

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Roberts, Benjamin Martin Senator _____
Represented Harrison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 May 1839 Bolton, Holland County, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ellen Rogers 26 Mar 1866 Harrison County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 22nd General Assembly 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 May 1921 Ames, Iowa: buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa

8. Children Orvin H. Maria M.

9. Names of parents William Martin and Maria Elizabeth (Mack) Roberts

Roberts, Benjamin Franklin

10. Education Attended common schools in neighborhood in
Connecticut

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- At age 17 he moved to Harrison County, Iowa with his parents.
- For 2 years he worked on a farm and later opened a small
farm of his own
- Military service - Civil War - Co. C. 29th Iowa Volunteer
Infantry
- After the war he returned to his farm
- His wife, Ellen, died in 1908
- When he retired from his farm, he moved to Ames, Iowa
to live with his daughter Minnie, who was an
instructor in Iowa State College.
- He enjoyed reunions with his Civil War Company C
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belong there is looked upon
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not merely a reprimand ad-
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Monday Mrs. Homer Cadwell
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of her home, to mail a letter.
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HIS LIFE WORK ENDED

**B. Frank Roberts, Member of Co. C,
29th Iowa, Passed Away at His
Home in Ames, Friday, May 20**

Lacking but one week of having
reached the age of 82 years, B. Frank
Roberts, well known resident of this
county for many years and a member
of Harrison county's own company,
Co. C of the 29th Iowa, in the Civil
War, passed to his rest at his home
in Ames, Friday, May 20, having been
ill but a few days. Sunday preced-
ing his death he was as well as usual
but he became ill Tuesday and pneu-
monia developed which resulted in
his death as stated. He did not real-
ize that he was seriously ill, but a
specialist was called from Des Moines
but skill could not avail. The call
had come and he obeyed the silent
messenger.

B. F. Roberts was born in Connect-
icut May 27, 1839. At the age of 17
he came to Harrison county with his
parents, William M. and Mary Mack
Roberts. For two years he worked
on a farm at the wage of ten dollars
per month and at the end of that time
he opened up a small farm of his own
and sold the product of the first year's
labor in Council Bluffs, hauling his
stuff with an ox team and selling at
these prices: corn 18 cents, wheat 40
cents and dressed pork at \$1.50 per
100 pounds.

In 1862 he volunteered as a mem-
ber of Co. C of the 29th Iowa. He
was in every battle in which his com-
pany took part and for three months
was under almost constant fire while
on detached duty as a sharp shooter
on the U. S. gunboat "Prairie Bird"
in the Lower Mississippi squadron.

At the close of the war he return-
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, Chairman.

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very spirited discussion which
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of Magnolia, President of the
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t in school programs was an
ic loss because of the loose-
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Eaton, President Pisgah Com-
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by the county nurse, agreed
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erts passed away in 1908. There are
two surviving children, Orris W., of
Bismark, N. D., and Miss Minnie, an
instructor in the State College at
Ames.

Mr. Roberts was always a good cit-
izen and took a lively interest in ev-
erything that was for the betterment
of the conditions in his own locality,
the county and the state. He was
elected a member of the Iowa House
of Representatives in the Twenty-
second general assembly, but refused
the nomination for a second term.

When he retired from his farm he
moved to Ames and built a home
there which he occupied with his
daughter Minnie, through the years
following the death of his companion
of 43 years.

Mr. Roberts was always a strong,
active man and seldom, if ever failed
to attend the reunions of Co. C in this
county about the 18th of August each
year. He was secretary of the organ-
ization and always saw to it that there
was a lively meeting. He enjoyed the
associations of his old comrades and
they loved him. This was evidenced
by the fact that all of the survivors
who could possibly make the trip were
present at his funeral which was held
at Dunlap, Sunday, May 22 at the
Congregational church of which he
was a member and supporter. Fol-
lowing the service at the church the
last rites were conducted at the grave
by old comrades, the boys who wore
the blue in the Civil War.

