
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- Obituary - <u>The Semi-Weekly Iowa State Reporter, Waterloo, Iowa</u> Tues. Jan 23, 1900, p. 3, col. 1			
- Obituary - <u>The Semi-Weekly Cedar Falls Gazette, Cedar Falls, Iowa</u> Tues. Jan 23, 1900, p. 4, col. 2 and Fri. Jan 26, 1900 p. 4, col. 2			

DEATH OF HON. E. TOWNSEND

WAS ILL ABOUT ONE YEAR

A Former Representative in the Legislature and Prominent in Business and Politics of Iowa—Funeral Probably Monday.

From Friday's Daily.

Hon. Edward Townsend, a pioneer of Blackhawk county, and one of the leading and most prominent citizens of Cedar Falls, died about 11:00 o'clock this morning at his home in that city. Friends in Waterloo have heard with anxiety reports from his bedside, and while the announcement will occasion no surprise, it does carry with it the keenest regret in the heart of every person who had the privilege of an acquaintance with this most estimable and honorable man.

Mr. Townsend has been ill for about a year. Last winter he had a severe attack of la grippe, and following in its train there developed a tuberculous trouble in the lungs which caused an almost complete solidification of one lung, and was the cause of his death. He went to Battle Creek, Mich., about three months ago to be treated at a sanitarium, and remained there until last week, when he went to Chicago to consult a specialist, who advised his return home at once. He came home to Cedar Falls last week Thursday, and has steadily failed since that time.

Mr. Townsend was known intimately in every section of the county, and he had a state-wide acquaintance from his business and political associations. In politics he was a staunch republican, and a leading member of the party in this county. He served his district long and well as a member of the board of supervisors. In the twenty second and twenty third general assemblies he represented Blackhawk county in the house. His ability, his unswerving integrity and his ever amiable and courteous bearing made him many friends, and he was in all respects one of the best lawmakers Blackhawk county has ever had in the legislature.

Mr. Townsend was intense in the interest which he had in his home city and in its public improvements. At the time of his death he was serving as resident trustee of the State Normal school and it is largely to his efforts and influence as a member of the legislature, and since, that the school has reached the high standard of which it now boasts. He was a Mason and Grand Army man, and has been for years prominently identified with both of these powerful and worthy organizations. In the death of Mr. Townsend Cedar Falls has lost one of her best and most influential citizens whose life has been exemplary and worthy of emulation wherever honor, integrity and fidelity are recognized as virtues to be respected and esteemed.

Obituary.

Mr. Townsend was senior member of the firm of Townsend & Merrill, of Cedar Falls, and was born in Dutchess County, New York, November 23, 1851, a son of Elijah and Roseannah Townsend, his father being of English descent. He was reared to manhood in his native state, receiving his early education in a district school, and later taking an academic course. In 1875 he became a resident of Blackhawk county, Iowa, when he located at Waterloo. In 1861 he came to Cedar Falls and soon engaged in the banking business with J. T. Knapp, with whom he was associated for many years under the firm name of Townsend & Knapp. During the summer of 1893 he enlisted in the late war.

He became a member of Company B, Thirty-first Iowa Infantry, at the time of its formation and on the organization of the company was commissioned second lieutenant. He served with the fifteenth army corps, Army of the Tennessee, and was on duty principally in the vicinity of Vicksburg. He served until June, 1864, when he received an honorable discharge.

After his discharge he returned to Cedar Falls, and was connected with the bank until 1876, when he retired from the firm. He was then engaged in the milling business with G. S. Miner and in 1879 he formed his present partnership with A. Merrill, having bought out the interest of T. B. Carpenter, and together they have since carried on successfully their present milling business.

Mr. Townsend has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah Seward, and to them two children were born, both living—Mrs. Roger Leavitt and Miss Mary. For his second wife he married Sarah Huntington of Oswego county, New York, and one child—Edward—was born to them. Mrs. Townsend and the children all live in Cedar Falls, and all were present at the bedside when the final summons came except Mrs. Leavitt. The latter is spending the winter at Hammond, La., and on account of the delicate health of her children could not venture home on the occasion of the death.

HOFF CREDITORS.

CHURCH DAY.

Observance of an Annual Ceremony in Walnut Street Baptist Church. From Friday's Daily.

Church day was observed at Walnut Street Baptist church yesterday afternoon and evening. The attendance was the largest in the history of the church at a similar meeting.

