

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Traverse, Henry Clay Senator Traverse, Henry Clay  
Clay - Represented Van Buren and Davis counties

1. Birthday and place 28. Aug 1839 White County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ellen M. Preston 12 Apr. 1868 Bloomfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1862 at Bloomfield, Iowa.

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F., GAR

C. Profession Lawyer; printer; teacher; judge

4. Church membership Universalist

5. Sessions served 11<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1866 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1868, 1870 - Senate  
18<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1880 - Senate

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 24 Sept 1909 Kosse, Texas; buried IOOF Cemetery, Bloomfield, Iowa

8. Children Frank C.; Belle (Mrs. McCahon)

9. Names of parents Charles and Sarah Mary (Forest) Traverse

10. Education He attended the schools in Monroe County, Iowa

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Republicans

- At age 4, after his father's death, he came with his mother to Monroe County, Iowa
- In his early years he worked in a newspaper office in Keokuk, Iowa and learned the printer's trade and also taught school.
- All of the time in Keokuk he was looking forward to law as his profession.
- He then studied law with George H. McCleary of Keokuk.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. F 30<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry, later attached to the 15<sup>th</sup> Army Corps
- After the war he returned to Bloomfield, Iowa and began practicing law. He had a partnership of Jones and Traverse at first and then for 12 years Traverse and Eichelberger and later Traverse, Payne and Eichelberger and then later Traverse and Taylor until retirement.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			<u>The Bloomfield Democrat, Bloomfield, Iowa,</u> <u>Iowa. Sept. 30, 1909, p. 1, col. 1</u>
- ancestry.com			(accessed 17 Jan 2010)
- familysearch.org			(accessed 17 Jan 2010)
- Iowa Graves Records-WPA			- <u>Davies County Iowa</u>
- Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa			1916, p. 684-685
- GAR Records			
- The Biographical Dictionary - Iowa Volumes			1878, p 595-596
- Senate Journal			1911, p 1763-1765
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JUDGE TRAVERSE PASSES AWAY

Was Soldier, Judge, Senator and Old Pioneer of Davis County

The news of the death of one of our most prominent citizens, Judge Traverse, came as a shock to the community last Friday and immediately the whole town was in mourning. They knew of his sickness but didn't think it was so serious. The whole community are mourners along with the Travers' family in their sad bereavement.

Henry Clay Travers was born in White county, Ill, August 28, 1839, and died September 24, 1909, aged 70 years and 26 days. When only four of age, after the death of his father, he came with his mother to Monroe county, Iowa. In his early young manhood he entered a newspaper office at Keokuk and learned the printers trade and also taught school, all the while looking forward to the law as his chosen profession.

After having studied law, under the preceptorship of the Hon. George W. McLeary of Keokuk, Mr. Travers was admitted to the bar in 1862, at Bloomfield.

But soon after his admission to the law, the clouds of war hovering over his country and he enlisted in company "F" the 30th Iowa Infantry that regiment being attached to the 15th army corps, commanded by General Sherman and afterward by Gen. John A. Logan. Mr. Travers participated in a number of the most important battles of the war, as Hayles bluff, Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg and Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. After three years of army service he was discharged. Returning to Bloomfield he began the practice of law for which his mental capabilities so well qualified him and earned for himself a reputation as a conscientious and distinguished lawyer.

His earliest partnership at law was James & Travers, then for twelve

Catharine Eckard Stokes

Catharine Eckard Stokes was born in Carlisle Cumberland county, Penna, March 24, 1823, departed this life September 20, 1909, at 3 o'clock p. m. Age 86 years, 5 months and 26 days. She was married to Samuel Stokes in April of 1844. To this union was born five children; John, Samuel, Moriah, Mary Etta and Emma, three of whom died in infancy. Samuel of Palisade, Colorado, preceded her to the better world, February 22, 1909. Her husband died June 13, 1877.

Mary Etta Ryan of Bloomfield, Iowa, at whose home her mother, Mrs. Catharine Stokes passed away is the only one left of the five children.

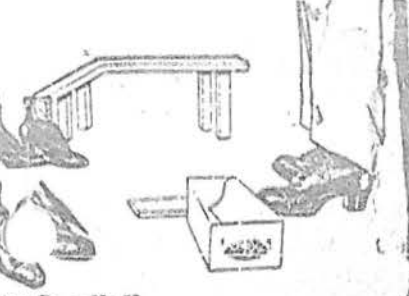
She leaves to mourn her departure, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ryan of Bloomfield, Iowa, one sister, Lizzie Buryner of Greeson, Penna and nine grandchildren. She united with the United Brethren church in the year 1864, after which time she lived an earnest devoted christian life, until her death. The last time her daughter saw her conscious she was reading her bible.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Ferrall at the Ryan home, wednesday, September 22nd, at 10:30 a. m. Interment in the west Grove cemetery.

Pirates Loose at Farmington

The local boys went to Farmington, Sunday, as a result Farmington got their goat running away with an easy victory 10 to 4.

They started out on Farmington on the run and got two in the first. Then their opponents come right back with three. But again the Pirates made a rally and with Oschner's home run, with a man on first. This looked pretty bright for the boys. but a cloud soon arose and when it cleared away the Van Buren county boys had the game safely



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C. E. Little, of Ft. Madison,  
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Jones & Travora, then for twelve  
years it was Travers & Eichelberger,  
and again Travers, Payne & Eichel-  
berger, until his going upon the  
bench, and after his retirement  
from the bench and until his re-  
tirement from the law, Travers &  
Taylor.

