

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Evans, Joseph H. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Mahaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10. Aug 1822 Maryland

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Lucy A. Gerard 1844  
② Sarah M. Timmons 1886

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; GAR

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mahaska County Board of Supervisors;

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

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

7. Death 9 Jan 1908 Oskaloosa, Iowa; buried Oak Creek Cemetery near

8. Children Edward M.; Elanor (Mrs J. C. Harrold); Anna A. Oskaloosa, Iowa

Mary J. (Mrs Joseph Blakeslee - died shortly before father); Harvey P. (died 2 May 1877)

9. Names of parents George and Mary Evans

Evans, Joseph H.

10. Education Attended common schools

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- Both of his parents died before he was a year old. He was cared for by his uncle, Jesse Evans.
- After a time they moved to Indiana.
- He prepared to be a teacher, but instead became a farmer in Indiana.
- After he was married in 1852 he and his wife's family, the Gerards, moved to Jones County, Iowa living near the town of Hale, Iowa.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. G 31<sup>st</sup> Iowa Infantry
- After the war in June 1869 they moved to Dubuque County, Iowa buying a farm in Jefferson Township 14 miles SW of Ashland where he lived nearly 30 years.
- They then moved into Ashland.



## BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES

## Marriage Licenses.

Following is the list of marriage licenses issued by the clerk since our last report.

| No. | Name.                                 | Residence. | Age.      |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 160 | Clarence W. Penland and Hazel Morris, | Oskaloosa. | 23 and 19 |

**MATTHEWS.** — Born, Wednesday, July 8, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, an 8½-pound baby girl. Mother and daughter doing nicely.

**DICKSON.** — James Dickson was born near Piqua, Miami county, Ohio, August 4, 1830, and died at his home, No. 410 South First street, Oskaloosa, Iowa, July 8, 1908, at the age of 77 years, 11 months and 4 days. He was married December 21, 1854, to Miss Marie Estey, of Miami county, Ohio. Two years later, in 1856, they came to Iowa and after a few months' stay at Muscatine, settled at Sigourney. Here the young husband found work at his trade, that of a carpenter, at which he had served since eighteen years of age. He was a skilled workman, many of the better buildings in and about Sigourney attest his ability and knowledge. Mr. Dickson in 1875 took charge of the cheese factory on the A. G. Brown farm near Sigourney. He purchased the Maxon Randall farm near Delta in 1897 and here he continued his dairy work with success until the year 1904 when on account of ill health he removed to Oskaloosa. He is survived by a loving and faithful wife and ten children, thirteen grandchildren and one nephew, Robert M. Dickson, of Piqua, Ohio. The children are William E., of Sigourney, Miss Amney of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Sarah McKenzie of Laramie, Wyoming, Mrs. Alda Beall, of Felida, Washington, Mrs. Mary Athearn of Boulder, Colo., J. Frank and Harry E., of Delta, Mrs. Della Van Nostrand, of Oskaloosa, George E., of Toga, and Ezra M., of Boulder, Colo. The deceased was a member of the Central M. E. church of Oskaloosa. His parents were of the old school Presbyterian belief and their teachings influenced his whole life. He accepted the exhortation, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." He was loving, kind and patient during his years of suffering, maintaining always a pleasant and agreeable disposition. He was rarely heard to murmur or complain while calmly awaiting the Master's call to come up higher. The attending physician often spoke of the remarkable fortitude of the man, his even disposition and his patience and resignation while suffering the tortures of cancer which ended his vitality and finally took life itself. He was an earnest and devoted advocate of education and was ever lib-

street, held at three o'clock Thursday afternoon by the Rev. Eugene Allen, pastor of the Central M. E. church. The body was taken via the Rock Island by the funeral party to Sigourney from which place interment was made in the Conner cemetery, southwest of the town. The service at Sigourney and at the grave was under the auspices of the Masons.

