

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nelson Ole Senator _____

Represented Winnebago Co., Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1820 or 1840 Norway

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jane Munson 1860

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; Teacher

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 9th, 10th General Assemblies 1862, 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Sept 1864 Northbrook, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Ole and Joseph (Demmons) Nelson

Nelson, Ole

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

He taught the first school in his town.

He was the first Norwegian born Representative in the Legislature.

He died of typhoid fever at age 25.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
History of Hiramshurst and Alameda Central Road 1882, 307, 737			
Photography - The Charles City Intelligence, Charles City, Iowa			
Iowa. Oct 20, 1864			
- ancestry.com (accessed 26 July 2011)			

again caution...
By the Governor,
W. M. STONE,
Deputy Secretary of State.

STATE OF IOWA,
Floyd County,
I, David M. Ferguson, Sheriff of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proclamation of the Governor of Iowa, and in pursuance of the 5th Section of Chapter 159 of the Laws of 1859, I hereby order that the same be published in the Charles City Intelligencer, a weekly newspaper published in said County.

Dated, the 17th, day of Oct. A. D. 1864.
D. M. FERGUSON, Sheriff of Floyd County, Iowa.

VICTORIES IN 1864.
The Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Everywhere Triumphant.
New York, October 1.
L. Cornell & Co., General Agents for Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machines, 133 Lake street, Chicago, Ill.

The Pennsylvania State Fair, held at Easton, has just closed. A premium was offered for the BEST SEWING MACHINE.

All the leading machines were fully represented, and there was a spirited contest for the first prize.

After devoting the greater part of two days to their labors, the committee made the following award:

For the Best Sewing Machine, Wilcox & Gibbs, New York--A Silver Medal.

The Grand Fair of the New England States, held at Springfield, awarded the highest premium to the Wilcox & Gibbs, as the Best Family Sewing Machine. The award is as follows:

"The Wilcox & Gibbs Machine is very simple, efficient and easily understood. We award the first premium, (medal,) to the Wilcox & Gibbs' Machine as the Best Family Machine."

The Vermont State Fair, held at White River Junction, the 13-16 of September, also awarded the first premium for the Best Family Sewing Machine to the Wilcox & Gibbs.

At all the County Fairs, where exhibited, this year, the Wilcox & Gibbs has taken the first premium, making thirty-one first premiums this season. JAMES WILCOX.

To this may be added: The Gold Medal of the American Institute, New York, and the first premium at the Indiana State Fair, just closed.

NOTICE,
BY ASSESSOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Notice is hereby given that a list of all the Taxes assessed under the "Joint Resolution imposing a special Income Duty," (passed by Congress and approved July 4th, 1864,) in the County of Floyd, will be open for the examination of all parties, for the space of ten days from the 15th day of the present month, at the office of the Assistant Assessor in Charley City.

All appeals from said assessment must be made to me at my office in the city of Dubuque, on or before the 1st day of November next.

Dubuque, Iowa, October 10th, 1864.
JESSE T. JARRETT,
Assessor 3d District of Iowa.

The Richmond papers state that though Grant is quiet he is not idle, being at work night and day in rendering his positions impregnable. Late news from the army states that the rebels are constructing new works near Richmond.

Over Eight Per Cent. Interest
It is believed that no securities offer an equal interest to holders as the various descriptions of U. S. Bonds. In all other forms of indebtedness, the faith of communities only is pledged for payment, while for the debts of the United States the whole property of the country is pledged to secure the payment of both principal and interest in coin.

These bonds may be subscribed for in sums from \$5 up to any magnitude, on the same terms, and are thus made equally available to the smallest lender and the largest capitalist. They can be converted into money at any moment, and the holder will have the benefit of the interest.

It may be useful to state in this connection that the total funded debt of the United States on which interest is payable in gold on the 3d day of March, 1864, was \$768,000,000. The interest on this debt for the coming fiscal year will be \$45,937,126, while the customs revenue in gold for the current fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1864, has been so far at the rate of over \$100,000,000 per annum.

