

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Lowell

Burgess - Represented Jones County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Dec 1812 Kindham County, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place

Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Established the Monticello National Bank and the Monticello Bank; also owned controlling interest in Strawberry Point Bank, National Bank of the Republic of Chicago and the Norfolk State Bank

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer; large real estate holder; banker

4. Church membership

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Monticello 1871-1872; supervisor of Jones County

B. State

C. National

7. Death 10 Mar 1897 Monticello, Iowa; buried in Michigan when parents buried

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Willard and Zaviak (Left) Lowell

10. Education He was well schooled from schools of his native state in common branches, natural sciences, surveying and higher mathematics.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He spent his early years in Vermont, his native state
- In 1825 he moved with his father's family to Kalamazoo County, Michigan where he farmed.
- His father died 3 years later and so at age 20 he took care of the farms in Michigan
- He was elected to the Board of Supervisors of Kalamazoo County, Michigan and in 1852 was elected to the House of Representatives of Michigan for 2 terms
- He moved to Jones County, Iowa around 1854, invested in land near Monticello, Iowa later comprising 1000 acres
- In 1870 he moved to Monticello, Iowa where he invested his savings in the banking business
- In 1878 he opened a bank in Michigan with his brother and his nephew under G. W. and G. L. Lovell.
- He was interested in paper manufacturing
- In 1881 he built the hotel in Monticello
- He amassed a large fortune

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The Monticella Express, Monticella Iowa.</u> <u>Issue: Mar. 11, 1897, p. 5, col. 4, 5, 6</u>
-			<u>The Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa 1875,</u> <u>by Andreas, p. 376</u>
-			<u>History of Jones County, Iowa, 1910, Vol 2, p. 57</u>

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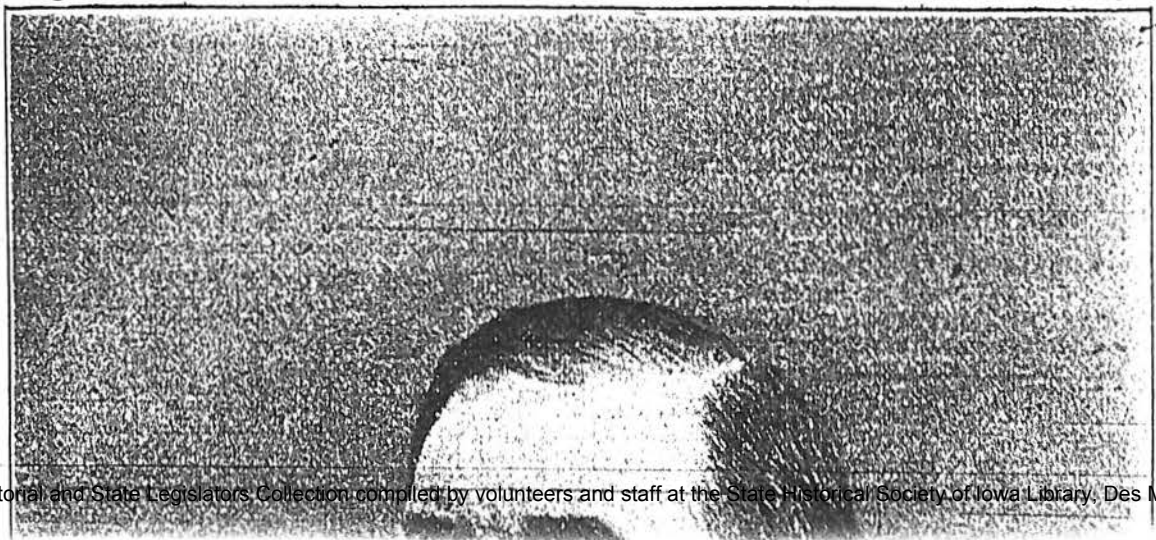
Hon. George W. Lovell died last evening, March 10th, at 8:50 o'clock, after an illness extending over a period of about two months. Death came painlessly and as quietly as a child might fall asleep.

Two months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which confined him to his bed and deprived him of the power of speech. He rallied sufficiently to be able to articulate enough to make his wants known. His mind remained clear until he began to rapidly fail, two weeks ago. He was still able to comprehend his situation until he suffered another stroke, last Monday. Even after that time he became sufficiently aroused to recognize his nephew and business associate, Mr. George L. Lovell, for whom he always had a great deal of affection.

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Monticello State Bank, and at the time of his death, he was the owner of nearly one-third of its capital stock, being the largest stockholder. He also owned the controlling interest in the Strawberry Point Bank and was its president, and was also a stockholder in the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, and the Waverly State Bank. He was a large real estate holder both in Iowa and Michigan, and was interested in paper manufacturing in the latter state. In 1881 Mr. Lovell built the hotel in Monticello that bears his name.

