

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nichols, Plinney Senator Nichols,
Plinney - Represented Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Oct 1824 Hayes County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Judith Clinckal Grandy 8 Jul 1848 Creston, Morrow County,
Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer; Livestock farmer; teacher; builder of railroads

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 18th General Assembly 1880 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 19th, 20th General Assemblies 1882, 1884 - Senate

A. Local School director; Justice of the Peace

B. State

C. National

7. Death 6 Dec 1896 West Liberty, Iowa buried Beth Prairie Cemetery, West Liberty, Iowa

8. Children Ann L. (Mrs. W. E. Isolation); George S.; Benjamin A.
W. P.; Linnie (two additional children predeceased their father in death)

9. Names of parents Jonas and Dorinda (Purvis) Nichols

Nichols, Pliny

10. Education Education in public schools in the winter months

11. Degrees He spent a term at the Harkness Select School of Woodbury, Ohio,
and also read several at the Ohio Wesleyan University of
Delaware, Ohio

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his parents in 1834 to Morrow County, Ohio
located at Cardington Ohio
- In 1854 the family moved to Muscatine County, Iowa, settling in
Hesperous Iowa
- He had a strong liking for books and studying. At age 19 he
started teaching school with a first-class school certificate. He
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- He then took on a contract with his brothers, Ira and George, to build
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company (Harkach, Stone and Hill) to complete work unfinished by
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DEATH OF HON. PLINY NICHOLS.

To the many friends here and else-
 where, who have for three weeks past,
 anxiously enquired each day concern-
 ing the condition of Hon. Pliny Nich-
 ols, the last sad blow to their hope and
 yearning came Sunday evening at 8
 o'clock, when, at his home on South
 Prairie, the noble man passed quietly
 away, leaving behind the record of a
 manly man and the memory of a true
 and gentle husband and brother,
 father and friend.

Of his long and eventful career the
 following sketch appears in the history
 of the county's prominent men.

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 Wayne county, New York, October 4th,
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He was a quiet, trusty fellow
 good farm hand. His only fault
 that he would take on too
 gle-foot when he went from
 has been shown in the present
 Iowa City State Press.

Prof. Hill, Mr. F. L. Ball and
 Oda Romaine, Wilma Ada and
 Fulton were in attendance
 teacher's county convention
 catine Saturday. Miss Ady st
 at Moscow to teach this wee
 the illness of Mr. Ray Griffith
 confined to his home here
 with his old trouble.

Sam McFadden has already
 infatuated with the great gam-
 ball, as it is played up here
 and has gone into training. His
 mares are a brunette mule with
 dance in the right hind leg,
 heavy draft horse with a heel
 and hard as a paved street.
 practice exhibition was give
 the barn the other day, with
 acting as a sort of "go-betwe-
 when the performance closed
 registered 168 kicks for the mule
 167 for the horse. The mule
 are both recovered but Sam is
 a little.

Y. P. S. C. E. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The meeting last Sunday eve-
 a good one, having a subject
 extremely interesting, "How
 then our faith in Christ." Mes-
 sages were brought out clearly and
 strengthen our faith in Christ.
 meeting proved beneficial to all.

The subject for next Sun-
 day: "Lessons from Solomon's
 writings." There are many
 practical lessons in Solomon's life
 we want to be benefited by
 brought out by the Christian
 we must be present.

A union meeting of all the
 churches was held in this church Sun-
 day in behalf of the organiza-
 tion existing here for the benefit of
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 former pastor of the M. E. Church
 at this place, addressed the con-
 gregation. Mr. Smith is devoting his
 life in the furthering of this work.

