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Name of Representative Norsey, Lewis Greenleaf Senator Norsey,
Lewis Greenleaf - Represented Delaware County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Oct 1828 Summers, Oxford County, Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Mary Ann Croft 1854
(2) Mrs. A. Bolster 1862

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant; livestock

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 16th General Assembly 1876 - Senate

6. Public Offices 20th General Assembly 1884 - House of Representatives

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 8 Feb 1903 Earlville, Iowa; buried Fairview Cemetery, Earlville Iowa

8. Children Lewis Tillson (died in childhood); Nellie (Mrs. H. S. Bush);

James E. (all by 1st wife) - by 2nd wife S. Freeman; Gertrude (Mrs.

9. Names of parents A. P. Knowles; Grace; Ruth (Mrs. William Catron)

10. Education Attended school at South Paris and Littleton Institute, Auburn, Maine

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His mother died when he was age 7½ and he was raised by his step-mother, who was his mother's sister.
- His boyhood was spent on a farm
- He later worked at South Paris and later in his brother's store at Bangor, Maine.
- At age 22 he became ill with consumption, so went back to the farm and eventually recovered.
- Later he went to work at South Abington, Massachusetts, but he decided to leave for the gold fields of California in 1851
- After 2 years he returned home to his father's farm.
- After marriage he kept the farm until he moved to Auburn, and invested in a shoe factory
- His wife, Mary Ann, died in Auburn, Maine in 1862
- He came west in 1862, buying a farm one mile west of Earlville.
- He moved his family to Earlville, Iowa on 13 Feb 1864
- The farm was later sold and he went into business with his nephew, James Hersey, building a store, elevator, trading in grain and general merchandise