Mr. Lovell took much interest in politics, and was many times honored in a political way, after his removal to Monticello. He was liberal in his political views, and refused to be bound by the tenants of a political party when they were out of harmony with his own views. He was elected mayor of Monticello, twice, in 1871 and 1872. During the latter year he was elected as a



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The funeral will be held Friday af-
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o'clock, where they will lie in state un-
til 2:30 when the funeral services will
occur. The arrangements are under
the supervision of our former citizen,
Mr. H. D. Sherman. The remains will
be taken to Michigan for interment be-
side those of his father and mother.

George W. Lovell was born in Wind-
ham county, Vermont, upon a farm.
He spent his early years in that state
where he was brought up to habits of
industry, economy and honesty. Be-
fore he had reached his 18th year he
had become well schooled in the com-
mon branches, and had acquired a
good education in the elementary prin-
ciples of the natural sciences. He had
also become an apt pupil in surveying
and the higher mathematics.

In 1835 he removed with his father's
family to Kalamazoo county, Mich., and
engaged in farming. Three years later
his father died, and at the age of 20, he
took charge of the home farm in
Michigan, where he at once gave evi-
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At the age of 26 Mr. Lovell was
elected as one of the supervisors of
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office by the liberal party, and re-elect-
ed for the full term of four years. Mr.
Lovell then continued to act with the
democratic party, being once defeated
for the legislature by Dr. Calkins, until
last fall, when he repudiated the party
because of the free silver declarations
of its platform.

Mr. Lovell was a man of rather even
temperament. He avoided controver-
sies, but was always well prepared with
accurate information to sustain his
views. He was a discriminate reader,
and remembered well what he read.
We remember once of quoting to him
that sentiment from Burns:

"Money is good * *
Not for to put it in a hedge,
Not for the train attendant;
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent."

Whereupon he replied, "Yes, I re-
member that sentiment, and I can tell
you many other good things that Burns
said in the same connection," and com-
mencing at the beginning he repeated
the entire poem. Although slow in his
motions, his mind was always active.
Once while confined to his bed with
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counties of Iowa, in their alphabetical
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 ticello, and which is now one of the
 finest stock farms in the county, com-
 prising a breadth of a thousand acres.
 He went in debt for much of the pur-
 chase price of this farm, and was an
 interest payer until after the war. But
 he made money rapidly, and in 1870
 he moved to Monticello and invested
 his surplus savings in the banking
 business that was continued several
 years under the firm name of Carpen-
 ter & Lovell. This business was later
 merged into the Monticello National
 Bank, and afterwards into the Monti-
 cello Bank. About the year 1878, he
 opened a bank in company with his
 brother, a resident of Michigan, and
 his nephew, Mr. George L. Lovell, un-
 der the firm name of G. W. & G. L.
 Lovell. Afterwards Mr. George L.
 Lovell succeeded to his father's in-
 terest, and at the the time of Mr. G. W.
 Lovell's demise he and his nephew were
 equal partners in this business, which
 has long been considered as one of the
 soundest and most successful private
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 age of his business advice.
 Mr. Lovell was a just and fair man.
 He never crowded an unfortunate debt-
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 the court dockets as plaintiff in fore-
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 to subscribe for charitable projects, and
 those having such matters in hand did
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should descend to his heirs in the man- ner provided by law, and at one time he declared that he would make no will, and through its medium discrim- inate among his heirs. But he after- wards changed his mind, and executed a will which bequeaths some minor legacies to collateral relatives, who would not otherwise have inherited, but the great bulk of his property is divided among his surviving brother, and the heirs of those brothers and sis- ters who are deceased, about as the law would have divided it. The public variously estimates Mr. Lovell's wealth at from \$300,000 to \$500,000, which is all safely and remuneratively invested. The heirs are all non-residents of Iowa, except Mr. George L. Lovell, his neph- ew and surviving partner.

The death of Mrs. Geo. Darrow oc- curred at her home near this place last Saturday, March 6th, after an ill- ness of about two months. Mrs Dar- row's maiden name was Martha Like, and she was born in Cataaugus county, N. Y., June 15th, 1858. She moved with her parents, to Iowa, in 1864, and was married to Geo. Darrow in 1884. She is survived by her husband and five children, one a babe two years old, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Like, two sisters, Mrs. Ida Longendyke and Mrs. Edward Albinger, and one brother, Mr. P. M. Like. The funeral was held last Monday after- noon, at the family residence.

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