

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature *Bishop*

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** *Kephart*

Ezekiel B. - Represented Lewis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place *6 Nov 1834 - Clearfield County, Pennsylvania*

2. Marriage (s) date place

Susan J. Jupte 4 Nov 1860

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business *Elected Principal of Michigan Collegiate Institute in 1865 for a short time*

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession *College president; bishop of the Brethren Church*

4. Church membership *Brethren*

5. Sessions served *14th, 15th General Assemblies 1872, 1874*

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death *24 Jan 1906 Indianapolis, Indiana; buried Mount Annville Cemetery, Annville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania*

8. Children *Walter M. (died 17 Jun 1869); Elwood A. (died 11 Nov 1866); Emma May; Laura Maud*

9. Names of parents *Henry and Sarah (Hess) Kephart*

10. Education Very limited education in common schools; self taught in some subjects; attended Dickinson Seminary in Pennsylvania

11. Degrees In Aug 1857 he entered the sophomore class in Mount Pleasant College, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania until transferred to Otterbein University in Franklin County, Ohio

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After marriage he and his wife moved to Johnson County, Iowa
- He spent his youth in farming, lumbering and piloting rafts on the Sagadahoc River
- He taught school to earn funding to pursue his studies. When his funds were completely gone after being in college he moved to Missouri and engaged in teaching
- He later returned to Pennsylvania and entered the ministry of the Church of the United Brethren of Christ. He was minister at Altoona, Pennsylvania, Johnstown, Pennsylvania and Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.
- After 5 years of ministry, he returned to Otterbein University graduating 1 June 1865.
- after resigning at the Michigan Collegiate Institute he returned Pennsylvania and the ministry
- In Aug 1868 he moved to Lewis County, Iowa to be president of Western College

