

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clair, William Senator _____

Represented Marion County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Jul 1823 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
(Bethena Peter) 5 Sept 1850 Rose County, Ohio
2 Mrs Sarah Roush Swain 22 Jul 1874 Marion County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; G.A.C.

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy auditor; later auditor for Marion County

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 31 Oct 1905 Knoxville, Iowa; buried Pleasant Cemetery, Knoxville, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Mary (Mrs. Nell Fry - died in 1874); Lemaria (Mrs. Rev John Stevens); Harold (died at age 8); William (died in infancy); by 2nd wife - Robert

9. Names of parents William

Blair Hillman

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Greenbacker

- Military service - Civil War - Company A, 40th Iowa Infantry
- His wife, Sarah, born 29 Feb 1832, died 24 Dec 1912, also buried
Greenland Cemetery, Knoxville, Iowa
- His mother died when he was age 2 and after that until age 12 he
lived with his aunt, Mrs. Mount Johnston, Pennsylvania
- In 1835 he moved to Ross County, Ohio. After marriage they moved to
Marion County, Illinois where they lived until 1855.
- In 1855 they came to Iowa settling in Union Township, Marion County, Iowa
- His first wife, Betsey, died 14 Oct 1873

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mind comes only from grappling with
hard problems. It is a quality that
can never be cultivated by easy-going,
slipshod methods. There is no royal or
short-cut road to learning; and for the
development of the mind's highest
powers all object lessons and devices
are worthless if one does not resolutely
set himself to conquer his intellectual
difficulties. L. N. MOORE.

DAMAGE FOR A FALL.

W. T. Dawson Suing Knoxville for
an Accident Last Winter.

Judge Applegate and a jury still find
plenty of work in the district court.
The case on trial yesterday was W. T.
Dawson vs. City of Knoxville, in
which Mr. Dawson seeks to make the
city pay damages for his fall on a slip-
pery walk last January.

While there has been no lack of busi-
ness, yet it has been of a character
that does not make an interesting
"story" in a newspaper.

State vs. Pearl Myrick, security to
keep peace—Dismissed for lack of pro-
secution, and defendant discharged.

Eugene Dennis vs. Henry Moll—
This case was an action for damage
against a tenant. It began on Monday
of last week, was on trial when THE
EXPRESS was printed and terminated
on Saturday with a verdict for defend-
ant. Another case against same de-
fendant was dismissed by plaintiff.

Lavenia Cotton vs. T. M. Cotton,
divorce—Decree.

State vs. Wm. Kennedy, indicted for
aiding prisoner to escape—Motion to
set aside indictment sustained, and de-
fendant discharged.

Japanese Idea of Brave

There is a time when death is much
easier for a man than to fulfill his duty,
and if he dies just for the sake of death
he cannot execute the duty that is as-
signed them. True bravery is not in
throwing away one's life, or courting
death, but in doing one's duty at the haz-
ard of one's life. You must not forget
that—"A Daughter of Japan," by Marui
Gensai.

Czar's Irrevocable Doom.

So far as precedents go, they indicate
that, whether a Russian autocrat de-
termines to do right or persists in doing
wrong, he faces an irrevocable doom. He
dwells in the appalling atmosphere of
an Orestean trilogy, through which stalk
the puppets of Fate, the helpless and
hopeless expiators of ancestral crime.—
N. Y. Sun.

Denmark's Small Farms.

Most of the farms in Denmark ar-
from five to 25 acres, and are owned
by the peasantry. About half of the
land is in oats, hay, pasture and
crops for the horses, milk cows and
sheep. In proportion to her size, Den-
mark has more cattle than any other
country in Europe.

Out of the Question.

Looking for a birthday present for
your little boy, eh? Why not get him
a Noah's ark?"

dinner and was engaged in loading a car
that was standing on the entry track.

The piece of slate that fell upon the
unfortunate victim of the accident was
an immense slab that required the
united efforts of several men to remove
it from the crushed and bleeding re-
mains.

After the remains were removed to
the home, Thomas Gibbons, of Dun-
reath, acting coroner, summoned a jury
of three—Morris Deitrick, Charles
Burkenholtz and Wm Taylor. After
viewing the remains and considering all
the circumstances connected with the
accident, the jury found matters which
they considered prudent to return in the
shape of a sealed verdict. Mr. Gibbons
notified the state mine inspector of the
accident Thursday evening,

Deceased had been in America about
four years. He leaves a wife and an
adopted son.

Funeral services were held Friday
under the auspices of the United Mine
Workers of America.

Capt. Wm. Blain.

Capt. Wm. Blain, who has been for
so long confined to the house by the
many infirmities of increasing age,
passed away yesterday about noon.

