

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Laub, Henry C. Senator _____Represented Monroe, Crawford and Ida Counties, Iowa1. Birthday and place 18 Apr 1824 Little York, Pennsylvania2. Marriage (s) date place
① Lidia Baer 7 Feb 1848 Frederick, Pennsylvania② Mary E. Snodgrass 7 Feb 1858

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Indians War, Company, "D"
Northern Border Brigade.

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant, contractor and builder4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal5. Sessions served 15th General Assembly 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Crawford County first sheriff; the first surveyor; Crawford County Superintendent of Schools for 12 years;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Nov 1910 Senior Iowa Board IOWA WPA Burial Record:
Oakland Cemetery,
Denison, Crawford County, Iowa8. Children By 1st wife - Lydia Baer (died at age 20): William H. - Alice (Mrs. Ansireth); Mrs. Carl J. Kuehnle; Mrs. H.T. Perkins; Mrs. D. J. Bartholomew; Ely C.9. Names of parents By second wife - Mary Gray
William and Catherine (Snodgrass) Laub

10. Education

Received a few weeks of schooling at
Gettysburg

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His wife, Lydia, died in 1896
- He spent his early years in Gettysburg and at age 12 began to earn his own way. He worked on a farm for 4 years and then ran away to Maryland where he worked until age 18
- After his schooling he learned the trade of shoemaking and engaged in this business for 4 years.
- He then taught school for 4 years in Pennsylvania
- He was dissatisfied with available opportunities and arrived in Iowa in 1851 at Muscatine. He worked as a pedagogue in Muscatine for 2 years and then opened a store in Cedar Rapids and became a merchant.
- He didn't do well and so began farming near Cedar Rapids, Ia, then farmed in Benton County and finally came to Mason's Grove in Crawford County in 1855.
- Later he went into partnership in a little store near Deloit. He moved to Jensen and became the pioneer merchant.
- Iowa WPA Record: Veteran of Indian War, Company "D", Northern Border Brigade



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HON. H. C. LAUB DIES ON TUESDAY

Denison's First Merchant Closes His
Busy Life Work In His
87th Year.

FUNERAL SERVICE ON FRIDAY

Brief Biography of the Notable
Pioneer Whose Life Was Closely
Identified with Community.

On the morning of Tuesday, November 21, 1910, occurred the death of Hon. Clay Laub, who was at the time of his demise the senior surviving resident of Denison. His residence here was almost coincident with the history of our city and during the more than half a century he was, at every moment, one of the most prominent, one of the most active and one of the most responsible and highly respected of our citizens. He was honored during his life with many positions of trust and confidence and he will be followed to the tomb with a sorrow and an affection which are both sincere and heartfelt.

With little schooling he was a well educated, well rounded man. A man who accomplished much, who took a pride in his work, who loved his fellow men; a man who was sincere and kindly and sympathetic; a man who made the most of the many talents God had given him. Of the scores of men who helped to make this county and this city what they are today, his name will stand pre-eminent as a doer of good and helpful things. He was our first merchant. He built the first store building in Denison. He burned the first brick. He built the first school house in Denison. He built the first brick store building. He built the first telegraph line. He was the first sheriff. He was the first surveyor. He summoned the first jury. He was the first county superintendent. Look which way we will to discover the beginning of things in this our county and the trail almost invariably leads us back to H. C. Laub as "first."

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W. J. SCRIVER IS TO RETIRE

Tenders His Resignation as Manager
of Stewart Lumber Company
After 25 Years' Service.

TO TAKE EFFECT DECEMBER

O. A. Patterson Also Resigns—It is
be Hoped Both Gentlemen Will
Remain in Denison.

One surprise follows another in changes taking place in business Denison, the last being in the management of the Stewart Lumber company. For more than twenty years W. J. Scriver has represented the company here and at several other places like Charter Oak, Dow City and Buck Grove, the business of the several places being under the general management of Scriver. So long, in fact, have Scriver's relations with the Stewart Lumber company existed, and prominent have they been, that the community has come to look upon two names as inseparable.

It develops that Mr. Scriver, a few days ago, tendered his resignation manager of the company, to take effect at once, and that after the first of December he will have nothing more to do with the active management of the affairs of the company although retaining the pecuniary interest which he has held in the company. We also understand that O. A. Patterson, who has so long assisted Mr. Scriver in the management of the business here and elsewhere as bookkeeper, has offered his resignation and will probably, in the near future, sever his connection with the company.

We are not advised as to the plans of these two gentlemen, whether they will engage in business here or elsewhere for that purpose. It is sincerely hoped that nothing will tempt them to cause their removal from Denison. Both families are socially prominent, and popular with Denison people, and it would be a distinct loss to the community if either should decide to move from here.

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Mr. Laub was born in Little York, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1824. He was one of a family of nine, the son of William and Catharine (Snyder) Laub. His father was born in Reading, Pa., and was of the sturdy Pennsylvania Dutch stock and was a leading citizen of Gettysburg for many years, being at one time treasurer of the county in which Gettysburg is located. His uncle was a veteran of the war of 1812. His mother was born in Lancaster City, Pa., and was of German-Irish origin.