After devotional and song service and the roll call to which the members responded, the remainder of the time in the afternoon was given to short talks on the general subject of "The Church Militant." "The Advance Guard" was the subject used by P. D. Smith to emphasize the vigilance necessary to maintain the teaching of the new testament.

E. B. Smith gave a strong talk on the effective fighting force, discussing the volunteers, their training, leadership and their lines of work. The discussion of martial music by Mrs. Hanson was very interesting and instructive and highly appreciated by those present. The Recruits was the subject of Miss Alice Dailey and the work of the Sunday school was emphasized by her. Deacon Champfle told of the old soldier and his qualities and characteristics. Mrs. E. T. Messenger discussed the impediments that come in the way of Christian religion and how they should be removed.

After the supper and social which occupied the time from 5 to 7 o'clock Miss Bitour read a carefully written paper entitled Chapter III. of the 1st Chronicles.

The closing number on the program was the address by Dr. Parsons, of Marshalltown. Taking as his subject the church of the 20th century, Dr. Parsons in a scholarly manner reviewed the progress of America during the last 99 years and claimed for the church in the closing century a grandeur in spiritual affairs commensurate with the progress of America in national and physical matters.

DIED IN THE SOUTH.

Death of Mrs. Will Murphy at New Orleans—Burial Here. From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. Will Murphy, eldest daughter of Mrs. L. S. Freeman of this city, died at her home in New Orleans yesterday morning at 10 o'clock of paralysis. A telegram received yesterday conveyed the sad news to the family here. Deceased in her early days lived in Waterloo. Mr. Dick Freeman, a brother, left last night for New Orleans and will bring the remains here for burial.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

Hawkeye Clothing Store on Commercial Street Changes Hands.

Today a deal was closed by which the Hawkeye Clothing store located at 531 Commercial was sold by its former proprietor, R. E. McKinn to Briden & Altland, of Janesville. The new owners take immediate possession and will at once stock up the store and prepare to carry on and increase the business. The gentlemen who compose the new firm have been in the lumber business at Janesville where they have been very successful.

F. H. Briden is an old resident of Janesville, but N. C. Altland, the junior partner, has been a resident of Waterloo until less than a year ago. He was for some time in the employ of the Cutler Hardware Co. Mr. McKinn, the former proprietor, will remain with them, at least for the present. The clothing establishment which has just changed hands was started by E. L. Hildebrand and by him sold to Mr. McKinn about eighteen months ago.

INSTALL OFFICERS.

Rathbone Sisters Hold Installation and Follow with a Social Time.

Waterloo temple, No. 70, Rathbone Sisters, installed officers for the year 1900 at its meeting last night, the installation having been postponed from the regular date for its occurrence. The following were installed:

M. E. C.—Mrs. Will Smith.
Sen.—Mrs. G. D. Kelley.
Jun.—Mrs. Al Holt.
Mgt.—Mrs. P. J. Martin.
M. of R. and C.—Miss Mary Horner.
M. of F.—Mrs. Arthur Snyder.
P. of T.—Mrs. E. L. Hesteler.
G. of T.—Mrs. Will McFarlane.
East Officer—Mrs. Ed. Spear.
P. C.—Mrs. J. C. Hartman.
Trustees—Mrs. J. C. Hartman, Mrs. W. E. Schollman, Mrs. S. J. Hall.

Following the ceremony refreshments were served and a very pleasant social time was enjoyed.

FOR DEFENDANTS.

Jury Returned Sealed Verdict in Case of Perry vs. Marshall.

The case of Chas. Perry vs. Wm. and W. H. Marshall, which has been on trial in the district court for the past two days, was submitted to the jury yesterday afternoon and a sealed verdict returned at 9 o'clock last night. Court was adjourned by Bailiff Thompson until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The verdict at that time will be made public.

The jury, which was composed of twelve men, returned its verdict in favor of the defendants. The amount involved in the suit was about

DANGER IN WEARING RINGS

CAUSES LOSS OF FINGER

Grant Miller the Victim of a Very Strange Accident—Finger Torn from His Hand While Engaged in His Work.

From Friday's Daily.

Grant Miller, a clerk in A. M. Welch's met with a singular and painful accident yesterday evening as the result of which he was deprived of the third finger of his left hand. The accident took place about six o'clock, while Mr. Miller was engaged in taking down some jackets that had been hanging in front of the store during the day, to take them in for the night. To reach some of these he had to stand on some pedestals also used for the display of goods. Having loosed a jacket from the nail to which it was hung he was jumping to the sidewalk when a fiercer tug which he wore caught in the iron frame of the store awning. This occurred just at the moment that he was jumping down and the entire weight of his body was thrown upon the one finger upon which the ring thus caught. The result was that the finger was completely severed, the bones being parted at the second joint.

