

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brown, Benjamin Franklin Senator _____

Represented Washington County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 May 1833 Knox County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah L. Kinsade 21 Aug 1860 Washington County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 15th General Assembly 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Mar 1915 Biloxi, Mississippi; buried

8. Children Charles R. ; Ella May (Mrs. Edw Thomas)

9. Names of parents Joseph and Rachel (Hood) Brown

Brown, Benjamin Franklin

10. Education

Educated in the country schools

11. Degrees

Attended Bethany College graduating in 1857
in the scientific department

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- At age 12 he moved with his family to Brooke County, West Virginia where they lived until 1863
- In 1863 he moved to Washington County, Iowa where he taught school for 14 months.
- After his marriage, he and his wife moved to West Virginia, but they loved Washington County, Iowa and came back in 1873

OBITUARIES

Ernest Bergquist.

As a young man, only thirty-five years old, in the very prime of life and with apparently every thing to live for. In November, he was taken with grippe but rallied and went back to his work with the Chicago Telephone Company with whom he had worked for thirteen years. With his wife and baby he had planned to go to Florida about four weeks ago, but was taken sick again, very sick they feared and his father and mother were telegraphed for, remaining at his bedside until Mrs. Bergquist took a bad cold and grippe and felt that she was too sick to do him any good, so she came home. His death occurred at his home in Hammond, Indiana, Friday, March 5th, 1915.

Ernest Bergquist was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergquist. He was born and raised here, attended public schools in Washington, graduated from the Washington High school in 1899. As a very little fellow the telephone fascinated him and he fixed up telephones in the yard, which we marvel to the neighbors. He had a great deal of musical ability, playing the piano and flute very well. In fact he had written several pieces of music which were published, one was called "Rustling Leaves," and was arranged for piano and for orchestra. He was artistic and painted quite a little, and more than all these, he was known as a straight forward, honest young man whom people trusted implicitly.

In 1902, he went to Hammond, Indiana, to work for the Chicago Telephone Company and was one of their trusted employes at the time of his death. On November 16, 1910, Mr. Bergquist was married to Miss Ethel Burk of Hammond, Indiana, and their marriage was a very happy one. The birth of their first child, a son, early in November 1914, was their crowning happiness and they had made great plans for the baby's future.

Besides the wife and son, John Henry, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergquist survive. A brother J. Berner who teaches at Morgan Park

Academy and another brother, Frank O., is a teacher in a Military school at Alton, Ill. This is the first break in the Bergquist family.

John Bergquist left at once for Hammond where a service was held last Sunday morning. The body was then taken to Port Huron, Mich. where many of Mrs. Ernest Bergquist's relatives are buried, for interment.

The sincere sympathy of the entire community is extended.

HON. B. F. BROWN.

With the passing of Hon. B. F. Brown at Biloxi, Miss., on Sunday evening, March 7, Washington County loses one of her best known citizens. He was enjoying his winter down south so much, when he took pneumonia and the end came before any one here realized he was sick. Strong, robust, straight as an arrow with his piercing eyes which saw through shams, yet were tender at times. His was a face not soon forgotten, and until recent years he was seen on the streets very often.

B. F. Brown (he was Frank Brown to his friends) was born in Knox County, Ohio, May 3, 1833, and he was a son of Joseph and Rachel (Hood) Brown. When he was twelve years old he moved with his family to Brooks Co., West Virginia, receiving his early education in the country schools and later attended Bethany college. For three years he was in school and graduated in the scientific department in 1857. Like many young men in those days the western country held out great possibilities and the following year he came to Washington Co. He taught school for fourteen months, during which time he met and married Miss Sarah Kincaid, Rev. William Van Atta of the United Presbyterian church performed the ceremony Aug. 21st, 1860. Few couples are privileged to live together so many years.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved to West Virginia, but they loved Washington County and came back in 1873, his father coming too. He was a good farmer and prospered, he was known as a man of his word and was held in respect by his neighbors. His farm

Our ribbon sales are increasing. What is the reason?—The Fair.

CHAS. GABRIEL COMING.

The Greatest Living Gospel Song Writer Will Come to Washington.