A strong citizen, a true and faith-
ful friend, an honest man has gone to
his rest and reward.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Roberts, Benjamin Franklin
Residence Ames, Iowa
Occupation Farmer Bolton, Tolland Co.
Date birth 27 My 1839 Place Conn.
Date death 20 My 1921 Place Ames, Ia.
Cause Place burial Dunlap, Ia.
War record Sergt C 29 Iowa Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 23. Res. Harrison County
Enlisted Ag. 13, 1862, as 7th Corp. Must.
Date Place
N. 9, 1862. Promoted 6th Corp My 1,
1863; 5th Corp. J1. 13, 1863; 4th Corp.
Ag. 10, 1863; 3d Sergt. S. 28, 1863;
5 Sergt. My 1, 1864; 3d Sergt. Ag. 1,
1865; Must. out Ag. 10, 1865, New Orleans,
Discharged La. Date Place

War
Battles, etc.
Nearest relatives
Father William M b. Emosburg, Nativity Vt
Mother Maria Mack Nativity Conn
Wife Ellen C. Rogers, b. Je 3, 1845, Onondaga, Mich., m. Mr. 26, 1866, Harrison co.,
Children Ia.; d. Ag. 24, 1908 bur. Dunlap
Maria M. Roberts, Prof. Math., Ia. State Col
d. Ap 13'42, Ames, Iowa
Orris W. Roberts, Bismarck, N. Dak.
Sources Roster Iowa Soldiers
Daughter, Maria M. 30 J1'40 / Ex-Sol-
diers Living Iowa 1886: Dunlap/

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Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Shields	83 (1)	Dunlap	17 Je 1882

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount
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Photo in group of 29th Iowa Inf.
Co C at reunion at Logan Iowa before
1893.

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Roberts, Benjamin Franklin, 1839-1921

Letter from Benjamin F. Roberts to Adjutant General, State of Iowa, Feb. 7, 1910

Sir: I, Benjamin F. Roberts, of Company C, Twenty-ninth Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, do hereby certify that I was present and took part in the battle of Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas, April 30, 1864, and from personal knowledge state that John A. Benjamin, a corporal detailed as color bearer of the regiment, also that Richard Morgaridge, Private, both of Company C., Twenty-ninth Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, were on that day wounded and taken prisoners. I have also in my possession a complete copy of the company muster or payroll made out at Little Rock, Arkansas, soon after the battle. This roll fully corroborates the above statement of facts. The said Benjamin and Morgaridge remained prisoners until the following June, the exact date of which I have no knowledge or record.

Yours respectfully,

Logan Observer, Logan, Iowa Thurs. August 29, 1907: Survivors in Reunion here-
a brief history of the Company Co C Twenty-ninth Regiment, Iowa Volunteers

"L. H. McWilliams, a member of the company who escaped to the train before
the picture of the group of survivors uniting at Logan was taken. Picture inset
along with group picture:

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Company C was organized at Magnolia August 18, 1862. W. W. Fuller was commissioned captain; Geo. S. Bacon, first lieutenant, and J. H. Smith, second lieutenant. Captain W. W. Fuller died at Shellmound, Miss., March 14, 1863 and Lieut. Geo. S. Bacon was promoted to the captaincy. This position he occupied until the close of the war. Lieut. J. H. Smith resigned and Geo. W. Hedge was promoted to first lieutenant. He also resigned and John W. Stocker was commissioned to fill the vacancy.

Roberts, Benjamin Franklin, 1839 - 1921

Logan Observer, September 5, 1912 History of Company C, 29th Ia. by B. F. Roberts, Ames, Iowa

"In response to a call for volunteers, George S. Bacon of Magnolia was commissioned to muster a company of volunteers in Harrison County. On the eighteenth day of August, 1862, more than one hundred names were enrolled and the company was organized at Magnolia, Iowa, by electing Wm. W. Fuller, Captain, George S. Bacon, 1st Lieutenant and Jos. H. Smith 2d Lieutenant.

The following are the names as they appear on the muster roll at that time: William Agens, Thomas Anderson, Jacob Antibus, J. L. Armstrong, Alexander Barr, Joseph Baxter, I. F. Bedsaul, Henry O. Beebe, Amsey Beedle, Anson F. Belden, John A. Benjamin, Harrison Billiter, James Bird, William H. Bourn, William P. Boyd, James H. Brace, Ethel P. Brown, James Christian, O. H. P. Cook, Wycliffe B. Copeland, Wm. H. Cornine, John H. Darting, James Davis, Benjamin Denice, Lewis Detsall, John G. Downs, Michael Doyle, A. B. M. Ellis, John H. Ellis, John R. Ennis, Lindly M. Evans, P. D. Evans, George H. Fouts, James C. Frazier, William W. Frazier, Milton H. Greenfield, William H. Hale, George W. Hedge, Theodore Helmer, C. M. Hendrickson, James Hester, Francis T. Hill, William H. Hobbs, William H. Jones, Abraham Kime, John M. Kinnis, Lyman Lewis, Jacob S. Lightell, Jackson McCauley, L. E. McWilliams, Wm. Mahoney, George Main, William Martin,

