

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Spencer, Charles Henry Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Poweshiek County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 June 1824 Saybrook, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Mary A. Howorth 6 Feb 1850

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He organized the National Bank of Grinnell; cashier of the bank; Treasurer of Iowa College (now Grinnell College), Grinnell, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Banker; mercantile business

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Grinnell; member of the Board of Supervisors

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 15 Aug 1892 Colorado Springs, Colorado; buried Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell, Iowa

8. Children Henry C.; Louis E.; Mary (Mrs. Dudley); Charles (died young)

9. Names of parents Sylvester and Elizabeth (Clarke) Spencer

Spencer, Charles Henry

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

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- In 1856 he settled in Grinnell, Iowa working in mercantile business.
- He had the store 3 years and then he went into the drug business a partner of Dr. Thomas C. Holyoke until 1876.
- His father-in-law, Honorable Joseph Keweenaw, was also in the Iowa Legislature, representing Jefferson County, Iowa.
- Charles Henry Spencer was killed by a railway accident in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Spencer, Charles Henry

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Applicability

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23, 24, 25 and 26.

—A general supper at Forest Home M. E. church on Thursday evening, August 25. Should the evening be unfavorable it will be held the next evening.

—Do not forget that the Malcom Fair is held this month—from the 22nd to the 26th. Prepare something and be sure and attend. Our friends are making an effort to give a fine entertainment.

—The adjourned quarterly conference will convene in the M. E. church on Monday, the 22nd, at 2 p. m. It is important we have a full attendance. Rev. T. B. Hughes will be present.

G. M. TUTTLE, Pastor.

—This is August. It is during this month that the Malcom fair is to be held. The dates are 23 to 26 inclusive. Those who have criticised the management in the past for putting it off until so late will have no cause for fault-finding this year.

Mr. J. A. Lander, a prominent citizen of Clarksburg, Mo., and widely known in that state, says of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy: "I have seen its good results and can recommend it." For sale by Platt Bros. & Co.

LOST.—A garnet pin. Leave at this office.

INSANE.—Frank Gwin, of Warren township, was adjudged insane Monday and Sheriff White left for Mt. Pleasant with him Tuesday. He has had rather a peculiar experience. While a student at Grinnell he became engaged to a class-mate and after the usual ups and downs they were married. The bride's father presented them a farm but the young man could not run it. His wife afterwards conducted a dress-making establishment in Grinnell and later in Victor. During this time her parents, who are prominent residents of Marshalltown, were doing their best to get her to leave him. This they finally did in due course of time she obtained a divorce. Gwin went to Colorado and a few years later his divorced wife accompanied a brother to the same state and one evening the divorced couple accidentally met on the streets of Denver. That which followed was about what might have been expected. They

The exercises lasted until nearly 11 o'clock. The Grinnell Herald publishes the following "official" statement concerning the occasion: "The Salvation army band and some of the other members here went down to Montezuma Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of holding a meeting in the Court House in the evening. Their success was a great surprise to everyone. It is estimated that about 1,500 people were present. The court house had to be abandoned and the meeting held in the open air. It is hoped that some way will present itself whereby regular meetings can be held at Montezuma. It certainly seems to give promise of being a good field."

MR. SPENCER KILLED.—The people of Grinnell were horrified Tuesday morning upon the receipt of a telegram announcing the death of Hon. Chas. H. Spencer at Colorado Springs. He was reclining upon a baggage-truck which was standing upon the depot platform, but so near the track that a passing train struck it with great force. Mr. Spencer was thrown violently under the baggage car but by grasping a rod he saved himself from being run over by the wheels. The train was immediately stopped and Mr. Spencer was released from his perilous position but he died instantly. The shock he received when the train struck the baggage-truck was sufficient to produce death. His remains will reach Grinnell, Friday. This will indeed be sad news to this gentleman's numerous friends throughout the county.

