

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Beatty, John P. Senator _____

Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Dec 1828 Wayne County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Phoebe E. Condit Sept 1856 Ohio

(2) Elyshith J. Kerr 11 Oct 1860

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He helped organize the First National Bank of Newton;

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock; bank director

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 14th General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local Secretary of Board of Trustees of Kithsburg Manual Labor College; member of Board of Supervisors; Justice of the Peace

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 June 1913 Newton, Iowa; buried Kithsburg Cemetery, Newton, Iowa

8. Children By first wife - a son died young; by 2nd wife - Margaret (Mrs. George E. Harrah) - published her father's memoirs; James, Robert, L. J. Beatty, Mrs. A. B. Palmer, Mrs. M. S. Kitchum

9. Names of parents Alexander N. and Margaret C. (Ewing) Beatty

Beatty, John P.

10. Education Limited school advantage, he attended school only 2 years by the age of 21

11. Degrees He spent 2 years in the academy at Albany in Adams County, Ohio

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents sheltered slaves on the underground railway at their Fayette County, Ohio home
- He first came to Iowa in winter 1855-1856, returning to Ohio, getting married and returning in spring 1858
- His first wife died 4 July 1858, a month after childbirth
- When he came to Jasper County, Iowa he helped organize the Wittenberg Manual Labor College
- He sold his first farm and bought a 400 acre farm in the early 1870's.
- His children, Minnie and J. Benton, are twins

JOHN P. BEATTY DIED THIS MORNING

Hon. John P. Beatty one of Jasper County's oldest and most respected citizens died this morning at 10:30 at his residence on First Ave East.

Mr. Beatty would have been eighty-five years of age had he lived until the eighth of next December.

He had been a resident of Jasper county since 1858, and for many years lived on a farm north of Newton and then moved to the city where he had lived for a number of years.

He had been confined to his home since early in the winter. There was no illness but a gradual giving away to approaching age. During his last days

he suffered somewhat for the past few days did not recognize any of the family

The wife and five children survive. The sons James of Colorado, Robt. K. of Davenport and Bert Beatty who lives north of the city and Mrs. A. B. Palmer of Seattle are all here. Mrs. M. S. Ketchum of Boulder, Colo. has been notified and is expected.

The plans now for the funeral are a short service at the home on Wednesday and a service at Wittenberg church on Wednesday. Rev. R. F. Layender will officiate.

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The record crowds on Saturday at the Chautauqua clearly indicates the popularity of Thaviu's band in and about Newton. This is the third season this band has been here and it has made a reputation for itself all right.

The program Saturday afternoon was a mixed one of vocal numbers with accompaniments by the band and also selections by the band.

There are more pieces in the band this year and the instrumentation is better and there are twelve singers instead of six.

In the evening the program consisted of numbers by the band and a couple of choruses by the singers closing with a

burlesque of "Pymaleon and Galatea" arranged by Thaviu and called "Lovely Galatea." One of the numbers by the band was a big overture by Tchaikowsky with artillery and cathedral chime effects.

By request the Sextet from "Lucia" was given and it was just as good as ever and is always well received.

Thaviu is the same musical enthusiast, full of music and rythm and he knows how to get it out of people in surprising effects,

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Gen. John P. Beatty who died Monday morning was one of the strong, social men of Jasper county when the crime.

He was born on December 8 h, 1828 in Fayette Co., Ohio, about 40 miles from the Ohio river. His father was a strong abolitionist and all of the influences of the home were so strong against slavery that Mr. Beatty and the family or children early imbibed the reborned ideas of the father.

They lived on a farm and worked hard during the day as all pioneers did.

They knew the mysteries of the famous old underground railway and once a poor slave, who had stolen his way across the river was sheltered in

the Beatty home and sent on his way to the next place of safety.

Mr. Beatty came to Iowa first in the winter of 1855-56 and bought what is now the Peter Paul place. He went back to Ohio and in September 1856 was married. In the spring of 1858 with his wife and little son he came to Iowa and in that summer his wife died and a year later the only child of that union died. In October 1860 he was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Kerr who survives him. To this union six children were born. The oldest, Margaret, died many years ago. She was the wife of George R. Harrah of this city, who died eight or ten years ago. The living children are J. A. of Colorado, Robt. K. of Davenport, J. B. who owns what was a part of the homestead of more recent years, Mrs.