Helmer, C. M. Hendrickson, James Hester, Francis T. Hill, William H. Hobbs, William H. Jones, Abraham Kime, John M. Kinnis, Lyman Lewis, Jacob S. Lightell, Jackson McCauley, L. E. McWilliams, Wm. Mahoney, George Main, William Martin,

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John W. Meham, Richard Morgaridge, Hugh Neeley, Rudolph Neitzsch, John N. Noyes, Charles W. Oden, James Owens, Leander Patch, John M. Perkins, William W. Potter, Martin Potter, John W. Reed, Henry B. Reel, Marion Richardson, Milton Richardson, Henry Riffle, William Reinhart, James Ritchison, Walter Ritchison, Albert F. Roberts, Benjamin F. Roberts, John M. Rogers, David Romings, George A. Ross, Eugene R. Scofield, Martin L. Spire, John W. Stoeke, Calvary S. Stowell, John R. Sullins, Samuel M. Tarkington, William B. Tarkington, John Thompson, John Vanarsdall, Albert Wakefield, Warren White, Benjamin Wharton, Charles E. Wills, Erastus Wills, Lowery Wilson, David W. Work, Daniel Yaple, Charles Young, David D. Young.

From time to time by additional enlistments the following names were added: James T. Barnett, John F. Bryan, Thomas W. Chatburn, James T. DeField, William H. Eaton, Henry George, Emmett Harvey, Alexis M. Huff, Lloyd Jenkins, James Jones, Theodore P. Kellogg, Elijah Kent, Joseph Kessler, Charles Krepps, John Krepps, Sereno Lyman, William Lyman, William Miller, James Monroe, Henry C. Merrill, Benjamin Morris, James A. Smith, John Welen, William T. Wild, John M. Wills.

Soon after the company was organized an Indian massacre occurred at New Ulm, Minn. This caused considerable alarm along the northern border of Iowa and this company with one each from Mills and Pottawattamie counties was ordered to Sioux City. As no further demonstration on the part of the Indians occurred, the company was ordered after a short time to rendezvous at Camp Dodge, Council Bluffs.

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charged Aug 26, 1865 as information you hit
Davenport

I have
my fathers record for
accurately.
I am enclosing a few pages

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF IOWA, G. A. R. - STATE HOUSE, DES MOINES, IOWA

JUL 30 1940

Name Veteran Roberts, Benjamin Frank Residence Dumlap, Iowa, until 1907
Last First Middle Ames, Ia 1907-1921

Date Birth May 27, 1931 Place Bolton, Tolland Co. Conn

Date Death May 20, 1921 Place Ames, Ia Burial Dumlap, Ia

Father Wm M Roberts Place Birth Enosburg, Vt

Was Father Civil War Veteran no Co. & Regiment

Mother Maria Mack Place Birth Connecticut

Brothers in Civil War (With Co. & Regiment) Albert Roberts, Co C
29th Iowa Infantry

Wife Ellen C Rogers Date & Place Birth June 3, 1845, Onondaga, Mich
Harrison Co. Ia Ames, Ia
Date & Place Marriage Mar 26, 1876 Date Death Aug 24, 1908

Children (With addresses of those living)

Maria M Roberts, 104 Blandshear Hall, Ames, Ia
Orris W Roberts, Bismarck, N. Dak

Places of Residence BF Roberts lived in Conn. until 17 yrs old, in Dumlap, Ia
until 69 yrs old and in Ames, Ia until 82

Occupation Farmer

War Service: Enlisted Aug 18 1862 as private Residing Harrison Co, Ia

Age 23 Co. C Regiment 29 State Iowa

* { mustered out Aug 10, 1865 new Orleans, La
Discharged Aug 26 1865 at Dumlap, Ia Rank Sergeant

Re-enlistment

Member in G. A. R. Posts: Nos. Shields # 83 Located Dumlap, Ia

Personal Reminiscences and Remarks He was a most enthusiastic farmer & a
student of farm problem. He kept abreast of all new methods in that field
He was much interested in some matters in his home community. He
served one term in the Iowa Legislature - 1888. His last years in
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club and the entire community.
facilities

* My father always said he was discharged at Danbury, but his discharge paper reads New Orleans. Probably the Co. records bear this up

My father hated the engagements in which he took part as follows:

Fort Pemberton Miss Mar 13 - Apr 5, 1863

On U.S. Gunboat Prairie Bend Apr 22 - June 25, 1863

Skirmish Tayers Point Miss, May 15

Engagement with Shreveport, above Greenville Miss Mar 18

White River Expedition Nov 1862 - 1863

Yazoo Pass Spring 1863

Helena, Ark, Jan 4, 1863

Little Rock, Ark Fall 1863

Ternoy Creek, Ark 1864

Lesle, Mo.