It will be seen that even the present gold revenues of the Government are largely in excess of the wants of the Treasury for the payment of gold interest, while the recent increase of the tariff will doubtless raise the annual receipts from customs on the same amount of imports to \$150,000,000 per annum.

Instructions to the National Banks acting as loan agents were not issued from the United States Treasury until March 29, but in the first three weeks of April the subscriptions averaged more than TEN MILLIONS A WEEK.

Subscriptions will be received by the
First National Bank of Davenport, Iowa.
First National Bank of Keokuk, Iowa.
First National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

AND BY ALL NATIONAL BANKS
which are depositaries of Public money, and all
REPUTABLE BANKS AND BANKERS
throughout the country, (acting as agents of the National Depositary Banks) will furnish further information on application and
AFFORD EVERY FACILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS.

U. S. 10-40 LOAN.

I am prepared to receive subscriptions for the 10-40 Loan authorized by act of Congress of March 3d, 1861.

These Bonds are redeemable at the pleasure of the Government after ten years--are payable forty years from date with interest at five per cent. per annum--principal and interest payable in gold.

The Bonds are of the denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000. Interest on the \$50, \$100 and \$100 payable annually--on those of other denominations the interest is payable semi-annually.

I have already sold upwards of \$200,000 of these Bonds. I receive in payment for them Treasury Notes, National Bank Notes and State Bank of Iowa Notes.

J. K. GRAVES, Cashier,
Dubuque Branch State Bank of Iowa.

Hon. Ole Nelson, Member of the Legislature from Winnesheik county, died at his new residence at Northwood on the 16th of September. He was 25 years old at the time of his death. He was a Norwegian by birth, and a young man of remarkable promise. He served Winnesheik county two terms in the Legislature. His disease was typhoid fever.

us a private letter in which he says:
I think the crisis demands at our hands a united effort. I have no fear as to the result in Iowa, but I think it essential to roll up the figures that the world may see Iowa talks right, votes right and acts right. Every effort in being made to deceive our people. I claim that we are the only real peace party in the country and that our only hope of a speedy and permanent peace is to prosecute the war with vigor and reflect Mr. Lincoln. His reelection, in my opinion, cuts off the last hope of the rebels and virtually ends the war. The end is beginning to appear. The situation of the rebels is fast approaching desperation, and now is the time to hold them to it. We want no let up policy at this critical juncture. An armistice would be an insult and outrage to the army.

The National Intelligencer, at Washington, some three or four years since became so poverty-stricken as to require charity at the hands of President Lincoln and other Republicans, in order to keep the breath of life in it. Now, the Mr. Forcible Feeble who conducts the concern is abusing Andrew Johnson don't propose to allow the guerillas and rebel assassins of Tennessee the privilege of voting. The Intelligencer favors the "free ballot or free fight" doctrine. It supports McClellan and does its utmost to smite the hand that feeds it.

One day last week the prairie in the eastern part of the county was burned over doing considerable damage. Mr. Sanford had ten head of cattle burned to death, and others badly burned. Messrs. Lakin, Church, Patrick, Smith, and perhaps others, each lost a number. The cause of the fire is the same as elsewhere--carelessness or criminality. Quite a number of cattle have since been killed, that were seriously injured.--Hamilton Freeman.

The death of Mr. Joshua Bates, the eminent London banker of the house of Baring Brothers & Company, took place in London on the 24th of Sept., in the 76 year of his age. Mr. Bates was born in Weymouth, Mass., in 1788, and was descended from a family of emigrants from England, which occupies a conspicuous place in the early history of Massachusetts.

Chief Justice Roger B. Taney died at Washington on the 12th inst. The friends of freedom and humanity will not shed many tears at his departure. S. P. Chase is talked of as his successor.

