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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Baker, Dan M. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Lucas County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Jan 1842 Brown County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_  
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C. Profession Lawyer; editor of The Chariton Leader  
newspaper

4. Church membership Unitarian

5. Sessions served 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
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C. National \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Death 26 Oct 1902 Santa Ana, California

8. Children Mrs. R. A. Groves; Mrs. W. J. Rouse; Bertha;  
Bayard; Vernal

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees Educated in the Indiana State University - law degree  
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12. Other applicable information Democrat  
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- When he was a boy he moved with his parents to Iowa
- Before attaining his majority he returned to Indiana to attend colleges
- He returned to Iowa after college to practice law and did for a time, but later quit to engage in newspaper work
- He became the editor of the Chariton Leader newspaper
- After returning from the Legislature he purchased The Chariton Standard newspaper where he was proprietor and editor until 1898. He remained on rest for one year going to Santa Ana, CA
- Around 1899 he founded The Santa Ana Bulletin with H. J. Rouse.



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A formal opening of the new club  
rooms will be held in the near future.

## DEATHS

### Death of D. M. Baker.

We regretted last week being unable  
to give proper notice of the death of  
Mr. Baker, which occurred at his home  
in Santa Ana, California, Sunday  
morning, October 26, 1902, in his 60th  
year.

The name of his family is a well  
known name in Lucas county and in-  
timately connected with its history  
and development.

The deceased was prominent in  
newspaper work in Chariton and stood  
deservedly high with his brethren of  
the press throughout the state.

Dan Baker, as the Patriot editor  
knew him, was a generous, sometimes  
impulsive, but always clear headed,  
fearless and honest. He was a partism  
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litical opinions were founded upon pro-  
found conviction. He believed he was  
right and declared himself without  
equivocation or hesitancy. He was a  
companionable man withal, and im-  
bued with that broad spirit of a de-  
mocracy which led to the kindest per-  
sonal friendships.

It is unnecessary to repeat his news-  
paper or personal history here. More  
than twenty years ago he went to the  
Pacific coast and continued in the  
newspaper field. A new generation  
has grown up since he was an active  
factor in the life of this county. The  
older people, those who are left, re-  
member him with kindness and sin-  
cerely sympathize with his family in  
this hour of their bereavement.

His life was an active one and at  
the last he was a great sufferer, but  
after "life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

## MARRIED

neighbor drink, that puteth thy bottle  
to him and maketh him a drunkard.  
The cup of the Lord's right hand shall  
turn upon thee." This will be the  
subject of Rev. Palmer's sermon at the  
Baptist church next Sunday evening.

### Presbyterian.

At the Presbyterian church next Sab-  
bath.

Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

A cordial welcome to all to attend  
these services.

### First Baptist.

The Woman's Missionary Society  
was well attended last week. An in-  
teresting program about work among  
the Jews was given that had been pre-  
pared by Mrs. Bellor.

The Benevolent Society meets this  
week with Mrs. Sadie McEndree.

The Bible Day program by the Sun-  
day school was listened to with inter-  
est by a large audience last Sunday  
evening. All the parts were well given  
showing careful training by Miss  
Douglas and Mrs. McMains and with  
Martha Crips at the organ, Eloise and  
Vera Wilson with their violins and  
Albert Pickerell with his cornet an ex-  
cellent program was carried out.

### Swedish Lutheran.

Swedish Lutheran, Rev. J. P. Borg,  
pastor. Sermon Sunday, November 16,  
morning sermon, text Matthew 24:1-4;  
evening sermon, 2 Thes. 2:3-12, sub-  
ject, "The Anti-Christ."

Dorcas Society meets on Thursday  
of each week at 2 o'clock p. m. at the  
homes of members.

Young People's Concordia Society  
meets every other Friday evening at  
homes of the members, where a musi-  
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ments served at a fee of 10 cents.

The Young Peoples Literary Society  
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DEATH OF D. M. BAKER.

Former Editor of This Paper Passes Away  
In California.

The many Lucas county friends of D. M. Baker, who was for many years the able editor of this paper, will learn with profound sorrow of his death which occurred in Santa Ana, California, and will extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

The last issue of the Santa Ana Bulletin contained the following notice:

"D. M. Baker, aged 60 years, died at his home, 501 East Washington Avenue Sunday morning, Oct. 26.

Deceased was one of the proprietors of the Bulletin, and up to a few months ago was in editorial command. Death resulted from the ravages of cancer of the throat, from which he had been a sufferer for two years.