In 1868 and 1870, and again in  
1880 he was elected to the Iowa  
State Senate, where he served with  
distinction. In 1881 having been  
chosen judge in the Second Judicial  
district, he held that responsible of-  
fice and with marked ability for  
fourteen years, he retiring because  
of impaired health

In 1868 April 12 he was united in  
marriage to Miss Ellen Preston of  
bloomfield, Iowa, who with a son,  
Frank C Travers of Bloomfield,  
Iowa, and daughter, Mrs belle Mc-  
Cahn of Kirksville, Mo, survive  
him; also a brother James J Travers,  
of Humphrey, Mo, and two sisters,  
Mrs Louisa McMurray of Sacra-  
mento, Calif, and Mrs Nancy Hunt  
of Ellery, Ill

Mr Travers' home life was ideal  
because love reigned there and in-  
spired every word and act spoken  
and done by husband and father

On September 25, 1897, Judge  
Traverse with his wife united with  
the Presbyterian church at bloom-  
field, Iowa. On June 11, 1899, he  
was chosen a Ruling Elder in the  
church which office he has held  
every since He was a devoted  
student of God's word and a man of  
prayer He will be remembered by  
the church as a humble and sincere  
christian man, devoted to the inter-  
ests of the church, both temporal  
and spiritual His last testimony to  
his son and those about him during  
the last days of his illness at Kosse,  
Texas, was a triumphant hope in  
the conqueror of death.

To have been his pastor, and to  
have had his friendship, and to  
have heard his words of kindly ap-  
preciation was to learn to love the  
man; and now to miss him, that he  
has gone from us

In all the circles of society in  
which he has moved for fifty years  
Judge Travers will be missed

The funeral was held at his late  
home Rev J K Alexander officiating  
The burial was at the Odd Fellows  
Cemetery

Candy Kitchen at Bloomfield  
bloomfield is to have a treat in  
sweets, this winter. J. T. Adams  
and wife, of St Louis, have decided  
to locate here for the winter and  
run an up-to date candy kitchen, on  
the east side, in the McClure build-  
ing

Mr Adams comes highly recom-  
mended, having worked for a num-  
ber of years with Oak's Candy Co.  
of St Louis, acknowledged the best  
in the western states He has made  
the bloomfield fair on and off for  
twenty years and has come to the  
conclusion that our city will make  
a fine location

We are glad he has decided to  
establish here and recommend him,  
a good clean business man Citizens  
give him your support and help to  
establish a new business in our  
city

### Card of Thanks

we wish to extend our sincere  
thanks to our kind friends and  
neighbors, who so graciously render-  
ed aid and comfort during our late  
sorrow and bereavement.

MRS. M. E. EVANS, AND  
RELATIVES.

E D Kinkle has sold his farm of  
100 acres near Chequest to John  
Daugherty receiving \$50 per acre

Mr and Mrs Melker Baker and  
Mr and Mrs Thomas Miller, of Hurd-  
land, Mo, visited friends and rela-  
tives and attended home coming at  
the fair Mrs Baker is a sister, of  
H C Leach of this city

Leach & Etell report the sale of  
the Francis White lots near the  
West End grocery to Mrs Sarah  
Howard consideration \$500

Henry Bailey, of Drakesville, has  
purchased the John Dodge farm of  
120 acres The sale was made  
through the Leach & Etell real  
estate agency

John Miller, west of Pulaski, has  
sold her farm of 147 acres to Mrs R  
E Nash of Chillicothe, Mo, for \$100  
per acre This is the first large farm  
in the county to sell for \$100 per  
acre and agent S L Berry is to be  
complimented on getting such a  
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# Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

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Belonging to the First and Second  
Generations, with Anecdotes and  
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

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"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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*Samuel S. Carruthers* was a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was born in 1837. He came to Bloomfield in 1854, and commenced studying law in the office of H. H. Trimble and James Baker. He was a brother-in-law of Judge Trimble, and subsequently became his partner, and when Colonel Trimble and Baker entered the army, in 1861, he succeeded to their practice. Baker was killed, as I have before related, and on the return of Judge Trimble from the army and his subsequent retirement from the bench, he and Carruthers formed a partnership under the firm name of Trimble & Carruthers, which continued for many years, and until Judge Trimble's removal to Keokuk, in 1882, after which Mr. Carruthers continued the practice alone, to the time of his death in 1912.

He was an able lawyer and had a large practice. For a number of years he was the local attorney for the Wabash Railroad Company; of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company.

As a man, Sam Carruthers, as he was generally called, was universally beloved for his amiable character and fine traits. His presence was always pleasing on any occasion. He had about him the air and carried the influence of a natural-born gentleman. He was perfectly self-composed, slow to anger, perennially unruffled. He liked anecdotes and knew how to tell them. He was fond of good company, and to everyone he joined he gave a fresh interest. The noble esteem in which he was held was equaled only by the universal sorrow on the event of his death.

He had a fine figure, a fine head, a pleasing, handsome face, and everything about him was manly and attractive.

He was a Democrat in politics, and while he had no desire for office, he was competent to have filled any within the gift of the State. He accepted the position of delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1888, and that of a member of the Iowa Commission at the World's Fair, held at St. Louis, in 1904.

*Henry C. Traverse* was, for fourteen years, on the bench of my District. I tried many cases before him. He was a fair and excellent judge; a good listener, patient of investigation, and painstaking in all the duties pertaining to his office. His length of service and his repeated re-elections furnish ample testimony of the general satisfaction he gave.