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Politically Mr. Nichols was a stalwart supporter of the republican party and officially served his constituents as school director, justice of the peace and in the state legislature. He was a member of the House in the 18th General Assembly, and in the Senate of the 19th and 20th General Assemblies. In the latter he served as chairman of the committee on manufactures and as a member of several other important committees, namely: Ways and Means, Agriculture, Commerce, Agricultural College, Claims, Retrenchment, and Judicial Districts. Among the most important bills originated and carried through to success in the legislature by Mr. Nichols was that of "Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes." This was naturally opposed by officials and bankers; the former one on account of requiring more work in the auditors' and treasurers' offices, the latter because they had the idle money in the state to bank on, but against the combined opposition Mr. Nichols carried the bill through the house of the 18th General Assembly, and it was concurred in by the senate. In the 19th General Assembly the bill was

less children of this State formerly pastor of the M. E. church at this place, addressed the meeting. Mr. Smith is devoting his life in the furthering of this cause. He told of the great sorrow that homeless children were everywhere in our own Christian country. The people who live in the country know nothing of the suffering of the children in large cities. He told many interesting stories of his own life. He has had since he commenced his work quite a large collection of money for the homeless children of the city. The meeting proved successful.

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Editor of the INDEX.—

To-morrow at high noon the flag will be unfurled from the top of the United States Capitol building and "the House" opened for the second session of the 55th Congress will have commenced its closing engagement of four months, after an active, intensely interesting and varied session of six months.

There is a moot question which fortunately has never been settled, namely, whether congressmen at Washington at the close of their sessions to enjoy a vacation they come to the National Capitol for a vacation. From several instances of the facts and I incline to the latter belief. In several instances, and it reflects upon the wisdom and foresight of appreciative constituents, able to record the fact that north and west these sessions permanently extended at the next elections to the latter class. In connection with it is a source of state pride to note that the solid delegation has been from Iowa for the 55th Congress from Iowa.

Mr. Speaker Reed, "the best man of them all," quitted yesterday with his family for the shore while the eloquent speaker was speaking a word, and respectfully declines to be interviewed on vital financial conditions.

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earnest official, sympathizing friend
and an indulgent and loving head of
his household. His going causes the
community which honored him to
mourn sincerely.

The funeral was held Tuesday after-
noon at the South Prairie church, Rev.
Walley conducting the services.
Despite the disagreeable weather a
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Death of a Pioneer.

Hon. Pliny Nichols, an old resident of Wapsinonoc township, near Muscatine, is dead. Mr. Nichols settled in the township in 1856. Politically, Mr. Nichols was a stalwart supporter of the republican party, for aside from his business interests he found time to serve his constituents officially as school director, justice of the peace and in the state legislature. He was a member of the house in the Eighteenth general assembly, and he was in the senate of the Nineteenth and Twentieth general assemblies. In the last named, Mr. Nichols was chairman of the committee on manufactures and was a member of seven other important committees. Among the most important bills originated and carried through by Mr. Nichols was that of the semi-annual collection of taxes, which law is still operative. As a citizen, Mr. Nichols was true and loyal, earnest and faithful as a public officer, sympathizing and considerate as a neighbor and friend, and loving and kind as a husband and father.

Fort Madison Penitentiary.

Warden N. N. Jones, of the Fort Madison penitentiary, was in Des Moines attending the convention of sheriffs. Mr. Jones was formerly sheriff of Cass county, and has been much talked of for United States marshal for the southern district of Iowa, but he says positively that he is not a candidate. He is making an excellent warden and is satisfied to remain where he is.

There are 513 prisoners under his charge, and there are 575 at the Anamosa prison. The number at Fort Madison is seldom below 500, and may go to 550 during the year 1897. It will be remembered that the last general assembly made an appropriation for the purpose of raising the roof of the cell-house at Fort Madison, putting in another tier of cells and extending the prison around some additional ground. The 149 new cells are now completed making a total in the prison of 511. Until the new cells were completed about one-half of the old ones were

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the grain trade, in which he continued for two years. He then embarked in the grocery and provision business, continuing in that line for another two years. In the fall of 1870 he was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, which office he has since continued to fill, having been re-elected biennially. In the discharge of the duties of the office he has given universal satisfaction. Unlike many others in the same position he seeks to prevent litigation instead of encouraging it for the fee that might be received.