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John Mortimer,
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Wheat, extra family, \$
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Wheat, spring, \$ bushel
Corn, on the cob, \$ bu
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Rye, \$ bushel
Barley, \$ bushel
Oats, \$ bushel
Corn Meal, \$ cwt.
New Potatoes, \$ bushel
Beans, \$ bushel
Butter, \$ lb.
Cheese, \$ lb.
Pork, salt \$ lb.
fresh \$ lb.
Hams, \$ lb.
Beef, \$ lb.
Chicken, \$ lb.
Turkeys, \$ lb.
Lard, \$ lb.
Wood, \$ cord
Salt, \$ bbl.
Eggs, \$ dozen
Hay, \$ ton
Veal, \$ lb.
Mutton, \$ lb.
Sugar, N. O. \$ lb.
Sorghum Syrup, \$ gal.
Golden Syrup, \$ gal.
Soap, \$ lb.
Candles, Tallow, \$ lb.
Tea, \$ lb.
Coffee, \$ lb.
Fish, salt, \$ lb.
Green Apples, \$ bbl.
Dried Apples, \$ lb.
Dried Peaches, \$ lb.
Kerosene, \$ gal.

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Wheat, \$ bushel
Corn, new, \$ bushel
Oats, \$ bushel
Barley, \$ bushel
Beans, \$ bushel
Potatoes, \$ bushel
Butter, \$ lb.
Hides, Green, \$ lb.
Dry Flint, \$ lb.

HISTORY
OF
WINNESHIEK and ALLAMAKEE COUNTIES
IOWA.

BY W. E. ALEXANDER.

SIoux CITY, IOWA:
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1882

Nels Nelson, farmer, Sec. 16, P. O. Highlandville; owns 200 acres of land valued at \$25 per acre; was born in Norway in 1836; is the oldest son of Nels and Margaret Nelson; left Norway in 1853, came to America and settled in Winneshiek Co.; was married in 1859 to Miss Johanna Nelson, a native of Norway, by whom he had one child, Andrew. His wife died in 1868, and he was married in 1869 to Mary Johnson, a native of Norway; they have two children, Gustave and Johanna. Mr. N. has held the office of Co. supervisor two terms, and tp. clerk ten years.

Moses Oren, farmer, Sec. 17, P. O. Hesper; owns 213 acres of land valued at \$25 per acre; was born in Ohio in 1840; is the fifth son of Alexander and Lydia Oren; left Ohio in 1854, and came to Minn.; stayed there ten years, then came to Winneshiek Co., where he has resided since. He was married in 1867 to Miss Emily J. Wilson, a native of N. Y., and has two children, Clarence H. and Glen W. He has held the office of tp. trustee five years.

Ole Olson, farmer, Sec. 13, Pleasant tp., P. O. Highlandville; owns 305 acres of land valued at \$25 per acre; was born in Norway in 1820; is the second son of Ole and Torber Semonsen; left Norway in 1849, came to America and located in Wis; stayed there ten years, then came to Winneshiek Co. and has resided here since. He was married in 1860 to Miss Jane Munson, a native of Norway.

Peter Olson, miller and proprietor of Highlandville Mills, was born in Norway in 1825; is the oldest son of Ole and Anna Semonsen; left Norway in 1854, came to America and located in Winneshiek Co., where he has resided ever since. He was married in 1852 to Miss Anna Anderson, a native of Norway, and had two children, Lydia and Laura. His wife died in 1854, and he married again in 1857, to Miss Jane Gjermundson, a native of Norway; they have five children, Henry, Sarah, Simon, Charley and Julia.

George P. Painter, farmer, Sec. 26, Pleasant tp.; P. O. Decorah; was born in Winneshiek Co. in 1850; is the second son of William and Elizabeth Painter; was married in 1871 to Miss Annie Russell, a native of Io., and has one child, Herbert.

Philip Pfister, Jr., farmer, Sec. 4, P. O. Locust Lane; owns 280 acres of land valued at \$25 per acre; was born in Germany in 1846; is the second son of Philip and Margaret Pfister; left Germany with his parents in 1854, came to America and settled in Winneshiek Co., where he has resided ever since. He was married in 1874 to Miss Eliza Falk, a native of Penn; and has four children, Lena, Charley, Margaret and Eliza.