THE COUNTRY IS SAFE.—Poweshiek democracy met in mass convention at Grinnell Monday. There were no unusual developments and only those who had been apprised of the gathering noticed anything out of the usual order. After the multitude had been called to order the usual committees were appointed and business opened up in fine shape. The committee on resolutions caused considerable merriment when it reported an endorsement of the big three,—Cleveland, White and Stewart. The first of the trio has a record for vetoing pension bills; the second distinguished himself by endorsing the Henry George idea of making only real estate taxable, but what the third ever

lying at the side of the road on the bridge. The horse hitched to the buggy was being driven in a gallop when discovering the valise he did not get it stopped until half past six. After the valise had been put in the buggy the horse balked and took considerable persuading to move on, but this was finally accomplished, the top of the hill was reached and the horse was turned around for the return trip. In going down the hill the horse was driven at a gallop. The front wheel went into a hole and Mr. Sanders was thrown out of the buggy upon his shoulder and side of his head. Durbin did not get the horse until it had gone about 100 yards. He tied the horse to the fence and went back after Sanders whom he found lying by the road-side. He was not hurt much, got up and started the buggy. After reaching home he was asked what made the horse's face so bloody. He told the story of the fall, said he was not hurt and told them to go ahead with the train. Mr. Hall sent for a pan of water for him to wash his face, and that he lie down in the shade of the binder; that he might be better than he thought. He sat in the shade for several minutes and then he awoke several times and the men thought this together with sleep would relieve him, so they did not disturb him until about sunset. An attempt was made to avenge the death but they could not. They say this to be the outgrowth of a rebellion in which he came there to make arrangements to bring the train. It was between eight and nine o'clock when Mr. Fields and Mr. Durbin arrived with a spring-wagon in which the unconscious man was brought home as above stated.

#### THE CORONER'S INQUIRY

At three o'clock a jury composed of Geo. M. Spooner, Jester Heckman, W. Rodgers, was summoned by Coroner Wilson and an inquest was held. The first witness was

G. W. MATTOON, who, after being sworn, testified that he saw the man lying on the road-side in Des Moines, Iowa. It is said in Des Moines that a machine man. Met S

gent of the Central at  
and Miss Alice Porter,  
same road at Bromley,  
guests at Agent Bryan's.  
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our last week. While  
parents celebrated the  
day of their marriage.

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Ed Vail were guests Sun-  
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Sharon's four hundred

take its place. Mr. Coulsen has resid-  
ed there for over thirty years and is  
one of the four sole male survivors of  
thirty years ago in Madison township,  
which are himself, Joe Kent, Melrose  
Carpenter and Uriah Jones. The wife  
of the latter is the only female survi-  
vor of the settlers thirty years ago.

A Madison correspondent gives the  
following as to the yield of grain in  
that township: L. R. McCulloch and  
Lee Owens have threshed out their  
oats and they have panned out about  
40 bushels to the acre; Sam Robeson's  
average 31 bushels; Clint Clay, 24 bush-  
els; Nathan York, 37 bushels; Grant  
Harper, 35 bushels; Tom Harper, 34  
bushels; Fred Cummings, 34 bushels;  
Dunlap Bros., 44 bushels; A. L. Coon,  
28 bushels.

The Grinnell Herald gives the fol-  
lowing account of Mr. Spencer's death:  
The platform was a narrow one, be-  
tween the Rock Island and Denver &  
Rio Grande tracks. There was room  
for the truck if it stood lengthwise, but  
not crosswise. The trains on the two  
roads came in at about the same time,  
and it was necessary for parties taking  
trains to occupy the platform. A lady  
was also slightly injured at the same  
time. Mr. Spencer was seen to rise af-  
ter he was struck and apparently tried  
to help the injured lady, but he stag-  
gered and fell beneath the cars of the  
Rock Island road which were standing  
still on the track. The blow must have  
been very severe, for the ribs were  
broken at both ends.