Mr. Miller was nearly overcome by the pain and shock, and had to be assisted into the store. Shortly afterward he was taken to a surgeon, who treated the torn finger, amputating the shreds of skin and flesh to a point a little below the second joint.

Although the accident is very unusual, it appears that it is not altogether unprecedented, and since the occurrence of the incident above narrated other accounts have been given us of similar losses of fingers through a finger ring being caught in some way. As an offset to these, however, an account is given of an incident which occurred recently in Waterloo in which

A Finger Was Saved by a Ring.

One day last week Clarence R. Young, who works in the Waterloo Gasoline Engine factory, had the misfortune to get one of his fingers pinched in a machine with which he was working. He had a heavy steel ring on the finger which caught the first force of the blow and doubtless prevented the finger from being smashed completely. As it was the ring was flattened to an elliptical shape, pressing deep into the finger on two sides and had to be sawed in two before it could be removed.

A fellow employe expressed an opinion that Mr. Young's finger would not have been caught in the machine but for the ring, but Mr. Young thinks differently and is confident that he would have lost the member entirely but for his piece of steel jewelry. He scarcely lost a day's time on account of the injury received.

Welch Can Catch 'Em.

The Fort Messenger has the following regarding a case handled by Special Agent Welch of Waterloo: "Agent Wm. Frantz of the Central, has been annoyed of late by some one breaking seals and entering cars where groceries and candies were stored. It is evident from the character of the thefts and the quantities taken that it was the work of boys. Special Detective Welch arrived in the city this morning and with his usual successful methods, soon had the guilty ones. Five lads were taken before Justice Magowan on the charge of robbing the cars. As they are under age they will no doubt be sent to the reform school."

A BANKRUPT.

Warren D. Cottrell Files a Petition in Chicago.

From Saturday's Daily.

Warren D. Cottrell, a former citizen of Waterloo and Blackhawk county, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in Chicago. The action was taken Friday, and the schedule filed places liabilities at \$113,300, with no assets. A statement is made that the debts were contracted at Sioux City. The petitioner is a son of the late A. Cottrell, of Blackhawk township. He was in the agricultural implement business here for several years, and went to Sioux City about the time the big boom was on there.

BAPTIST LADIES.

Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist Church Hold Annual Meeting.

From Saturday's Daily.

The Ladies Aid society of the First Baptist church held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon with Mrs. A. J. Edwards. The following officers were chosen for the coming year:

President—Mrs. A. J. Edwards.
First Vice President—Mrs. E. Pendleton.
Second Vice President—Miss Barbara

Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. Buras.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY GAZETTE.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA.

Official Paper of City and County.

FRIDAY, JAN. 26, 1900.

Representative Clarke, of Dallas County, has introduced a bill in the House, to abolish State Printer and Binder, Jan. 1st, 1901, and to let the work to the lowest Iowa bidder.

At caucuses held Monday, members of the Senate and House, at Des Moines practically agreed on regents and trustees of the state educational institutions, ten of whom are to be elected at this session.

Col. Rood of Mt. Vernon would be a good man to succeed Gov. Larrabee on the board of control, and if chosen, there can be no just objection raised. He is an experienced business man, having a wide acquaintance and a large fund of good common sense.

A bill for the establishment of three new Normal schools has been framed. It requires fire-proof buildings, and provides one-tenth mill tax for three years for their erection. This cuts out all of the buildings offered and the undertaking will be greater than can be carried out in the face of such a diversity of requests.

The Republican caucus of the senate, Wednesday, decided definitely upon the reorganization of the elective offices of that body, and nominated Hon. Charles Bennett, of New York, for secretary, to succeed Hon. Wm. R. Cox, and Hon. Daniel M. Randall, of Indiana, for sergeant-at-arms to succeed Col. R. J. Bright. Mr. Bennett received 23 votes for Secretary, and J. S. Clarkson, 22.

The proprietors of the Topeka Capitol have placed the entire control of their paper in the hands of Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," that he may try and exemplify his ideas of what a daily paper should be. The venture is comparatively a new one, and the result will be watched with interest. That the daily press of our cities can be improved, in moral tone, in many instances, will be readily admitted, but whether such extreme views as Mr. Sheldon hopes to carry out, will be successful, is questionable.