Deceased was born in Pennsylvania,
July 22, 1823. He was an old settler
of Marion county, and for many years
resided on his large farm, northwest
of the city. August 9 1862, he en-
listed in Company A, 40th Iowa infan-
try, and was chosen second lieutenant.
He served three years, until the regim-
ent was mustered out, Aug. 2, 1865.
During the three years' service he
also served as first lieutenant and cap-
tain of his company.

Returning home at the close of the
war, Capt. Blain engaged in farming
and stock-raising in Union township,
and in both lines was a success. Later
on he occupied many positions of trust
in his township and in the county.

Capt. Blain was a man who in all
his long and useful life did well his
part, always a force for the right as
he saw it—a kind neighbor, a warm
friend, a good citizen. He possessed
in a remarkable degree the esteem
and confidence of all, and his death
comes as a personal grief to all who
knew him. To the widow and
the children the sympathy of all is ex-
tended.

The funeral services will be held in
the Baptist church this afternoon at 2
o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. B. Ed-
monson; interment in Graceland.

Mrs. J. E. Woolever.

Died, at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
M. L. Brawner, five miles northwest
of Knoxville, on the Noftsgar farm,
Oct. 28, Laura E., wife of Rev. J. E.
Woolever, aged 29 years. Death re-
sulted from consumption after a long
illness.

Deceased was the daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Brawner, and grew to woman-
hood a few miles east of Knoxville.
Latterly they had resided in Clarke
county, where Rev. Woolever has a
charge. She had been ill since last
winter. She leaves parents, husband
and two sons, 7 and 5 years old.

Funeral services were held at the
home Monday at 1:30, conducted by
Presiding Elder Miller, of Indianola;
burial in Graceland.

Frankie Cleveland Knotts was born
near Knoxville, Sept. 16, 1885; died of

Married, at the home of the
parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. M.
Wednesday evening, Oct. 25.
Bessie Myers to Oscar A. Eckley,
J. B. Edmonson officiating.

Bessie is the youngest daught
Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Myers, and
popular young lady of this city.
Eckley has made Knoxville his
for the past six years, and during
time has made many friends wh
wish him well.

After congratulations a two-
luncheon was served.

The young couple will go to
keeping in the north part of
where they will be at home to
many friends.

Van der Ploeg-van Houweling

Pella Chronicle: On Thursday
ing of last week the home of Mi
van Houweling was the scene of a
pretty wedding. Her daughter,
trude Ada, was wedded to Dir-
der Ploeg, of Otley.

At six o'clock the ribbons
drawn by Anna and Elizabeth Rie
and to the strains of the we
march played by Miss Anna van H
eling the bridal party took its
under a beautiful floral arch.
bride was attended by Miss Ann
der Ploeg, cousin of the groom
the groom by Albert van Houw
brother of the bride. The cere
was performed by the Rev. Hen
Boer, of Otley.

Mathes-Vos.

Pella Chronicle: Miss Jennie
and John Mathes were united in
riage at the residence of the b
parents, about four miles north
city, on last Thursday evening.
Mr. de Pree, pastor of the E
church, performed the ceremony.

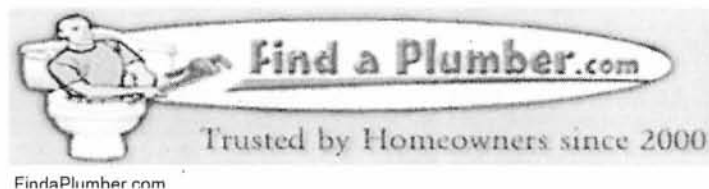
Bowstra-de Haan.

Pella Chronicle: Last evening
bride's parents in South Pella.
Margaret de Haan and Simon I
stra were united in marriage.
parents of the groom arrived
Michigan last Monday evening.
couple is both favorably and
known in this city.

Football Notes.

The high school football team
to Lacona Saturday and played
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Karr, Kingery, Teter, Roff, Betterton families, Marion Co. Iowa

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- **ID:** I2161
- **Name:** William BLAIN
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 1823
- **Death:** 1905
- **Reference Number:** 2161
- **Note:**

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Capt. William Blain Obituary