The funeral was held from the family residence last Monday at 2 o'clock p. m. Mrs. Eliza Tupper Wilkes of the Unitarian church conducted the funeral services. The pall bearers were: W. H. Spurgeon, F. O. Daniel, Geo. J. Mosbaugh, G. A. Edgar, M. A. Yarnell and R. M. Hargrave.

Daniel M. Baker was born in Brown county, Indiana, Jan. 26, 1842, and when but a boy removed with his parents to Iowa, where he grew to manhood. Before attaining his majority, he returned to Indiana where he was educated in the Indiana State University. Upon returning to Iowa, he took up the practice of law, but later quit his profession to take up the newspaper work. He was the editor of the Chariton, Iowa, Leader, and remained at the helm until his removal to this city in 1883. In 1874 he was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, being elected from a county that gave a normal Republican majority of 500. He purchased the Standard of this city upon his arrival, and was proprietor and editor until 1898, when declining to take a year

Watson--Kahler.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1902, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents in Humeston occurred the marriage of Mr. Fred Watson of this city and Miss Tot Kahler. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Bradford in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white albatross while the groom wore the conventional black. After congratulations had been proffered an elegant wedding dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson left in the evening for Lamoni where they will reside in the future.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watson of this city and is a young man of ability, highly esteemed by all who know him. The bride is a stranger here but is highly spoken of.

The best wishes of a host of friends go with these young people as they start out in their wedded life. May success and prosperity attend them.

Among those who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watson and daughter Grace of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Byerly and son Perry; Clarinda, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Watson and little daughter Edna of Lamoni, M. and Mrs. Nye of Centerville.

Lutheran League at Ottumwa.

About fifty members of the Swedish Lutheran church went to Ottumwa last Friday and Saturday to attend the first annual convention of the Luther League of this district. Rev. J. P. Borg of this city delivered an interesting address and the Chariton choir rendered several pleasing selections. On Saturday evening the visitors were tendered an elegant supper by the Ottumwa members. All those who attended report a most profitable meeting and a pleasant trip. Those who were present from Chariton were:

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| Agnes Arvidson     | Anna Luudegren   |
| Eather Arvidson    | Amanda Luudegren |
| Gottfried Arvidson | Amanda Westling  |
| A Luudegren        | Anna Westling    |

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1--McFarland.

wedding was solemnized Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McInay evening, Octo-eight o'clock, the con-being their daughter, McFarland and Mr.

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M. Gookin are well rvededly popular and ge circle of friends in ride has taught in our r several years and is a culture, refinement and t. Of modest mien, a ie disposition, she will en the home over which , preside. The groom mas Gookin of Benton

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helm until his removal to this city in 1883. In 1874 he was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, being elected from a county that gave a normal Republican majority of 500. He purchased the Standard of this city upon his arrival, and was proprietor and editor until 1898, when desiring to take a rest from active work, sold the paper to other parties. He remained out of the paper business for over one year, but grew tired of private life, and in company of Mr. W. J. Rouse (now of Los Angeles) founded the Bulletin.

Mr. Baker was a man of unusual genius and ability, as a writer, and for almost twenty years has been a very prominent figure in Democratic politics of Southern California. Until within less than three years he held the position of chairman of the Democratic central committee for many years and was looked up to by all of his political faith as an advisor whose ideas were always worth listening to and whose reputation was without a blemish.

Besides his wife the surviving members of the family are three daughters and two sons as follows: Mrs. R. A. Grover of San Francisco, Mrs. W. J. Rouse of Los Angeles, Miss Bertha Baker, Bayard Baker and Verne Baker.

The writer who has worked with him as a partner in newspaper work, knew his good qualities as well, perhaps, as anyone outside of his immediate family. He was a large-hearted, broad-minded man, and while expressing his own views in no uncertain manner, always conceded the same privilege to others. He was frank and fearless, and never hesitated in taking the course he thought to be right. His enemies we believe were few, and his friends we know were numerous. No one ever appealed to Dan Baker for aid in vain, and his acts of kindness were many. In the death of Daniel M. Baker, Santa Ana loses an honest, upright man, and his family a kind husband and father.

Peace to his ashes."

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Agnes Arvidson	Anna Lundegren
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A Lundegren	Anna Westling
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Sophie Johnson	August Johnson
Minnie Slattengren	Ida Johnson
Gust Johnson	Ella Anderson
J F Ekfelt	Albin Anderson
Arthur Lundegren	Fritz Frieberg
Herman Johnson	John Westling
Esther Johnson	Carl Westling
William Johnson	Hannah Peterson
Frank Saudahl	Charlie Peterson
Freda Lindquist	Mrs Peterson
Ida Gustafson	Charlie Johnson
Harry Lundegren	Edla Callstrom
Alfred Lundegren	Rev Borg
Mrs Borg	Herman Nelson
Hilda Nelson	John Larson
Freda Larson	Alma Clay
Minnie Lindquist	Josephine Lindquist
Anna Ekfelt	Frank Pearson
Matilda Sandahl	Ella Arvidson

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# BURNED TO DEATH.