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We understand the business of the company will be conducted in the future as it has been in the past. A. A. Hofer, who is temporarily in charge of the business, will remain long enough to enable the company to secure a permanent manager for its place. The company has long enjoyed the confidence of the community, and its business transactions have been of an extensive character.

Dr. Johnson entertained a few of our gentlemen friends at a smoker on Saturday evening. Whist was the amusement of the evening, and a most enjoyable time reported by those present.

J. V. Barborka visited friends Omaha Sunday.

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interested in stores in Carrollton (now Carroll), in West Side, in Smithland, in Galland's Grove, Shelby county, in Harlan, in Dunlap, at Butler's Mill, Harrison county, in Correctionville and in St. Johns, Harrison county, near the present site of Missouri Valley. During his life time Mr. Laub was owner, in whole or in part, of thirty-five different mercantile establishments.

Merchandising was but one side of this busy man's career. During these pioneer years he was sheriff of Crawford county. He summoned the first jury that ever sat in a Crawford county court, and he used to tell with glee that he had to walk clear to the south edge of the county to serve some of the summons. He was the first county surveyor, resigning this job in favor of our beloved "Uncle Morris" McHenry. He was county superintendent of schools for a period of twelve years. But this was not all. He was a contractor and builder. He built the first ovens and burned the first brick made in Denison. He built the first school house in our city, the building now used by the Lutheran parochial school. If we mistake not he was the contractor who built the court house and the "west brick" school. When the Northwestern commenced to push its line through to the westward, H. C. Laub was the man who contracted to haul the poles and erect the first telegraph line that connected Boone and Council Bluffs. W. A. McHenry was our first telegraph operator.

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made his last years happy ones.

Politically Mr. Laub was a dyed-in-the-wool republican. Before the birth of the republican party, he was a whig and he was one of the many who turned eagerly to the new party of liberty and union. He was an active partisan throughout his life. He rarely if ever missed a vote, and he was honored by his party in many ways. Not only was he elected to the county offices which we have enumerated, but he was, in 1880, elected as represent-

ative of Crawford county in the Iowa legislature and he served two terms with much credit. He was a delegate to many state and district conventions, and it was at one of these that he fell in love with a young man named Dolliver. Mr. Laub was one of the sponsors of Dolliver during the early days of his brilliant career, and in fact his first nomination to congress was largely due to Mr. Laub's efforts.

Mr. Laub was a Methodist for seventy-six years. He was converted at the age of ten and all the vicissitudes of life never caused him to falter in the faith. He was prominent in the work of the church, both locally and throughout the state and his name is known wherever Methodism has a foothold in Iowa. His hearty and heartfelt "Amen" has brought encouragement and cheer to many a Methodist clergyman, and his name has appeared first and foremost on many a subscription for the church and for its missions.

It is hard to sum up such a life as this. A man who does so many things makes mistakes and makes enemies, but he also makes successes and makes friends. Such a positive, active, aggressive force as Mr. Laub could not avoid the one or the other, but the balance of life is very greatly in his favor. He left an indelible impress upon a large community. His acts of charity were manifold. His accomplishments were large. He was effective, dynamic, controlling, powerful. He succeeded in more different fields of activity than any other man western Iowa has known. He was lovable. He made warm friends and held them throughout life. He was kindly and considerate. He was a good judge of human nature and he liked to speak kindly of his fellows. Not long ago it was the writer's privilege to interview him as to the early history of the county and it was a real pleasure to find how eager he was to give credit to others and to tell of their achievements rather than his own.

OBITUARY.

On Sunday, Nov. 20th, occurred the death of Mrs. Thomas Malone at her home in Dow City, the immediate cause of her death being Bright's disease. Mrs. Malone had been afflicted with this disease more than a year and since April had been confined to her home, deriving as a relief from her suffering.

Margaret Emily Potter was born at Newcomer-Town, Tuscarawas Ohio, June 20th., 1843, being at the time of her death a little over sixty-seven years of age.

She was married to Thomas Malone, February, 21st., 1861. To their union eleven children were born, six sons and three daughters, all of whom survive to mourn her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone with their children came to Iowa in 1881 and settled in Crawford county in 1884. Her husband departed from this life sixteen years ago and since his death Mrs. Malone has made her home in Dow City. Mrs. Malone has been a member of the Baptist church for a number of years and bore her suffering with christian fortitude and uncomplaining patience. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Dow City on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, Rev. J. J. W. Place officiating. She was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery in this city by the side of her husband. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to the bereaved relatives, and especially to the children.

