

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Proudfoot, Jacob Senator _____

Represents Clarke County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Oct 1822 Harrison County, later named
Barbours County, Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Cyrus Harney 14 Sept 1843 Barbours County, Virginia

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; miller; blacksmith

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 16th General Assembly, 1876

6. Public Offices

A. Local Magistrate of Liberty Township 11 years; Clarke County Board of
Supervisors; blacksmith of Liberty Township for 14 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 17 June 1899 Liberty Township, Clarke County, Iowa; buried New Virginia Cemetery
New Virginia, Iowa

8. Children Hester Ann (Mrs. J. L. Edrow); Leck; Oerton T.;

William D.; Samuel W.; Charles J.; Aaron V.

9. Names of parents Thomas and Elizabeth (Robinson) Proudfoot

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Democrat, later Republican

- *He was raised in Berkeley County, West Virginia. He learned to farm, be a miller and a blacksmith from his father.*
- *In 1855 he came to Iowa spending the first winter in Warren County, Iowa.*
- *In April 1856 he located in Liberty Township of Clarke County, Iowa. Here he opened a blacksmith shop. He soon bought some land and combined farming and blacksmithing.*

Clarence Woods, Wm. Metcalf and Wm. Carmichael started to Billings, Mont., Wednesday by wagon. They are going to recuperate their health, and will be gone until fall. . . I. N. Woods went to Kirksville, Mo., Wednesday on business. . . Rev. Larrick is at Blockton attending the district conference. . . The most of our citizens will celebrate the 4th in Osceola. No celebration in Woodburn. . . Dr. Walker removed a 40-foot tape worm from a young man named John James, Monday. . . Messrs. J. A. Voris and — Moran, of Jay, are building new barns. . . Dr. Summers, of Omaha, assisted by Dr. Walker, performed an operation on Mrs. C. B. McDonough Saturday. She is quite low but hopes are still entertained for her recovery. . . Jacob Crowley is in Des Moines this week. . . Miss Lela Holden, of Osceola, is visiting friends in this city. . . Our citizens have been much inconvenienced in the change of the "Q" time card. Since the change of the morning freight to an afternoon freight there is no certain way of getting to Osceola and return in one day. A petition has been sent to Mr. Level, but if that is ignored they will very likely appeal to the railroad commissioners. The fault could be remedied by stopping No. 3. here. . . C. M. Lang has established a repair shop in Woodburn and will repair organs, sewing machines, gasoline stoves, lawn mowers, &c. He also manufactures the twin coil adjustable bed spring, the best on the market. It can be adjusted by any one to suit a heavy and a light person in the same bed. No rolling to the middle or sinking down with head and feet. Mr. Lang will sell springs by set or can sell county territory. Call and inspect the springs at his shop in Woodburn.

Hopeville.

Our correspondent failed us this week, and on Wednesday the 'phone connection was down. We hope, however, that the 'phone disconnection is not the result of a cyclone and that the city and its surrounding environments are still upon earth. Will endeavor to have regular correspondence hereafter.—[Ed].

Leslie.

Children's Day next Sunday. . . Smith Pollock is very sick with malaria fever. Dr. Foxworthy is in attendance. . . Elmer Dutton returned to Osceola Tuesday on account of illness. He was work-

An Early Pioneer Dies at Liberty.

Hon. Jacob Proudfoot died at his home in Liberty, Saturday morning, very suddenly, at the ripe old age of seventy-six years, seven months and nineteen days. We gather information concerning his life from the biographical sketch of pioneers as published in the Historical Record, as follows:

"Hon. Jacob Proudfoot, one of the early settlers of Liberty township, was born in Harrison, now Barbour county, West Virginia, October 29, 1822. He was reared in his native county. His father was a farmer, miller and blacksmith, and in his youth he became familiar with all three vocations. September 14, 1843, he was married to Miss Cyrene Vanscoy, a native of Randolph county, West Virginia, daughter of William Vanscoy. In 1855 Mr. Proudfoot came to Iowa, and spent the first winter in Warren county, and in April, 1856, located in Liberty township, Clarke county, and opened a blacksmith shop. He soon bought some land and combined farming with blacksmithing. In politics, Mr. Proudfoot was reared in the Democratic faith, but his devotion to the Union caused him to uphold the administration of Abraham Lincoln, and he has since affiliated with the Republican party, and has been prominent in its councils in Clarke county. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Sixteenth General Assembly. He served eleven years as magistrate of Liberty township, and several years as a member of the county board of supervisors. He was postmaster at Liberty for fourteen years. He was always much interested in the public affairs of his country and state, as well as the local affairs of his county and village, and since 1856 never failed to cast his ballot. He and his wife have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal church about sixty years.