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 When Mr Beatty first came to Jasper county he helped organize the Wittemberg Manual Labor College, which flourished until the war broke out and the young men enlisted. The college was organized by a band of Free Presbyterians, an off shoot of the old school Presbyterians from whom they differed on the question of slavery. Mr. Beatty was secretary of the board of trustees. The college was the most important educational institution in

Jasper county prior to the war. It weathered the panic of 1857 but the war took its life when it took the young men.

There were three things about this college:

First—its doors were open to black and white alike of both sexes.

Second—no slave holder was eligible to a place in the governing board.

Third—every student and every instructor had to perform a certain amount of manual labor each day.

In the early seventies Mr. Beatty sold the land he bought first and bought a large tract about 400 acres which include the places where Bert Beatty and Hi Hand now live, besides the place where the H. G. Meyers live.

For four years he was a member of the board of supervisors. He was a member of the 14th general assembly and helped enact the Code of 1873.

He had been a member of the Congregational church since the war and until he sold the farm and came to Newton about fifteen years ago he was a very active member of the Wittemberg church.

He had limited school advantages when a boy but he was of a studious turn and read extensively so that he became exceedingly well informed.

Politically he was a republican and a valued member of the party. He was a man of excellent judgement, had sound convictions on all moral questions and wielded a powerful influence in the community.

He was a very unassuming christian gentleman of such strong personality that his influence was one of the greatest factors in the moral and religious development and up building of his community.

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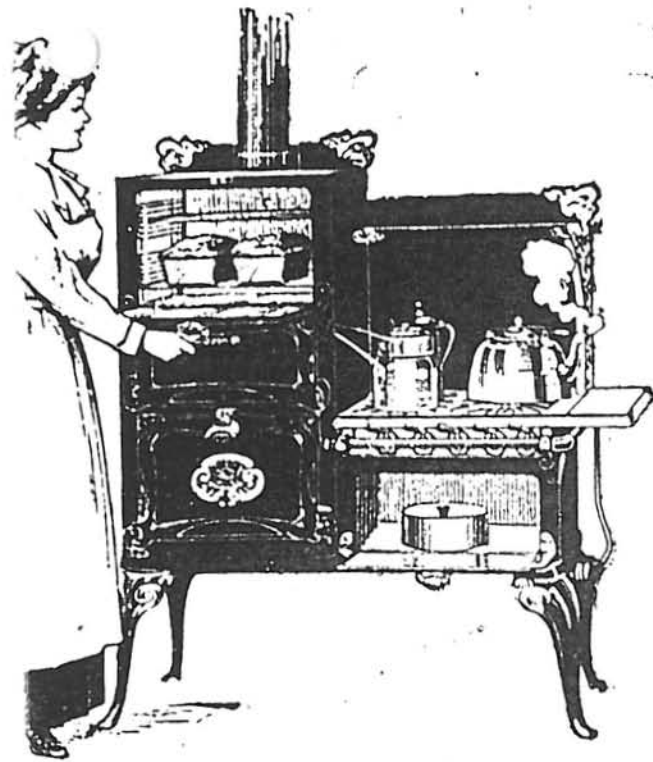
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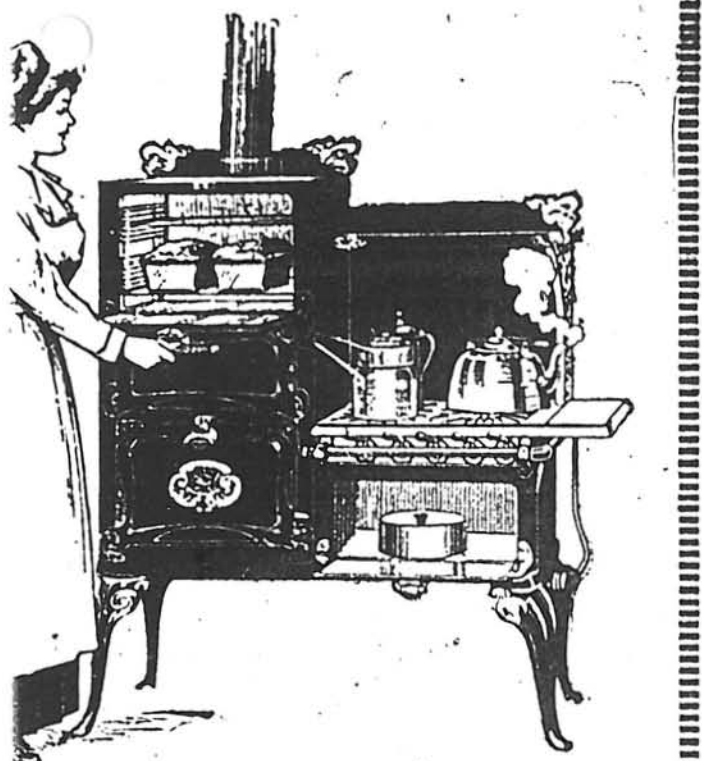
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Some one or more of the children have been in the home all the time for the past six months doing what might be done to make things as pleasant and comfortable as possible and yet they were apparently "just home on a visit."