On Tuesday, October 31, 1905, after many months of confinement to his room and bed on account of the infirmities incident to the old, Capt. William Blain, pioneer citizen, soldier and legislator, passed away at his home in this city, aged 82y, 3m, 9d. Deceased was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1823. when he was only 2 hears of age his mother died and after that time until he arrived at the age of 12 he made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Moore, at Jonstown, Penn. In the year 1835 he removed to ross co., Ohio, where in September 5, 1850, he was united in marriage with Miss Bethena Teter. during the same year Mr. and Mrs. Blain removed to Marion Co., Illinois where they resided till 1855, when they removed to Iowa and settled in Union township, Marion County. Since that time, a period of almost 50 hears, Capt. Wm Blain has become of the prominent and influential citizens of the state. On August 2, 1862, Mr. Blain enlisted in Co. A, 40th Iowa Infantry and served his country faithfully for almost 3 years, his discharge papers bearing the date of August 9, 1865. He was first chosen 2nd Lieutenant of the company, but later passed to 1st Lieutenant and finally to the office of Captain of his Company. After the close of the war Capt. Blain returned to Union Township farm, 5 miles north of Knoxville, and conducted successful agriculture at that place until he retired from active life and removed to town in February 1890. To William and Bethena Blain 4 children were born, 3 daughters and 1 son--Mary, Demaris, Hannah, and William. Mary became the wife of Mell Fry. she died in 1874. Demaris is now the wife of Rev. John Stevens, of Kearney, Nebraska; Hannah died at age 18, and William in infancy. Mrs. Bethena Blain died October 14, 1873. In 1874, on July 22, Mr. Blain took a second partner in marriage - Mrs. Sarah Swaim..To that union 1 son, Robert, was born. The widow and son still survive. When in his prime, and even after he had become what the world knows as an old man, Mr. Blain was quite prominent in local and state politics - always being on the side of the conservative masses as against plutocracy and extravagance. He served in the 19th General Assembly, 182, jointly with H.M. McCully. Later he was deputy auditor under Geo. Gustin and after the death of Auditor Viersen was appointed to fill out that gentleman's unexpired term, which was 3 months. Marion county has never had a more intelligent, more Honest or noble citizen. He was a rare gentleman and valued member of the Baptist Church for more than 45 hears and it is not surprising that such a man should impress his personality strongly on all those with whom he came in contact, or that there should be general sorrow because of his death. The funeral services, which are under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity and local G.A.R. post, were held at the Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The sermon was by Rev. J.B. Edmonson, the pastor. Interment in Graceland Cemetery.

Marriage 1 [Bethena TETER](#) b: 10 JUL 1822

Children

1.  Mary Martha BLAIN b: 10 JUL 1852 in Fayette County, Illinois
2.  Demaris BLAIN b: 6 JAN 1854 in Marion Co., Illinois
3. William Melvin BLAIN b: 1858
4. Hannah BLAIN b: 1860
5. Jay Elton BLAIN b: 1870

Marriage 2 [Sarah Roush SWAIM](#)

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **William Blain**
Death Date: 31 Oct 1905
Page #: 7A
Birth Date: 22 Jul 1823
Cemetery: Graceland
Town: Knoxville
Comment: wif: Sarah
Level Info: *Cemetery Records of Marion 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.

Description:

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the Works Project Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the name of the deceased, birth date, death date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. Learn more...

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Died

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Blain, William
 Residence Knoxville, Iowa
 Occupation Farmer
 Date birth July 22, 1823 Place Philadelphia, Pa
 Date death 31 0 1905 Place Knoxville, Iowa
 Cause Graceland Cem. Place burial " "
 War record - Capt - A 40 Iowa Inf.
 Rank Company Regiment State Organization
 Age 38, residence Knoxville.
 Enlisted Apptd. 2d Lieut. Aug. 15, 1862.
 Date Place
 Mustered S. 2, 1862. Promoted 1st Lieut. May 8, 1864; Captain Dec. 3, 1864.
 Mustered out Aug. 2, 1865, Cherokee Nation, U.S.A.

Pensioned SC 846 114 Iowa
 Widow Sarah, filed War for pension N.G.,
 1905, Iowa Ctr 624 092
 Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

Father Nativity
 Mother Nativity
 1st Bethena Teeter
 Wife 2d Sarah Swain, nee Koush
 m. 23 J1 1874 by Rev. Bligh of
 Children Christian Church at Knoxville, Ia
 Demaris (Mrs. J.S. Stevens *
 Robert born Mar 24, 1878
 Hannah, William, Mrs. Mill Fry
 * born Jan 6, 1855
 Sources Post 49, Desc. Book: Blain, William
 Roster Iowa Soldiers; Blain, William
 Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Knoxville/
 Knoxville Journal Nov. 3, 1905

Discharged Date Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Blain, William
 Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined	Age
John C. Ferguson	49 (89)	Knoxville	26 Ja '84	59

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Member-at-Large					
Pension File shows married 1st: Bethena who died Nov 14, 1873 Knoxville, Iowa Had two children living in 1895. Was age 74 in 1897. Married 2d widow of Allen Swain to whom Sarah Roush was married 1849, Allen Swain or Swaim died Je 30, 1857 or 1858.					

Suspended

Died