

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Birchard, Eugene Senator _____
Represented Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 June 1839 Pleasant Valley Township Scott
County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Kittie Donaldson

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 15th 16th General Assemblies 1874, 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Scott County Agricultural Society; Township Clerk;
township trustee

B. State

C. National

7. Death 13 Dec 1879 Pleasant Valley Township, Scott County, Iowa; Carleton Oakdale
Cemetery, Davenport

8. Children

9. Names of parents

Jabez A. Birchard, Jr. and Lydia A. (Chamberlain)
Birchard

Birchard, Eugene

10. Education _____

11. Degrees

*He was educated at Lombard University, Galesburg,
Illinois*

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- *He was raised in Pleasant Valley Township, Scott County, Iowa*
- *After attending college, he returned to the family farm.*
- *After his father's death, he took over the family farm.*
- *He became ill with consumption. He went to Colorado in 1878 for relief. But it was a short relief with his death on 13 Dec 1879.*

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CALLED HOME.

Death of Hon. Eugene Birchard—A
Sketch of His Career—An Indus-
trious Life Ended—A Good
Man Gone.

After several month's of illness with con-
sumption, Hon. Eugene Birchard died at
his home in Pleasant Valley township at
1 o'clock Saturday morning. In his death
the county loses one of its most prominent
citizens.

Mr. Birchard was born June 16, 1839, on
the very farm on which he died—in a log
house such as the pioneer settlers erected
for their first homes here. He was the son
of Jabez A. Birchard, who settled in
Pleasant Valley in 1836. The family is of
the good old Puritan Birchard stock which
emigrated from New England to Pennsyl-
vania over a hundred years ago. Eugene
Birchard was reared in this county—never
had a home anywhere else. In his youth
he received his education at Lombard Uni-
versity, Galesburg, Ill., and when he re-
turned home from that institution he set-
tled down to his father's calling,
that of a farmer. In his young man-
hood he married Miss Kittie Don-
aldson, daughter of James Donaldson,
whom he had known from infancy. He
filled the offices of township clerk and
township trustee several years. He took
an active interest in all local matters of
importance—became a member of the
Scott County Agricultural Society, and fa-
vored all efforts for the promotion of agri-
culture and improvement of live stock.
He became attached to the Democratic
party on reaching his majority, and had
great influence in its counsels in the
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PIONEER SCHOOL

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Interesting Letter from P.
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of St. Louis, the noted astronom
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UNION, Hardin Co., Iowa, Dec
W. H. Pratt, Davenport, Iowa:

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appeared from the hospital could ever find out—and again by public authority of last October, when he Leadville, with two pals, M. Jensen and William Ad-agent work on a stage going to Leadville and back from the town. It is reported that he was one of the gang in the coach in which Mr. [?] of this city, was passing the inmates fork over; a few days before the acts arrested were performed. Leadville says that the gang was by a detective named [?] red into a plan with them coaches in one day; by the recognition of them by the passengers for the pur- sive's plot worked well, the gang were corralled and a trial came off on the 6th of the month, and they were given years confinement at the penitentiary at Lincoln. He resides near Center Point, Iowa—and it is likely that the first intelligence of their arrest received in at least three years of age, and was in- a trial for the crime for years in the penitentiary.

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importance—became a member of the Scott County Agricultural Society, and favored all efforts for the promotion of agriculture and improvement of live stock. He became attached to the Democratic party on reaching his majority, and had great influence in its counsels in the county—and when that party united with the Liberal Republicans and came into power in 1873, Mr. Birchard was elected member of the 15th General Assembly; he served his constituents so well and honorably in that body, that two years later he was re-elected, becoming a member of the 16th General Assembly; in the latter body he served on some of the most important committees—and received the warm thanks of Speaker (now Governor) Gear for the manner in which he performed his committee duties. After his father's death, Mr. Burchard became possessor of the homestead farm, and entered into his pursuit still more earnestly. He succeeded to the Allen vacancy in the presidency of the Scott county agricultural society in 1875, and was elected president of that society in 1876 and 1877. Of course he was very efficient in that position.

But the time came when his manhood strength gave way, through long trouble with his lungs. In the fall of 1878 he went to Colorado for relief and cure, re- turning last June, feeling better and very hopeful. It was evident to his friends, however, that his course was nearly run. A few weeks ago he himself came to the conclusion that his end was near, and made preparations for the great change. And so, at the time named above, he died. He leaves a wife, three daughters and son, all the children being in their teens except the younger daughter, who is four years old.

The funeral will take place next Monday forenoon. Services at the family residence at 11 o'clock. Rev. S. S. Hunting will officiate on the occasion.

public school at St. Louis, names of 300 or 500 teach- charge during the twelve ye- perintendent of Public Sch- city; I now only know the p- pils and teachers who have k- quittance with me ever sinc-

Davenport at that time b- menced. Sod had been b- prairie north of Duck Creek the summer a few small fra- up on the breakings. There fields at three or four places creek and town that wer- Pleasant Valley, above the two or three farms just oper- were some farms below town. A Mr. Stubbs led a he- ing in a dug-out in a cave river bend above town. Th- no produce to sell nor any going on, consequently there and labor and everything els- store orders. Tuition fees were liquidated in the same

I contemplated when I take Davenport and Rock I return route, but I find it wi- ble. I will return home by I have appointments ahead at Eldora. I will most pr- way of Burlington when I re-

It is probable that my n- be refreshed by conversing dents, should there be any thousands I have met si- only obliterated faces but n- memory. Yours truly,

Joe

Prof. Tice once taught in half frame building on Fron- of Perry, near the site of D- old bakery.