Not long after the arrival of Mr. Shipman in this county, his neighbors discovered the worth of the man, and he was nominated and elected a member of the House of Representatives of the 8th General Assembly. He was re-elected and served as a member of the 9th General Assembly. During his first term he served as a member of the military committee with N. B. Baker, who gained great reputation as Adjutant General of the State during the Rebellion. In the 9th Assembly he was Chairman of the committee on township and county organization; a very important committee. He was present at the special session called on the outbreak of the Civil War, voting for every measure calculated to facilitate enlistments and preserve the honor of the State. Previous to the first election to the General Assembly, he served as Township Assessor in 1855, and in 1857 was elected and served as County Assessor.

Our subject and wife are the parents of six children: Fannie, for twelve years a teacher in the schools of Iowa City, died in February, 1886; William H. is a harness-maker, residing in West Liberty; Rufus Stone died at the age of one and a half years; Mary D. is the wife of J. H. Clark, a farmer of Wapsinonoc Township; Lizzie and Alice reside at home. Mrs. Shipman died in February, 1885, at the age of sixty-three years; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, with which body she had been connected for many years. An earnest and devoted Christian woman, a loving wife and mother, her death was deeply mourned by all who knew her.

In his church relations Mr. Shipman is also a Presbyterian and a Trustee of the church at West Liberty. Socially, he is member of the Masonic fraternity, and is at present Secretary of Mt. Calvary Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., and also Secretary of Liberty Chap-

ter No. 79, R. A. M. Politically, he is a Republican, of "the strictest sect of religion," and withal a strong temperance man. He is Secretary of the School Board and holds a like position in the Fair Association of West Liberty. As a citizen no man has been more closely identified with every interest having a tendency to build up and honor the city of West Liberty, and for the good that he has done and for the good that is in him he enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.



HON. PLINY NICHOLS, an honored and representative citizen of this county, now residing on section 29, Wapsinonoc Township, is one of the early settlers of 1856. He was born in Wayne County, N. Y., on the 4th of October, 1824, and is a son of Jonas and Dorinda (Purvis) Nichols, the former a native of Vermont, born of English parentage, the latter of New York, of English descent on the paternal side, and of Welsh descent on the maternal side.

Jonas Nichols was by trade a brickmaker. In the year of 1834, he emigrated to Morrow County, Ohio, locating at Cardington, where he engaged in brickmaking for several years. In 1851 he cast his lot with the early settlers of Muscatine County, and became a resident of Wapsinonoc Township, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death occurring in January, 1856, at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were the parents of ten children: Jonas, who died at the age of nineteen years; Ira, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; George P., who was a farmer and prominent business man of West Liberty, now deceased; Pliny, of our sketch; Phineas, who is engaged in farming in Wapsinonoc Township; Daniel, also a resident farmer of the same township; Isaac C., who departed this life in 1886, at West Liberty; William A., who is living in West Liberty; Harriet D., wife of Henry Peollit, of Cardington, Ohio; and Eleanor A., wife of Clark Luse, of West Liberty.

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his services being required at his father's brick-yard during the summer, he improved his leisure hours and evenings so well that at nineteen years of age he was able to commence teaching with a first-class school certificate. His examiner volunteered the remark that it was the second one of that class issued in the county so far that year. A term at the Harkness Select School of Woodbury, Ohio, supplemented by a season at the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, completed his school privileges, but the taste for reading and literature has remained, and few men to-day are better posted on literary, religious, business, and political matters than he. Mr. Nichols continued to teach school in the winter until twenty-two years of age, when in connection with his older brothers, Ira and George, he took the contract of constructing eight miles of the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad, in the vicinity of Cardington, Ohio. The work was fairly remunerative for those times, his share of the profits for two years' work being about \$1,000. The job completed, Mr. Nichols was employed by the construction company, (Harbach, Stone & Witt) to complete some work on which other contractors had failed, and when the road was completed his services were retained by the railroad company to take charge of repairs on a division of twelve miles at Cardington, but having purchased a farm of 100 acres near that town, he severed his connection with the railroad, and, in 1852, took up his residence on the farm, having since that time continuously remained a cultivator of the soil.