Prairie de Ann

Liberty, Mo.

Jenkins Ferry Apr 30, 1865 -

Siege of Mobile Ala 1865 -

Photo with original



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U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865

Name: **Benjamin F. Roberts**
Side: **Union**
Regiment **Iowa**
State/Origin:
Regiment Name: **29 Iowa Infantry**
Regiment Name **29th Regiment, Iowa Infantry**
Expanded:
Company: **C**
Rank In: **Corporal**
Rank In **Corporal**
Expanded:
Rank Out: **Sergeant**
Rank Out **Sergeant**
Expanded:
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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Benjamin F Roberts**
 Age in 1860: 21
 Birth Year: abt 1839
 Birthplace: Connecticut
 Home in 1860: Harrison, Harrison, Iowa
 Gender: Male
 Post Office: Olmsted
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Roberts	68
	Maria Roberts	60
	Albert F Roberts	28
	Harriet Roberts	23
	Benjamin F Roberts	21
	Altor J Roberts	18
	Orrille S Roberts	15

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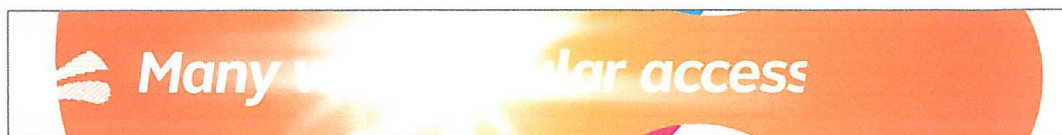
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 Bolton
 Tolland County
 Connecticut, USA
 Death: 1921
 Iowa, USA

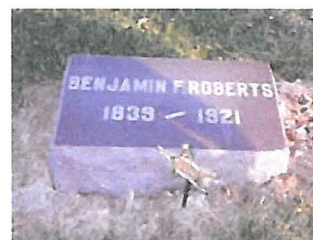
Benjamin F. ROBERTS . . . was born in Tolland County, Connecticut in 1839. When seventeen years of age he came to Iowa and began farm life on Mill Creek, in Harrison Township, working on a farm at \$10 per month, which at that time was fair wages. Two years later he opened up a small farm on section 23, and sold the products of his first year's labor, after hauling it with ox-teams to Council Bluffs, at the following prices: corn, eighteen cents; wheat, forty cents; dressed hogs, \$1.50 per hundred pounds. In response to the call for volunteers in 1862, he left his farm and enlisted as a private in Company C, Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He was soon promoted to Corporal, and after the battle of Jenkins' Ferry, upon the recommendation of commanding officers, was promoted to Sergeant. During this engagement, while charging a Confederate battery amid a shower of minie balls, his life was saved by the happy intervention of a frying-pan, which he carried in a haversack. He not only participated in every battle in which his regiment was engaged but was for three months almost constantly under fire, being detached to sharp-shooters on the U. S. gunboat, "Prairie Bird," in Lower Mississippi Squadron. At the close of the war he returned to his farm, only to find his fences destroyed by prairie fires and buildings in a dilapidated condition.

In the spring of 1866, he was married to Miss Ellen ROGERS, a native of Michigan, but one of the pioneer school teachers of Western Iowa, having taught her first school in a sawmill in North Grove, and her second term in a new barn built by Reuben VORE, of Crawford County. Mr. ROBERTS and his wife began house keeping in the house formerly occupied by J. L. ROBERTS on section 23, and in which they still reside. His deep interest in school matters led him to consider the education of his children paramount to all other interests. Although not an active politician, he was nominated by the Republican party and elected to represent Harrison County in the Twenty-Second General Assembly, but refused the candidacy for the second term. He is now one of the three among the first settlers of the township, who still reside within its borders.

Source: History of Harrison County Iowa, published in 1891 by the National Publishing Company.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROBERTS
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Added by: Ruth Moss

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Parents:

[William Martin Roberts \(1791 - 1869\)](#)

[Maria Elizabeth Mack Roberts \(1800 - 1873\)](#)

Spouse:

[Ellen C. Rogers Roberts \(1845 - 1908\)*](#)

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Burial:

[Pleasant Hill Cemetery](#)

Dunlap

Harrison County

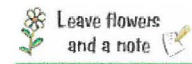
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