

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Calkins Merton ^{W Martin} Halbert Senator _____

Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Sept 1828 Mexico, Oswego County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Lucinda Loudin 5 Nov 1855

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 19th, 20th General Assemblies 1882, 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Hyoming

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Sept 1909 Hyoming, Iowa; Buried Hyoming Cemetery, Hyoming, Iowa

8. Children Elon (Mrs E. V. Briggs); Mary (Mrs E. D. Caswell)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education He was educated in the common schools

11. Degrees He took a course in the College of Medicine in Geneva, New York, later Medical University of New York City

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was of Mayflower lineage and colonial ancestors on both his maternal and paternal sides.
- He began reading school at age 7 in country schools and later in the city of Albany, New York.
- He read medicine in a doctor's office in Albany and later attended school.
- In spring 1856 he moved to Iowa, settling first at Mapleton and then to Hyoming, Iowa on 14 June 1856. There he practiced medicine for nearly 50 years.
- In 1862 he mustered 69 men and formed Company K of the 24th Iowa Infantry serving in the Civil War.
- Many of his writings are found in the 1879 History of Jones County Iowa.
- His wife, Lucinda, born 15 May 1839, died 25 Dec 1915, also buried Hyoming Cemetery, Hyoming, Iowa.

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at the post office at Wyoming, Iowa,
 intended for transmission through the
 first second class rates.

N. Stoffel, Dentist.
 WYOMING, IOWA.

Mr. Babcock was in Chicago last
 on business.

Mr. W. I. Chamberlain is visiting
 in Chicago.

The Strollers' never fail to please.
 House, October 4th.

Miss Edith Hsley of Mechanicsville
 Sunday under the parental

Mr. Finch is having his house
 east Webster street raised and
 leveled.

Mr. Wolf is putting down a ce-
 ment walk in front of his premises
 east Main street.

The lecture course will begin
 promptly at 8:15 Monday evening.
 is closed during numbers.

Mr. Bender has put in some ce-
 wall from Washington street
 and his residence.

Mr. Ed. ...
 support were in town last week.

Dr. M. H. Collins, one of the pion-
 eers of our town, departed this life
 Monday evening at ten o'clock, after
 a prolonged decline covering several
 years. His wife and children were
 at his bedside during his last hours.

The town and surrounding country
 mourn the loss of this man who dur-
 ing about fifty years of active work
 was ministering to the sick and af-
 flicted of this community. His heart
 was of the tenderest, and his nature
 truly sympathetic and comforting.
 He was beloved and honored by
 the people and in turn loved the peo-
 ple and did much for them. He fell
 at a good ripe age, having passed his
 81st birthday. The funeral services
 will be held at his late residence to-
 morrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock,
 and the remains interred in the cem-
 etery on the hill. Obituary next
 week.

A rare treat is in store for those
 who attend the first number of the
 Lecture Course October 4th.

E. L. Barber has sold his interest
 in the Ames & Barber livery stable
 and buildings to C. B. Larkey. The
 new firm will run an up-to-date liv-
 ery and be strong competitors for
 business.

A large number of friends gave
 Rev. Hsley and family a surprise at
 the parsonage last Monday evening.
 There was a large company present
 and a very nice purse of money giv-
 en the old pastor as a remembrance
 of the occasion.

The Rev. H. E. Wilcox of the M.

E. church is in Mason City in attend-
 ance upon the sessions of the Upper
 Iowa Conference now in session at
 from the congregation of this place

Onslow Items.

E. A. Hoffman and wife from Los-
 Angeles, Cal., are visiting their rel-
 atives at this place.

Mrs. Maud Cole of Clinton is spend-
 ing a few days with the home people.

Henry Reade has returned from
 the western part of the state.

Voyle Paul has gone to Chicago to
 take a medical course.

Mrs. N. B. Noyes and daughter,
 Lou, were Maquoketa visitors last
 Friday.

Bert Walters has purchased an au-
 tomobile, making three in town at
 present.

John Noyes and wife of Baldwin
 were callers in town Monday.

Nick House was shopping in Ma-
 quoketa last Friday.

Mrs. H. H. Roberts invited about
 thirty ladies to a quilting at her
 home last Wednesday. An elegant
 dinner was served by the hostess and
 altogether it was a very enjoyable
 occasion. Two quilts were quilted
 and several pounds of carpet rags
 sewed.

Bert Curtright's family have ship-
 ped their household goods to Rock
 well City, where Mr. Curtright has
 been working for some time. The
 family will leave for that place on
 Thursday.

The first number of the lecture
 course will be given by the Houston
 October 16th.

The Catholic church at this place
 is being torn down and will be moved
 to Baldwin as the church there was
 destroyed by fire.

The ball game last Saturday be-
 tween Center Junction and Onslow
 resulted in a score of 5 to 6 in favor
 of Onslow after fourteen innings.

