

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lynne Hugh Robert Senator _____
Represented Henry County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Jul 1875 Wairsville, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
Elizabeth Mc Kee

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business A promoter organizer of the Henry County Fair; an
organizer of the Winfield, Iowa fair

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 10th, 15th General Assemblies 1864, 1874

6. Public Offices

A. Local Henry County Board of supervisors several years; served many township
officers

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 Dec 1913 Winfield, Iowa; buried Winfield Cemetery, Winfield, Iowa

8. Children Robert M.; Sarah M. (Mrs. Hedger); Gilbert H.; Henrietta (Mrs. Neil); Elizabeth A. (Mrs. Van Sycor); Minnetta A. (Mrs. Carden); Adaline L. (Mrs. Hemminger)

9. Names of parents _____

Lyons, Hugh Robert

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- *He spent his early life in his native state where he engaged in the mercantile business*
- *He started for Iowa in 1853 on horseback; in Logansport, Indiana he proceeded by canal boat, stages and on foot to Alton, Illinois, then a steamboat to Galesburg, then to Montrose by stagecoach, Burlington and Mount Pleasant.*
- *He settled near Fairfield on 320 acres and owned the land up to when he died.*
- *He brought his family in spring 1855*

O B I T U A R I E S.

The following, well-prepared obituary appeared in Sunday's Hawkeye and as it gives interesting incidents in Mr. Lyons' life, we clip it entire:

Winfield, Ia., Jan. 3.—Mr. Hugh Robert Lyons, who died at his home in Winfield, Ia., December 28, 1913, was one of the oldest citizens living in the county at the time of his death. He was born at St. Clairsville, Ohio, July 10, 1825, and had attained the ripe old age of 88 years, 5 months and 18 days. He spent his early life in his native state, and prior to his coming to Iowa was engaged in the mercantile business. September 1, 1847, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth McKee. His wife preceded him thirteen years ago, passing away in 1900.

Having decided to come west and settle in Iowa, he started on horseback in the year 1853, to come out and locate the land which was to become his future home. When he arrived near Logansport, Ind., having become weary of riding, and his horse being sore and tired, he bargained with a farmer to keep his horse until he should return for it. A bargain was easily struck as the man supposed the horse to be a stolen one, and that he would never see the supposition of the owner again. Mr. Lyons then proceeded, by canal boat, stage, and on foot, as best he could, to Alton, Ill.,

where he took a steamboat to Keokuk to bring again, on account of the rapids and contention of was as far as boats then the Governor McArthur. He took stage for pardon, outrose, and from Burlington, where Harp.

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land office at Fairfield and he was questioned particularly as to whether he was looking for a home or speculation, and he again returned to Mt. Pleasant and met parties who, after they learned he wanted land to improve and make a permanent home, informed him that there was some government land near a little town named Winfield in the northeast part of the county. He started on the trip to the home of Mike Myers, near the town. Here he learned about the location of the land which he entered, which lies two miles south and half a mile west of Winfield. He returned to Fairfield where he secured 320 acres of fine level land, at \$1 per acre, paying for the same with land warrants. This land is now worth \$200 per acre. He received his deed from Franklin Pierce, then president of the United States. This same land remained the property of Mr. Lyons at the time of his death, and had never been mortgaged or otherwise encumbered.

Mr. Lyons now started on his return trip and proceeded very much in the manner he came, except that he did more walking, as he had spent most of his money for land, and when he reached Logansport, Ind., he found it necessary to arrange with the man who had his horse for the keeping of the animal, and borrow \$2.50 to pay his expenses for the balance of his trip home.

The spring of 1855 saw Mr. Lyons and family on their journey to their new home on the Henry county prairies. They were compelled to travel by wagon over bad roads, and did not arrive here until June of that year. Then it was necessary to provide a home and to improve his land. To do this it was necessary to haul his lumber from Burlington, which he did, and built a two-room house. The land

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Mr. Lyons was politics and was honored being sent to the 1863, and again a member of the supervisors for several serving in a number of offices. He was one of the organizers in Henry county in the organization. He served as director of enterprises.

On February 19, 1863, he was a member of the Presbyterian church in Winfield and two ruling elders, in served for a number of years. His questions where right and wrong was always to be on the side as he saw it.

The following c Robert M. Lyons Mrs. Sarah M. F. Gilbert H. Lyons, Henrietta Neil, W. beth A. VanSeyoc, netta A. Carden, Mrs. Adaline L. F. The funeral service Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Methodist church, conducted by I. Dool, pastor, assisted by Longnecker and

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at that time had to be fenced, and he bought five acres of timber near Merrimac, which was fourteen miles distant. He made posts and rails and hauled them for the fencing of one-quarter of the land, and hauled fencing lumber from Burlington. Later he completed the fencing and improvement of the other quarter, and continued to make this his home until he and his wife removed to Winfield, in 1891, where they resided until they passed away.

Mr. Lyons was a republican in politics and was honored by his party by being sent to the state legislature in 1863, and again in 1873. He was also a member of the board of county supervisors for several years, besides serving in a number of township offices. He was one of the prime movers in organizing the first county fair in Henry county and also assisted in the organization of the Winfield fair. He served as director in both of the enterprises.

On February 19, 1875, he became a member of the Presbyterian church of Winfield and two years later became ruling elder, in which position he served for a number of years. On all questions where the principles of right and wrong were raised, Mr. Lyons was always to be depended upon to be on the side to uphold the right, as he saw it.

The following children survive him: Robert M. Lyons, of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Sarah M. Hedges, of Winfield; Gilbert H. Lyons, Longview, Tex.; Mrs. Henrietta Neil, Winfield; Mrs. Elizabeth A. VanScyoc, Winfield; Mrs. Minnetta A. Carden, Santa Ana, Cal.; Mrs. Adaline L. Hemmings, Perry, Ia.

The funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 30, from the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. J. I. Dool, pastor, assisted by Rev. W. A. Longnecker and D. L. McBride.

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Interment was made in the Winfield cemetery.—Burlington Hawkeye.

We moved to Winfield March 1854 and the next spring Mr. Lyons moved his family here and we have known him well all these years. He was ever an energetic, public-spirited gentleman and well posted in public events and his long life has been full of good deeds and kind acts that have made the world better because he lived in it. Of late years he has, until recently, passed this office daily and given us words of good cheer, but that can now only linger in memory, for the good man has crossed over to that better land.

Electric Lights Turned on Last Night for the First.

About six o'clock last evening, the electric lights, which have been under construction for the past two months, were turned on and our city fairly shone in all parts. With this illumination, we ought not to know what a dark night is.

Mr. Bentzinger, the man in charge of the light construction, is a young man of much talent and polished manners, and above all of good temperment, as the number of times he was asked the question "when do we get the electric lights", would count into big figures and enough to drive a common man crazy, but Mr. Bentzinger has always been very polite in his answers to such questions and by so doing has made many warm friends.

John Allender of Mt. Pleasant, is chief supervisor of the plant, which is located at the Button Factory.

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