The Shiloh Battlefield commission, appeared before the appropriation committees of legislature, and asked an appropriation of \$65,000 for monuments on that battle ground. This is a move in which we are behind some of our sister states. Iowa was largely in evidence in that great contest, and the citizens of this state, will place their endorsement upon an appropriation so fully merited, as the erection of monuments to commemorate the valor of Iowans upon that historic field. The legislature will, undoubtedly, provide for this reasonable request.

BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

There is a fair prospect of this state having Biennial, instead of Annual, elections after 1902. The constitutional amendment providing for the change, was approved by the legislature two years ago, and the members of this session are in favor of it, only one member of the senate opposing. The amendment will be submitted to a popular vote, and will undoubtedly carry, as it will be a saving of about \$500,000, that being the estimated cost of an election in Iowa. We think the idea a good one, and by adding the amount saved to the educational appropriations, the state will receive greater benefit, and the politician and the general business community, can have a rest from a political turmoil every two years. Let us have biennial elections.

A special to the Dubuque Times from Des Moines say a member of the lower house of the legislature, who is interested in the normal school proposition, has made careful canvas of the house and says that a majority of the members are opposed to the establishment of more than one college. He says that the majority is not large, because of the fact that there are about forty members who have towns that want a school. But all of these are not very enthusiastic, and there are some of the members who are altogether opposed to the establishment of a normal school.

The funeral services of the late Edward Townsend who died Jan. 19th, were quiet and impressive. A prayer at the home where many called to view the remains, preceded removal to the Congregational church, where a large number of friends assembled to pay their last tribute to an esteemed citizen. Rich floral tokens were sent. Music by a quartette and prayer by Rev. Adams of Waterloo, a personal friend of the family, was followed by a very appropriate and fitting sermon by Rev. J. E. Snowden which was heard with interest by the large audience. All the members of the family were present except Mrs. R. Leavitt who is in the south.

The pall bearers were H. H. Seerley, G. B. Van' Saun, H. H. Markly, C. A. Wise, A. Merrill, H. C. Hemenway, H. H. Clay, also Edmund Johnson of Waterloo. In harmony with the expressed wish of the deceased, there was no attendance by civic or fraternal organizations.

It has been a matter of frequent comment, among social as well as business circles, that the changes in the business firms of this city in very recent years have been most marked. Of the names most familiar throughout the county a dozen or so years ago, as prominent men in business on Main Street in Cedar Falls, scarcely more than one or two remain today in active business. With the exception of the long partnership of Wise & Bryan, no firm has held so long an unchanged business career as that of Townsend & Merrill. It will be twenty-one years next August since these gentlemen entered into intimate business relations, and with the coming and going of other firms, they have remained the same, successful, loyal, congenial partners. Every one who has had any dealings with the firm will testify to the straight-forward honest dealings they have received. Mr. Townsend's influence was felt in all the departments of their large business, and up to the time of his death he retained the same active interest in every detail. Altho' not closely confined to the office or the lumber yard he was in touch with all the employees, and always kept unbroken harmony with his partner. It is really worthy of note that such an extensive business should have been conducted for so many years by the same firm, with never a jar or a discord. This is a tribute to the memory of Edward Townsend's business life in Cedar Falls, which is worthy of emulation. His death removes one who held the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens, and who will be missed by every business man in Cedar Falls.

Below we give the action of the House on the death of Mr. Townsend.

Mr. Wise offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Edward Townsend, an honored member of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, from Black Hawk county, also a member of the Iowa Soldiers' Monument commission, having closed his life's work at his home in Cedar Falls, on the 19th instant, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to present resolutions commemorating his life and work.

The chair appointed as such committee, Messrs. Wise, Eaton, Cold, Wright and Theophilus.

Mr. Wise, for the committee appointed to present resolutions of respect to Hon. Edward Townsend, deceased, reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. Edward Townsend, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Honorable Edward Townsend, an honored member of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, from Black Hawk County, a member of the Iowa Soldiers' Monument commission, also a member of the board of trustees of the Iowa State Normal School, was called from the labors and toils of earth to life eternal at his home in Cedar Falls, on the 19th day of January, 1900, and

WHEREAS, the life and character of the deceased were such as to command our esteem and love, and his public services to the state and county were of such a character as to command the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death his family are bereft of a kind and loving husband and father, the state loses the services, valuable counsel and exemplary life of an honored, upright and representative citizen, and the cause of education a true friend.