In July, 1848, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage with Miss J. C. Grandy, a native of New York, and a daughter of William and Celinda Grandy. Seven children have been born of this union, five of whom are now living: Ann L., now the wife of N. C. Tarleton, of Blair, Neb.; George S., a resident farmer of Wapsinonoc Township; Benjamin A., who is also engaged in the same occupation in Wapsinonoc Township; W. P. and Linnie at home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols is still on the farm, where they took up their residence over thirty years ago, though the original eighty acres have been added to until the farm now comprises

400 acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, with the exception of thirty acres of timber land. In 1873 a commodious and handsome brick residence was erected at the cost of \$4,500; the barn and outbuildings are correspondingly good, and Mr. Nichols is to-day the owner of one of the best improved farms of the county. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Short-horn cattle, and upon his farm has now 100 head of recorded stock. His annual sales amount to \$3,000, and he raises the stock which he ships. He also raises a fine breed of standard roadster horses and always has some fine specimens on hand. He has done much to advance the high grade of stock in Iowa and surrounding States, and his stock-farm is one of the best for miles around.

Politically, Mr. Nichols is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, and is strong in his support of the principles which it has advocated. Aside from his extensive business interests, he has found time to serve his constituents officially as School Director, Justice of the Peace, and in the State Legislature. He was a member of the House in the 18th General Assembly, and in the Senate of the 19th and 20th General Assemblies. In the 20th General Assembly, Mr. Nichols was Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures and a member of seven other important committees, namely: Ways and Means, Agriculture, Commerce, Agricultural College, Claims, Retrenchment, and Judicial Districts. Among the most important bills originated and carried through to success in the Legislature by Mr. Nichols was that of "Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes." This was naturally opposed by officials and bankers; the former on account of requiring more work in the auditor's and treasurer's offices; the latter because they had the idle money in the State to bank on, but against the combined opposition Mr. Nichols carried the bill through the House of the 18th General Assembly, but it was killed by the Committee on Ways and Means of the Senate. In the 19th General Assembly, the bill was again introduced by Mr. Nichols, reported adversely by the committee and lost by a tie vote in the Senate. In the 20th General Assembly, he again brought the measure forward when it passed muster

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Mr. Nichols and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, of South Prairie, of which he is a Trustee. There is probably no man in Muscatine County who has done more for its upbuilding and its interests than he; as a citizen, he is true and loyal; as a public officer, earnest and faithful; as a neighbor and friend, sympathizing and considerate; as a husband and father, loving and kind; and as a Christian he is sincere.



JAMES M. FISHER, one of the leading stock-dealers of Muscatine County, residing in West Liberty, is numbered among the settlers of 1856. He was born in Bradford County, Pa., March 7, 1832, and is a son of Frederick and Dolly (Cole) Fisher, the former a native of Connecticut, and the latter of Pennsylvania. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living with the exception of John M., who was accidentally killed in 1841; Laura, widow of Abram Mace, resides near the old home in Bradford County, Pa.; Helen L., widow of William Lyon, is also a resident of that county; Avaline, widow of Merritt Knapp, makes her home near Scranton, Pa.; George W., engaged in blacksmithing, is living in Bradford County; James M. is the next in order of birth; Isabel is the wife of Hiram Adams, of Tioga County, Pa.; Frederick W., who is living on the old homestead; Charles O., a lumber merchant of Wayne, Neb. The father of these children died on the old homestead in Pennsylvania when sixty-one years of age. He was a prominent and influential man in that community, held various official positions, and for many years was Brigade Inspector of the State Militia. The death of Mrs. Fisher occurred at the age of sixty-four years.