On Monday morning at ten o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Henry Frahm at her home near Council Grove. Mrs. Frahm had been ill for some time prior to her death, having been treated for a while at the Denison hospital, from which place she was moved to her home shortly before her death. The deceased was born Jan. 15, 1870, in Switzerland, and came from there to the United States with her parents during her childhood. She was married April 20, 1890, to Henry Frahm, and as a result of the union six children were born, five of whom, with the husband, survive her. The funeral was held this Wednesday afternoon, after which the body was taken to Oakland cemetery for burial. Mrs. Frahm had a large circle of relatives and friends who mourn her loss. The bereaved husband and children

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Three years before coming to Iowa Mr. Laub was married to Miss Lydia Baer. They were married in Frederick, Maryland, February 7, 1848. We are told that Mr. Laub met his bride-to-be when, as a lad of sixteen, he ran away from the Pennsylvania farm to make a fortune for himself. Mrs. Laub shared with her husband all the trials and hardships of the pioneers. Their home in Denison was the center of social activity and both were noted for their hospitality. Mrs. Laub was a great force for good in the community and her sweet and lovable character will never be forgotten by those who knew her. To Mr. and Mrs. Laub eight children were born, all of whom, save Lydia Belle, who died in

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A few years ago Mr. Laub was the victim of an accident which resulted in a broken hip and which compelled him to use crutches for the remainder of his life. This accident would have proven fatal to many men of his age, to most men it would at least have spelled chronic invalidism and have ended all activities, but Mr. Laub's indomitable will enabled him to surmount all difficulties and to overcome all inconveniences. In spite of his infirmity he was a regular church attendant and almost to the last his was a familiar figure on our streets as he went about attending to his business affairs.

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On Monday, November 21, 1910, occurred the death of John Baber, at Dow City, the immediate cause of his death being catarrhal pneumonia. The end came peacefully while he was sitting in his chair surrounded by children. The deceased was born in Smith county, West Virginia, January 10, 1820, being ninety years, ten months and one day old at the time of his death. He was married to Alice Rigsby in 1842, and as a result of this union six children were born, five of whom survive him. Seven years after the death of his first wife he was married to Anna Spence. Eleven children were born to them, two of whom survive to mourn the loss of a kind father. The mother of the children died March 12, 1886, since that time he has made his home with his children and grand children. He took great pride in the fact that he had forty-four grand children and sixty-six great-grand children.

Mr. Baber was one of the early settlers of the county, his residence here being continuous since the Civil war, in which he served in the Confederate army. He has always been an honest and industrious man and will be greatly missed. The funeral services were held in the Latter Day Saints church and were conducted by Elder Charles Hunt, of Deloit, who baptized Mr. Baber into this church about fifteen years ago. The body was laid to rest in the Dow City cemetery. The Review extends its sympathy to the bereaved ones.

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The living children are William H., our present mayor; Mrs. Alice M. Ainsworth and Mrs. Carl F. Kuehnle, of Denison; Mrs. W. T. Perkins, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. G. F. Bartholomew, of Evanston, Ill., and Ely C., of Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Lydia Baer Laub died in 1896, being seventy-six years of age.

On the seventh of February, 1898 Mr. Laub was united in matrimony with Miss Mary E. Snouffer, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Baer) Snouffer. To them one son, Henry Clay, who was the delight of his father's declining years, was born. Mrs. Laub has proven herself a loving, tender and affectionate wife. She devoted herself to her husband's welfare and it was her highest ambition to minister to his comfort and to his needs. It will be her consolation in this hour that she

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The funeral services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Senseney officiating. It is probable that the business houses of Denison will be closed during the services and it is certain that there will be a very great outpouring of people from every part of the county to pay a last tribute of respect and affection to this great pioneer citizen.

The football team has begun practice again for the game Thanksgiving. The students decided to work hard and have a vacation on Friday after Thanksgiving, so this year there will be no school on Friday.

Nearly all of the students will go to their homes for the Thanksgiving recess, either before or after the football game.

The end came peacefully while he was sitting in his chair surrounded by his children. The deceased was born in Smith county, West Virginia, January 10, 1820, being ninety years, ten months and one day old at the time of his death. He was married to Anne Rigsby in 1842, and as a result of this union six children were born, five of whom survive him. Several years after the death of his first wife he was married to Anna Spence. Five children were born to them, two of whom survive to mourn the loss of a kind father. The mother of these children died March 12, 1886, and since that time he has made his home with his children and grand children. He took great pride in the fact that he had forty-four grand children and sixty-six great-grand children.

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Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his place, one mile west of Buck Grove, on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1910, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property:

8 Head of Horses—Consisting of one bay mare 9 years old; one gelding 11 years old; one black mare 8 years old; one gray mare 12 years old; one mule; three colts, one black coming 3 years old, one black coming 2 years old and one bay coming 2 years old.

39 Head of Cattle—12 of them milch cows, some to be fresh soon; 4 two-year-old heifers; 10 yearling heifers; one yearling bull and 12 calves.

55 Chester White Hogs—One Chester White Boar.

Farm Machinery—2 wagons, double seated carriage, buggy, 2 hay racks, Plano binder, new, 8-foot grain drill, one-horse drill, corn planter with 100 rods of wire, 3 tongueless cultivators,