

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Final death date 4 first wife passed on 2nd page

Name of **Representative** Datson, Eli Euphrates Senator _____

Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Feb 1847 Edgar County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary E. Hurst 1868

② Mrs. Anna Triplet

③ Mrs. Olivia York 16 Dec 1926

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business A Director of the First National Bank, Colfax, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Member, Shrewsbury Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer; educator;

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 18th, 19th General Assemblies 1880, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 26 Dec 1928 Colfax, Iowa - buried Mes Keever Cemetery, Colfax, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Wilbur S.; Mrs. Ed Bolens, Eli E.; Leopold H.; Charles A. (predeceased his father in death); Lizzie Ellen (predeceased her father in death); three other unnamed children predeceased their father in death; by 2nd wife - Hugh K.

9. Names of parents Charles A. Datson

Dotson, Eli Euphrates

10. Education Educated in rural schools near Colfax, Iowa;
completed his schooling at the Mitchellville Seminary,
Mitchellville, Iowa

11. Degrees Graduate of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age one year he moved with his parents to Iowa on 20 Mar 1848
spending his boyhood on the family farm north of Colfax, Iowa
- He taught school in the rural schools for a number of years
and later was principal of the Colfax High School for
several years.
- After farming for 30 years, he moved into Colfax.
- He lived in Jasper County, Iowa for 21 years.
- His first wife, Mary E., died
- His second wife, Anna, died 2 Oct 1925

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary		The Colfax Tribune, Colfax, Iowa.	Jan. 3, 1929, p. 1, col. 1 and p. 3, col. 4, 5, 6

E. E. DOTSON, PIONEER JASPER CO. DIED SAT.

**WAS PROMINENT AS FARMER,
LEGISLATOR AND BANKER**

**Mr. Dotson Was Active and Took An
Interest In Present Day Things
Up To His Last Illness**

E. E. Dotson, one of the truly pioneer residents of this community, died Saturday noon, December 26th, after a short illness.

Eli Euphrates Dotson, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dotson, the oldest of six children, being born February 20th, 1847 in Edgar county, Illinois.

At the age of one year he came with his parents to Iowa, March 20, 1848 and spent his boyhood days on the old Dotson homestead north of Colfax. His early training on the farm was the incentive and strong factor that made him the successful farmer that he was. His education began at the rural school, completing his training at the Mitchellville Seminary and graduating at Grinnell college. For a number of years he taught in the rural schools and later was principal of the Colfax high school for several years.

A number of years ago he served as Representative from Jasper county in the State Legislature for two terms. He has continued to be active in politics from the national ticket down to the township ticket. During the recent political campaign he served as a delegate to both county and state as representative of his party, and was active throughout the entire campaign. He was ever interested in civic affairs and always a leader; his advice was sought in many affairs of life and of which he gave willingly.

Mr. Dotson was an active member of Riverside lodge No. 389 A. F. & A. M. of this city since 1878 and was treasurer for years. He was also a member of Geber Chapter, Knight Templars, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and the Order of the Eastern Star.

As a business man he was unusually keen and was the owner of large

Recover Stolen Car

Sunday night, Night Watch Jas. Hanawalt and Constable Harry Woods took into custody, Charles Blockinger of Dubuque and a Ford roadster which had been stolen at Dubuque.

The Ford car caught fire as Blockinger was passing through Colfax and he abandoned the car but was later picked up at a restaurant downtown. He admitted the theft of the car and two detectives came from Dubuque Monday and took him in charge.

Mitchellville Farmers' Short Course

The Fourth Annual Mitchellville Farmers' Short Course will be held at Mitchellville, January 9, 10, 11 and 12. They are offering a long list of prizes in the Farm Crops department, Horse dept., Hog department, Poultry dept. and Home Economics departments. Entries are open to all and the premium list can be secured by writing Earl McClannahan, Secretary, Mitchellville.

W. H. RILEY & SON BUY W. E. FENNER GROCERY

**Took Charge Friday Morning And
Will Continue Along Same Line**

The announcement Friday morning that W. H. Riley and son Frank, had purchased the W. E. Fenner grocery came as a distinct surprise to almost everyone in Colfax.

Mr. Fenner was one of the veteran business men of Colfax, having been in business in this city since 1903. For many years he conducted both a dry goods and grocery, but about three years ago he disposed of the dry goods and has since been conducting the grocery alone. He has not fully decided just what he will do, but after so many years, continuously in the store it seems he deserves a few days rest.

W. H. Riley and son Frank are no new comers to the city, having been residents of Colfax for years. W. H. Riley has traveled for the Penn Overall Co., for many years and Frank has been in the employ of Mr.



Give a house a difference what its advantages may be, its interior. If the reputation particularly sinister no likely to become a estate market; for a haunted house or the scene of marked calamities?

The Gray house place to every out-pleasing architectural grounds smiled at every angle of view suggested wealth, scale hospitality; its of loveliness; its romping place for children; its rooms for many guests; comings at holiday dings, parties and gatherings.

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holdings of farm lands, and has for many years been one of the directors in the First National Bank of this city.

He retired from the farm 30 years ago and became a citizen of Colfax. His late home was the Davis bungalow on the hill and in which he died.

To look out from his window and behold the old farm homes, the one of his boyhood home, the other one the fruits of his toil and labor, the pine grove planted by his hands, the rich fertile farm land tilled and made productive by his and his children's toil was most gratifying in the twilight of youth and ripened old age to have this satisfaction.

The children, sons and daughters who shared in the up-building of this farm home life have scattered and filled their places in homes of their own, but the farm by the side of the road still remains.

Mr. Dotson has been blessed with health and full enjoyment of his faculties all these years, a remarkable example of happy comfortable old age. A pioneer of this community, his spicy, interesting articles that appeared in the Tribune from time to time will be missed; his voice is stilled; but he has inscribed down deep in the hearts of his loved ones and friends and old associates a heritage of precious memories.

Mr. Dotson was one of the oldest pioneers of Jasper county, having lived here 81 years. At the time of his death he was 81 years, 10 months and 8 days old.

Mr. Dotson will be missed in the business of the community, as a citizen, in the lodge room and among his many friends in Colfax, Jasper county and throughout the state.

In 1868 Mr. Dotson was married to Mary E. Hurst and to them were born nine children, four of whom are living, Ulysses S. Dotson, Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Ed. Bolen, Grinnell, Iowa; Dr. Eli E. Dotson, Escondido, Calif. and Seymour H. Dotson, Bellflower, California. Chas. A. Dotson and Lizzie

Ellen Dotson, deceased grew to maturity before being called.

He afterwards married Mrs. Anna Triplet who passed away, Oct. 2, 1925. They had one son, Hugh L. Dotson, now of Exeter, New Hampshire.

December 16th, 1926, Mr. Dotson was married to Mrs. Olivia York who survives him. Four sisters also survive, being: Mrs. Mary I. Rhodes, Los Angeles; Lizzie A. Burnett, Los Angeles; Sadie D. Hurst, Escondido, Calif. and Julia D. Reese, Omaha, Nebr. Chas. L. Dotson, a brother passed away at Los Angeles, November 17th, 1928.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, from the Presbyterian church. Dr. Theodore Morn-

ing, pastor of the Presbyterian church in charge of the service with Rev. E. G. Williams of Des Moines a long time friend, preaching the sermon. Interment was made at McKeever cemetery.

The Masonic order attended in a body at the funeral and had charge of the service at the grave.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends for the sympathy and assistance in the recent illness and death of Mr. E. E. Dotson, and for the many beautiful flowers.

Mrs. E. E. Dotson and family.

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