Resolved, That we share and deeply sympathize with his family in their great bereavement, trusting that "He who doeth all things well" will sustain them in their sorrow, and that they have the assurance that this affliction was permitted in love and mercy.

That these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to transmit an engrossed copy of the same to the bereaved family.

C. A. WISE, W. L. EATON,
J. F. COLD, NATE WRIGHT,
WM. THEOPHILUS, Committee.

The report and resolutions were read by Geo. A. Newman, Secretary of the Senate, an old friend of the deceased, and Mr. Wright moved that the resolutions be adopted by rising vote. Adopted.

President McKinley will use his discretion in appointing a representative of the application of a representative of

SOCIETY EVENTS.

Mrs. J. L. Bailey served coffee Thursday afternoon to a limited number of ladies who were invited to call for an informal visit with the serving.

Dr. and Mrs. Crouse of Waterloo have invited a number of ladies, a gentleman of Cedar Falls, members of the medical fraternity, to their pleasant home Friday. Dinner will be served at five thirty o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Surayer, and Mrs. G. W. Whitworth, gave most delightful dinner, last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth. Twenty-four guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Coss, of Waterloo were among the number. This afternoon, these same ladies, entertain a large reception.

Mrs. G. R. Peebles will entertain thirty ladies at a luncheon on Saturday at one o'clock.

Mrs. M. D. Phillee and Mrs. J. Hanna entertained twenty-five ladies on Thursday and will again on Saturday at three o'clock.

To-night another banquet will be given by the Maccabees in their hall in connection with public installation.

Mrs. G. M. Bell and Mrs. H. Williams delightfully entertained ladies of the Nineteenth Century Club Tuesday afternoon at a 5 o'clock. The regular meeting of the Club occurred the same afternoon at the home Miss Frances Hubbell. The subject discussed was Reconstruction as it is in "A Fool's Errand" and "Without a Straw" by Albion Tourgee. Mrs. Kingsbury. The afternoon was one of rare profit and pleasure for the members of this club.

The reception and banquet of last night by the Black Hawk Local No. 65, assisted by the ladies of Eastern Star was one of their most enjoyable social occasions. Not two hundred guests were gathered in Masonic Hall. A pretty and impressive program was given by the ladies, which clearly revealed the grand and noble principles which bind them together as an order, and invite them to the best activities in life. Following this was a fine solo selection Miss Mary Clark, and then the series of the elaborate and excellent refreshments.

Notwithstanding the great number present, every one was quickly and rapidly treated to all the good things while the clatter of busy tongues and the pleasures were not confined food and drink.

Last evening, the home of Mr. Mrs. Will Johnson, 215 Tremont street was the scene of great mirth, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Scottish poet, Robert Burns. At one of those fine suppers, which Johnson knows so well how to serve was enjoyed. Afterwards, came a program, which was prepared especially for this occasion, by the Tam Shanter Club. This Club is composed of a certain number of Scotchmen congenial tastes, and from time to time, they meet to recount tales of homeland.

The House will devote three days beginning Tuesday, to a discussion of the Robert's report and will then proceed to vote Robert's either by doing his seat vacant, in accordance with the majority report, or by agreeing him in and expelling him, in accordance with the minority report.

The House Elections Committee has reported in favor of Hon. W. Aldrich, who is contesting the seat held by G. A. Robins, democrat, of the 4th Alabama district, and there is no doubt of the seating of Mr. Aldrich. Chairman Payne, of the House Ways and Means Committee, said of his providing for an extension of U. S. laws to Porto Rico and the establishment of customs and internal revenue collection districts on the island, which is now being considered by that committee: "It is along the line suggested by Gen. Davis, Gov. General of Porto Rico; Gen. Roy Stone, who had extended experience there; Porto Rican delegation, now in Washington, and those representative American Commercial interests have spoken on the subject. This is not the result of any conference agreement, but I think it expresses general view of those who have followed the hearings. The essential is that the legislation will aid Porto Rico, without in any way injury American interests."

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New Advertisemen

Notice of Appointment of Administrator.

STATE OF IOWA, ss.
BLACK HAWK COUNTY, ss.
I, the undersigned, being a duly appointed and sworn Administrator of the estate of Charles W. Hyatt, deceased, late of Black Hawk County. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against same will present them, duly authenticated to the undersigned for allowance.
W. H. H. H.
Dated January 24, 1900.