Our subject received his education in the common schools of his native county, and in his early

life began farming, being obliged to assist in the cultivation of the home farm. Remaining under the parental roof until the age of eighteen, he then began working by the month, and continued with his employer one year, after which he made a trip in 1851 through Illinois, stopping for about a year in Elgin, after which he went to Lockport, N. Y., and later returned to Pennsylvania. In 1856 he again came to the West, locating in Muscatine County, Iowa, where he rented a farm of 160 acres for ten years, and in 1866 purchased eighty acres of land in Wapsinonoc Township. Seven years were passed upon that farm, when, in 1873, he sold out and bought 240 acres on sections 28 and 30 of Goshen Township, which were but partly improved. From this land he developed a fine farm, making many improvements, and putting the whole under a high state of cultivation. He has given much attention to the breeding of fine standard-bred horses, being one of the largest stock-dealers in the county, having shipped annually from forty to fifty carloads of hogs and cattle. In 1868 he bought "Black Dan," a fine Bashaw, and has been the owner of many other celebrated animals, among which was "Spy-buck," that carried off three premiums at the stock show at Chicago, and also received the first premium as a single-buggy horse in 1888, under the name of "Spy." Mr. Fisher continued to reside upon the farm until 1882, when he removed to the city of West Liberty, since which time he has given his attention exclusively to the breeding of Hambletonian stock, and upon the farm will be found thirty-five head of fine bred horses.

In 1854 Mr. Fisher was united in marriage with Miss Matilda N. Moore, who was born in Allegany County, N. Y., and is a daughter of James C. and Anna (Smith) Moore, who are natives of Bradford County, Pa., and now reside in New York. By the union of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher eight children have been born: Laura, wife of Felix Rock, a farmer of Wapsinonoc Township; Fred L., who resides upon a farm, giving his attention to its cultivation in the summer, while the winter months he spent in teaching school; John M., a graduate of the Columbus Junction schools of the class of '82, is engaged in farming and teaching in Wright County, Iowa; Stella, who is a member of the

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Deuteronomy 28:68 - "And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with " Ships ", by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you."

◇ Luke.8:10 "And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. ◇ See the "Sower Parable" Luke 8:8

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- *ID:* I200582
- *Name:* Pliney Nichols
- *Surname:* Nichols
- *Given Name:* Pliney
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 4 Oct 1824 in Wayne County, New York
- *Death:* 6 Dec 1896 in West Liberty, Muscatine, Iowa ¹

- *Burial:* Methodist Episcopal Church of South Prairie Cemetery, Muscatine, Iowa

- *UID:* 4923D76DA73D0C4998A17FC102152331CD08

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HON. PLINY NICHOLS, and honored and representative citizen of this county, now residing on section 29, Wapsinonoc Township, is one of the early settlers of 1856. He was born in Wayne County, N. Y., on the 4th of October, 1824, and is a son of Jonas and Dorinda (Purvis) Nichols, the former a native of Vermont, born of English parentage, the latter of New York, of English descent on the paternal side, and of Welsh descent on the maternal side. Jonas Nichols by trade was a brickmaker. In the year 1834, he emigrated to Morrow County, Ohio, locating at Cardington, where he engaged in brickmaking for several years. In 1854 he cast his lot with the early settlers of Muscatine County, and became a resident of Wapsinonoc Township, where he spent the remaining years of his life, his death occurring in January, 1856, at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were the parents of ten children : Jonas, who died at the age of nineteen years ; Ira, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work ; George P., who was a farmer and prominent business man of West Liberty, now deceased ; Pliny, of our sketch ; Phineas, who is engaged in farming in Wapsinonoc Township ; Daniel, also a resident farmer of the same township ; Isaac C., who departed this life in 1886, at West Liberty ; Harriet D., wife of Henry Peoffit, of Cardington, Ohio ; and Eleanor A., wife of Clark Luse, of West Liberty. Our subject in early life manifested a strong liking for books and study, and though only permitted to attend the public schools during the winter months, his services being required at his father's brick-yard during the summer, he improved his leisure hours and evenings so well that at nineteen years of age he was able to commence teaching with a first-class school certificate. His examiner volunteered