He was a native of Illinois, where he was born in 1839, and after the death of his father, which occurred when the son was but four years of age, he came with his mother to Monroe County, Iowa, and a few years afterward removed to Davis County. He was educated in the public schools, taught for a period, studied law and was admitted to the bar of Bloomfield in 1862. Soon thereafter, he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War, becoming Orderly Sergeant in Company F, of the Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. His regiment belonged to the Fifteenth Army Corps,

commanded by General Sherman, and afterward by General Logan. He participated in many hard-fought battles. Upon his discharge from the service he returned to Bloomfield, entered upon the practice, and in a comparatively short time, built up a successful one.

The integrity of his character was perfect; he had the respect and confidence of the people, and before they made him judge, he had been otherwise honored by them. In 1865 he was elected to the House of the Eleventh General Assembly, which convened at Des Moines on January 8, 1866. In 1867 he was elected to the State Senate and served in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. In 1879 he was again elected to the State Senate, serving until he was elected judge.

In his make-up and bearing he lacked the vivacity and good fellowship of Caruthers. He wore a rather serious air, and was without that bonhomie that mellows wherever it goes. But this he compensated by his exemplary character, the gravity of his convictions and his Christian life. That he was a brave and patriotic man, ready to yield his life for his country, his three years of service as a soldier, facing death in many struggles, sufficiently attest. He died in 1910.

*Frank Eichelberger and D. H. Payne* were not among the earliest, but may be classed as among the early lawyers of Davis County, for they were members of its bar for a period of nearly fifty years, and I knew them all personally.

*Frank Eichelberger.* I knew from the time he was a very young man. His father was a hotelkeeper; having been the proprietor of the principal hotel in Muscatine in the early sixties, he became that of the Ottumwa House, formerly kept by John Potter. Frank was not much beyond his majority when he followed the family to Ottumwa. He was some four or five years my junior, and as we were both young and congenial, soon became and continued fast friends. He received his education in the common schools, and when but little more than twenty, was the local editor of the *Muscatine Journal*, a connection which continued for some four years. He was for a short time an army correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune*. In 1866 he began his legal studies with Judge Morris J. Williams, at Ottumwa, was duly admitted to the bar and began the practice with Henry C. Traverse, and removed to Bloomfield. Later Mr. Payne was taken into the firm, under the name of Traverse, Payne & Eichelberger. When Traverse was elected judge, the firm became Payne & Eichelberger, and so continued, I think, until Eichelberger's election to the bench.

He was Judge of that District for more than twenty years. He was a man of talents, a well-read lawyer and an able judge. His father and mother were elderly people when they came to Ottumwa. I knew them well. They were well-bred and most excellent persons. Frank had a brother, Thomas, familiarly known as "Tom" Eichelberger. He was highly gifted, a brilliant writer and prominently



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at sixteen he left Parkman, with only the education common to farmers' boys; worked one year in the lumbering district of Pennsylvania, finely developing his muscular powers; returned to his native state, and in the autumn of 1867 pushed westward into the Territory of Wyoming. There he worked as a teamster, and found no trouble in securing honest use for his toil-hardened hands. He was careful to husband his earnings, and at the end of three years turned his steps eastward, halting at Avoca, in western Iowa, here making his home, and here achieving success.

After being in trade by himself for a year or more, on the 6th of August, 1871, he became a partner of Mr. Coffman, and they have since been together. In public spirit, enterprise, business tact, and all the

elements which constitute the first-class merchant, they are well mated.

Mr. Harlow has been a Freemason since a little prior to the date of his settlement in Iowa, going, however, no higher, as yet, than the blue lodge.

He uniformly votes the republican ticket.

His religious sentiments accord with those of the Baptists, though he belongs to no church. He is a young man of excellent standing in society.

Mr. Harlow has a light complexion and dark hazel eyes; is five feet and nine and a-half inches tall, having a solid build and a robust appearance. He weighs one hundred and eighty-five pounds.

His business education, picked up at intervals of leisure, is excellent, and, like his partner, he is very active and efficient.

## HON. HENRY C. TRAVERSE,

### BLOOMFIELD.

**H**ENRY CLAY TRAVERSE, son of Charles and Sarah Forrest Traverse, members of the agricultural class, was born in White county, Indiana, on the 29th of August, 1839. His paternal ancestors were Virginians, though both of his parents were natives of Kentucky. His maternal grandfather aided in gaining the nation's independence.

When Henry C. was eight years old his father died, and his mother, with four children, moved to Monroe county, Iowa, and a year later settled in Davis county, where she is still living.

The subject of this sketch had a rough time in boyhood, being obliged to "paddle his own canoe" at an age when the hands are tender. He worked at farming for some time, and at length found his way into a printing office in Bloomfield, and here, and in Illinois and Missouri, worked his way up from boy-of-all-work, classically called the "printer's devil," to a first-class journeyman, and also dipping at times into journalism. To the mental drill of the district school and the printing office he added some hard study in private, having from early youth a strong relish for books. To this early love of study it is understood he attributes what degree of success he has had in life. He taught school at different times, in all five or six terms.

In 1860 he commenced reading law with Hon. George W. McCrary, of Keokuk, now secretary of war; was admitted to the bar at Bloomfield in Sep-

tember, 1862, and before commencing to practice entered the service in company F, 30th Iowa Infantry, acting as orderly sergeant for three years. He was offered the position of lieutenant of the company at one time during the progress of the war, but for reasons best known to himself refused to be promoted. He was with the 30th through all its campaigns and battles, accompanying General Sherman as far toward the sea as Ringgold, Georgia, where he was disabled and followed the regiment no farther.