Amund A. Rosvold, farmer, Sec. 10, P. O. Thoten; Glenwood tp.; owns 140 acres of land valued at \$20 per acre; was born in Norway in 1839; is the oldest son of Amund and Ingebor Rosvold; left Norway in 1860, came to America and settled in Winneshiek Co.; was married in 1860 to Miss Anna Anderson, a native of

"In the year 1853 there was another influx from Dane County, Wisconsin, prominent among whom were Bottolf Olson, Magne Langland, H. Hendrickson, Sven Olson, Ole Thorson, and others. In 1858 Ole B. Olson was one of the first settlers of Dakota Territory, and was elected the first judge of the territory, which position he occupied until his death, in 1875. Erick B. Olson, the younger brother, was one of the first four men who climbed the mountains of Colorado in search of gold, in 1859."

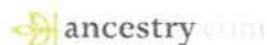
"The first school-house was built at Locust Lane, in 1854, and served, also, a church for every denomination. The second school-house that was built is still standing, and is known as the Ellingson school-house. This was built of logs, quite large, and intended to serve as a church for the Lutheran congregation that was then organized in connection with Highland and Spring Grove. It was built mostly by private funds; every farmer would bring so many logs and work so many days. This district consisted of portions of four townships, viz: Pleasant and Highland, in Winneshiek, and Waterloo and Hanover, in Allamakee. The first school was taught by James Lennon, of Frankville township. The late Hon. Ole Nelson taught the first school in this house, and was also the first Norwegian Representative in the Iowa Legislature."

"In 1855 and 1856, almost all the land was taken up, and what was not was bought up by speculators when the land office was in Decorah. Among those who came later may be mentioned K. Thompson, who became sheriff of this county in 1870, and was as good an officer as the county ever had. Also Peter Sampson, O. W. Ellingson, and the Johnson Brothers (of whom there were seven at one time). There is also another fact worth mentioning, and that is this, that almost every one of the pioneers that came into the township in the years 1852-3-4, with the exception of one or two, are still living on their old homesteads, which shows that the pioneers must have been a strong, healthy and vigorous set of men."

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP—RIDGEWAY.

This township is the western one of the central tier of the county. The Turkey River flows diagonally southeast through the township, a little west of the center, on it is Daubersmith's mill. Ridgeway railway station, post office and village is near the center of the eastern half, about one mile from the township line. Population of township in 1880 was 992. Ridgeway has a population of about 350, and quite a number of good stores, elevator and grain ware houses, and other places of business. D. O. Aaker, late State Representative, of the firm of Galby & Aaker, is one of the prominent business men. S. Pike, hotel keeper, has been its historian in times past, and from his writings the present sketch is mostly gleaned.

"The first settlement was made in Lincoln Township in the spring of 1852, Knud Alfson built a small house and broke up a few acres on Section 27, while Lars Thompson commenced about the same time on Section 34. In the fall of the same year, Jacob Knudson and Kittle Sanderson established themselves on Section 22. The next year Gunder Kittleson, Albert Kittleson, Gullick Thompson, Tove Thompson and Thomas Thompson, settled in the immediate neighborhood, while John Seleir, Michael Farrel, Charles Straun, John Wholehan, Nels Olsen, Charles Junck, H. W. Klemme, Andrew Michael, Philip Kratz and Wm. Blackburn, came in during the two or three years following. The township of Lincoln was formerly reckoned as an integral part of Decorah, an arrangement that did not last very long, as a reconstruction of the map was soon effected, by which the present township was apportioned to Sumner, and upon the authorized survey and platting of townships, was given its present name.

You searched for **Ole Nelson** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Ole Nelson**
Birth Year: **abt 1821**
Birth Place: **Norway**
Gender: **Male**
Marital Status: **Married**
Census Date: **1856**
Residence state: **Iowa**
Residence County: **Winneshiek**
Locality: **Decorah**
Roll: **IA_68**
Line: **26**
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household	Name	Age
Members:	Ole Nelson	35

Source Information:

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