

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gordon Leonard St. Senator _____
Represented Cherokee, Buena Vista, Peachtree, and Sweet Springs Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Dec 1843 New Hampton New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna M. Robbins 1866

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Sheriff;

C. Profession Lumber business; Banker;

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 17th General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Oct 1894 Clarinda Iowa; buried Newell Cemetery, Newell, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. R. M. Keller; Gertrude

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He moved to Dubuque, Iowa in 1864
- He moved to Newell, Iowa with his family in 1870 when he was in the lumber business for 15 years
- He then organized a bank next in Newell, Iowa
- He and his family then moved to Mapleton, Iowa where he organized the Monona County State Bank of which he was the cashier until 1893-1894 when his health began to fail.
- He moved to California for his health, but it proved unsuccessful
- The family returned to Mapleton, Iowa, His mental and physical condition worsened. He was taken to the Hospital for the insane at Clarinda, Iowa for treatment.

Wedding Bells.

A large number of invited guests gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Wednesday evening, Oct. 24, 1894, at five o'clock to witness the marriage of their daughter MARY to FRANK G. REDFIELD. The weather portends the future, and the perfection of the beautiful wedding day was the prophecy of a bright, unclouded life. The bridal party took their positions under the beautiful floral decorations which had been tastefully arranged for the occasion. Rev. N. F. Mas, pastor of the Congregational church, with characteristic grace pronounced the solemn and impressive words which made the happy man and wife. A wedding seal sealed the mutual promises of marriage vows. When the ceremony concluded the parents of the bride and groom, followed by the guests and friends, came forward and bestowed cordial congratulations and best wishes for a long life of happiness. The wedding march was excellently rendered by Miss Lena Red-

field's elaborate wedding supper, at which a hundred plates were laid, was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Norton. The well known hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Norton in entertaining their friends was better displayed than on this important occasion. During the banquet fine music was discoursed by the city's orchestra.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Miller. She is so amiable, talented and refined but is also well instructed in household accomplishments so essential to the happiness of a model wife. She has been a resident of our city for the past fourteen years, and

At Rest.

LEOPOLD H. GORDON died at Clarinda, Iowa, Sunday, October 21, 1894, of uremia, aged 50 years 10 months and 19 days.

The deceased was born in New Hampton, N. H., December 2, 1843. He moved to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1864. He was married to Miss Anna M. Robbins in 1866. He moved with his family to Newell, Iowa, in 1870, where he was engaged in the lumber business fifteen years. He then organized a bank, which he conducted alone one year, after which he was associated with Mr. D. C. Miller, in the firm name of Miller & Gordon; these two gentlemen built up and conducted a successful business. In the spring of 1889 he sold his interest in the bank to Mr. Miller. He then removed with his family to Mapleton, Iowa, and organized the Monona County State Bank, of which corporation he was cashier until the winter of 1893-4, at which time he was compelled to resign his position on account of failing health. He was advised by his physicians to seek a change of climate and accompanied by his wife went to California. The change did not prove beneficial. During his stay in California it was discovered that his mind was somewhat affected and they immediately returned to Mapleton, Iowa. After returning home, both his mental and physical condition became worse. At the advice of friends and physicians he was taken to the hospital for the insane at Clarinda, Iowa, for treatment. But he was not benefited. He became so reduced during his stay of nearly six months at the hospital that he was an easy prey to the disease which caused his death. He died quietly in the presence of his wife and the attendants, seemingly willing to depart from this world of

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The deceased was possessed of many
excellent traits of character, and fine
business qualities. He was finely ed-
ucated, and was always a gentleman,
ever courteous and kind. In his home
life he was kind and indulgent. No
friend or stranger ever crossed his
threshold without receiving hospita-
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Mapleton, of which latter society he
was H. P. at the time of his death.
He was also a member of Columbia
Commandery at Sioux City and of
El Kahir shrine at Cedar Rapids. He
leaves a widow and two daughters,
Mrs. R. M. Wells and Miss Gertrude,
and an aged father, now with friends
in New Hampshire, to mourn his loss.
The remains was brought to this
place for interment last Tuesday.
Services were held at the Congrega-
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fraternity, a number of the Masonic
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The remains was escorted to its last resting place in Newell cemetery by the Masonic fraternity and friends, where the concluding ritualistic services were performed.

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Life's labors early closed.
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **L.H. Gordon**
 Home in 1880: Newell, Buena Vista, Iowa
 Age: 36
 Estimated birth year: abt 1844
 Birthplace: New Hampshire
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)
 Spouse's name: Anna
 Father's name: Lewis
 Father's birthplace: New Hampshire
 Mother's name: Sarah
 Mother's birthplace: New Hampshire
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Lumber Merchant
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:
 Household Members:

Name	Age
<u>L.H. Gordon</u>	36
<u>Anna Gordon</u>	32
<u>Alice Gordon</u>	11
<u>Gertrude Gordon</u>	1
<u>Lewis Gordon</u>	66
<u>Sarah Gordon</u>	61

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Newell, Buena Vista, Iowa; Roll: T9_329; Family History Film: 1254329; Page: 541000; Enumeration District: 20; Image: 0627.

Source Information:

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