Mr. Dorrance and Mr. Fraser arriv-  
ed at Glasgow safely after a pleasant  
water voyage. In a letter from the  
former we take the following: "Have  
seen all the places of note here. Yes-  
terday visited John T. Scott's uncle,  
Mr. Taylor, at Kilmarnock, spending  
the forenoon with him, and from there  
to Ayr and Alloway, the birthplace and  
scenes of Tam O'Shanter's exploits.  
Saw the cottage and bed where Robbie  
Burns was born, Kirk Alloway, the  
'Brig of Doon,' where Tam made his  
escape from the goblins, etc. Will de-  
scribe it all when I settle down in the  
highlands if my head will permit of my  
writing, but can't do so at present. I  
am feeling much better than when I  
left home. Can walk a half a day at a  
stretch, but can't write much yet. Mr.

a new school house at No. 5, to be  
ready for the winter term. The build-  
ing will be 24x36 with hall at one end.  
The work will probably be done by  
contract.

Our teachers are all well pleased  
with the work done at the Normal, and  
they talk about the instructors, and  
seem to have a preference among them.  
Mr. Editor, believe me that the likeness  
of Prof. Ray that you gave in your  
paper, one of our young ladies cut it  
out and pasted said picture on the  
pantry door, where she can see it in all  
the rounds of her daily work. Doubt-  
less she will take it to the school room  
with her.

Mrs. J. C. Reams writes from Brook-  
vale, Colorado, and tells of her visit at  
her brothers up in the mountains. Mr.  
and Mrs. Charles Mehlin are there also  
spending part of the heated term.

B. J. Robinson who went away on  
the Denver excursion, writes and tells  
of the wreck that he was in. Many  
on the train were seriously hurt, but  
B. J. was lucky in not being hurt.

The adjourned quarterly conference  
was held here at the church last Wed-  
nesday. Presiding Elder Hughes  
preached before the conference session.  
Several from Chester and Madison  
were in attendance.

At the last business meeting of the  
Epworth League, the president, H. W.  
Dee offered his resignation, and Emma  
Lynch was chosen as president. Mr.  
Dee will attend school during the com-  
ing year and will not be at home.

F. M. Dee has been chosen as class  
leader for the church here. The choice  
could not have been more worthily  
made, and F. M. tho young in years  
will with the help of the church make  
an excellent leader.

A goodly number of our people are  
attending the Malcom fair this  
week.

### Searsboro.

Quite a number of our people at-  
tended the old settlers meeting and  
report a large crowd and a pleasant  
time.

We are indebted to the Montezuma  
band boys for a musical treat on the  
18th.

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ates of Indiana, Michigan,  
consin, Minnesota, North  
Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska

ners at Coal Creek, Tenn.,  
d to Gen. Carnes, after a  
ing two hours. Two men  
d and several wounded.  
FISHEN slapped his 13-year-  
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ro, Tex., and she picked up a  
nife and fatally stabbed him.  
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der age.  
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led to issue over 120,000 invi-  
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IGANS of Idaho in state con-  
t Moscow nominated United  
ator W. J. McConnell for gov-  
N. Sullivan for supreme court  
Willis Sweet for congress.  
the furniture house at Omaha,  
B. & Co. did damage  
ount of \$100,000.

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s: Kentucky, Fifth district,  
tes (people's); Pennsylvania,  
urth district, Dr. William A.  
); North Carolina, Second dis-  
Moyn (people's).  
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ck by lightning and instantly  
the farm of Jacob Bayless in  
awa township, O.  
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ed under a livery stable in In-  
ce, Ia., for twenty years, has  
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st of Augusta, Kan., and two  
saves of the Wells-Fargo ex-  
bed of all the contents by  
robbers.  
ldest inhabitant of Indiana,  
y Sears, died at the home of  
fater at Kokomo, aged 108

BLUNDERFIELD, and Robert  
engineer and fireman, were  
the explosion of a locomotive  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Smith (colored) died at Alex-  
an, aged 110 years. He re-  
d Gen. Jackson well and often  
him and the battle of New

hmond, Va., Mrs. Lizzie Hicks,  
shot and killed her 16-year-  
lter, an only child, mistaking  
burglar.

iking situation at Coal Creek,  
is so far improved that the vol-  
re returning to their homes.