1873 a commodious and handsome brick residence was erected at the cost of \$4,500 ; the barn and outbuildings are correspondingly good, and Mr. Nichols is to-day the owner of one of the best improved farms of the county. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Short-horn cattle, and upon his farm has now 100 head of recorded stock. His annual sales amount to \$3,000, and he raises the stock which he ships. He also raises a fine breed of standard roadster horses and always has some fine specimens on hand. He has done much to advance the high grade of stock in Iowa and surrounding States, and his stock-farm is one of the best for miles around. Politically, MR. Nichols is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, and is strong in his support of the principles which it has advocated. Aside from his extensive business interests, he has found time to serve his constituents officially as School Director, Justice of the Peace, and in the State Legislature. He was a member of the House in the 18th General Assembly, and in the Senate of the 19th and 20th General Assemblies. In the 20th General Assembly, Mr. Nichols was Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures and a member of seven other important committees, namely : Ways and Means, Agriculture, Commerce, Agricultural College, Claims, Retrenchment, and Judicial Districts. Among the most important bills originated and carried through to success in the Legislature by Mr. Nichols was that of " Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes." This was naturally opposed by officials and bankers ; the former on account of requiring more work in the auditor's and treasurer's offices ; the latter because they had the idle money in the State to bank on, but against the combined opposition Mr. Nichols carried the bill through the House of the 18th General Assembly, but it was killed by the Committee on Ways and Means of the Senate. In the 19th General Assembly, the bill was again introduced by Mr. Nichols, reported adversely by the committee and lost by a tie vote in the Senate. In the 20th

General Assembly, he again brought the measure forward when it passed muster in the Committee on Ways and Means, and making its passage in the Senate with only three dissenting votes. It subsequently passed the House and became the law of the State by the approval of Gov. Sherman, and worked to the great satisfaction of the whole community. Mr. Nichols and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of South Prairie, of which he is a Trustee. There is probably no man in Muscatine County who has done more for its upbuilding and its interests than he ; as a citizen, he is true and loyal; as a public officer, earnest and faithful ;as a neighbor and friend, sympathizing and considerate ; as a husband and father, loving and kind ; and as a Christian he is sincere.

• *Change Date: 28 Oct 2005 at 01:00:00*

Marriage 1 Judith Celinda Grandy b: 20 Sep 1825 in ,St. Lawrence, New York

• *Married: 8 Jul 1846 in Cardington, Morrow, Ohio ²*

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Name: **Pliney Nichols**
 Birth Year: **abt 1825**
 Birth Place: **New York**
 Gender: **Male**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1885**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Muscatine**
 Locality: **Wapsinoc**
 Roll: **IA1885_239**
 Line: **3**
 Family Number: **130**
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Household	Name	Age
Members:	Pliney Nichols	60
	J C Nichols	54
	Benjamin Nichols	22
	Wm P Nichols	19
	Celinda D Nichols	16
	Michael Schrader	30

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[Celynda Grandy](#)
Born: 20 Sep 1825 in New York, USA
Died: 17 Apr 1897 in West Liberty, Iowa, USA
Marriage: Jul 1848 in Cardington, Morrow, Ohio, USA

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Children

Sex Birth

Children	Sex	Birth
Ann Lovina Nichols	F	8 Aug 1850 in Cardington, Morrow, Ohio, USA
George S Nichols	M	1855 in Ohio, USA
Benjamin A Nichols	M	1863 in Iowa, USA
William P Nichols	M	1865 in Iowa, USA
Linie Nichols	F	1868 in Wapsinonoc, Muscatine, Iowa, USA

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