Since returning from the south Mr. Traverse has been in the practice of law, and has built up a thrifty business. He is of the firm of Traverse and Eichelberger, who have been attorneys for two local banks, and whose collecting business is extensive and growing. They are prompt and reliable, have the fullest confidence of the community, are among the younger class of attorneys in Davis county, and stand well.

Mr. Traverse excels as an office lawyer. He is a close student.

He was a member of the lower house of the general assembly in 1866, and of the senate in the sessions of 1868 and 1870, and in the upper house was on the committees on the judiciary and federal relations, and chairman of one or two committees of minor importance.

In 1877 he was the republican nominee for mem-

ber of the assembly in the seventh district, and was defeated by the combined opposition of democrats and greenbackers. Mr. Traverse ran a long way ahead of the gubernatorial candidate of his party. His connection has always been with the republicans. He makes an effective political canvass.

His religious connection is with the Universalist church. He is a third-degree member of the Odd-Fellows order.

On the 12th of April, 1868, he was united in matrimony with Miss Ellen Presson, of Bloomfield, and they have two children.

## MAJOR JOHN W. CARR,

MONTEZUMA.

JOHN WESLEY CARR, one of the many patriotic young men who early responded to the President's call for volunteers in 1861, from Poweshiek county, is a son of William Carr, an Illinois farmer, and Catherine Moore, and was born near Mount Pulaski, Logan county, on the 26th of April, 1839. The Carrs were among the early settlers in Virginia, and moved into Ohio when it was a very new state. William Carr was a soldier in the war of 1812. Both parents of John W. died when he was quite young, and from eight to seventeen years of age he lived on a farm with his paternal grandmother, who removed to Iowa in 1846.

After working one season for himself he attended school at Iowa College, Grinnell, two years, teaching during the winters until the rebellion.

In August, 1861, he went into the service from Montezuma as second lieutenant in company F, 10th Iowa Infantry; resigned the next February on account of ill health; in September, 1862, again enlisted, this time as captain in company C, 28th Iowa; was wounded at the battle of Winchester, Virginia, on the 19th of September, 1864; soon afterward had command of the regiment for two months, and remained in the service until mustered out, in August, 1865. Before leaving he was breveted major

for meritorious services. He made a splendid record while in the army, and has since done nothing to soil it.

On returning to Iowa Major Carr engaged in the mercantile business at Montezuma, and followed it until March, 1870; was elected clerk of the district and circuit courts the following autumn, and by repeated elections served six years, ending on the 31st of December, 1876; he made a popular officer, doing his work with the utmost accuracy and promptness.

During the time that he was in the clerk's office he studied law; was admitted to the bar in February, 1877, and has recently added the abstract and real-estate business to that of law, he being in partnership with W. H. Redman, an enterprising and prosperous firm.

Major Carr is a staunch republican, and a Royal Arch Mason.

His wife was Miss Lottie Frick, of Montezuma, chosen on the 10th of January, 1866. They have two children.

Major Carr has light blue eyes and a fair complexion, is five feet and eleven inches tall, stands perfectly, and weighs one hundred and forty pounds. He has the bearing of a dignified, open-hearted, strictly honest man, whom it would be safe to trust.

## NORMAN R. CORNELL, M.D.,

KNOXVILLE.

THE oldest practicing physician in Knoxville, Marion county, is Norman Riley Cornell, who settled in Iowa in May, 1850, when the state was only four years old. He is a native of Steuben county, New York, and was born on the 11th of September, 1824. His parents were Amos Cornell, a farmer, and Destimony Chamberlain. The Cor-

nells were from England, and early settlers in Massachusetts. Amos Cornell was a soldier in the second war with the mother country. When Norman was eight years old the family moved to Livingston county, New York, settling near Mount Morris, the son aiding his father and attending the winter term of the district school. At nineteen he went to Ken-

upon the duties of the office January 1, 1894. The constantly onward and upward career of Judge Eichelberger in the popular esteem is sufficient evidence of his intellectual capacity and moral integrity. In his political views he is a Republican.

In 1867 he was united in matrimony with Miss Ella A. Pratt, of Muscatine. Her father, H. A. Pratt, was during his life a well-to-do citizen of that place. The Judge has had one daughter, whose death, at the age of nine years, was an indescribably sad affliction to her kind and worthy parents.

**H**ENRY CLAY TRAVERSE, ex-District Judge, residing at Bloomfield, was born in White county, Illinois, near Graysville, August 28, 1839. He was a son of Charles Traverse and Sarah, *nee* Forrest, natives of Kentucky. His paternal grandfather was a native of Virginia, to which State his first American ancestors emigrated from old Ireland. Charles Traverse was an early settler of White county, Illinois, was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1843; but his wife still survives, being now in her eighty-seventh year.

In 1846, after the death of the father, the mother removed with her family to Iowa, first locating in Monroe county, where young Henry attended the common school and at length the high school. Going to Keokuk he learned there the printer's trade, after which he taught school for a time. Then he began the study of law in that city, under the preceptorship of Hon. George W. McCrary, who, under President Hayes' administration was Secretary of War. Mr. Traverse was admitted to the bar in 1862, at Bloomfield; but, the clouds of war becoming more frightful, he enlisted in Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. The regiment, commanded by Colonel Abbott, was attached to the Fifteenth Army Corps, then commanded by General Sherman and afterward by General John A. Logan. This regiment participated in a number of important

battles, as Haynes Bluff, Arkansas Post, etc., and all through the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, etc. After three years of faithful service he was discharged, having been promoted to the rank of Orderly Sergeant.

