

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Crowman, William P. Senator _____

Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2 Oct 1831 Rockledge, West Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place
 (1) Clarissa Guthrie July 1852

(2) Larkin Patterson

(3) Martha J. Rogers 5 Oct 1876 Leighton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Newspaper Editor; farmer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 15th General Assembly 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Dec 1905 Casey, Iowa; buried Oakwood Cemetery, Casey, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - 4 daughters, 2 sons, 1 died in infancy, by 2nd wife - 1 son, 1 died after mother, by 3rd wife - Clara

9. Names of parents William and Mary Jane (Banks) or Mary Jane (Coles) Crowman

Cowman, William P.

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- His first wife, Clarissa died 26 May 1872
- He moved with his parents to Highland County, Ohio at age 2 and then they moved from Ohio to Marion County Iowa in 1849
- He taught schools in Marion County Iowa for several years.
- He went into newspaper work. He had newspapers in Monroe Iowa and Prairie City, Iowa before moving to Casey Iowa where he was the editor of The Casey Vindicator newspaper in August 1880.
- His son, Claude, was his father's partner with the Casey newspaper
- Military service - Civil War - Co. G. 18th Iowa Infantry

ANOTHER PIONEER DEAD. BOY HAS FOOT SHOT OFF. GOW

Mr. Cowman, of Casey, Joins
Great Silent Majority.

Mr. Cowman, senior editor of the
"The Vindicator," was called away
from our midst on Christmas night at
10 o'clock. When first stricken, he
was found by two of Mrs. Cowman's
daughters partially prostrate on the
floor of his house where he had just
fallen a moment before. They helped
him into the house, he was speechless
and retained consciousness until the
morning. He was carefully ministered to
by all the physicians and a loving
family could do for him and leaves
him overwhelmed in a great sorrow.
He was kind and affectionate, tender
hearted as a child where others suf-
fered and appreciated as only such na-
tures can the kindly services of those
whom he loved.

Mr. Cowman was born in Rock-
ledge county, Va., October 2, 1831, and
was therefore aged 74 years, 2 months
and 23 days at the time of his death.
His parents brought him to Ohio,
Highland county, when he was two
years of age and from there in 1849 he
came with them to Marion county,
Iowa, where he taught school for
several years. In July 1852, he was
married Miss Clarrissa Guthrie, who
is the mother of seven children, six
of whom survive, four daughters and
two sons. She died May 26, 1872. He
was married again to Sarah Patterson
and lived only one year and left an
infant child who died later.

On October 5, 1876, he married Miss
Ethel J. Rogers at Leighton, Ma-
son county. Their only son Claude
Cowman survives with the mother,
and was partner with his father, and
had principal charge of the office
of "The Vindicator" for some years
on account of his father's gradually
failing health.

Mr. Cowman had risen through the
ranks of county and state offices un-
der the administration of Governor
Reynolds. He was a member of the
Legislature of Iowa in that
body's session in which John H. Gear,

Audra Wittler, Thirteen-year-old
Boy, Maimed for Life by Shotgun.

Audra Wittler, the thirteen-year-
old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
Wittler, in company with Don Brooks,
Adam James, Glenn Kenworthy and
Frank Tufts, playmates of about the
same age, went rabbit hunting Satur-
day forenoon west of town, and was
brought home with his right limb so
badly mangled by the accidental dis-
charge of the gun as to necessitate an
amputation of the limb about five
inches below the knee.

The accident occurred at the Gibbs
pond one mile west of town shortly
after noon. The boys were playing
about the pond and the Wittler boy
was carrying the gun, and in descend-
ing the bank of the pond he slipped
and fell the gun discharging its con-
tents into his right foot and ankle,
shattering the limb terribly.

The Brooks boy had the presence of
mind to twist a strap about the in-
jured boy's leg above the wound and
this action kept the boy from bleed-
ing to death before aid came. The
James boy ran up to Dell Gibbs' resi-
dence and got Jess Cole to hitch up a
horse and take the injured boy to
town, the trip being made as rapidly
as possible.

Dr. Howe was summoned at once
and a glance showed him that ampu-
tation of the lower part of the limb
was necessary. The operation was
performed by Dr. Howe, assisted by
Drs. Harper and Lynch. The boy
rallied from the operation nicely and
is getting along as well as can be ex-
pected.

The accident is a particularly un-
fortunate one for the reason that the
little boy is poor and can ill afford to
be thus handicapped.—Greenfield
Transcript.

Mr. Adams for Clerk.
The announcement of Mr. E. W.
Adams, of Fontanille, as a candidate
for clerk of the court, has been
received.

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account of his father's gradually failing health.