R S. A. BRITO, of Cameron  
Tex., was assassinated from  
at Brownsville.

ely Strutz fatally shot two  
named Lentz and seriously in-  
lther while resisting arrest at  
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of lightning near Grant, Neb.,  
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Jesse Lynde died at his home  
Ill., aged 75 years. He was  
r of the republican party, hav-  
duced resolutions in the con-  
eld at Mayor's hall, Bloom-  
B., May 21, 1881, that the new  
called the republican party,  
be adopted. The judge served  
in congress.

OREIGN INTELLIGENCE  
sion nearly 8,000 new cases of  
xera reported on the 17th, but  
the town of Saratovsk, Rus-  
troysed 300 houses and made  
sons homeless.

## IOWA NEWS-LETTER.

### A Budget of Interesting Facts Tersely Told.

Wolves Bother Farmers—Mourning at  
Grinnell—Iowa Authors—Death of  
Capt. Lucas, a War Veteran—  
Sensation at Waterloo.

[Special Des Moines Correspondence]  
DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 22.—It is singular that in a county so populous as Des Moines there should yet be wolves enough to bother the farmers. Sherman Howe, a farmer living near Burlington, had an encounter with a big timber wolf recently and with the aid of a pack of hounds succeeded in killing him. A wolf hunt of large proportions is to take place soon.

Hon. C. H. Spencer, of Grinnell, was killed by a railway accident at Colorado Springs August 16. Perhaps no citizen of Grinnell would be more keenly regretted or more sharply missed from the active business circles than he. From the earliest days of the colony he had been intimately associated with its business interests, and no enterprise of any value to the city had gone without his support, either at its inception or during its progress. He was one of the most earnest and influential promoters of the enterprise of bringing the Central railway through Grinnell, contributing largely to the construction. Charles Henry Spencer was born at Saybrook, Conn., June 6, 1824. His father, Sylvester Spencer, was an officer of the Mechanics' bank of New York city, and his mother was Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Ezra Clark, a soldier of the revolution, and sister of Hon. Charles E. Clark, a member of congress from the Jefferson county district of New York. The family lived in New York and young Charles got his tendency to the life of a banker partly by heredity and partly from early association as a messenger boy in his father's bank. On the death of his father he went to Jefferson county, N. Y., and while quite young he was engaged in general merchandise business at Great Bend as a clerk and later as owner. On February 6, 1850, he married Miss Mary A. Trumbull, daughter of Hon. Joseph Haworth, of Evans Mills, representative of Jefferson county in the state legislature. In 1855 he came west, attracted by the youthful vigor and opening opportunities of the then new west, and in March of that year settled in Grinnell. He at once went into business, bringing as the best part of his capital a good business reputation and credit with eastern merchants. He went into general merchandise, but his longings always was to be a banker. In this he ultimately succeeded, and as the "company" in the firm of Thomas, Holyoke & Co. he organized the first banking institution of Grinnell, which later, in 1867, grew into the First national bank. Of this old and well managed institution he was cashier and director from its first day till the day of its death. He was twice elected mayor of Grinnell, was a member of the board of supervisors and a member of the Nineteenth general assembly, representing Polk county in the house of representatives. He was a liberal contributor toward the promotion of republican principles, and no appeal to his benevolence ever went without a generous response.

It is the design of the Iowa Fair and exhibition at the world's fair in Chicago a complete library of books by Iowa authors. The special work of the fair this library has been assigned to

## KNIGHTS OF

Kansas City Crowded  
the Order and Visit  
Zephyr—Financial Stan-  
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KANSAS, CITY, Mo.,  
City has many times as  
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errible mischief.

The financial session  
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will begin today.  
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will be given a  
Grand opera house.  
will be held.  
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of the city, and E. X  
chancellor for Missou  
the local physicians,  
for George H. Shaw  
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directed to pay to Anderson J. Smith, late of company A, 130th regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, the pay and allowances of an assistant surgeon in the army from the sixth of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to the date of his muster-out of service on the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, deducting whatever pay he received for said term as sergeant; and that such payment shall be made out of any money appropriated for the pay of the army.