IN DISTRICT COURT.

STATE OF IOWA, ss.
BLACK HAWK COUNTY, ss.
March term, 1900.
To all whom it may concern:
You are hereby notified, that an estate of Charles W. Hyatt, deceased, late of Black Hawk County, has been opened for the purpose of settling the same, and that the same will be held on the 28th day of March, 1900, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the Court House in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

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Ex-Lieutenant-Governor B. F. Gue

Des Moines
Conaway & Shaw, Publishers
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Frank's education was obtained in common schools before he was 15 years of age. He began trying lawsuits in justice courts in 1864, and continued to try such cases until 1873, when an old pioneer lawyer at Glenwood, Henry C. Watkins, prevailed upon him to read law, loaning him books which he carried out to the farm home, and, by reading through the winter nights, and rainy days in the summer, was finally able to pass an examination and was admitted to regular practice April 16, 1877. In 1884 Mr. Shinn conceived the idea of enjoining saloons. Having made an effort to enjoin the saloon under the statute at Hastings, the court refused him the right and he at once prepared House File No. 481, Session Laws of the Twentieth General Assembly, a record of which will be found in the house journal of the Twentieth General Assembly, page 295. He tried to get the representatives from Mills and Pottawattamie counties to introduce this bill, and they declined to do so, but Capt. J. A. Lyons, of Guthrie county, consented and did, introduce the bill.

In his younger days Mr. Shinn was a democrat, but left the party in 1880 on account of prohibition. He has been an active prohibitionist, having canvassed western Iowa and made thirty-two speeches during the campaign of 1882. He has been an active worker of the republican party since that time and has been on the platform making speeches in the interest of that party every year since. He has never aspired to official positions, but did, at one time, accept the nomination from the republican party and ran for state senator in Pottawattamie county district. The county was then hopelessly democratic. He was defeated but ran ahead of his ticket. Having had a very lucrative practice for the past twenty years, Mr. Shinn has accumulated considerable property. He owns valuable lands in the Nishnabotana valley, besides much other property. When he was 14 years of age he cut his knee with a corn cutter in the field on which now stands part of the city of Marshalltown, and was rendered a cripple for life.

He was married January 25, 1869, to Almyra Schenck, at Council Bluffs. She was the daughter of James A. Schenck, a farmer who resided near Macedonia. There were born to them five children, namely: Edna, born October 28, 1869; Linnie A., born April 16, 1871; James A., born January 18, 1872; Kate, born October 15, 1874, and Myrtle, born October 21, 1880. James

A. and Addie died in the fall of 1882; Kate married C. C. Johnson, a druggist of Carson, and Linnie A. married Ira R. Stitt, an attorney of Carson.

TOWNSEND, EDWARD, of Cedar Falls, one of the trustees of the State Normal school, is among the oldest settlers in Black Hawk county, having lived there since 1859. His parents were Elijah Townsend, who began life poor, but through hard work and good management as a farmer acquired a comfortable fortune, and Rosannah Downing Townsend. Both



were English Quakers. The father died in 1860, aged 72 years, and the mother in 1866, aged 72 years.

Edward Townsend was born November 28, 1831, in the town of La Grange, in Dutchess county, N. Y. He was brought up on a farm and secured his early education at the district school. He afterwards attended Berkshire academy, Mass., for one year. Circumstances did not permit him to pursue his education any further. In May, 1859, he came to Iowa and settled first at Waterloo. Here he remained for two years, removing in 1861 to Cedar Falls. For a year he was engaged in the banking business, and on August 8, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B, of the

Thirty-first Iowa infantry. He was elected second lieutenant, by his company, and was soon afterwards promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He was in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post and several other skirmishes, and in June, 1863, he was compelled to resign his commission on account of disabilities resulting from sickness contracted while in the service. Returning home he resumed his business in the bank and thus continued for eleven years, retiring in 1874. In 1878 he engaged in the lumber and coal business, which he still continues, also dealing in real estate loans.

Mr. Townsend has always been a republican and represented Black Hawk county in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies. He has also held several local and county offices, including membership in the city council, school board and the board of supervisors. He was mayor of his city in 1870-71 and served as a member of the board of commissioners for the erection of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' monument, and has been trustee of the State Normal school since 1894. He was married October 17, 1867, to Sarah A. Seward, who died March 20, 1872, leaving three children, two of whom are living, Katherine S., born in 1868, and Mary L., born in 1870. Mr. Townsend's second wife was Sarah Huntington, of Oswego county, N. Y., whom he married September 26, 1878. They have one child, Edward H., born May 5, 1881.