Returning to Bloomfield, he in the next year (1866) opened out in law practice, for which his mental capabilities so well qualified him, and he correspondingly earned for himself a fine reputation as a conscientious and painstaking lawyer.

In his political principles he is a Republican. In 1868 and also in 1870 he was elected State Senator, and in 1880 was again returned to the State Senate. In this body he exhibited a conscientious faithfulness to duty rarely witnessed. In 1881 he was elected Judge of the Second Judicial District of Iowa, and by successive re-elections he held that responsible office for fourteen years. Retiring from the bench he resumed his law practice, forming a partnership with H. C. Taylor, thereby establishing the firm of Traverse & Taylor, which still continues. This is of course a strong law firm, having a good patronage. The Judge's law library is very extensive and well selected.

Judge Traverse owns a good farm of 220 acres, well improved; and he is also the proprietor of the Traverse block in Bloomfield, a fine two-story structure, which he built in 1893.

In the year 1870 Judge Traverse was married to Miss Ellen Presson, of Bloomfield, a daughter of Bradford Presson, formerly of Massachusetts. The Judge has a son and a daughter: Frank C., a court reporter, residing in Bloomfield; and Belle. The Judge is a member of Elisha Townsend Post, G. A. R.

**S**IMPSON J. CHESTER.—A recapitulation of the salient points in the career of the honored subject of this review will bear evidence of his long and prominent identification with the interests of Jefferson county, will bear record of his having held offices of distinctive trust and re-

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Senator Whipple left surviving him his widow, formerly Jennie E. Keith, an adult son, Milo, and a little daughter, Virginia, to all of whom he was deeply devoted and to whom his untimely death was a heavy crushing blow.

We, his colleagues, who knew him so well and loved him so much, do therefore resolve that in his death there has been taken out of the life of the community one of its most exalted citizens; out of the life of the state, one of its most conspicuously efficient public servants and out of Senate itself a legislator who gave the best that was in him to his colleagues without stint or hesitancy and with never a thought as to where credit would rest.

We, therefore, recommend that this memorial be printed in our Journal and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the family of our deceased friend.

ASA L. AMES,  
SHIRLEY GILLILLAND,  
JOHN L. WILSON,

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Taylor, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

*To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Hon. Henry Clay Traverse, one of the pioneer residents of Davis County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, Judge Henry C. Traverse, of Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, departed this life September 24th, 1909, and

Whereas, He was an honored member of the House of Representatives of the Eleventh General Assembly and of the Senate in the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Co. "F" of the 30th Iowa Infantry, after three years' army service he was honorably discharged and returned to Bloomfield, and began the practice of law, and in the year 1889 was elected circuit judge of the Second Judicial District of Iowa. In 1886 district judge, holding those responsible offices with marked ability for fourteen consecutive years, and

Whereas, his life, character, and services to the state and country were such as to entitle him to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens;

Therefore, be it resolved that in the death of the Hon. Henry C. Traverse the state of Iowa has lost a distinguished legislator, jurist, and patriotic citizen, his city and county a prominent, active, energetic Christian gentleman and his family a kind and indulgent husband and father, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved companion and children and those near and dear to him our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary of Senate be instructed to mail an egrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the decedent.

L. L. TAYLOR,  
P. M. JEWELL,  
THOS. H. SMITH,  
*Committee.*

Senator Taylor, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke as follows:

Mr. President: Having known Hon. Henry C. Traverse since I was a small boy and having resided in adjoining counties and, as it were, being neighbors in our boyhood days, I will ask the indulgence of the Senate while I pay a brief tribute to the memory of one of the early pioneers and respected citizens of the State of Iowa. One who has occupied a conspicuous place among the business men of the State of Iowa for nearly one-half of a century, as a soldier, statesman, patriot, Jurist, business man and philanthropist he was equally great.

Hon. Henry Clay Traverse was born August 28th, 1839. When only four years of age and after the death of his father, he came with his mother to Monroe County, Iowa, a few years later moving to Davis county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. In early manhood he studied law, his chosen profession, and was admitted to the bar in 1862 at Bloomfield, Iowa. But soon after his admission to the bar the clouds of war hovering over his country, he enlisted in Co. F. of the 30th Iowa infantry of which he was made Orderly Sergeant in which capacity he served during the war, that regiment being attached to the 15th Army Corps, commanded by General Sherman and afterward by Gen. Logan. Mr. Traverse participated in a number of the most important battles of the war such as Haynes Bluff, Arkansas Roost, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge. Upon his discharge from the service he returned to Bloomfield, Iowa, and entered the law practice and in a short time built up a thriving business.

Judge Traverse was a man respected by all men who knew him. He had been a prominent figure in the affairs of Southern Iowa for many years and had served with honor on the bench for fourteen years. He was a student of men and books and sought always to learn the way of the truth. He exemplified a life that makes the world brighter and life better worth the living.

Mr. Traverse's home life was ideal because love reigned there and inspired every word and act spoken and done by husband and father. He was a devout student of God's word and a man of prayer. He will be remembered as a humble and sincere Christian man, devoted to the interests of the church, both temporal and spiritual. His last testimony to those about him during the last days of his illness was a triumphant hope and faith in the fullness of the promises of the gospel of Christ. In all the circles of society in which he has moved for fifty years, Judge Traverse will be missed.