Mr. Cowman had risen through the ranks of county and state offices until he was elected to and served in the Iowa Legislature of Iowa in that session in which John H. Gear, afterwards Governor and United States Senator, was elected speaker of the Legislature after a deadlock of several weeks. Mr. Cowman was one of Gear's staunch friends and has always been a Republican in politics. He is a strong and consistent upholder of the policies of his party and would contend for what he believed was right at any financial cost to his paper. He conducted newspapers in Monroe and Prairie City, Jasper county before coming to Casey. He first bought a half interest in the Vindicator and in August 1880, purchased A. J. Shrader's interest and since that time has owned and edited the paper.

He enlisted in Co. G, 18th Iowa Infantry and was made first sergeant of his company. He later was honorably discharged for disability and for a few years past has received a pension which was \$12 a month at his death. In his earlier life he was a member of the Christian church. His personal traits were easily recognized by all. He was kindness personified. He loved nature, delighted in planting and tending trees, plants and flowers, and made pets of all animals, and resented very strongly any cruelty or neglect of the dumb animals. His kindness and tender heartedness made him a center of love in the home and a general neighbor and friend. At the same time he threw away merely selfish policy when right, temperance in any town, county or political policy needed a friend and advocate. He was fearless as a defender of what he believed was right.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Linn of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Buchanan of Avoca, and Suman of the M. E. church here. The music was in charge of Wm. Warren.

The body was borne to its rest in the cemetery by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. The soldier comrade of Mr. Cowman were his pall bearers and conducted a service at the grave. — Casey Record.

be thus handicapped. Transcript.

Mr. Adams for Clerk.

The announcement of Mr. E. W. Adams, of Fontanelle, as a candidate for republican nomination for clerk of the district court is formally made in this issue, and will be received with favor by his many friends throughout the county. Mr. Adams has been a resident of Fontanelle for twelve years and by reason of his excellent character and good citizenship stands high in the community. He is a practicing attorney, well read in the law and conscientious in its application and interpretation. He has been chosen justice of the peace and township clerk, which position he now holds and fills to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He would come to the office of clerk, if chosen by the people, with exceptional qualifications for its duties, while his character is such as to give assurance that in the discharge of such duties he would exercise conscientious care and painstaking, securing promptness and precision.

Mr. Adams has ever been an active and loyal republican, doing work on behalf of the party whenever called upon, giving candidates and officers at all times the loyal support to which they are entitled. He is in every way a gentleman, conspicuously competent for the duties of the office to which he aspires, and is well entitled to fair and favorable consideration at the hands of the republicans of the county at the approaching primaries.

Mr. Carlisle for Supervisor.

We take pleasure in presenting to the republicans of Adair county this week the name of J. S. Carlisle, of Orient township, for the nomination for member of the board of supervisors, of whom the Transcript says: Mr. Carlisle has been a resident of this county for over twenty-five years during the greater part of which time he lived on his farm in Richland township, where he early gained the friendship and respect of all his neighbors. During the past seven or eight years, Mr. Carlisle has been en-



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- **ID:** I3571
- **Name:** William P COWMAN
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 2 Oct 1831 in Rockbridge, Virginia
- **Death:** 25 Dec 1905 in Casey, Guthrie, Iowa

Father: Willam COWMAN b: 1804 in Virginia**Mother:** Mary Jane Banks or OILER b: 1811 in Virginia**Suggested Next Step**Search OneWorldTree for:
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Veteran's name Cowman, William P
Residence Casey, Iowa
Occupation Editor
Date birth Oct 2, 1831 Place W. Va.
Date death D. 24, 1905 Place Casey, Iowa
Cause Oakwood Cem. Place burial Casey, Iowa
War record Sergt G 18 Iowa Vol. Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 28. Res. Knoxville, nat. Va.
Enlisted J1 7, 1862 as 1st Sergt. Must.
Date Place
Ag 6, 1862. Discharged for disabili-
ty Dec 18, 1862, Springfield, Mo.
Discharged Date Place
Battles, etc.
Nearest relatives
Father
Mother
Wife Clarrissa Guthrie
Children Clyde of Casey, Iowa
Sources
Roster Iowa Soldiers: Cowman, William P
Post 359 Desc Bk. Adair News 1-5-06;
Graves Reg: burial, family/

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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Cowman, William P
Offices of honor in G. A. R.
Charter member Post 359
Record Membership and Dues Paid
Post name Stanfield
Post No. 359(35)
Place Casey
Date Joined 20 S 1884

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Member-at-Large					
He served Jasper Co 2 terms in the general assembly in 1873 & 1875. He also published 2 papers in Jasper Co before he became editor of the Casey Vindicator Casey, Iowa."					

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