

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clayton, Benjamin J. Senator _____

Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Jan 1839 near Carlisle, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Priscilla Martin 1862

② Nancy M. Hamilton 2 Sept 1869

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Served 3 years as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Deep and Shallow Institution at Council Bluffs, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 17th 18th General Assembly 1878 1880

6. Public Offices 20th General Assembly 1884

A. Local Mayor of Indianola for 4 years; Simpson College trustee (Indianola, Iowa);

B. State _____

C. National In 1884 the governor of Iowa commissioned him as a delegate to the Farmers National Congress at Nashville Tennessee for 20 days - also secretary, president and chairman of the executive board

7. Death 16 Mar 1922 Indianola, Iowa; buried at Villavica Cemetery, Villavica, Iowa

8. Children William M. (predeceased his father in death); Mona Bland (Mrs. Harry B. Stewart)

9. Names of parents William M and Mary (Adair) Clayton

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was practically left alone in the world and as an orphan boy thrown upon his own resources he went to work beside of slaves on a farm
- He became disgusted with slavery, so he left Kentucky going north to Decatur County, Indiana
- His first wife, Priscilla, died 2 Mar 1862, in Decatur County, Indiana
- He came westward going to Pottawattamie County, Iowa settling on a farm near Macedonia in 1873.
- He liked politics so he served 3 years on the board of supervisors in Indiana - the youngest member ever to hold that office
- He came to Indianola, Iowa in 1891
- He was a member of the board of trustees of Simpson College, Indianola Iowa for 25 years and was a chairman of the board for 15 years.
- Military services - Civil War - Company K, 29th Indiana Volunteer Infantry
- His son, William, was killed in 1890 by an accidental discharge of a gun

OBITUARIES

Hon. B. F. Clayton

B. F. Clayton was born near Carlisle, Kentucky, January 10, 1839. Mr. Clayton was a person of activity from boyhood; it is difficult to crowd into a limited biographical sketch the large experience of a man who has been active for so many years. His life is a history running from the bare-footed orphan boy days of slavery and before Warren county was dreamed of on down through the progressive years that have made Iowa a great state and our nation the greatest world factor.

Born and raised under unfavorable environment, his span of life covers the best age under which man has ever lived. His father, William M. Clayton, was born in Paris, Kentucky, in 1788, of Virginian extraction. His third wife was nee Mary Adair, of German extraction and the mother of our sketch.

It is not strange that his life was active when we consider that the blood coursing through his veins was a cross of the Virginia cavalier and the sturdy German and Anglo-Saxon. When a lad Mr. Clayton was left practically alone in the world and as an orphan boy thrown upon his own resources he went to work beside the slave on the farm at meager wages and becoming disgusted with slavery and with slave aristocracy he left his native state for the glad free north, stopping in Decatur county, Indiana, and commenced the real battle of life among entire strangers.

In 1862 he was married to Miss Priscilla Martin, who died in 1868 and in 1869 Mr. Clayton was again married to Miss Nannie M. Hamilton.

Becoming infatuated with the reports from the west, Mr. Clayton went to Pottawattamie County, Iowa, in 1873 and settled upon what is now known as the "Sunny Side Farm" near Macedonia.

Mr. Clayton has taken great interest in politics since before he became a voter. For three years he served as the youngest member ever elected to the board of county supervisors of his own county in Indiana and while in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, he was elected a member of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies; twice served as chairman of the committee on agriculture and one term as speaker pro tem of the house of representatives. He served also three years as chairman of the board of trustees of the deaf and dumb institution at Council Bluffs. In 1884 the governor of Iowa com-

Virginia, Iowa, September 19, 1893. To them one daughter, Lettie Leona, was born. Brother Judkins was converted at Medora, Iowa, August 17, 1894 and was received into full membership March 17, 1895. About twenty years ago he moved to Sisseton, South Dakota and later moved to Minneapolis, Minn. He had been in failing health for nearly three years. On February 26 he said to Mrs. Judkins, "I won't be with you long," and assured her he was ready to go. On March 5 he said, "I won't be with you next Sunday." He passed to the land beyond March 9, aged fifty-four years, six months and twenty nine days. His pastor, Rev. Charles Fox Davis, of Olivet Methodist church, Minneapolis, conducted funeral services and the body was then shipped to New Virginia Iowa for interment. Here the funeral sermon was preached Sunday, March 12, by Rev. Chas. H. Flesher, of Williams, Iowa, during whose ministry Brother Judkins was converted. Sister Judkins and her daughter have not only the sympathy of many friends but the comforting recollection of a husband and father who was true to his Savior until the end.