In business the far seeing cagacity and careful judgment was not dimmed by the weight of years and to our faithful friend and respected citizen we bid farewell. The walls of that temple in which his pure aspiring spirit had its earthly abiding place for over three score years is crumbling to ashes and will soon mould in dust away, but the indomitable spirit of noble aim, of glorious purpose, of imperious will, of dauntless courage, of sweet simplicity and of Christian character has come to its coronation.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Chapman, from a special committee, submitted the following report, and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your Committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the life and services of the Honorable Sewell S. Farwell, late of Monticello, Iowa, beg leave to submit herewith the following report:

Sewell S. Farwell was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, April 26, 1834; he died at Monticello, Iowa, September 21, 1909. He was educated in the common schools and at Keene Academy in his native county, and in a school at Cleveland, Ohio. He removed to Jones County, Iowa, in 1852, with his father's family, thence to Pella, engaging in the mercantile business until 1854, when he removed to Clay County, Kansas, residing there until 1859, when he returned to Iowa, locating on a farm near Monticello. He assisted in raising and was made Captain of Company H, 31st Iowa Infantry, and on May 31, 1865, he was promoted and commissioned Major.

He served throughout the war, was present at the grand review in Washington, and was mustered out June 27, 1865. Of his company more than half lost their lives in the service. To commemorate the lives of those who enlisted at Monticello, Major Farwell recently presented a monument to the local cemetery. In 1865 he was elected state senator, serving through the Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies. He took an active part in the administration and shaping of the laws of the state in these General Assemblies, and was very earnest and conscientious in his work, having the full confidence of the people of his district.

General Grant appointed him assessor of internal revenue, in which place he served for four years, and was then appointed in 1874 as collector of internal revenue, in which capacity he served for six years. In 1880 he was elected from the Second Congressional District of Iowa to serve in the Congress of the United States. Here again he served the people in the energetic, conscientious, manner that was always characteristic of Major Farwell.

Upon his retirement from Congress he immediately took an active interest in the affairs of Jones County, and Monticello in particular, working for the best interest of the people and striving always for the betterment of humanity. He was active in the advancement of education, and in this work he was a man of most noble spirit. He was always



Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Traverse, Henry Clay

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation

Nearest relatives

Date birth 6 Je 1838 Place Ill

Father

Nativity

Date death 24 S 1909 Place Kesse, Texas

Mother

Nativity

Cause I.O.O.F.Cem Place burial Bloomfield, Ia

War record

Pvt. F 30 Iowa Inf.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Wife Esther

Age 23 Res. West Grove

Children

Enlisted 13 Ag '62 as 5th Sgt.  
Date Place

Must. Out 3 Je 1865

Sources Roster Iowa Soldiers: (Henry C.)  
Graves Reg: Traverse, Henry Clay -  
born Indiana. died Sept 6, 1908/  
Cemetery Stone/

Discharged

Date

Place

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Traverse, Henry C

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post Name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Elisha B. Townsend	100(89)	Bloomfield	9 My '84
Sus. 31 D			'87

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount

Died Kesse, Texas ?

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount

Suspended

Died

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Van Benthussen, John

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## TRAVERSE, Henry C.

**Born:** *18 Aug 1837*  
**Died:** *24 Sept 1909, Keosau, Iowa*  
**Cemetery:** I. O. O. F.  
**Location:** BLOOMFIELD  
**County:** DAVIS CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** CO. F 30TH IA INF. CIV. WAR; LOT 69

