

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cobben, Joseph E. Senator _____

Represented Benton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Oct 1824 Miami County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriet Josephine Webb 9 Aug 1848

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 18th General Assembly 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 16 Jan 1905 Beatrice, Nebraska; buried

8. Children Joseph E. Jr.; T.D.; J.H.

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education He struggled for an education in the wild and unsettled country of Pike County, Illinois.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1838 he moved with his parents to Pike County, Illinois where he spent his early manhood
- He succeeded in qualifying himself as a teacher and yet while still in his teens he taught for a number of years.
- In 1854 he moved to Sterling, Illinois where he was principal of the school there for a year having previously conducted an academy at Clarksville, Missouri.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. D, 54th Illinois Volunteer Infantry
- Late in 1863 he moved to a farm near Vinton, Iowa where he lived 22 years
- In 1885 he moved to Beatrice, Nebraska where he lived until his death.

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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- Obituary - The Vinton Eagle Vinton, Iowa,
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J. E. COBBY SR. PASSES AWAY

Former Member Iowa Legislature
From Here Dies at His Home
in Beatrice, Neb.

Beatrice, Nebr., Express, January 19: J. E. Cobbey, Sr., died at 5:45 last night at his home, 430 North Eighth street. Mr. Cobbey has been one of the most familiar figures Beatrice has known during the past twenty years. He has been in failing health for some months, owing to his advanced age, but the immediate cause of is death was inflammation of the bladder.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow from the late home of the deceased, and will be conducted by Rev. Martin, assisted by Rev. Edgar Price.

Joseph E. Cobbey was born October 13, 1824, in Miami county, Ohio. In 1838 his parents moved to Pike county, Illinois, which at that time was a frontier county, where he spent his early manhood, and aided in his small way in opening up the then, wilder-ness.

In this wild and unsettled country where schools were few, and school ad-vantages meagre indeed, he was com-pelled to struggle for an education amongst man hardships and pri-vations. An education was the great desire of his life. He succeeded in qualifying himself for a teacher and while yet in his teens took up that oc-cupation and followed it for a number of years. Early in life he was con-verted and became a member of the Methodist church. When 22 years of age he joined the M. E. conference and was a member thereof about four years when his voice failed him and he sought other employment more con-ductive to his health. In 1854 he moved to Sterling, Ill., and was the principal of the school there for a year, having previously conducted academy at Clarksville, Mo.

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good many years the older citizens of the town and township will remember him and mourn his death. He lived to a good old age. His sons, who sur-vive him, are an honor to him and to the mother who still survives.

AGED LADY DEAD.

Mrs Henry Miller Died at the Home of Her Daughter Near Norway.

Mrs. Henry Miller died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henning, southwest of Norway. She had been ill for several months and for weeks but little hope had been given for her recovery, as she was highly advanced in years, being 88 years old. The deceased imigrated to this country from Germany about 40 years ago and settled in Iowa county and became a member of the Dutch colony. Later she moved with her family to Norway where she lived several years.

One son, Mr. David Miller of Chi-cago, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Henning, survive her.

Funeral services were conducted from the New Jerusalem church in Lennox township on Sunday, January 22. Interment in the cemetery adjoining the church.

WILL ANALYZE THE CITY WATER

On Advice of State Chemist
Kinney City Water Will
be Examined.

C. N. Kinney, state chemist, of Des Moines, who was in the city several days last week as a witness in the liquor cases now in court, Friday after-noon in company with City Clerk Klingaman, spent some time at the waterworks investigating the condition of Vinton's water supply. Samples of water were taken from the surface well and also the big artesian reservoir. In both the water was found to contain large quantities of a plant known as water moss. It was especially notice-able in the water from the surface

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Early in 1862 when the life of this
nation was trembling in the balance he
volunteered his services to his country
and was instrumental in organizing
Co. D of the 54th Illinois infantry
volunteers and was elected its first
lieutenant. Soon after enlistment,
within about two weeks, the captain
was of the company was taken prisoner
and the command thereof devolved
upon him during all the time of his
service.

This company saw actual hard army
service from the first. They were
hurried to the front immediately after
their enlistment and their guns arriv-
ing from Chicago just before their
departure and were fired at the enemy
the first time they were used.

They were in the battle of Stone
River, Murfreesboro and many others.
His service was cut short by the hard-
ships incident to and a part of army
life. As a result he became disabled
and very much contrary to his desire
and on account of his ill health was
compelled to resign.

