

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Henderson, Loren R. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Ansonia County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 March 1831 Warren County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Martha Lawrence 10 Apr 1856

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1882, 1884

6. Public Offices  
A. Local \_\_\_\_\_  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 20 Oct 1909 near Anderson, Iowa; buried Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, Iowa

8. Children Charles (died 23 June 1903); Jesse A.; William L.; Ralph; George A.; one son and one daughter died in infancy

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

*Democrat*

- *He came to Fremont County in 1857.*
- *At death he possessed 600 to 700 acres of Fremont County*
- *He grew to maturity in Howard County, Indiana*
- *His wife, Martha, died 20 Mar 1907*
- *He farmed practically all his life, but from 1879-1883  
He was engaged in the mercantile business at  
Anderson, Iowa in partnership with his son, Jesse.*
- *He entered the campaign as a candidate for state senator,  
but was defeated*



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ina Draper of Sidney spent with her cousin Miss Mary o is attending college here. Mrs. Draper drove up also on Miss Draper leaves this Wellesley college to pursue es there. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa. Stewart Crawford of Beirut yria, gave a most interesting

# Two Early Settlers "Rest by the River, They Wait Their Crown"

The death of Loren R. Henderson which occurred at his home just south of Anderson last Saturday night, removes from our midst a man to whom the county owes much for its upbuilding and its progress. Coming here as he did in 1857 when this section was nothing more than an untraversed wilderness, when men were few and real men were in need, this sturdy Hoosier by his magnificent strength, both of muscle and character, his outspoken views on every subject tending toward the betterment of the community and his uncompromising attitude antagonistic to wrong-doing of whatsoever kind, at once became a leader among pioneer settlers—a position which he occupied during all the intervening years and which he retained to a considerable degree even in the days of age and infirmity.

Industrious, thrifty and economical, and yet withal generous and open-handed, his was a life of usefulness and activity. That his arduous labor and simple method of living received ample reward is attested by the fact that at the time of his death he was possessed of some 600 or 700 acres of Fremont county lands, as rich and productive as the world affords, besides valuable personal property. Yet in the face of this wide accumulation of wealth the fact is well known that his granaries were ever open to his less fortunate neighbors, his home a place of welcome to the wayfarer, under whatever conditions, and many are the tales recounted of his kindly benevolence while as many more are held in silent but sacred remembrance by the recipients.

Loren R. Henderson was born in Warren county, Ind., March 24, 1831, and grew to manhood in his native state. April 10, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Lawrence and the following year came to Fremont county where he has since resided continuously. To this union seven children were born, one son and a daughter dying in infancy and another son, Charles, departing this life June 23, 1903. The four surviving sons, Jesse A., William L., Ralph and George A., all reside in this vicinity. The wife and mother passed away March 29, 1907.

Mr. Henderson had lived the life of a farmer during practically his entire residence here, though during the time from 1878 to 1882 he was engaged in the mercantile business at Anderson in partnership with his son Jesse, they bringing to that village the first stock of goods of any consequence. Deceased was a life-long democrat of the Jeffersonian type and had been repeatedly honored at the hands of his party. In 1880 he was chosen as representative of the county in the state legislature and was re-elected in 1882. Two years later he entered the campaign as a candidate for state senator, being defeated by Talton E. Clark of Clarinda by only about 60 votes, and that, too, in a district overwhelmingly republican.

Though Mr. Henderson had ever been a reverent and God-fearing man and his life one of uprightness and

honorable deeds, it was not until about a year ago that he openly professed faith in the saving grace of the Master and was baptized by Rev. Marshall of Sidney Presbyterian church, and held to this faith as a consolation in his last days.

The funeral cortege which was one of the largest beheld in this section for years left the home at 1 o'clock and proceeded to Sidney where the funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Marshall, assisted by Dr. E. Dickinson, after which all that was mortal of this venerable old pioneer was laid to rest in the family lot in Sidney cemetery.