MILTON SAYLER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives pro tempore.

T. W. FERRY,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

After the prisoners of the 130th and other regiments were released, and while on their way from New Orleans to Saint Louis on the steamer Magenta, on the 7th of June, 1865, twenty-one commissioned officers, from four or five different states, signed a paper in which they speak of Dr. Smith's services as a soldier, physician and surgeon in the strongest terms of com-

mendation. He received the act of congress, one thousand one hundred and sixty-six dollars and ninety-eight cents.

At the close of the war Dr. Smith settled in Dallas county, Iowa, reaching here on the 9th of November, 1865, and he has since that date been in practice, having an extensive ride. Since 1869 his home has been in De Soto, a pleasant little village on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. The doctor is a well-informed man, and a valuable citizen.

On the 25th of December, 1855, he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Brown, of Sweet Water, Menard county, Illinois, and they have two sons and one daughter: Charles H., James William and Mary A. Smith.

## CHARLES H. SPENCER,

GRINNELL.

AMONG the enterprising men who have built up Grinnell from the nucleus of a village to a city of three thousand inhabitants is Charles H. Spencer, who settled here when the place contained less than twenty-five families, and who has been thoroughly identified with all its interests. He is a native of Saybrook, Connecticut, is a son of Sylvester Spencer, for many years a notary public and bank clerk, and was born on the 6th of June, 1824. The maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Clarke, whose father, Ezra Clarke, was a soldier in the revolution, aiding the colonies to gain their freedom from the British yoke. The Spencers were from England, three brothers coming over about two centuries ago, one of them settling in New York, and the other two in Connecticut. From one of the latter brothers sprang the branch to which Charles Henry belongs.

At the age of twelve years he went to New York city, and served as a runner boy in a bank for three years; then went to Great Bend, Jefferson county, in the northern part of the state, and clerked in a store; a few years later became proprietor of the store; remained in that place about twelve years, in mercantile trade, and in the winter of 1856 settled in Grinnell, where for twenty-one years he has been one of the leading business men.

After merchandising here alone for three years Mr. Spencer went into the drug business, in partner-

ship with Dr. Thomas C. Holyoke, whose life is recorded in other pages of this work, and continued that business connection until the demise of the doctor in 1876. They instituted at an early day a small exchange office, which grew into the First National Bank of Grinnell, organized by Mr. Spencer and others in 1865, and going into operation in March, 1866. He became its cashier, and has held the office ever since, making it not only a very firm but very popular institution. In earnestness and expedition in business Mr. Spencer is unexcelled in Grinnell, and the confidence of the people in his honesty is unlimited.

Mr. Spencer has been a member of the Congregational church since 1860, and has at different times held the offices of trustee and treasurer of the society.

He has also been treasurer of Iowa College, which is located at Grinnell. He has probably had more money pass through his hands than any other man in Grinnell, and not a dollar of it has failed to be accounted for. A truer or more trustworthy man it would be difficult to find anywhere.

Politically, Mr. Spencer is a republican, with whig antecedents, but as much as possible he has shunned office, though he is now one of the county supervisors.

On the 6th of February, 1850, Mr. Spencer chose for his life companion Miss Mary A. Haworth, of

Evans Mills, Jefferson county, New York, and they had four children, three of them yet living, two sons and one daughter. Henry C. and Louis E. are graduates of the Agricultural College at Ames, and Mary is a student in Iowa College. Henry C. is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Grinnell, and Louis E. is in the law school at Des Moines, all children of good promise.

Mr. Spencer is generous-hearted, very liberal, and a true neighbor, never forgetting the injunction of the Savior to remember the poor. His charities are distributed in the most quiet and private manner. He is also a warm friend of the young, often giving them, in an unobtrusive and most kindly manner, words of advice which are "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

## CAPTAIN ORLO H. LYON,

ROCKFORD.