**EVANS.** — "Captain" Joseph H. Evans died Thursday evening at his home southwest of the city, No. 952 Eleventh avenue west, at twenty minutes past nine o'clock. The old gentleman had been quite feeble for some time past and death was not unlooked for. The deceased went into a decline resulting in a heart trouble last October, since which time he has gradually become weaker until the end came last evening. He passed away quietly and peacefully, without suffering and without pain, like one dropping off to sleep.

Captain Evans was born in Maryland in 1822 and was 85 years, 10 months and 29 days of age at the time of his death. He came to Iowa in 1853 and has been 39 years in Mahaska county, formerly residing in Jefferson township, where he owned a valuable farm.

The deceased was an old soldier, a Union veteran. He enlisted in 1862 Company G 31st Iowa Infantry and was mustered out in 1865 after a strenuous military experience and he quitted the service with a captaincy, which commission came to him in 1863.

The widow and four children survive, Ed M. Evans, of Jefferson township, Mrs. Jeff Harrold, of Oskaloosa, and Misses Ann and Helen Evans. Another daughter, Mrs. Blakeslee, of Des Moines, died but a few days since.

The deceased was a member of the Tri Lumber Lodge of Masons of this city and an honored member and comrade of Phil Kearney Post G. A. R. He was a well known man about town and until his illness of last fall came upon him he was busy and active with a wonderfully keen mind and an unusual knowledge of the doings of the day in the world at large. He was a companionable fellow and always liked the society of his friends and the presence of the members of his family. He numbered his friends by the hundred, and his passing is deeply regretted by the entire community.

The funeral will be held at the late residence at ten o'clock a. m., Sunday, July 12, under the auspices of the G. A. R. The body will be taken with Masonic escort to Jefferson township, where it will be interred with Masonic rites by the side of departed relatives by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Evans, Joseph H

Residence Oskaloosa, Iowa

Occupation Farmer

Date birth Aug 10, 1822 Place Md.

Date death 9 J1 1908 Place Oskaloosa, Ia  
Cause Coal Creek Cem Place burial Jefferson  
Twp., Mahaska Co., Ia.

War record Capt. G 31 Iowa Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization  
Age 40 Res. Clarence

Enlisted 15 Ag 1862

Discharged

Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

Father George b. Montgomery shire Wales

Mother Mary b. " Nativity

Wife Lucy A. Gerard (Tippecanoe Co., Ind)  
m. 1844 died Je 22, 1908

Children 9-3 survive father  
Edward M Jefferson Twp. Mahaska  
Co., Iowa  
Eleanor Harrold (Hon J.C.) Oskaloosa  
Anna A Evans  
Mary J. Blakeslee (wife Joseph, Des  
Moines, Ia)

Source Roster Iowa Soldiers  
List 1912 Post #40./ Post 40 Desc.  
Bk./

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Veteran's name Evans, Joseph H

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Record Membership and Dues Paid 1883  
Wilsey 182(45) Hamilton Oct 15, 188  
Disch by tr Apr 1886 Age 61  
Post name Post No. Place Date Joined  
Phil Kearney 40(159) Oskaloosa 18 Ja '87  
Age 65

His parents both died before he was  
4 yrs of age. He was cared for by an uncle,  
Jesse Evans, who after a time removed  
to Indiana. Young Evans attended  
good schools in Baltimore/  
and prepared Member-at-Large  
for a teacher, but became  
farmer in Indiana.

After marriage in year 1852 Long obituary in records of Graves Registration  
he with others of the Gerard family moved to Jones Co., Ia living near the town of Hale.  
Moved after the war 1869 June to this county, buying fine farm in Jefferson Twp. Mahaska Co  
14 mi SW of Oskaloosa, where lived nearly 30 yrs, then removed to nice home near Oskaloosa  
Was in 18th G. A. from 1880-1882 In 1886 was member Pd Supervisors Mahaska Co., Remarried  
Suspended in 1886 to Died Miss Sarah M. Timms, then res. with friends Wm Engle family.  
To this union was born one child a daughter, Helen, 13 years at time his death.