### Henry J. Ballinger.

At 10:30 o'clock last Sunday evening, October 3, at the family home on Filmore street occurred the death of Henry J. Ballinger, a man whose name is well entitled to a place in the roster of pioneer settlers of this county—one who saw this section in its unbroken form and who has witnessed its growth and development up to its present state of perfection, having been a resident of this community for more than half a century.

Henry J. Ballinger was born in Grant county, Ind., March 2, 1852, and came with his parents to Iowa when only 6 years of age. The family came direct to Sidney from their native state and deceased has always lived in this vicinity since that time, removing from the farm to the town home about seven years ago.

He was married December 20, 1876, to Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham and to this union four children were born, three sons and a daughter, one of the sons dying in infancy. The others, together with the mother, survive. They are: Ezra, who resides on the old home farm in Prairie township; Willis, who is also a farmer in Washington township; and Fern, a little miss at home. In addition to these he is survived by three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Mary Stafford, Mrs. Dinah Trewet and William Ballinger, all citizens of Fremont county, and Mrs. Jordan Futrill who lives in Indiana.

In 1870 deceased was converted to the christian religion and united with what was then known as the Pleasant Grove Baptist church, southeast of Sidney, that being at the time the only Baptist organization in the community. Later his church membership was transferred to the Lacy Grove Baptist church and of that body he was a member as long as the organization continued. In conversation with his pastor during the last few days of his illness the stricken man expressed confidence in the reality of his conversion and faith in Christ, and repeatedly expressed a desire to depart and be at rest.

A message was sent to Rev. Broyles, now conducting revival services at Woodbine, who arrived in Sidney Monday morning and funeral services were held from the Baptist church at 2:30 in the afternoon, under his direction, after which the body was laid to rest in Sidney cemetery.

### Mrs. Harvey Moore Dead.

At the family home near Pleasant Valley last Friday evening, October 1, at 9 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Harvey Moore, aged 20 years. Delste Davidson was born near that vicinity all her life. She was married to Harvey Moore three years

### Mrs. Swearingen Fined \$500.

Judge Thornell was in Sidney the early part of the week and on Monday opened court in the courtroom for the purpose of making final disposition of the case of Mrs. C. M. Swearingen, charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily injury. He had in his possession a written judgment handed down from Judge Wheeler before whom the case was heard at the last term of district court. Upon opening same it was found that the motion for a new trial argued before the latter judge at Glenwood had been overruled and that it was the judgment of the court that the defendant be required to pay a fine of \$500 and costs of the trial and that she stand committed until such fine and costs be paid, such commitment not to exceed 150 days in the county jail.

Mrs. Swearingen's counsel not being present, Judge Thornell informed her of her right of appeal if she chose so to do, the amount of the appeal bond having been fixed at \$1000. She was further advised that it was her privilege to make affidavit that she was unable to pay the cost of transcribing the records preparatory to appeal and in that event the court would order such work done at the expense of the county. The lady expressed a desire to avail herself of this opportunity and the papers were duly drawn. John Horsley who had stood as surety on her appearance bond pending trial sent word by phone that he would sign the appeal bond and is expected to arrive in Sidney today for that purpose, when the matter will be presented to the supreme court for final decision.

### To Banquet the Veterans.

Tonight at the Methodist church the members of Joe Ross Post, their wives and the widows of deceased members will be treated to a banquet under the direction of—well, Rev. Shipman admits that while the idea is his own, he will expect the Ladies' Aid Society, as usual, to do the work, therefore we presume it would be proper to place credit for the feast with them. After the inner man has been filled with delectable viands and all have "drank from the same canteen" a program of addresses and music will be given. The opening remarks will be by Rev. C. A. Marshall, pastor of the Presbyterian church, followed by G. T. Hatten and G. S. Benson, and the closing address will be made by Rev. Shipman, these to be interspersed by musical numbers of various kinds.