Tuesday was Mrs. Mary McMas-

postal card shower of over seventy
 from her friends and old neighbors,
 as a mark of their esteem.

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CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL.—Services every morning at 10:30. Sabbath school at 10:30. Morning services at 10:00. Prayer meeting every Sabbath evening at 8:00.
H. W. WILSON, Pastor.

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W. H. HOLLEY, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.—Morning services at 10:30. Sabbath school at 10:30. Morning services at 10:00. Prayer meeting every Sabbath evening at 8:00.
W. H. HOLLEY, Pastor.

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PAUL OLSEN, Pastor.

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EVANS, Adjutant.
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W. H. CHAMBERLAIN, W. M.
OVERLEY, Secretary.

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WHITE, Secretary.

S. WYOMING CHAPTER No. 27. Meets the first Monday of each month. All visiting members cordially invited.
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HATTIE LAWSON, Sec.

WYOMING CAMP No. 11. Meets on the second and fourth days of each month. Neighbors made welcome and cordially invited to attend around the camp at 8:00 o'clock.
W. O. PARKS, Consul.
WILKER, Clerk.

I. CHAMBERLAIN,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
AND NOTARY PUBLIC.
 Williams' Block, north side Main Street, Wyoming, Iowa.

J. W. HUTCHINS.

DR. MARTIN H. CALKINS.



The subject of this memorial was born near the town of Mexico, Oswego county, New York, September 15th, 1828, and was of Mayflower lineage and colonial ancestors both on the maternal and paternal side. He was educated in the common schools and at the age of seventeen began teaching

in the country schools; later in the city of Oswego. He read medicine in a local doctor's office while in Oswego, then took a course in the College of Medicine in Geneva, New York, finishing his course in the Medical University of New York City, and began his practice at Constantia, New York. He was married November 5th, 1855, to Miss Lucinda Loudon of North Bay, Oneida county, New York.

In the spring of 1856 he moved west to the new state of Iowa, stopping a few weeks at Maquoketa, and June 14th, 1856, came to Wyoming, then a town of not over a dozen houses but hopeful and growing rapidly, and the surrounding country not only a most beautiful rolling prairie but also rapidly gaining in settlers who were busily engaged in breaking up the virgin soil and laying the foundations of the costly homes and farms of Jones county. The young doctor built a dwelling on a block cornering on Main and Washington streets, modest in size, and the building material about all black walnut cut from the groves along Bear creek or on the Maquoketa. And here, upon this lot, but in a more pretentious mansion, built in later years, Dr. Calkins resided and practiced his chosen profession for nearly fifty years before he gave up to the infirmities of age and rested from professional labors. As a physician he was eminently successful and held his very large practice perhaps as much by his social, genial strength of character and magnetic influence and the sunshine that always entered the sick room with his presence, as by the administering of drugs. His personality was a force for good not only in the sick room but in the entire neighborhood. During his long practice he was faithful to all calls respond-

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N. W. HUTCHINS,
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on north side Main street, over post
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DAVIS McCARN,
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has complete abstracts of title to all
land town lots in Jones county, and with
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R. M. CORBIT,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
and NOTARY PUBLIC
WYOMING, IOWA.
on north side Main street, ground
first door east of Peck's grocery
farmer's phone at office; Wyoming
(Jones County) phone at residence.

R. R. H. SPENCE,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
over W. O. Shaffer's store. Night
calls answered from residence, North
Washington Street. } Office 30
Telephone:..... } Residence 122

ALICE B. CORBIT
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Practice. Calls answered from
office on Jones street one block
of the German Lutheran church.
Anamosa, Iowa. Telephone No. 71.

H. CHAMBERLAIN
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
same as formerly occupied by Dr
Kirkpatrick, over Babcock's drug
store, Wyoming, Iowa. Night calls
answered from residence.
Office 37
Residence 82
Phone—Wyoming. }
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R. J. H. GUTHRIE,
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Acute diseases and diseases of women
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Washington street, 2nd door from
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personality was a force for good not only in the sick room but in the entire
growing community, and he was looked up to as a safe advisor and true
counsellor. During his long practice he was faithful to all calls respond-
ing cheerfully, and we have no knowledge or remembrance of his ever press-
ing his patients for fees or invoking the courts to assist him in collecting
from those who perhaps should pay but did not. It can never be truth-
fully said of him that he oppressed the poor or failed in performing fully
every obligation imposed upon a medical practitioner, and because of these
characteristics he had the love and respect of the people.

In 1862, acting as mustering officer, he administered the oath of allegi-
ance and mustered into the state militia a company of eighty-nine men,
who afterward formed Co. K of the 24th Iowa Infantry, and served their
country during the civil war. He also acted as one of the state commis-
sioners in the years 1862-3 to go to the southland and take the vote of the
soldiers then in the field.