He leaves, beside his wife, a family of seven children—Hester Ann, wife of J. L. Tedrow, formerly of Woodburn; Leah and Overton T., of Liberty; William D., of Walla Walla, Washington; Samuel N., of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Chas. F., of Osceola, and Aaron V., of Indiana.

Mr. Proudfoot goes to his grave full of honors and with the highest esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. He possessed a rugged, energetic temperament, and lived an active, useful life. He was the very soul of honesty, an exemplary citizen in every particular and a true husband and father. It is said that in the fifty-six years of married life this is the first death in the family.

The funeral was held at Liberty, Monday, in the presence of a large crowd of sympathizing friends. The presiding elder, Rev. Senceny, of Des Moines, delivered the sermon. The children of deceased were all present excepting William D., and the four sons and brother, Elias Proudfoot, and a brother-in-law, Nick Stickles, were pall bearers. The remains were interred in the New Virginia cemetery.

larger scale at Buffalo Center, Winne county, than at any other Iowa p In response to inquiries made by the department of public instruction, Prior A. Sifert makes the following report:

Number of children conveyed to school. Answer. Forty-nine.

Average distance children are conveyed. Answer. From one and one to five and one-half miles.

Number of teams used. Answer. Four.

Cost of team and driver per month. Answer. Twenty-five dollars.

Number of schools closed by reason of transportation of children. Answer. Four now and six next year.

Length of time in months children have been conveyed. Answer. Five years of nine months each.

Estimated amount saved per month. Answer. Eighteen dollars per school \$54 per month, or \$486 per school.

Is the plan generally satisfactory? Answer. Yes.

Remarks.—The plan is entirely satisfactory especially to those farmers who have tried it. I have paid careful attention to the financial part and believe my figures are correct. But the above the township has saved cost of erecting three schoolhouses. Our bus men are engaged on competitive bids. The routes are carefully planned and let to the lowest responsible bidder. They furnish their own means of conveyance and good wraps. The buses are closed and carpeted, thus affording the best of protection for the children in case of bad weather. Contractors give to go to every house where children school age live. The drivers are understood to have control of the children on the road to and from school. The sign a contract to neither swear nor low swearing, use tobacco nor admit bad conduct, and in no case are they allowed to drive faster than a trot. In winter when the thermometer registers forty degrees below zero and our country teachers could not make their schools losing from two to three days each, buses lost only one day each.

Three Girls Drowned.

Galveston, Tex., June 19.—A party of 13 young folks were in boats at the foot of Broadway the undertaker swept them out into deep water. All were rescued but Etta Thorn 14; Marian Howard, 18, and Lauderdale, 16.

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and convenient. He was the first justice of the peace of Clarke County, after its organization as a county, and has also served as township trustee. He takes an active interest in the cause of education, and helped organize the first school district in the county, and has served many years as school director. In politics he was formerly an old-line Whig, but is now a staunch Republican, and in 1884 was a strong supporter of J. G. Blaine. He takes an interest in the temperance cause.



JERRY JENKS, one of the oldest pioneers of Clarke County, is a native of Massachusetts, born in Belchertown, Hampshire County, March 10, 1818, a son of Jeremiah and Susan (Perry) Jenks. His father was born in Spencer, Massachusetts, and is of English origin. His ancestors being extensive manufacturers of cotton goods. The mother was a native of New England. They had a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Jerry Jenks, our subject, passed his youth on a farm, his father at that time being engaged in agricultural pursuits. He received his primary education in the schools of his native village, and later received instructions in mathematics from a private tutor. After attaining manhood he was in the employ of a lumber firm in Georgia for a time. In 1841 he came to Ohio, and for about four years ran a saw-mill in Jackson County. He was married in 1843, to Mandane Burt, a native of Ohio, and of the seven children born to this union only three are living—Ada O., wife of Jefferson Daniel, of Clarke County, Iowa; Arthur P., living at home, and Edward, who married Amelia Tindell, of Ottumwa, and is also a resident of Clarke County. In 1845 Mr. Jenks removed to Monroe County, Iowa. In the fall of 1850

he came to Clarke County, and entered by land warrant 900 acres of land in Ward Township, for which he paid about 60 cents per acre. After making his land entries he returned to his home in Monroe County, and in the following spring, 1851, he removed with his family to section 13, Ward Township, Clarke County, one mile west of the present site of Osceola. He now owns 1,000 acres of choice land all well improved, and under fence, which he has acquired by years of arduous toil and persevering energy. In 1851, at the organization of Clarke County, Mr. Jenks was elected county surveyor for a term of two years, and at the expiration of his term was re-elected, serving in that capacity in all four years. In 1855 he was elected judge of Clarke County, and at the end of two years was re-elected. He was again elected for the third term, but before this term expired the office had been abolished. He also served as assessor of Ward Township for one term, and in all these offices served with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. In politics Mr. Jenks affiliates with the Republican party. He is a consistent temperance man, and a respected citizen in the township where he has made his home for the past thirty-five years. His son, Arthur P., graduated in the class of 1870, from the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, and in 1874 was elected county superintendent of the schools of Clarke County, to serve one term.