E. A. Hulse, musical director at the Methodist church recently wrote Chas. Gabriel, editor of the Gospel Choir, a musical magazine used by choirs all over the country, telling him of the proposed plan of having a Gabriel Day here, at which time only his music would be given. The Methodist chorus has been singing Gabriel music on Sunday evenings for some time and every one is enthusiastic. Incidentally Mr. Hulse wrote Mr. Gabriel of the new church here, and the large chorus choir, and asked whether it would be possible for the well known song writer to be present on Gabriel Day. The answer came in a few days, saying he would be pleased to come, and to let him know when the date was set. This will be a great thing for Washington, and Mr. Hulse is planning to have the musical treat some time after Easter when the weather is settled. Mr. Gabriel is an Iowa man, coming originally from Wilton Junction.

On last Sunday evening special music was given and the program was pronounced one of the best the chorus has ever had. Every seat in the choir loft is filled for each service these days and the church was packed for Sunday evening. Rev. H. F. Gilbert preached.

A large assortment of barrettes, side combs and jewelry. The Fair.

WEST CHESTER

Obituary of Edwin Rosecrans.

The writer received a card from Miss Emma Keeley stating his death, then later I saw it in the Keota Eagle from William Charlton, that he had died in the Presbyterian hospital in Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22. He was 77 years of age, coming with his family from Kentucky, Ohio, in the spring of 1850-51. His father's name was Daniel Rosecrans, and with his family he settled in LaFayette township, Keokuk county. It happened that he was located in LaFayette township when they came to Iowa. At that time the township had not been platted, and the western townships were 36-36-36. LaFayette township was platted by William McLoud who also platted



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Always guaranteed.

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known as Maple Lane, approached through a long lane of maple trees was one of the finest in the county, the home large and comfortable.

In the fall of 1879, he was elected a member of the 15th General Assembly and served with credit, being elected on the Anti-monopoly ticket. He was a staunch Republican in politics, a faithful member of the Methodist church and until recently missed a few services. There are two children, Dr. Chas. R. dean of Yale University school and Ella May, the wife of Seth Thomas of Ft. Dodge. The mother has not been at all well and was spending the winter with her daughter while Mr. Brown went south. Frequent reports of him have been that he was having such a good time and enjoying every minute, and he must have developed pneumonia suddenly. The body was shipped at once and will arrive on Wednesday, the funeral will be held from the Methodist church, Rev. Stryker having charge assisted by Rev. L. M. Grigsby. At this writing the hour has not been set.

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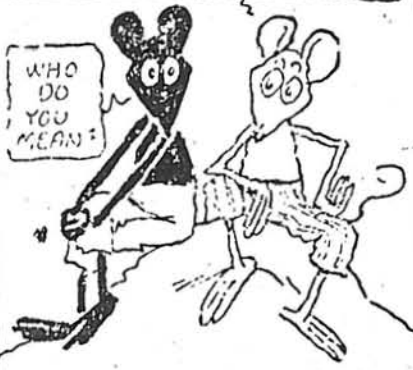
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AMAZING ADVENTURES OF JOHNNY MOUSE.

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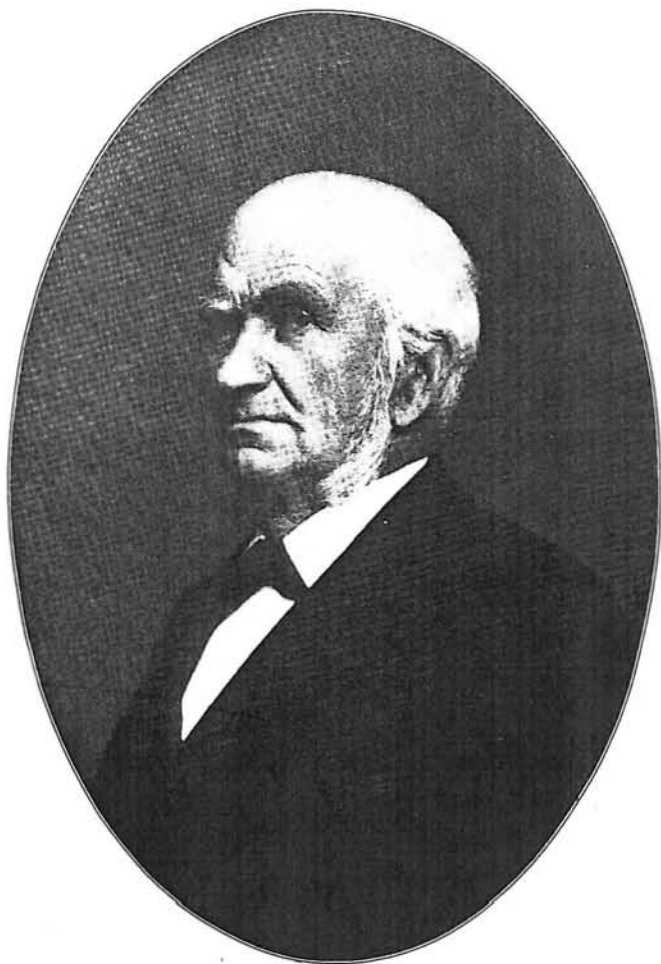


