

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ **Senator** Cooly  
Dennis M. - Represented Dubuque County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Nov 1825 Lisbon, New Hampshire

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

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1854; president of the First National Bank for 21 years; president of the First National Bank of Mill Rapids, South Dakota

B. Civic responsibilities  
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C. Profession Attorney  
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4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1874, 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local  
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B. State  
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C. National Appointed in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln as Commissioner to South Carolina and to settle citizens in Charleston South Carolina  
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7. Death 12 Nov 1892 New York - buried

8. Children Harland; Mrs. Douglas; Mrs. Cassett; Max Becker  
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9. Names of parents  
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10. Education He attended common schools

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- At age 15 he left home and by teaching he prepared himself for college. He studied law with N. E. Stoughton until 1854
- He was president of the Board of Trustees of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa
- He was a successful member of the law firms of Samuels and Cooley, Samuels, Cooley and Allison, Cooley, Patchley and Adams and Cooley and Eighmey. The last firm was dissolved in 1879
- In 1865 he was appointed by President Johnson as Commissioner of Indian Affairs which he resigned for the purpose of practicing law in Washington, D.C.
- In 1873 he served as a commissioner to the Vienna Exposition
- In 1847-1849 he engaged in the mercantile business which was enough to pay for his legal education in Vermont 1850-1853



# THE SLEEP OF DEATH

## Hon. D. N. Cooley Passes Away

### SUNDAY MORNING IN NEW YORK

His Last Moments Spent at the Home of His Daughter, Mr. Douglas—His Family Were With Him—A Prominent and Worth Citizen Gone—A Busy and Honorable Life Consistently Closed.

At the home of Mrs. Douglas, his daughter, in New York, surrounded by his family Hon. D. N. Cooley, so long a prominent citizen of Dubuque, died Sunday morning.

In September his only son was married, the ceremony taking place at the bride's home in Connecticut. Mr. Cooley's trip east was for the purpose of attending the wedding, intending to return to Dubuque about the first of October. He was taken sick and went to the home of Mrs. Douglas, his daughter, in New York, where he has gradually failed until hope has been dispelled, and the sad summons to his friends is made necessary.

The disease from which he suffered was paralysis. It was the third stroke of the kind and, as usual in such cases was fatal. Drs. Lacey and Emmet, noted physicians of New York, were the attending physicians and at no time gave his friends reason to hope. Friday, bronchitis set in and he gradually grew worse until death intervened. His mind was clear to the last. He realized that the long journey was begun and with his hands clasped in those of loved ones he dropped into that calm and dreamless slumber which knows no waking.

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Mr. Cooley was born at Lisbon, New Hampshire. November 7th, 1825. When fifteen years of age he left home, and by teaching through vacation, prepared himself for college. He studied law with Mon. H. E. Stoughton and in 1854 was admitted. The same year he came to Dubuque where he practiced law successfully. He was a successively member of the firms of Samuels & Cooley, Samuels, Cooley & Allison, Cooley, Blatchley & Adams and Cooley & Elghmey, the last named firm being dissolved in 1879. In 1863 President Lincoln appointed him Commissioner to South Carolina, acting at the same time as a Commissioner to settle titles in Charleston.

In 1865 he was appointed by President Johnson, Commissioner of Indian affairs, which he resigned for the purpose of practicing law in Washington. In 1873 he served as a commissioner to the Vienna exposition and the same year he was nominated and elected to the state senate from Dubuque.

Mr. Cooley was a man with all the qualities of a good citizen. Honorable and just in business, prompt and public-spirited in matters pertaining to public affairs, and an affectionate and indulgent husband and father, in his domestic life. Successful in accumulating, he was liberal to a fault, and to whatever cause he gave his fealty to that was also given of his energy and his wealth. He was a fair opponent and a friend beyond reproach. Like all men fallible, his death closes the career of a large-hearted, genial and justly respected citizen.

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In a strictly business sense Mr. Cooley here and elsewhere has been prominent. For twenty-one years he was president of the First National bank here, a careful and judicious executive, and an excellent financier. His death has caused a vacancy in the position of president of the First National bank of Dell Rapids, S. D., where he was also largely interested in real estate. The estate he leaves is large the result of close application to business, coupled with qualities which are necessary to success.

He was an ardent member of the Main street M. E. church where for many years he and his family have been ardent worshippers, and where he will be sadly missed. His power to assist in church matters was great and his whole influence was willingly used in behalf of this branch of Christian work.

Mr. Cooley's family consists of wife, three daughters and a son. Harland, his son practices law in Chicago. His daughter, Mrs. Douglass resides in New York, Mrs. Bassett in Pittsburg and Mrs. Becker in Chicago.

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