

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Clarke, John C. Senator _____

Represented Adams County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25th Feb 1831 Drafton County, New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Ellen Carson 1855

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason;

C. Profession Teacher;

4. Church membership Member of Methodist stock, but never joined the church.

5. Sessions served 14th, 15th General Assembly 1872, 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local Keosauqua City Councilman 25 years; mayor 2 terms;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Dec 1911 near Ottumwa Iowa buried

8. Children J. J.; Mrs. L. B. Schockengast; H. H.; Fay Rita (died in infancy)

9. Names of parents Elijah S. Clarke

10. Education He had a good education from advantages
available to him

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- At age 20 he was teaching in Groton Academy, Vermont.
- The next day after being married they started for the west to make
their home. They stayed 3 months in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
then moved on to Peoria, Illinois for 3 years, teaching school there.
- They then moved to Iowa County, Iowa where they settled on a farm. The
land was unbroken prairie land, but after 2 years they had a
fine farm.
- After serving in the Legislature he had a brief business in Diggory,
Iowa and then they left the farm and moved to Hota, Iowa.

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John C. Clarke was born in Grafton County, New Hampshire, on July 25, 1831. He died after a long and painful illness at the home of his son J. F. Clarke near Ottumwa, Iowa, Wednesday evening, December 27th, 1911. He was 80 years, 5 months, 2 days old.

He was the son of Elijah S. Clarke and grand son of John Clarke, a Revolutionary soldier under George Washington.

He had good educational advantages for his day and at the age of 20 was a teacher in Groton Academy, Vermont. In 1855 he was married to Mary Ellen Carson of Bath, New Hampshire, and on the next day the newly wedded young people started to the then distant west to make their home. After three months in Milwaukee they moved to Peoria, Illinois, where he taught school for three years. On account of failing health he was compelled to give up indoor work and they moved to Iowa county, where they settled on a farm. For twenty years he wrestled with the hardships and privations of those early days until he made out of the raw prairie one of the finest farms in the county, with buildings, orchards and grounds such as we now see belonging to an up-to-date farmer. Not only did he build a home on the prairie but he built himself with his sterling New England virtues into the life of the community. He was a friend of education, and of every moral form and institution that made for the betterment of the community.

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As he saw the light he walked in it. He looked duty in the face and never side stepped it. He was a serious, useful good man. It will be a long time before a saner better balanced man comes to take his place. An impure story never soiled his lips, a dishonest dollar never touched his palm and the breath of scandal never injured his good name.

Surviving him are his wife who now lives at University Place, Nebraska; J. F. Clarke of Ottumwa, Iowa; Mrs. L. B. Schreckengast of University Place, Nebraska, and H. H. Clarke of Kansas City, Missouri. One child, Fay Rita Clarke died in infancy.

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