The guests will be seated at table promptly at 7 o'clock and the program will begin at 8. While none but members of the post, their wives and widows of veterans are invited to partake of the repast, the entire citizenship of the town is urged to be present at the exercises following. There will be no admission fee and not even a collection will be taken—a strangely unusual proceeding at a Methodist church.

### Miss Lair Home.

Miss Mattie Lee A. Lair returned home Thursday from St. Cloud, Colo., where she spent the summer. She is highly elated over the west in general and Colorado in particular and reports a thoroughly enjoyable and profitable vacation from her long term of service as superintendent of Fremont county schools. She will remain here two weeks before going back to Colorado.—Hamburg Reporter.

### A Lively Runaway.

W. H. Wilson thinks he is the owner of the best farm wagon in these parts, and an occurrence of Wednesday last has convinced him of the truth of his belief. A team became frightened near his home and running

### Fremont County's First Baby

G. B. Acord of Brewster, Wash. here this week visiting among relatives and old-time friends. Mr. Acord is said to have been the first white child born in Fremont county, date of his birth being June 1841. His parents who were among the white settlers in this region then lived on the farm now owned by E. Gilman in Washington township, designated on the map as section township 67, range 42, though at time of his birth no permanent settlement had been established and that section of the country was still a matter of contention between the states of Iowa and Missouri. It was in this neighborhood that the settlement of Argyle opened for sale the first lot of merchandise ever brought to county.

Mr. Acord spent the major portion of his life in this county before going to other fields and knows all hardships incident to pioneer life states that when but 18 years of age he journeyed on foot all the way to Nebraska City to the Sierra Nevada mountains with a freighting trip consuming five months. Though nearly three score and ten he is extremely well preserved and fair to live for many years to come. His mother, now 88 years old, is alive and makes her home with daughter, Mrs. Leander Keyser.

### Getting Ready for Court.

The November term of the Fremont county district court will convene Tuesday, November 2, under the direction of Judge E. B. Woodruff being his first term in Sidney his election in the fall of 1908. grand jury which is the same as last term is called to meet on Monday, while the petit jury, of which the following is the complete list, will report for duty on Wednesday, November 3.

- C. M. Penas.....Shen
- W. R. Gugg.....Shen
- Ed. Galt.....Shen
- W. W. Young.....Shen
- I. C. McIntyre.....Shen
- W. C. Johnson.....Shen
- W. H. Chambers.....Shen
- A. B. G. Miller.....Shen
- Claude Vyst.....Shen
- Bert Tobo.....Shen
- Dale Winkler.....Shen
- Chris Winkler.....Shen
- Nelson Buttz.....Shen
- John Ray Cox.....Shen
- Ed. K. Brown.....Shen
- Bruce Conner.....Shen
- John Fletcher.....Shen
- J. L. Carlton.....Shen
- E. A. Wistoun.....Shen
- Frank Hatfield.....Shen
- Clarence Oels.....Shen
- George Stead.....Shen
- Harvey Stead.....Shen
- Alex Wright.....Shen
- H. H. Kingsolver.....Shen
- C. Martin.....Shen
- R. B. Blades.....Shen
- Joe O'Conner.....Shen
- H. C. Nappie.....Shen
- Harvey Easton.....Shen
- E. S. Reeves.....Shen
- William Nappie.....Shen
- Ernest Nennemann.....Shen
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### Eighty Years Young.

William Spittler, Sr.—or, more appropriately, Uncle Bill Spittler—80 years of age yesterday, the one would suspect as much from old gentleman's actions as from about his duties, tending his garden, gathering fruit from his garden, retailing it about town, or doing odd work about the courthouse often does during the absence of his person. His movements would do credit to a man many years younger.

Yesterday morning the children and great-grandchildren of the old patriarch gathered home on Cass street to help celebrate the occasion. Each brought a well-filled lunch basket and 24 persons were served at table. Uncle Bill a purse in remembrance of the event and all departed for their homes. The best returns of the happy day, in which the Herald earnestly joins.