HON. JACOB PROUDFOOT, one of the early settlers of Liberty Township, was born in Harrison, now Barbour County, West Virginia, October 29, 1822. His father, Thomas Proudfoot, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, February 20, 1803, and in 1808 accompanied his parents to Harrison County, and there grew

to manhood, and late in the year 1821 married Miss Elizabeth Robinson, who was born in Pennsylvania, November 28, 1798. Jacob Proudfoot was reared in his native county. His father was a farmer, miller and blacksmith, and in his youth he became familiar with all three vocations. September 14, 1843, he was married to Miss Cyrene Van Scoy, a native of Randolph County, West Virginia, born March 3, 1826, daughter of William Van Scoy, now a resident of Virginia Township, Warren County, Iowa. In 1855 Mr. Proudfoot came to Iowa, and spent the first winter in Warren County, and in April, 1856, located in Liberty Township, Clarke County, and opened a blacksmith shop. He soon bought some land, and combined farming with blacksmithing. He now owns eighty acres on section 6, Liberty Township, and twenty-three acres of timber land in Squaw Township, Warren County. He also owns twenty-three lots, with a pleasant residence and blacksmith shop, in the village of Liberty. In politics Mr. Proudfoot was reared in the Democratic faith, but his devotion to the Union caused him to uphold the administration of Abraham Lincoln, and he has since affiliated with the Republican party, and has been prominent in its councils in Clarke County. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Sixteenth General Assembly. He has served eleven years as magistrate of Liberty, and several years as a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He has been postmaster at Liberty about fourteen years. He has always been much interested in the public affairs of his country and State, as well as the local affairs of his county and village, and has never failed to cast his ballot since 1856. He and his wife have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal church about forty-seven years. They have a family of seven children—Hester Ann is the wife of J. L. Tedrow, of Woodburn; Leah is at

home; Overton T. is a resident of Liberty; William D. lives in Walla Walla, Washington Territory; Samuel N. in Vicksburg, Mississippi; Charles F., of Liberty, and Aaron V., of Indianola, Iowa. Mr. Proudfoot's parents came to Iowa with their younger children, and made their home in Squaw Township, Warren County, where the mother died February 10, 1880. The father now spends his time with his children, going from one to another, as he wishes, each giving him a hearty welcome whenever he chooses to favor their homes with his presence.



ELIAS A. LANHAM, a prominent pioneer and enterprising farmer of Osceola Township, was born near the town of Bethel, in Clermont County, Ohio, the date of his birth being November 7, 1822. His parents, William A. and Elizabeth (Steyers) Lanham, were natives of Kentucky and Ohio respectively. They were married in Ohio, the father having located in that State when about eighteen years of age. They remained in that State till their death, and to them were born nine children. Elias A., our subject, was reared on his father's farm till reaching his majority, his education being received in the common schools of his neighborhood. At the age of twenty-two years he was married to Miss Elizabeth P. Frazee, of Clermont County, Ohio, and of the eight children born to this union only three are now living—Ceny A., wife of James H. Wilson, living in Missouri; Mary M., wife of Henry V. Grippin now living in Nebraska, and William A. married Helen L. Peck, and is living in Dakota. After his marriage Mr. Lanham removed to Iowa, locating in Lee County, where he remained till the spring of 1852. He then came to Clarke County and settled on his present

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Husband's Name

[Jacob PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-6R)

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Born: 29 Oct 1822 **Place:** , Harrison Co., Va
Died: 17 Jun 1899 **Place:** , Clarke Co., Ia
Buried: **Place:** New Virginia, Warren Co., Ia
Married: 8 Sep 1843 **Place:** , Barbour Co., Va

Father: [Thomas PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:BCF2-H9)

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Mother: [Elizabeth ROBINSON](#) (AFN:BCF2-JG)

Wife's Name

[Cyrena VANSCOY](#) (AFN:1L0L-7X)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 3 Mar 1826 **Place:** , Barbour Co., Wva
Died: 16 Feb 1911 **Place:** , Warren Co., Ia
Buried: **Place:** New Virginia, Warren Co., Ia
Married: 8 Sep 1843 **Place:** , Barbour Co., Va