Dr. Calkins had little of the politician in him and never sought office.
But when the town of Wyoming was incorporated he was unanimously
chosen mayor, and in 1881 was nominated as the republican candidate to
represent this county in the lower house of the state legislature; the dem-
ocrats made no nomination and the doctor was unanimously elected. Two
years later he was re-elected and although opposed by a leading democrat
polled a very large majority, and in Wyoming township out of a total vote
of 211 he had 200 votes to his credit. In the legislature he was true to his
party and his conscience. He was one of its fifty-two members who voted
for the prohibitory law. He led in the house in the matter of the passage
of the oil inspection law and had opposed to him one of the most active
and unscrupulous lobbies, who went so far as to hide the bill after it was
returned from the senate. But Dr. Calkins called a halt during the last
hours of the assembly and had the bill searched for until found and put
upon its passage and passed, much to the surprise of the lobby who thought
they had the matter over for that session and there would be no oil inspec-
tion for two years more. This bill brings in a net revenue of from ten to
twelve thousand dollars a year, to say nothing of the safety to people using
illuminating oils.

Dr. Calkins was a writer of unusual ability and every day for many
years wrote upon some subject either scientific, historical or literary as a
personal duty. In these moments he forgot not the town and vicinity of
his adoption but gathered together the reminiscences of the early days of
the settlement of this place and vicinity in chronological order, weaving
a very pleasant and useful bit of local history that formed a most inter-
esting course of lectures delivered by him to our people about 1874. So
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of Jones County was published, under the editorship of the veteran news-
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the editor could hope to place in the volume. It was a high compliment
to the hard working physician who had thus kept the annals of his town
and vicinity in its early days, and makes for Dr. Calkins a monument as
the pioneer historian of Wyoming and vicinity that will live when the
marble column is in dust.

He was a modest man, living the simple life of one devoted to his pro-
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 fession and the people, and while his name may not be found upon the
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 life, as an obligation due one to the other among all people. His upright
 life, courteous manner and kindly daily life, set a standard of good living
 to several generations of young people in the community that has been for
 the betterment of our social life.

Dr. Calkins departed this life on the evening of September 27th, 1909,
 surrounded by his family: Mrs. M. H. Calkins, his widow; Mrs. Elva
 Briggs of St. Paul, and Mrs. Mary Chassell of LeMars, daughters.

The funeral services were held at his late residence on Friday afternoon
 at three o'clock. The Rev. Henry Cullen of Milan, Illinois, spoke briefly
 of the deceased and was followed by Rev. W. H. Hsley of this place. Rev.
 C. F. Hoffman offered prayer and the services closed in the chanting of the
 Lord's prayer by E. A. Grimwood of Oxford Junction. The attendance
 upon the funeral obsequies was very large, house and front yard being
 fully occupied. There were present from out of town T. E. Booth and
 wife, Judge F. O. Ellison and wife, H. M. Remley and others from
 Anamasa; Senator R. C. Stirton, J. W. Dorse, M. L. Carpenter,
 Thomas A. King and wife, and others from Monticello; L. M. Car-
 penter, wife and others from Olin; Dr. Bowen, J. A. Wherry, and
 others from Maquoketa; E. A. Grimwood and others from Oxford Juc-
 tion and many from Onslow. After the services at the house the remains
 were interred in the Wyoming cemetery. The active pall bearers were:
 J. T. Wherry, A. G. Alden, E. C. Vaughn, A. N. Reade, E. M. Babcock,
 O. S. Ames, John Thomsen, J. W. Waite. The honorary bearers accom-
 panying the body were composed of R. A. Norton, G. W. Evans, S. G.
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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Merton Halbert Calkins**
Death Date: **27 Sep 1909**
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Birth Date: **15 Sep 1828**
Cemetery: **Wyoming**
Level Info: *Jones County Gravestone Records*

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Martin H Calkins**
 Census Date: 1885
 Residence County: Jones
 Residence State: Iowa
 Locality: Wyoming
 Birth Location: New York
 Family Number: 31
 Marital Status: Married
 Gender: Male
 Birth Year: abt 1829
 Line: 9
 Roll: IA1885_213

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Martin H Calkins	56
	Lueinda Calkins	45
	Elva T Calkins	22
	Mary A Calkins	18

Source Information:

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Description:

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Martin H. Calkins**
 Home in 1880: Wyoming, Jones, Iowa
 Age: 51
 Estimated birth year: abt 1829
 Birthplace: New York
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)
 Spouse's name: Lucinda
 Father's birthplace: New York
 Mother's birthplace: New York
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Physician
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Martin H. Calkins	51
	Lucinda Calkins	41
	Elva T. Calkins	18
	Mary A. Calkins	14
	Hannah Louden	71

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Wyoming, Jones, Iowa; Roll: T9_348; Family History Film: 1252948; Page: 391, 3000; Enumeration District: 373; Image: 0364.

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