His disability thus contracted was a
source of much affliction every after
and finally resulted in his death. He
has been a prominent member of the
G. A. R.

Late in 1863, at the close of his army
service, he moved to a farm near Vin-
ton, Iowa, where he lived for about
twenty-two years. Here he was re-
cognized as an honorable man and a
respected citizen, frequently filling
numerous positions of honor and trust,
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able in the water from the surface
well. This plant, said Mr. Kinney,
grows very rapidly, gets out in the
main, dies and decays, causing the
water to have a very disagreeable odor.
However, it does not necessarily carry
any specific disease germ and need not
be especially feared on that point.

Mr. Kinney recommended that the
well be thoroughly cleaned out and
samples of the water subjected to a
chemical analysis. The matter was
brought before the council Friday
night, who ordered the well thoroughly
cleaned. This was done yesterday.
The matter of analysis was referred to
the waterworks committee to look up.
On the advice of the city physician,
City Clerk Klingaman is today taking
samples of the water for analysis.

This is a move in the right direction.
As yet this winter Vinton has had no
typhoid but in the light of Waterloo's
sad experience last winter, she doesn't
want any. Waterloo now has a city
chemist and the water used is ex-
amined daily.

MANY DRUGGISTS ARE INDICTED

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August 9, 1848 he was married to Harriet Josephine Webb, of Farmingdale, Saugamon county, Illinois, with whom he spent more than 56 years of happy wedded life, and who survives with three sons and their families; J. E. Cobbey, Jr., the compiler of our statute and prominent attorney of this city; T. D. Cobbey, formerly an attorney of this county, now a well known Denver attorney; J. W. Cobbey, also a member of the Denver bar but at the present time assistant assayer of the coinage mint.

Before removing to Beatrice, Nebraska, Mr. Cobbey was a resident of Taylor township, owning and operating a farm, just southwest of Vinton. He was a Republican in politics and took an intense interest in public and political affairs. He was elected to the legislature from the county and served two terms. He gave the same close attention to legislative matters as he did his other affairs and he was always present at roll call and in committee work. He was independent in thought and favored and oppose those measures that according to his judgment did not measure up to his standard. Personally he was genial in his manners and made friends quickly and easily. He impressed himself upon his fellow citizens and whatever cause he espoused gained strength in his hands by his advocacy.

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The injunction cases which were continued from Judge Caswell's court came before Judge Burnham last week and it was about the liveliest court week for some time. These cases were brought against the several druggists of the county holding permits to sell liquor and were prosecuted by the Benton county ant-saloon league. Injunctions were issued against the following: Frank Johnson, Norway; Alva Strawn, Newhall; Orla Clark, Vinton; J. A. Adams, Vinton; W. F. Netzel, Norway; J. G. Van Metre, Belle Plaine; P. H. Bell, Van Horn; Will Tharp, Vinton; Chas. W. Challed, Norway; H. U. Swallum, Bell Plaine; Chas. N. Paden, Belle Plaine; W. H. Tisdale, Mt. Auburn; H. J. Herereck, Belle Plaine.

Geo. W. Dingman, Urbana, permit cancelled; J. D. Ellwood, Vinton, permit canceled; James Welch, Shellsburg, permit surrendered and case dismissed; B. F. Paul, Blairstown, permit surrendered and case dismissed.

In the case of Mrs. L. L. Tow vs. Lars Tow the following record was made: answer withdrawn and leave to file demurrer; plaintiff has leave to file amendment to petition; amendment filed; demurrer to petition sustained, and, plaintiff has leave to answer petition.



1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Joseph E. Cobby
Home in 1880:	Taylor, Benton, Iowa
Age:	55
Estimated birth year:	abt 1825
Birthplace:	Ohio
Relation to head-of-household:	Self (Head)
Spouse's name:	Harriett J.
Father's birthplace:	Maine
Mother's birthplace:	Maryland
Neighbors:	
Occupation:	Farmer
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Joseph E. Cobbey</u>	55
	<u>Harriett J. Cobbey</u>	53
	<u>Thos. D. Cobbey</u>	23
	<u>James W. Cobbey</u>	15

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- **Married:** 9 Aug 1848 in Sangamon Co., IL

Children

1. [Joseph E. Cobbey](#)
2. [Thomas D. Cobbey](#)
3. [James W. Cobbey](#)