

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Kimball,
Carson - Represented Brewster, Chickasaw and Howard Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Mar 1836 New York, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Mrs Irene J. Kelley 21 Aug 1858
(2) Emma H. Laird 20 Mar 1872

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He organized the bank in Cresco on 14 May 1869

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 17th, 18th General Assemblies 1878, 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Howard County deputy recorder and treasurer; clerk of the district court; board of supervisors

B. State In 1871 he was made a director of the State Agricultural Society

C. National

7. Death 16 Jan 1899 near Austin Minnesota; buried Oak Lawn Cemetery, Cresco, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Mary A.; by 2nd wife - Lois C.; Ruth L.;
Alvin H.

9. Names of parents Thurman D. and Mary Ann (Youngs) Kimball

10. Education Ontario Indiana Academy - attended in
1851-1852

11. Degrees University of Michigan - March 1854 - 1857

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- After he was just over age one the family moved to
Middlebury, Elkhart County, Indiana where he spent his
youth helping his father on the farm
- He taught school for three winters in Indiana
- He left college in March 1857 and moved to Howard County, Iowa where
he remained.
- He taught school at Vernon Springs
- He settled on a farm in Vernon Springs Iowa in January 1859
where he worked until Jan 1865
- He later moved to Cassia, Iowa and organized a bank
- His first wife, Anne, died 19 Aug 1870

the other the inscription, "The live man of the place." The Hon. E. H. Stiles, reporter of the supreme court of Iowa, made the presentation speech. In the course of his remarks he very appropriately said:

It seems to me that one of the most gratifying facts of a man's existence and life, one of the most pleasant reflections, is that there is something about his character that attracts man to man. These vows of sympathy bind man to man as brothers; it is one of the most pleasant reflections that a man has, that he is loved in life, and will be mourned when dead.

Mr. Ballingall was commissioned major of the 5th regiment of the Iowa National Guard, on the 20th of May, 1876, and was presented by the Sheridan Guards with a handsome gold-mounted sword, with steel and bronze scabbard and gilt regulation belt, engraved on the hilt, "Presented to Major P. G. Ballingall, by the Sheridan Guards, Ottumwa, June 25, 1876"; and on the scabbard, "Major P. G. Ballingall." Was commissioned colonel on the 10th of

April, 1877. He was made temporary president of the convention of the national guard of the state, held at Dubuque on the 6th of June, 1877; also permanent president of the convention held at Des Moines on the 6th of February, 1878, and has received the nomination from nearly all the companies in the state for major-general.

Mr. Ballingall's employes presented him with an elegant gold-headed ebony cane, on the 14th of January, 1878.

Colonel Ballingall is a Methodist in religious sentiment, but very liberal.

It will be seen that he began early in life to paddle his own canoe; and he has so managed as never to get stranded. As an energetic, industrious man, he has few equals, always planning some public or private improvement, and never resting or halting until he sees it completed. Such men are the most useful citizens in any community.

HON. AARON KIMBALL,

CRESCO.

AARON KIMBALL, state senator representing Howard, Chickasaw and Bremer counties, is a son of Thomas D. Kimball, a farmer, and Mary Ann Youngs, and was born in New York city on the 16th of March, 1836. The Kimballs were an early New Jersey family. The mother of Aaron was a native of Chester, Orange county, New York. When he was a little more than a year old the family moved to Middlebury, Elkhart county, Indiana, where the son spent his youth in aiding his father in tilling land. The winter of 1851-52 he gave to study in the Ontario Indiana Academy, and the next three winters he taught district schools, spending his summers on the farm. In March, 1854, we find him in the freshman class of the University of Michigan, in which institution he remained three years, paying his way by manual labor and with the funds accumulated by teaching before entering college. At length, his exchequer being exhausted, he left at the close of the junior year; in March, 1857, came to Howard county, of which he has since been a resident, and of which he early became a leading citizen. The first year and a half in the county he served as deputy recorder and treasurer, and taught school meantime at Vernon Springs. In that township, in January, 1859, he settled on a farm, which he culti-

ated until January, 1865, when he became clerk of the district court and of the board of supervisors, a position to which he was reelected, and in which he was offered a third term; but Cresco, a new town on the Chicago, Milwaukee and Saint Paul railroad, needed a bank; Mr. Kimball moved to this place, and on the 14th of May, 1869, the banking house with which he is now connected was organized. The name of the firm is Kimball and Farnsworth, his partner being John Farnsworth, a native of Muscatine county, Iowa. Theirs is the oldest bank in Howard county, and it is a substantial and highly reputable institution.

Mr. Kimball was elected to the state senate in October, 1877, and while we write he is serving his first term. He is on the committees on ways and means, soldiers' orphans' home, and suppression of intemperance, and chairman of the committee on college for the blind.

The "Howard County Times," the republican organ at Cresco, thus spoke of the politics of Mr. Kimball, on the 4th of October, 1877:

Politically, he is of the republican faith, beginning with the Fremont campaign in Indiana, when Henry S. Lane was elected governor, and the old-time republican gospel was propounded by such men as Kinsley S. Bingham, Anson Burlingame, Cassius M. Clay, and Schuyler Colfax,

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