Father: [William VANSCOY](#) (AFN:BCF2-KM)

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Mother: [Mary CHANNEL](#) (AFN:BCF2-LS)

Children

1. Sex Name

M [Overton Thomas PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-M1)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 7 Oct 1848 **Place:** Phillippi, Barbour, Va

2. Sex Name

M [Aaron Vanscoy PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-QJ)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 13 May 1862 **Place:** Liberty, Clarke Co., Ia
Died: 7 Jun 1936 **Place:** , Warren Co., Ia
Buried: **Place:** Manoah, Warren Co., Ia

3. Sex Name

M [Charles Fletcher PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-PC)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 24 Aug 1857 **Place:** Liberty, , Ia

4. Sex Name

M [William Dean PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-23)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 3 Sep 1850 **Place:** Phillipi, Barbour Co., Va
Died: 9 Jul 1929 **Place:** Yakima, Yakima Co., Wa
Buried: 12 Jul 1929 **Place:** Walla Walla, Walla Walla Co.

5. Sex Name

F [Hester Ann PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-KN)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 20 Nov 1844 **Place:** Phillippi, Barbour, Va

6. Sex Name

F [Leah PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-LT)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 20 Nov 1846 **Place:** Phillippi, Barbour, Va
Died: 12 Mar 1908 **Place:** , Warren Co., Ia

Buried:**Place:** New Virginia, Warren Co., Ia

7. Sex Name**M** [Samuel Nathan PROUDFOOT](#) (AFN:1L0L-N6)[Pedigree](#)**Born:** 2 Dec 1853 **Place:** Phillippi, Barbour, Va

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1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Jacob Proudfoot**

Age in 1860: **37**

Birth Year: **abt 1823**

Birthplace: **Virginia**

Home in 1860: **Liberty, Clarke, Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

Post Office: **Liberty**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	L C Proudfoot	13
	O T Proudfoot	11
	Wm D Proudfoot	9
	S N Proudfoot	6
	C F Proudfoot	2
	Jacob Proudfoot	37
	C Proudfoot	34
	H A Proudfoot	15

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Jacob Proudfoot**
 Home in 1880: **Liberty, Clarke, Iowa**
 Age: **57**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1823**
 Birthplace: **West Virginia**
 Relation to head-of-household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's name: **Cyrene Proudfoot**
 Father's birthplace: **Old VA**
 Mother's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
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 Occupation: **Blacksmith**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
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 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Jacob Proudfoot	57
	Cyrene Proudfoot	54
	Leah Proudfoot	33
	Aaron V. Proudfoot	18

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Name: **Jacob Proudfoot**
 Birth Year: **abt 1823**
 Birth Place: **W VA**
 Gender: **Male**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1885**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Clarke**
 Locality: **Liberty**
 Roll: **IA1885_164**
 Line: **16**
 Family Number: **23**
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Jacob Proudfoot	62
	S Cyrene Proudfoot	58
	Leah Proudfoot	28

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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 Clarksburg, Harrison, West Virginia, USA
Died: 17 Jun 1899
 New Viginia, Warren, Iowa, USA
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[Cyrene Van Scoy](#)
Born: 3 Mar 1826 in Barbour, West Virginia, USA
Died: 16 Feb 1911 in New Viginia, Warren, Iowa, USA
Marriage: 14 Sep 1843 in Barbour, West Virginia, USA

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Children	Sex	Birth
Hester Ann Proudfoot	F	22 Jul 1844 in West Virginia, USA
Overton Thomas Proudfoot	M	7 Oct 1848 in West Virginia, USA
Leah Proudfoot	F	20 Nov 1846 in West Virginia, USA
William Dean Proudfoot	M	3 Sep 1850 in West Virginia, USA
Samuel Nathan Proudfoot	M	2 Dec 1853 in West Virginia, USA
Charles Fletcher Proudfoot	M	4 Aug 1857 in Iowa, USA
Aaron Proudfoot	M	13 Jun 1862 in Iowa, USA

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Barbour County
West Virginia, USA

Death: Jun. 17, 1899
Liberty
Clarke County
Iowa, USA

(From the Van Scoy, Proudfoot, Robinson, Channell, Talbot database on Rootsweb.com, accessed 7-16-2006)

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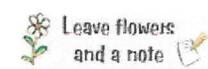
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(A discrepancy in the date of marriage. This article states that Jacob married Cyrena September 14, 1843. Barbour County Marriage Records give the marriage date of December 8, 1844.)

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 Warren County
 Iowa, USA

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