WELL, TAKE YOURSELF FOR
INSTANCE HERE YOU ARE
LIVING BEFORE YOUR TIME
NOBODY APPRECIATES YOU!



YES, AND THINK HOW MANY
ARE LIVING BEHIND THEIR
TIME LIKE YOURSELF WHO
AREN'T APPRECIATED.





HON. BENJAMIN F. BROWN

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three years and during that period he devoted his time, outside of business hours, to studying law, pursuing a night course until he was admitted to the bar in that city in 1898. He did considerable legal work for this firm and thus added to his theoretical training beneficial practical experience. In the spring of 1901 he returned to Washington, where he has practiced continuously since, remaining alone for five years and then entering into partnership with Henry M. Eicher.

On the 22d of April, 1897, Mr. Livingston was married to Miss Alice I. Samson, a daughter of H. F. and Isabel (McKenry) Samson, and a native of Wymon, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston have become parents of three children: David Palmer, Alice Louise and Schuyler William. The parents are members of the Second United Presbyterian church, of which he is president and politically Mr. Livingston is a republican. His interest in community affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen who withholds his cooperation from no movement or measure calculated to prove of public good. His standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability and indicates his thoroughness in his preparation of cases and his correctness in the application of legal principles.

HON. B. F. BROWN.

When the history of Washington county and its representative citizens shall be written it will contain the name of no man more worthy of representation in the volume than Hon. B. F. Brown, who for fifty-two years has resided here and throughout the entire period has been identified with its agricultural life and its public interests. His influence has always been on the side of progress, reform and improvement and in business circles he has made steady advancement along honorable lines. He resides in Cedar township where he owns a good farm property. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 3d of May, 1833. His parents were Joseph and Rachel (Hood) Brown, natives of Brooke county, West Virginia, and of Baltimore county, Maryland, respectively. Following their marriage they established their home in Knox county, Ohio, where they lived for a number of years and then removed to Brooke county, West Virginia, where they resided until 1863. They removed westward to Washington county, Iowa, settling in Marion township where the mother died in 1871. There the father lived until his death which occurred in 1882 and in his passing the life of a good man was ended. For over a half century he had been a devoted, faithful and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church and had guided his life by its teachings. He ever endeavored to do unto others as he would have them do unto him and as the years passed his honesty of purpose and sterling worth won him the respect of all with whom he came in contact. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, of whom nine were sons, the daughter being Mary Ann, now the widow of David Counselman and a resident of Howard county, Iowa.

B. F. Brown spent his youth in Ohio and West Virginia and since coming to Iowa has been identified with general agricultural pursuits. He is today the owner of an excellent farm in Cedar township, comprising two hundred and forty acres of land and the place is well developed and highly improved, being supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories found upon the model farm of the twentieth century. He is persistent, diligent and progressive in his work and his work has been attended by a gratifying measure of success.

That Mr. Brown has not confined his time and energy solely to his business affairs is well known, for he has ever found opportunity to cooperate in the measures and movements which are put forth for the public good. He is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship and at all times keeps well informed concerning the important issues and questions before the public. In 1874 he was elected a member of the fifteenth general assembly of Iowa, in which he served for one term. He was chosen for the office on the anti-monopoly ticket and was one of the men who framed and secured the passage of the first railroad tariff law. He was also identified with other restrictive and regulative legislation and also with progressive movements which have been important elements in the welfare of the state since that time.

Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Sarah I. Kinkade, who was born in Union county, Ohio, a daughter of Eleazer and Hannah (Lyons) Kinkade. Her father was a native of Brooke county, West Virginia, and her mother of Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born a son and daughter: Charles R., whose birth occurred October 1, 1862, is a preacher, now located in Oakland, California. Ella M., born June 25, 1871, is the wife of Seth Thomas, now principal of the high school at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and the mother of one daughter, Eleanor. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are widely known in this county, where they have now resided for many years and their many sterling traits of character have gained them a place with the leading citizens of the county. Mr. Brown is a man of force and enterprise in business, of keen discernment in public affairs and of unquestioned loyalty and patriotic purpose. While working toward high ideals he uses practical methods and, therefore, accomplishes substantial results.

HORACE SEELEY.

Horace Seeley is the owner of a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Brighton township and in addition he has real-estate holdings in Texas. His home place is well improved, presenting a neat and attractive appearance. He has spent the greater part of his life in Washington county, although his birth occurred in Ashtabula county, Ohio, on the 15th of September, 1855, his parents being Julius and Lucinda (Hagarty) Seeley. The father, who was a native of the state of New York, removed westward to Ohio prior to his marriage and there lived until 1865, when he came to Iowa, locating on section 7, Clay township, Washington county. He at

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honors would have come to him had his ambition centered along that line. For two terms he has been mayor of Forest City and for several terms he was the president of the board of education, doing effective work for the interests of the schools and for the welfare and civic betterment of Forest City in general while he was acting as mayor. He was appointed by Governor Larrabee and reappointed by Governor Boies a delegate to the Farmers National Congress. Mr. Thompson is a charter member of Hayden Post, No. 141, G. A. R., and its commander since its inception and served as inspector general on the staff of his brother Colonel J. K. P. Thompson, now deceased, a department commander of Iowa. He was made a member of the preliminary committee to locate the Vicksburg military park and has acted as special aid on the staff of both state and national commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a prominent Mason, belonging in Forest City to Truth Lodge, No. 213, A. F. & A. M., of which lodge he has been master. He has taken higher degrees in Masonry, is a Knight Templar, (York Rite) and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, belonging to the Des Moines Consistory. He belongs to El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Cedar Rapids. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He belongs to the Iowa State Bar Association, the State Bankers Association and the National Geographic Society, and is a member of the Iowa division of the Sons of the American Revolution. He holds a commission from Governor C. C. Carpenter as second lieutenant of Company E Military Battalion, S. U. I., the only military organization the University had at that time (1874-1875). He with a few other prominent business men of Forest City contributed liberally of their money and energy in establishing Waldorf College in his town, which college now has an attendance of from four hundred to four hundred and fifty students. For two years after the establishment of this institution Mr. Thompson was one of the faculty as professor and lecturer on common law and civil government. He has a beautiful home and a fine library, is widely read and has gained that broad knowledge and culture which only travel brings. In manner he is quiet and without ostentation, yet there is not about him the least shadow of mock modesty. In a word, he is a most capable business man, a pleasant, genial gentleman, a man of upright character and high ideals. He is a strong man, strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and his good name.

HON. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWN.

It has been said: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had." The life of Hon. Benjamin Franklin Brown was an exemplification of many of the qualities thus designated. He held to high ideals, was kindly in spirit, generous in act and honorable in purpose.

He was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 3, 1833, and was nearing the eighty-

second milestone on life's journey when he passed away at Biloxi, Mississippi, on the 7th of March, 1915. The first twelve years of his life were spent at the place of his nativity, after which he accompanied his parents on their removal to Brooke county, West Virginia, where he resided until he attained his majority. He supplemented a public-school education by study in Bethany College of West Virginia, which was founded by Alexander Campbell, the organizer of the Christian church and the first president of that school. Mr. Brown continued his education there for three years, pursuing a scientific course and graduating from that institution with the class of 1857.