AGED RESIDENT LOSES HIS LIFE IN HIS OWN HOME MONDAY EVENING.

Spectators Powerless to Rescue the Unfortunate Man from the Flames.

One of the most terrible events that has happened in Chariton for many years occurred last Monday evening when Mr. Thomas Baxter, an aged resident of this city, was burned to death in his own home. About 8:30 o'clock the fire alarm was sounded and a crowd quickly gathered at Mr. Baxter's home in the southwest part of the city. The interior of the house was a seething mass of flames and no one could enter it. Mr. Baxter was seen to enter his home early in the evening and light a lamp. About 8:30 a daughter of Mr. Benson, who resides across the street from the Baxter home, discovered that there was an unusually bright light in his house and at once gave the alarm. Messrs. Benson and Smith tried both doors and found them locked and then knocked the window in. Mr. Baxter's dog jumped out but he himself could not be seen. People were almost certain that he was in the building but were powerless to render any assistance. Bystanders, as they peered through the windows, thought they could see his head. Water was thrown on the flames by the fire department, but the house, which was only a two-room structure, was completely destroyed. As soon as possible a search was instituted among the debris for the remains of the unfortunate man. About eleven o'clock the trunk of the body was found with the head, arms and legs to the knees burned off. It was found in the cellar, having fallen in there when the floor gave way. The head was not found until the next forenoon, or rather a few bones were found which probably composed the head. The remnants of the body were taken to Melville's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. On Tuesday afternoon they were taken to the home of his son, Wm. Baxter, in Lincoln township, where brief funeral services were held yesterday at one o'clock after which interment took place in the McDermott cemetery.

Mr. Baxter was over eighty years of age and was a gardener. He was a hard working man and was quiet, peaceable and industrious. Unfortunately he was addicted to the use of stimulants and it is thought that at this time he might have been in an intoxicated condition and upset the lamp which set fire to the building; and was unable to help himself. This is the only theory which has been advanced. About twelve years ago Mr. Baxter narrowly escaped death under about the same circumstances. He was in a similar situation when a fire broke out but he was rescued although badly burned.

In Memoriam.  
Chicago, Nov. 9, 1902.

Editor CHARITON DEMOCRAT:

I have just read in the DEMOCRAT of the death of Hon. D. M. Baker of Santa Ana, California, and am prompted to write this brief tribute to his memory.

I have known Mr. Baker quite intimately for over forty years. In the spring of 1856 my father's family settled in Lucas county and a few years later "Dan" and I were school-mates and class-mates at Chariton. Here began our acquaintance and here sprang up a personal friendship which was never broken off, notwithstanding we were, later on in life, opponents in politics and competitors in business. For over five years Baker and I were pitted against each other as editors and owners of the opposing papers at Chariton. Each was interested in building up his own political party as also in procuring advertising and job work for his own office, but I take pleasure in saying that in no instance to my knowledge did D. M. Baker resort to any unfair means in this competition for business and political patronage. I have thought of this many times as being indicative of exceptional manliness in the man, and now, that my friendly competitor has gone away forever, I most cheerfully volunteer this testimony to his clean business methods and his honorable character.

I have many pleasant memories of D. M. Baker. As I have said, in youth we were class-mates. About this time we were members of the same debating club. Dan was not always there. A chance for a little fun elsewhere would at times keep him away, but when he did "show up" we were quite sure of a spicy little speech on the subject being considered. He was then bright, well informed, and entertaining in his style and his juvenile efforts in this debating society foreshadowed the ready ability as a writer afterwards shown in his editorial career.

He was not only manly in business affairs but he was genial and wholehearted in his social contact with men. He was even liberal to his opponents. He challenged to combat, but he fought fairly. I well remember his good-natured and flattering salutation the first time I met him after assuming editorial charge of the Patriot when he said: "Hello Maple, now I have a foe man worthy of my steel". He had respect for his opponents, and this fact marked him as broad-minded, however radical he might be in some of his views; and his business integrity was a sufficient guaranty of his general honesty of opinion.

On religious subjects he was an agnostic; in politics a life-long democrat; in business matters honest; a good citizen; an obliging neighbor; a true friend.

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