MOVEMENT CARRIED TOO FAR

Medical Journal Points Out Grave Danger in the Increasing Craze for Psychoanalysis.

Recently, relates the editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the minister of a prominent church in Chicago was asked by the head of the social work department to put his approval on the establishment of a lecture course on psychoanalysis. Being in doubt, he conferred with several medical men of his congregation. Finally a neurologist settled the matter by saying: "By all means have it. It should prove very popular. Half the congregation is already crazy and the other half is en route to the asylum."

The jest was not wholly a jest. People are paying too much attention nowadays to their minds. An abnormal interest in the workings of one's own mind produces either an introspective philosopher or a "common nut." When the interest is related more or less distinctly to a concealed but nevertheless obvious fascination for cogitation on things sexual, it has elements of danger. Physicians are beginning to wonder where the normal interest of the layman in these subjects ends and the scope of the psychiatrist commences. We are flooded with books on the subject by lay psychoanalysts:

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seeds of longing in you, dear.
you'll soon be off a-rowing.
or the merry month is here.
the current may be heady,
As it flows,
of course, are pretty steady.
I suppose!
if you know these facts already.
So, I'll close!)
—La Touche Hancock in Wayside
Tales.

Even in Those Days

When Rome appeared to be in flames,
every direction the sky blazed with
light of reflected fires, and from
low rose sounds of tumult and con-
fusion. On a balcony of the imperial
palace stood Nero smiling out upon
the burning city—and serenely fid-
g.
Beyond in an ante-chamber Nero's
wife was ringing a fire-alarm. In
the bed Poppaea Sibina, Nero's wife,
was holding her hands.
"Oh! Oh!" wailed Poppaea Sabina,
"a dreadful man! They say he had
set afire himself—everybody's talk-
about-it!"
"Why, the old fire-bug," exclaimed
Nero's auntie. "And there he stands
smiling that frightful fiddle, as if
nothing had happened. I wouldn't
believe he's the worst fiddler in
Rome!"

In extreme agitation, Poppaea Sa-
bina rushed out upon the balcony.
"My lord," she cried, forgetting in
her excitement to bow, "Rome is burn-
ing—Canst thou do something about

Without ceasing to fiddle, the em-
peror winked reassuringly at her.
"My dear Poppy," said he, "calm
yourself. There is little cause for
alarm. I ordered this little confla-
tion myself, and it will bring many
treasures into the coffers of state. You
dear, it's going to make a five-
act thriller."
But—

"I am burning Rome," grinned Nero,
"the movie rights!"—Henry G.
Brehm, in Wayside Tales.

Memories of Chilkoot

Can you feel the hard old tumpine on
my forehead as I listen
to the mashing of the sledges as
the dog-pack snarls and strains;
can you feel my snow-shoes sliding on
the crust with sun a-glisten
before the long trail across the northland
where we sought the yellow
grains—
How grains of precious metal that
we found among the gravel
where we thawed the frozen creek-
bed with a fire of stunted boughs!
The pressure of the tumpine on
my forehead as I travel
takes me back to old Alaska where

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missioned him as a delegate to the
third annual session of the Farmers'
National congress at Nashville, Ten-
nessee, at that meeting he was made
secretary, which office he held for
eight consecutive years when he was
elected president for a term of four
years and chairman of the executive
committee for nine years, never miss-
ing a meeting for more than twenty
years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton have raised
two children, William M. Clayton, who
graduated from Simpson college in
1890 and shortly afterwards lost
his life through an accident, and Mona
Clayton who graduated from the same
institution and became the wife of
Harry B. Stewart, of Chariton, Iowa.