ROBERTSON, NATHAN ANDA, a prominent banker and business man of Promise City, Iowa, and one whose name justly belongs among the progressive men of Iowa, was born on a farm one mile west of Cincinnati, Iowa, in 1855. His father was Moses C. Robertson, a farmer in comfortable circumstances, who emigrated to Iowa, from Indiana, in 1851, and settled in Appanoose county, near Cincinnati, entering 600 acres of government land, which still belongs in the family. His mother's maiden name was Streepey, and her father, Edward Streepey, also came to Iowa from Indiana, in 1850, and located in Appanoose county. At this time Iowa was one vast prairie, only dotted here and there with a few log cabins. Mr. Robertson's education was received in the district school and in the Cincinnati high school. At the age of 19 he, like a great many other boys, got the gold fever and started west to make his fortune, landing

in Colorado and Nevada among the mines; but he found that a boy or man with small means stood no better show there than elsewhere. He managed, however, to pick up a few dollars, and after one year came back home and concluded that Iowa was good enough for any one with good hands and brains, who was willing to use them. By this time the railroad had reached Cincinnati and Mr. Robertson began buying and shipping stock and grain, following this business for two years until the M., I. & N. railroad pushed on west from Centerville. He then believed Wayne county to be one of the best grain and



stock counties in the state and began to cast about for a new location and decided upon Promise City, locating there in August, 1879, a few days ahead of the railroad. Time proved that his judgment was good. There was plenty of grain and stock to handle and he located buyers at all of the stations west on this road to Humeston, and by careful management succeeded in accumulating considerable money. In 1885 the business of the town had so grown that he concluded to open a small bank as an experiment, scarcely expecting that it would pay. He opened it as the Exchange Bank of Promise City, with a capital of \$15,000. This he soon found unable to do the business and the

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operated a saw-mill. He was also engaged in the mercantile business for a short time in Floyd County, Iowa. Of late years he has devoted his attention to real estate business. He at one time owned a fine farm of 240 acres, about two miles south of Cedar Falls. In his political views Mr. Smith affiliates with the Democratic party. He is one of the oldest residents of Cedar Falls, and as a citizen he is highly respected. He has held the office of Mayor of Cedar Falls, and has also served as councilman. He is a member of the Odd Fellows order.

 M. TOBIAS, general merchant, was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, June 20, 1861, a son of John W. and Margaret (Markel) Tobias. His father was a farmer and carpenter by occupation. He died when our subject was six weeks old, aged thirty-nine years. D. M. was reared on a farm and received but a limited education in the common branches. He was married June 12, 1881, to Barbara Klinger, daughter of David S. and Barbara (Wiest) Klinger, who were natives of Pennsylvania, the father of French and the mother of German descent. Mr. and Mrs. Tobias have had four children—Cora E., Emma J., Minnie I., and an infant, deceased. Mr. Tobias left his native State at the age of seventeen years, in 1878, and went to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he was employed on a farm one summer, and in the fall of 1878 he went to Forreston, Illinois, where he worked on a farm for a year. He then returned to his old home in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, remaining there till March 22, 1882, when he went to New Ulm, Minnesota, where he worked as a laborer some five months, and in August, 1882, he came to Black Hawk County, Iowa. After being with Mr. Shade two months he was variously employed till February, 1884, when

he began clerking for Mr. Daniels. In the following June he formed a partnership with Mr. Daniels, and in November of the same year he bought the interest of his partner, Mr. Daniels going to Denver, Iowa, since which time Mr. Tobias has continued the business alone. Mr. Tobias is the present postmaster of Gresham, Black Hawk County, successor to I. E. Bentz, A. W. Daniels being the first postmaster at that place. In politics Mr. Tobias votes independent of parties. He is a member of the Reformed Lutheran church. Mrs. Tobias, mother of our subject, is still living in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, at the homestead farm, being now about sixty-five years of age.