ORLO HENRY LYON, banker and postmaster at Rockford, Floyd county, is descended from an old English family which early settled in Connecticut, and is a relative of General Lyon, who perished in the battle of Wilson Creek, Missouri, in the summer of 1861. The parents of Orlo were Asa Lyon, a farmer, and Sabra Ann *née* Skinner, and were living in Woodstock, Windham county, Connecticut, at the time of his birth, on the 20th of January, 1835. The son farmed until fourteen years old; was educated at the academies at South Woodstock, Connecticut, and Dudley, Massachusetts; taught school one winter when sixteen; at seventeen entered a store at Thompson, and clerked there and at Woodstock three or four years; in February, 1856, came to Cedar Falls, Iowa, and resumed the same business; remained there about a year and a half, and in August, 1857, settled in Rockford. In company with J. S. Child he built a store, making the mortar with his own hands and acting as hod-carrier; and the firm of Child and Lyon, dealers in general merchandise, continued about a dozen years. Mr. Child was elected county treasurer, and for two years Mr. Lyon was alone in trade. Mr. Child's term of office having expired, the old firm continued about two years more.

During the second and third winters that Mr. Lyon was at Rockford, business being somewhat dull, after the crash of 1857, he taught school: one season at Rock Falls, the other at Rockford.

During the last eight years he has been postmaster. He was one of the editors and proprietors of the "Reveille" between two and three years, and its sole proprietor one year, selling out in July, 1877. On the 1st of August of the same year he went into the banking business in company with Ralph C. Mathews, a son of the late R. N. Mathews, of the

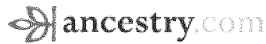
old firm of Mathews and Son. For the last ten or twelve years he has also been an extensive farmer, and has three hundred acres under cultivation, operating in this branch mainly through renters.

In the month of August, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the 3d Iowa Battery, which at first was connected with the 9th Infantry, but subsequently was by itself. He was in a large number of battles, had his horse wounded two or three times, served four years and two or three months, and never was scarred, and was promoted eight times, coming out as captain. The adjutant-general's report of the State of Iowa, made during the rebellion, speaks of Captain Lyon's bravery and efficient operations during more than one engagement with the enemy. In the battle at Helena, Arkansas, on the 3d of July, 1863, the 3d Iowa Battery took quite a conspicuous part, Lieutenant Lyon during the entire engagement "encouraging his men to deeds of valor by his example." He had his horse wounded twice severely, though not fatally. The report of M. C. Wright, first lieutenant commanding 3d Iowa Battery, states that Lieutenant Lyon, during the charge on battery C, "changed the position of his six-pound gun to command the ravine running westward from the Catholic Church, and by his fire contributed very materially in repulsing the enemy." The Shellrock valley furnished many brave soldiers during the civil war, none, probably, braver than Captain Lyon.

He is active in times of peace as a christian soldier; has been a member of the Congregational church for twenty years, and has superintended the Sunday-school for a long time. He is a man of pure and generous impulses; has always been philanthropic and humane in his feelings, and a thorough hater of oppression.

He has never voted any but the republican ticket.






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Age in 1860:	<b>36</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1824</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Connecticut</b>	
Home in 1860:	<b>Grinnell, Poweshiek, Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Post Office:	<b>Grinnell</b>	
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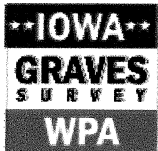
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## SPENCER, Chas. H. , Sr.

**Born:** 15 AUG 1824  
**Died:** 21 AUG 1892  
**Cemetery:** HAZELWOOD  
**Location:** GRINNELL  
**County:** POWESHIEK CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:**

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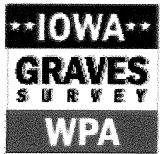
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**SPENCER, Mary A.**

**Born:** 24 MAR 1824  
**Died:** 12 JUN 1894  
**Cemetery:** HAZELWOOD  
**Location:** GRINNELL  
**County:** POWESHIEK CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** W/O CHAS. E.

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