For ten years Mr. Clayton was a
contributor to Appleton's Annual En-
cyclopedia; also to the North Ameri-
can Review, the Midland Monthly and
other periodicals. In 1891 Mr. Clay-
ton came to Indianola and Warren
county. For four years he was mayor
of Indianola and an active supporter
of conservative city improvement, was
a warm friend of education and Simp-
son college and for nearly a quarter
of a century a member of its board of
trustees and for fifteen years was
chairman of the board.

He was a Christian man and a mem-
ber of the Methodist Episcopal church.

He passed away at his home in In-
dianola, Iowa, March 16, 1922, age 83
years, 2 months and 7 days. He leaves
to mourn his death his wife, daughter,
Mrs. H. B. Stewart, of Chariton, and
her three children, Clayton Bentley,
Martha and Zora Clayton.

The funeral services were held at
the home on West Ashland Avenue,
Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev.
Fred N. Willis, pastor of the Methodist
Episcopal church. The body was
shipped to Macedonia, the old home,
where funeral services and burial oc-
curred on Saturday.

Samuel Martin

Samuel Martin, son of John and
Margaret Anderson Martin, was born
in Dumfries, Scotland; May 31, 1842.
He came to America with his parents

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the "movies" picture it; the theaters
dramatize it; the churches have lec-
tures on it. In the not too distant fu-
ture this psychoanalytic craze, if it
continues, will make the medical
psychiatrist a very busy man.

NOT AN ERA OF YOUNG MEN

Idea That Present Age Is Extraor-
dinary in That Respect Is Shown
as an Error.

We are given to thinking of this era
of ours as the era of young men, but
the average age of Washington's cabi-
net was under 40 years, observes the
Villager, Katonah, N. Y. Hamilton
was thirty-two; Jefferson, forty-six;
Randolph, thirty-six; General Knox,
thirty-nine, and Samuel Osgood, forty-
one. What is it persuades us to the
notion that leaders of earlier times
were always older than the men hold-
ing the corresponding offices today?

What explains the boast that our
own generation is the first to discover
and dispose of the horrible waste in-
volved in "middle age?" Is the im-
pulse just the contempt of today for
yesterday? Or are we misled by the
powdered wigs of the earlier time? "It
was a young man's army," some whip-
persnapper second lieutenant returned
from France told us in explanation of
"how we won the war." A young man's
army! Whenever was there another
kind?

The whippersnappers confessed they
had never thought of it in that way.
They had come to conceive of the
Civil war as having been fought by
men like those few who still totter
along in their blue uniforms on Memo-
rial day!

Use More Coconut-Fat

The Society of Animal Fat Producers
production of animal fats has been
steadily diminishing. Lack of such



Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Benjamin F. Clayton**
Death Date: 23 Jan 1916
Page #: 41
Birth Date: 03 Jul 1839
Cemetery: Villisca
Town: Villisca
Level Info: *Grave Records of Montgomery County, Iowa*

Source Information:

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

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Benjamin F Clayton**
 Census Date: 1885
 Residence County: Pottawattamie
 Residence State: Iowa
 Locality: MacEdonia
 Birth Location: Kentucky
 Family Number: 98
 Marital Status: Married
 Gender: Male
 Birth Year: abt 1839
 Line: 28
 Roll: IA1885_254

Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Benjamin F Clayton	46
	Nancy N Clayton	33
	William N Clayton	14
	Monia Clayton	9

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ollege and was loved by all who knew him.

Father: William M. CLAYTON b: 29 Jul 1788 in Virginia
Mother: Mary ADAIR b: 1798 in Nicholas County, Kentucky

Marriage 1 Pricilla MARTIN b: in Decatur County, Indiana

Marriage 2 Nannie M. HAMILTON

- *Married:* 22 Sep 1869

Children

1. Mona Blanch CLAYTON
2. William N. CLAYTON

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