

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Clark  
Walton Embury - Represented Sherman and Pope Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Oct 1845 Nicholasville, Jessamine County,  
Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary R. Burtch 31 Dec 1873

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1870

B. Civic responsibilities Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias,  
Modern Woodmen of America

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa General Assemblies 1882, 1884, 1886, 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clarinda school board member for many years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 20 Apr 1902 Los Angeles, California; buried Clarinda Cemetery, Clarinda, Iowa

8. Children Albert B.; Ethel (Mrs. H. R. Bennett); Jessica;  
Walton E. Jr.; one other child died in infancy

9. Names of parents Rev James H. and Martha (Embury) Clark

10. Education Educated by tutorage of his father

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his parents to Saline County, Missouri in 1854 and this is where he grew to manhood.
- In 1865 he moved with his parents to Nebraska City, Nebraska where he engaged in driving teams across the plains.
- He moved to Clarinda, Iowa in 1867 preceded there by his parents his father having been called to pastor the Presbyterian Church.
- In 1869 he entered the law office of Col. H. P. Hepburn and Capt. J. H. Morrison to study law.
- He was the editor of The Clarinda Herald newspaper in 1876.



## HON. TALTON E. CLARK IS DEAD

### One of Page County's Most Prominent Citizens Passes Away in California

A telegram was received yesterday morning by Carroll Clark from Burtch Clark stating that his father, Hon. T. E. Clark, had died Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, in Los Angeles, Cal., and that they would start home with the body immediately, coming by way of Kansas City. No other particulars were given.

When the news of his death became known the expressions of sorrow were universal, for during his thirty five years residence in Clarinda, in both public and private life, as official, citizen, neighbor, friend, he had endeared himself to almost everyone, individually, in the community.

Talton E. Clark was born in Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Ky., October 18, 1845, his parents being Rev. James W. and Martha Embry Clark. In 1854 his parents moved from Kentucky to Saline county, Mo., where young Talton grew to manhood. Here he received the foundation of his education, under the tutorage of his father. In 1865 he moved with his parents to Nebraska City, Neb., and engaged in driving teams across the plains. In 1867 he came to Clarinda, to which place his parents had preceeded him, his father having been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church. In 1869 he entered the law office of Col. W. P. Hepburn and Capt. W. W. Morsman, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar, under Judge James G. Day. He was married December 31, 1873, to Miss Mary R. Burtch. Five children were the fruits of the marriage, one dying in infancy and four with his devoted wife surviving him—Albert B., Ethel (Mrs. W. R. Bennett, of Darling-ton, Wis.), Jessica and Talton, Jr.

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stomach trouble, brought him very low. In February he was taken to San Antonio, Texas, in hopes that the change might restore him to health. Not receiving the benefit hoped for there, he was taken to Los Angeles, Cali., and there he seemed to improve. Reports of an encouraging nature were received from him, and he himself believed he was on the road to recovery. Mr. C. F. Klise, who returned last week from spending the winter in California, was in to see him a week ago Friday, and found him cheerful and hopeful. He sent greetings to his Clarinda friends and spoke confidently of seeing them again in the fall.

The funeral services will probably be held at the house, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, and the sermon preached by his old pastor and intimate friend Dr. T. C. Smith, though at present definite announcement cannot be made.

Though one of the leading lawyers of southwestern Iowa, and enjoying a large practice, he died poor. His generosity was limited only by the amount in his purse, and no appeal for assistance was heard unheeded. It is safe to say that he gave away a competency. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and Hon. T. E. Clark has a large sum safely invested.

### Death of David Leighton

David Leighton died at his home in north Clarinda Sunday, April 20, 1902, of acute Bright's disease, aged 72 years and 8 days.

He was born in Switzerland county, Ind., April 12, 1830. His parents moved to Tazewell county, Ill., when he was but a child. He grew to manhood there, and on January 27, 1859, he was married to Miss Mary E. Mooberry. The same year he and his wife moved to Iowa, settling near Hawleyville, where he lived until he enlisted in Company F, 23d Iowa Vol. Inf., in January, 1864. He served in several battles and was wounded at Spanish Port, Ala., April 7, 1865, and was honorably discharged in August of the same

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Mr. Clark was a hard student all his life, and was one of the recognized leaders of the bar of southwestern Iowa. As a pleader he excelled, and his power before a jury was unequaled in this section of the state.

In 1881 he was elected to the state senate, and re-elected in 1885. He was the author of the famous "Clark combination lock" prohibitory law, and was one of the most vigorous advocates of prohibition in the state. It was while he was in senate that the state hospital for the insane was located at Clarinda, to the securing of which he was a very influential factor.

For years and years he has been a member of the school board of this city, and has always taken a great personal interest in the cause of education. He knew and was known by all the school children, and all of them loved him. His words of good cheer and encouragement will be treasured by many for years to come. Mr. Clark was a member at different times of various secret orders—I. O. O. F., K. of P., A. O. U. W. and a social member of the Modern Woodmen, but at the time of his death was a member of the K. of P. and Modern Woodmen only. He was a member of the Presbyterian church for nearly thirty-five years, uniting with the church shortly after coming to Clarinda, and has always taken a very active part in church work, for a number of years being an elder, and up to his last illness a member of the board of trustees and the teacher of the bible class.

During the early part of the winter he was taken down with a severe attack of pneumonia, which being aggravated by a stubborn

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Six children were born to him, one dying in infancy, one when three years old and a third, Mrs. Maude A. Smith, dying about two years ago. His aged wife and three children—Elmer E., Alvin E., and Vinnie G., survive him. The boys are both married and live in Taylor county. Vinnie is at home.

Mr. Leighton was a carpenter by trade, and many substantial residences in Page and Taylor counties are of his workmanship.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30, from his late residence, conducted by Rev. E. Ilgen Fritz and Dr. T. C. Smith. Interment at Clarinda cemetery. The pall bearers were all members of his old company.

#### Little Rosa Brand

Rosa, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brand, died of measles and typhoid fever, Thursday, April 10, 1902, age five years, three months and eighteen days. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church and the little darling was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Gravity. She leaves to mourn her death father, mother, sister two brothers and a host of loving friends.—Gravity Independent.

#### Marriage License

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## Iowa Cemetery Records

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Death Date: 20 Apr 1902  
Page #: 152  
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Level Info: *Grave Records of Montgomery County, Iowa*

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**Description:**

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed. Works Project Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, if the deceased, birth date, death date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. [Learn more...](#)

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