Mrs. Alfred Sanders delig- torical section by depositi- complete file of the Daven- from 1841 to 1862—the year by her husband, who was c- port's most honored citizens

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HISTORY
OF
SCOTT COUNTY,
IOWA;

TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF ITS CITIES, VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL HISTORY; PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

HISTORY OF IOWA,

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1882.

In 1846 District No. 3 was organized, and built a house near C. L. Meyer's. This house was burned in 1869, and in 1870 a new school-house was erected, which cost, including furniture, \$2,000. It is now called Belmont School-house.

District No. 4 was set off from No. 1 in 1855, and held school in private houses until 1869, when a house was built on the river road, near Duck Creek, at a cost (including furniture) of \$1,600.

District No. 5 was formed in 1873, of a portion of No. 2, and the northeast part of the township, which had been attached to a district in Le Claire Township. A neat school-house was erected, which cost, when furnished, \$1,500.

In 1873 the sub-districts, which had been under the township district system, all voted to become independent, and organized independent districts. No. 1 took the name of Pleasant Valley; No. 2, Hopewell; No. 3, Belmont; No. 4, Duck Creek; No. 5, Forest Grove. In the township there are 288 between the ages of 5 and 21, and an enrollment of 218.

RELIGIOUS.

The first religious service in the township was in 1835, at the house of J. B. Chamberlin. There is now in the township but one church edifice, owned by the Methodist denomination. This was the first organized Methodist church in Scott County.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Pleasant Valley has furnished her quota of men to fill stations of public trust, and has had in times past, and has now within her borders, men who have reflected honor and credit, not only upon the valley, but county and State. In this connection are given biographical sketches of a number of old settlers and prominent men, the lives of whom are worthy a record in a work such as we here present to the citizens of Scott County.

Memoir of the Birchard Family.—The Birchards who settled in Pleasant Valley were descendants of pioneers. By the family record of Backus Birchard they trace on their father's side unbroken descent to Thomas Birchard, who came to Massachusetts about 1635, and who married Mary Robinson, (probably a daughter of John Robinson, pastor of the congregation of Dissenters, who to escape prosecution in England, emigrated to Holland in 1608, and whose family after his death came to New England to join that portion of his society who came over in the Mayflower and settled at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620). Their son, John Birchard, was one of the proprietors to whom Uncas and his sons by formal deed, in 1669, for a consideration of £70, granted a tract nine miles square, on which Norwich, Conn., was built, and in which he settled in 1660. On their mother's side they trace their descent from John Dixwell, who came from England in 1660, on account

of a little unpleasantness between himself and Charles II., in consequence of the part he took in acting as one of the judges that condemned and sentenced Charles I. to be executed in January, 1649.

John A. Birchard, Jr., born in 1804, who settled in Pleasant Valley in 1836; Backus Birchard, born in 1812, who came in 1839, and George Birchard, born in 1815, who arrived in 1840, were born at Birchardville, Susquehanna Co., Pa., and are sons of Jabez A. and Mary Birchard, *nee* Downee, who were married at Bozra, Conn., Jan. 27, 1799, and settled at Ruby, Luzerne Co., Pa., in 1800. Jabez A. Birchard, Sr., located in Pleasant Valley in the spring of 1846, and died at the residence of his son, Jabez A., Jr., on Dec. 18, 1848, aged 73 years. He was the first post-master in Birchardville and held that office through several administrations.

J. A. Birchard, Jr., was appointed post-master at Pleasant Valley in 1837, and held the office until 1856, when he resigned, recommending R. H. Spencer as his successor. He was a member of the first Territorial Legislature, and held many county and township offices. He died Oct. 20, 1871, aged 67 years, leaving his wife, Lydia A., daughter of Daniel Chamberlain, to whom he was married at Silver Lake, Pa., Jan. 1, 1829, and who survived him until July 17, 1881, when she died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Heagy, in Hampton, Ill. They were farmers by occupation and lived on the land bought in 1840, on section 13.

Backus Birchard purchased a portion of section 12 at the land sale at Dubuque in 1840, on which he is now living. In the summer of 1840 he was engaged as foreman of the masonry of the Rock River improvements at Van Rupp's Island, now Milan, and returned to New York after the work was completed, and was engaged as foreman and contractor on various railroads in that State and Pennsylvania, for some time, when he commenced improvements on the land he had bought in 1840. In 1842 he married Marie, daughter of William J. and Lucy Marlette, at Glenville, N. Y. Of five children born of this union, three are living—Lucy (wife of W. A. Foster, resides in Davenport), William J. and Ida.

George Birchard married Elizabeth Stockwell in 1845, and settled in Le Claire.

Eugene Birchard, son of Jabez A., Jr., was born in 1840 and occupied the old homestead until his death, Dec. 12, 1879. He was a member of the 15th and 16th General Assembly of Iowa, and for several years president of the Scott County Agricultural Society. His widow, a daughter of James Donaldson, removed to Big Rock, in April, 1881.

Stephen S. Blackman was born in Seneca Co., N. Y., on the 14th day of March, 1815, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Smith) Blackman; father a native of Massachusetts, and mother of New York. They were married in Seneca Co., N. Y., about 1806. The fruit



Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Eugene Birchard**
Death Date: 14 Dec 1979
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Birth Date: 16 Jun 1839
Cemetery: Oakdale
Town: Dav.
Comment: son of: Jabez A.
Level Info: *Tombstone Records of Scott County, Iowa*

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. *Graves Registration Project*. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

Description:

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