The following year he arrived in Washington county, Iowa, and entered upon the profession of teaching. After two years he was married on the 21st of August, 1860, to Miss Sarah Kinkade, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. William Vanatta. Their wedding journey consisted of a trip back to West Virginia, where they remained for three years, during which period Mr. Brown was engaged in farming, but at the end of that time he returned with his family to Washington county, Iowa, where he continued to make his home throughout his remaining days, or for a period of more than fifty years. He became prominently identified with business affairs and whatever he undertook was carried forward to successful completion. His discrimination was keen, his energy unfaltering and his enterprise and honorable methods carried him into important relations. He figured prominently in financial circles for a number of years as one of the directors of the Washington County Savings Bank and at all times his business integrity stood as an unquestioned fact in his career. Agriculture, however, claimed his attention throughout the greater part of his life and he found great pleasure and joy in improving and beautifying his property, his work in a large measure setting a standard which others of the community have followed.

Joy came to the Brown household also with the arrival of their two children, a son and daughter. Charles R. is dean of the Yale School of Religion. He married Alice Tufts of Boston, Massachusetts. Ella M. is the wife of Seth Thomas, an attorney of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and they have two children, Eleanor and Reynolds Brown.

In his political views Mr. Brown was a democrat, giving unfaltering support to the party until the birth of the Grange movement. He was elected upon the anti-monopoly ticket to represent Washington county in the state legislature, becoming a member of the fifteenth general assembly of Iowa. During his connection therewith he gave careful and earnest consideration to the questions which came up for settlement and stanchly supported all those measures which he believed to be of vital interest to the commonwealth. He took an equally active and helpful interest in religious work and for many years was a member of the Methodist church, leading the life of an earnest, consistent Christian. He had a splendidly developed mind and was constantly bringing thought treasures to the storehouse of his wisdom.

Perhaps no better characterization of B. F. Brown can be given than in the words of the Washington Journal following his death. The paper said: "He was a man whose place in our community will never be filled by another, for he was an unusual character. He was not one of many of the same kind, but he was rather a character unique in himself, distinguished from others by a personality peculiarly his own. Those who knew him well will remember him as

a man whose presence commanded respect, whose conceptions of life were big and broad, whose opinions were confirmed but not intolerant and whose everyday manner radiated congeniality, sympathy and good humor. He was a thoroughly good mixer and those who met him in his own home knew that he was the personification of grace as a host and he and his fine wife liked nothing better than to receive friends at their beautiful country home. That home, a few miles northwest of this city, has long been one of the notable beauty spots of the county. Mr. Brown himself kept it up, trimmed the garden hedges and the many specimens of pine trees which he had reared from their babyhood and kept the broad lawn scrupulously clean and symmetrically clipped. The home was his earthly heaven. He and Mrs. Brown in their early wedded life moved to this farm and planned the grounds with the view of making this place their home until they should be through with all earthly things. Trees that are now great, stalwart monuments of wood were planted by Mr. Brown long years ago. On this farm he passed through all the varying vicissitudes and happinesses of middle age and here age found him and crept upon him stealthily, impairing in no way his mind and leaving him apparently comfortable in body, but sapping his vitality gradually to the point where his physique was no longer able to stand a severe assault and when he was taken ill on his pleasure trip south he was unable to weather the storm and was gathered to his fathers, ripe in years and secure in that faith which carries such characters out into the boundless ranges of eternity with no fear in their hearts."

CLINTON B. HUGHES.

Clinton B. Hughes, actively engaged in law practice in West Union, was born in Clayton county, Iowa, near Strawberry Point, July 16, 1878. His father, Ambrose M. Hughes, was a native of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born on the 9th of January, 1855. Although he taught school to some extent in early life, he practically made farming his life work. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1860 and reached his majority in this state. Eventually he invested in land and is still the owner of valuable farm property near Strawberry Point. He is also an extensive stockholder in the Cooperative Creamery Company of that place. Aside from being an active, enterprising, progressive and successful business man of his locality, he has figured to some extent in connection with public affairs, being now a trustee of his township, while at different periods he has served as justice of the peace and school director. He is still an active factor in the affairs of life and is highly esteemed in his home locality. It was after his removal to Iowa that he married Ida E. Hale, who was born in Maine, December 20, 1857. In their family were eleven children, of whom ten are yet living.

Clinton B. Hughes, whose name introduces this review, is the eldest of the family. He attended school at Strawberry Point and afterward became a student in the State University at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with the class of 1900, becoming thus well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1901 he entered upon the practice of law at Strawberry Point, where he remained until November, 1902, when he removed to Arlington, and there continued in the