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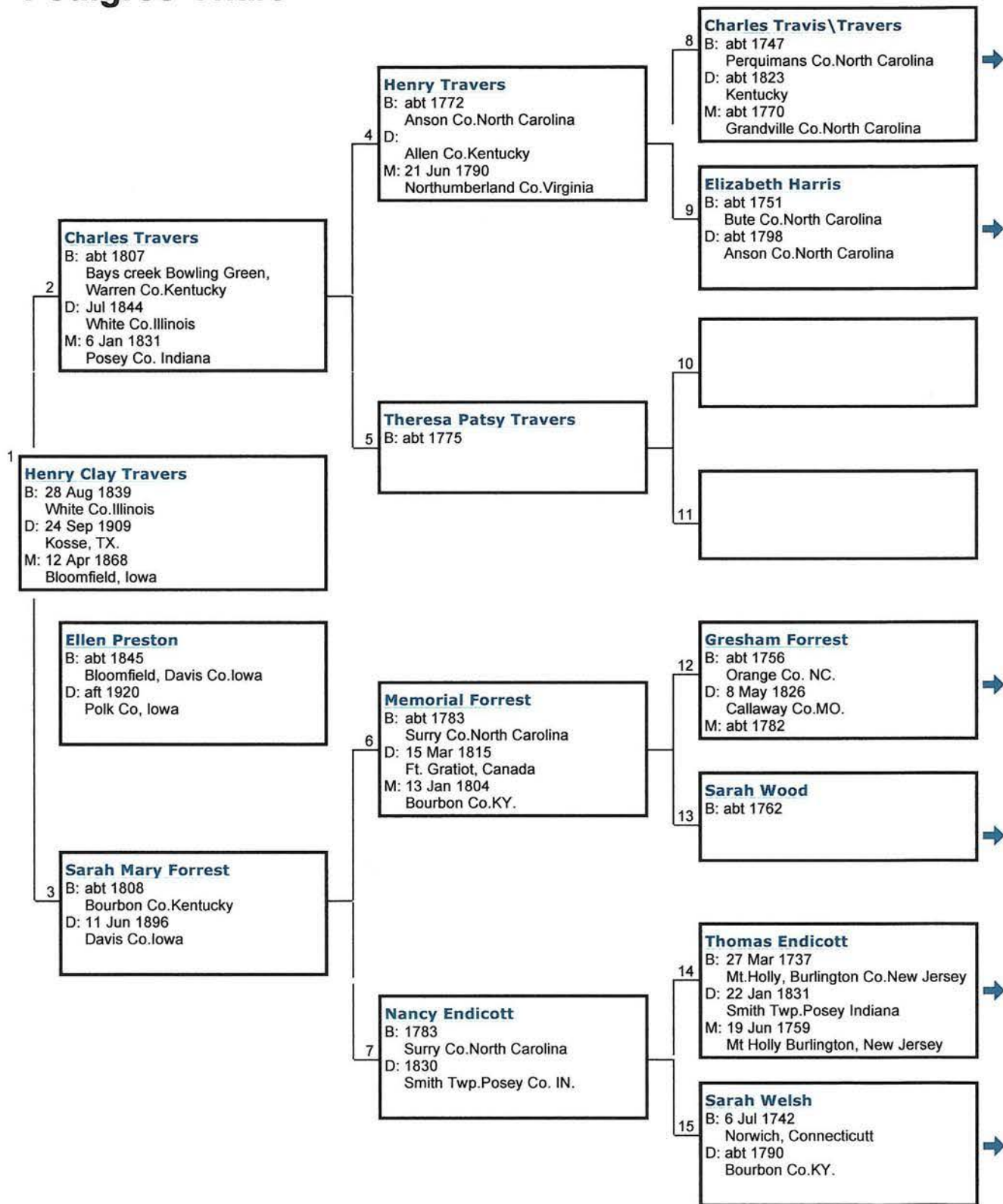
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ID: I9354  
 Reference Number: 9354  
 Name: Henry Clay TRAVERSE <sup>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10</sup>  
 Name: Henry Clay TRAVERS <sup>2 3 4 1 5 6 7 8 9</sup>  
 Sex: M  
 Change Date: 25 MAR 2008  
 Birth: 28 AUG 1839 in White, Illinois <sup>1 11 12 13 14 15 8</sup>  
 Death: 24 SEP 1909 in Kosse, Limestone, Texas <sup>1</sup>  
 Event: Discovery 19 MAR 2008 <sup>16</sup>  
 Occupation: Lawyer 1870 Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa <sup>17</sup>  
 Residence: 1900 Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa <sup>18</sup>  
 Residence: 1860 Fox River Township, Davis, Iowa  
 Note: Orleans Post Office <sup>19</sup>  
 Event: Milit-Beg ABT 1862  
 Note: Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteers <sup>8</sup>  
 Event: Milit-End ABT 1865  
 Note: Orderly Sergeant, Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteers <sup>8</sup>

### # Ancestry Hints for Henry Clay TRAVERS

3 possible historical record matches

Father: Charles TRAVERS b: EST 1813  
 Mother: Sarah Mary (Sally) FORREST b: 1808 in Bourbon, Kentucky

Marriage 1 Ellen M. PRESTON b: SEP 1845 in Massachusetts  
 Married: 12 APR 1868 in Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa <sup>1 16 20 21 17 22 9 10</sup>  
 Children

Frank C. TRAVERSE b: BET 1868 AND 1869 in Iowa  
 Belle TRAVERSE b: JUN 1873 in Davis, Iowa

### Sources:

Title: IGI; FamilySearch  
 Abbrev: IGI  
 Page: "Henry Clay Travers; b. 28 Aug 1839, White Co., Illinois; d. 24 Sep 1909, Kosse, TX; bur. --; f. Charles Travers; m. Sarah Mary Forrest; m. 12 Apr 1868, Bloomfield, Iowa, Ellen Preston"  
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 T9 335, ED 46, page 85A, 11 Jun 1880  
 19 Mar 2008, FamilySearch, copy in Spencer Line  
 Title: 1893 Census, Iowa State  
 Abbrev: 1893 Census, Iowa  
 Page: "H. C. Travers"  
 Roll: IA 125, line 9, Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa  
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 Title: 1900 Census, Davis, Iowa  
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 Page: "Henry C. Travers"  
 T623 427, ED 1, page 4B, 06 Jun 1900  
 23 Mar 2008, Ancestry, transcript in Spencer Line 2  
 Title: 1860 Census, Davis, Iowa  
 Abbrev: 1860 Census, Davis, IA  
 Page: "Clay Travers"  
 M653 317, page 903, 21 Jun 1860  
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 Abbrev: 1850 Census, Davis, IA  
 Page: "Henry C. Travers"  
 M432 182, page 281B, 27 Sep 1850  
 23 Mar 2008, Ancestry, transcript in Spencer Line 2  
 Title: Iowa in the Civil War; GenWeb, Iowa  
 Abbrev: Iowa in the Civil War  
 Page: "HENRY C. TRAVERSE was born in White County, Illinois, August 28, 1839. His father removed with his family to Monroe County, Iowa, in 1846, where the son attended the public schools. Going to Keokuk he learned the printer's trade after which he taught school. He then studied law with George W. McCrary and was admitted to the bar of Bloomfield in 1862. He soon after enlisted in Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Volunteers, which was attached to the Fifteenth Army Corps. The regiment participated in the battles of Haines Bluff, Arkansas Post, Siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, besides many minor engagements. Mr. Travers was discharged at the expiration of three years, with the rank of orderly sergeant. He returned to Bloomfield, resuming the practice of law, and in 1867 was elected to the State Senate, serving in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. In 1879 he was again elected to the Senate, serving but one session when he was elected judge of the Second Judicial District. He held this position by reelections for fourteen years."  
 IOWA IN THE CIVIL WAR, Biographies of Civil War Soldiers  
 23 Mar 2008, GenWeb, Iowa, copy in Spencer Line 2  
 Title: 1905 Census, Iowa State  
 Abbrev: 1905 Census, Iowa  
 Page: "F. C. TraversPostoffice: BloomfieldCard Number: 479  
 Luffie TraversPostoffice: BloomfieldCard Number: 480