 DWARD TOWNSEND, senior member of the firm of Townsend & Merrill, of Cedar Falls, was born in Dutchess County, New York, November 28, 1831, a son of Elijah and Rosannah Townsend, his father being of English descent. He was reared to manhood in his native State, receiving his early education in a district school, and later taking an academical course. In 1859 he became a resident of Black Hawk County, Iowa, when he located at Waterloo. In 1861 he came to Cedar Falls, and soon after engaged in the banking business with J. T. Knapp, with whom he was associated for many years under the firm name of Townsend & Knapp. During the summer of 1862 he enlisted in the late war. He became a member of Company B, Thirty-first Iowa Infantry, at the time of its formation, and on the organization of the company was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and later was promoted to First Lieutenant. He served with the Fifteenth Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, and was on duty principally in the vicinity of Vicksburg. He served until June, 1863,

when he received an honorable discharge. After his discharge he returned to Cedar Falls, and was connected with the bank till 1876, when he retired from the firm. He was then engaged in the milling business with G. N. Miner, and in 1879 he formed his present partnership with A. Merrill, having bought out the interest of T. B. Carpenter, and together they have since carried on successfully their present lumber business. Mr. Townsend has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah Seward, and to this union three children were born, two of whom are yet living—Catherine and Mary. For his second wife he married Sarah Huntington, of Oswego County, New York, by whom he has had one child—Edward. In politics Mr. Townsend affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is prominently identified with James Brownell Post, G. A. R., at Cedar Falls.

 W. EDGINGTON, Sheriff of Black Hawk County, was born in Hancock County, Ohio, February 8, 1840, the second son of George and Mary (Taylor) Edgington, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania, respectively. The grandfather, John Edgington, came from Virginia, and was one of the early settlers of Eastern Ohio. In 1846 W. W., our subject, moved with his parents to Iowa, they locating in Linn County, where he was reared to manhood on a farm, receiving a common-school education in the schools of his neighborhood. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-Fourth Iowa Infantry, and served three years. He participated in the battles of Champion Hills, Port Gibson, siege of Vicksburg, and Jackson campaign. He was then transferred to General Banks's command and was with him in the Red

River expedition, after which his regiment was sent with several others to General Sheridan, in the Shenandoah Valley. He was then sent to General Sherman, and was with him at the surrender of General Joe Johnston, after which he did garrison duty at Savannah, Georgia. He was mustered out in August, 1865, when he returned to Black Hawk County, Iowa, and the same year began dealing in grain and agricultural implements which he followed till 1878. He was then appointed to the office of deputy sheriff under George W. Hayzlett, and in 1883 was elected sheriff, assuming the duties of his present office in January, 1884. Mr. Edgington was married in 1865 to Sylvia A. Rathbun, a native of Cedar County, Iowa. This union has been blessed with one daughter—Laura.

 ENRY JOHNSON, druggist, of Cedar Falls, is a native of Denmark, where he was born November 1, 1837. He was reared and educated in his native country, and at the age of fourteen years began clerking in a grocery store, which he followed many years. In the year 1863 he immigrated to America, coming at once to Chicago, and in 1864 enlisted from that city as a member of the Twenty-first Illinois Infantry. He participated in the battles of Nashville, Franklin, and in the Atlanta campaign, and other engagements of minor importance. After his discharge from the service in 1866 he returned to Chicago, and for some time was engaged in the mercantile business. He came to Black Hawk County, Iowa, in 1870, locating at Cedar Falls where he was engaged in the grocery trade for one year, and in connection with his grocery carried on a farm. He established his present drug store in 1878, which is well patronized, being one of the best in Black Hawk County, and a credit to Cedar Falls.



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Enlistment Date: **8 Jun 1862**
Rank at enlistment: **2nd Lieut**
State Served: **Iowa**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in Company B, Iowa 31st Infantry Regiment on 13 Oct 1862.
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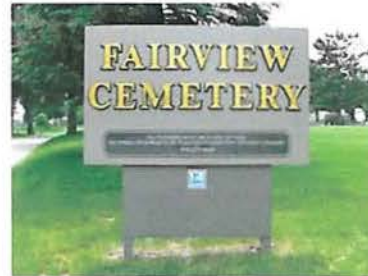
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Father Elijah Townsend

Nativity

Date death Jan 19 1900 Place Cedar Falls, Ia

Mother Rosannah

Nativity

Cause Fairview Cem.

Place burial "

Wife Sarah Seward

Cedar Falls Twp Blackhawk County

War record

Children

Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Age 30 Res Cedar Falls

Catherine Cedar Falls, Ia

Enlisted

Appointed 2nd Lieut Aug 6,

Mary "

Date

Place

Edward "

1862 Must Oct 13, 1862

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Resigned June 8, 1863

Disability.

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Place

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After the war engaged in milling and lum
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