Ione TraversePostoffice: BloomfieldCard Number: 481  
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 H C TraversePostoffice: BloomfieldCard Number: 483  
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**Birth:** 28 Aug 1839  
White Co. Illinois  
**Death:** 24 Sep 1909  
Kosse, TX.

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**Father:** [Charles Travers](#) Disc #131 Pin #3247632  
**Mother:** [Sarah Mary Forrest](#) Disc #131 Pin #3247194

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**Spouse:** [Ellen Preston](#) Disc #131 Pin #3247269  
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**Ellen Preston** B: ABT 1845 in Bloomfield, Davis Co. Iowa

### 1850 United States Federal Census

**Name:** Henry C Travers

**Age:** 13

**Estimated birth year:** abt 1837

**Birth Place:** Iowa

**Gender:** Male

**Home in 1850 (City, County, State):** Fox, Davis, Iowa

**Family Number:** 65

Household Members:	Name	Age
	David Pugh	33
	Sally Pugh	40
	Bush Pugh	0
	James Travers	16
	Henry C Travers	13
	Louisa Travers	11

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<p><b>Ellen Preston</b> B: ABT 1845 in Bentonfield, Davis Co. Iowa</p>		

## 1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Clay Traverse**

Age in 1860: **21**

Birth Year: **abt 1839**

Birthplace: **Illinois**

Home in 1860: **Fox River, Davis, Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

Post Office: **Orleans**

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household	Name	Age
Members:	David B Pugh	40
	Sarah Pugh	45
	Bush Pugh	10
	Jane Traverse	24
	James Traverse	22
	Clay Traverse	21
	Louisa Traverse	17

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**Henry Clay Travers**

**B: 28 AUG 1839 in White Co. Illinois**  
**D: 24 SEP 1909 in Kosse, Texas**

Ellen Preston B: 1845 in Bloomfield, Davis Co. Iowa

Parents

Charles Travers  
1811-1844

Sarah Mary Forrest  
1808-1890

## 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Henry C. Travers**  
 Home in 1880: **Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa**  
 Age: **39**  
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1841**  
 Birthplace: **Illinois**  
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**  
 Spouse's name: **Ellen**  
 Father's birthplace: **Kentucky**  
 Mother's birthplace: **Kentucky**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
 Occupation: **Senator-State Leg.**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
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 Blind: [View image](#)  
 Deaf and dumb:  
 Otherwise disabled:  
 Idiotic or insane:

Household	Name	Age
Members:	Henry C. Travers	39
	Ellen Travers	34
	Frank C. Travers	11
	Belle Travers	7

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<p>Children (2)</p> <p><b>Frank C. Travers</b> Isabelle Travers</p>	<p>B: 1860 B: 1872</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Henry Clay Travers</b></p> <p><b>B: 28 AUG 1839 in White Co. Illinois</b> <b>D: 24 SEP 1909 in Kosse, Texas</b></p> <p><b>Ellen Preston</b> B: APT 1843 in Bloomfield, Davis Co, Iowa</p>	<p>Parents</p> <p><b>Charles Travers</b> 1811-1844</p> <p><b>Sarah Mary Forrest</b> 1809-1890</p>
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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Henry Frances**  
**[Henry C Travers]**

Home in 1900: **Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa**

Age: **60**

Birth Date: **Aug 1839**

Birthplace: **Illinois**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Kentucky**

Mother's Birthplace: **Kentucky**

Spouse's name: **Ellen**

Marriage Year: **1870**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **30**

Residence: **Bloomfield City, Davis, Iowa**

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Household	Name	Age
Members:	Henry Frances	<b>60</b>
	Ellen Frances	<b>55</b>

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### Henry Clay Travers

Birth **28 AUG 1839** in White Co, Illinois  
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#### Timeline ( View details )

- 1839** Birth  
28 Aug  
White Co, Illinois 5 source citations
- 1850** Residence  
Age: 11  
Fox, Davis, Iowa 1 source citation
- 1860** Residence  
Age: 21  
Fox River, Davis, Iowa 1 source citation
- 1868** Marriage to Ellen Preston  
12 Apr  
Age: 28  
Bloomfield, Iowa
- 1880** Residence  
Age: 41  
Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa, United States 1 source citation
- 1885** Residence  
Age: 46  
Bloomfield 1 source citation
- 1900** Residence  
Age: 61  
Bloomfield, Davis, Iowa 1 source citation
- 1909** Death  
24 Sep  
Age: 70  
Kosse, Texas

#### Family Members

##### Parents

- Charles Travers**  
1811 - 1844
- Sarah Mary Forrest**  
1808 - 1896

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##### Spouse & Children

- Ellen Preston**  
1845 - 1920
- Frank C. Travers**  
1867 - 1920
- Isabelle Travers**  
1872 - 1945

Family group sheet

#### Historical Records

- 1850 United States Federal Census
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