The home life of this family has been beautiful and yet to those who have known the family it has seemed perfectly natural for one would expect a father and mother like Mr. and Mrs. Beatty to exercise just the influence over the home which was always

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The every day life, week days and Sunday's, of such a man as John P. Beatty is a most treasured heritage for these who follow after and is more valued than silver and gold for silver and gold never can buy the attribute of character in such men.

Sometime last winter the youngest daughter, Mrs. M. S. Ketchum, and her children came here and remained in the home until about five weeks ago when she went back to her home in Boulder and her sister, Mrs. A. B. Palmer of Seattle came. About three weeks ago the oldest son, J. A. of Colorado came and took care of his father ministering to his wants and necessities as tenderly and lovingly as had the sisters.

Just at the time Mrs. Palmer came her mother slipped and fell and broke one of her limbs near the hip since which time she has been in bed.

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Rev. R. F. Lavender, who had known Mr. Beatty for thirty-six years and Rev. George Furniss had charge of the services. Mrs. Grace Allen and F. W. Hough sang.

The pall bearers were the two sons, J. A. and Robt. K. and four nephews J. B. Kerr, and J. K., C. S. and W

O. McElroy. There were a great many beautiful flowers expressing sympathy of friends. The interment was in Wittemberg cemetery.

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quired principally by self-culture. At the age of twenty-four he left his father's home and commenced in life for himself. On the 7th of August, 1851, he married Miss Elizabeth Stephens, who was born in Morgan County, Ohio, on the 18th of October, 1834. Her father, Samuel Stephens, was supposed to be of Irish descent; he died when his daughter was quite small. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Harris, was descended from English ancestors. Mrs. Reeves was the eldest child of her parents, and was reared in the home of her grandfather, James Harris, in Meigs County.

After his marriage, Mr. Reeves located upon a farm in Meigs County, where he commenced the independent career of a farmer. His father gave him twenty-five acres, to which he added from time to time, as circumstances permitted, until his landed possessions aggregated one hundred acres. He disposed of his property in 1867, and two years later came to Iowa, where for a few months he operated a rented farm in Fremont County. Not being satisfied with the country, he sold the crop in the field and removed to Vernon County, Wis., where he bought a farm consisting of one hundred acres. After conducting general farming upon that place for five years, he sold the land and removed to Cherokee, Iowa, in the winter of 1874-75.

In the spring of 1875 Mr. Reeves came to Jasper County, and for one year rented a farm in Poweshiek County. He then bought forty acres in Washington Township, on section 9, where he remained for two years. He then purchased the farm where he has since resided. He is the owner of eighty-seven acres, all of which is in a fine state of cultivation, embellished with substantial buildings and all the improvements of a model farm. The air of thrift everywhere present bespeaks a good manager and successful man.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Reeves resulted in the birth of nine children, as follows: Electa, the wife of Dr. Milton Richey, a practicing physician of Plymouth County, Iowa; Minerva J., who is the wife of James Harris, a blacksmith living in Raymond, Black Hawk County, Iowa; Celestia M., who married Charles Scott, of Mitchellville, Iowa; Louisa M., who married Thomas Pearson, a hardware merchant of Earlham, Dallas County, Iowa;

Ettie L., wife of David Pearson, who is engaged in the hardware business at Mitchellville, Polk County, this state; Odella M., who resides with her parents; Jesse L., a student in the schools of Des Moines; Charles L., who is conducting his studies in the Colfax schools; and Earl H., who is a pupil in the district schools.



ON. JOHN P. BEATTY. Few of the citizens of Jasper County are more widely, and none are more favorably known than the gentlemen with whose name we introduce this sketch, and who was formerly a member of the State Legislature. At the present time he is engaged in farming and stock-raising, being the owner of one of the most valuable farms in Newton Township. No enterprise has been originated in this community since the date of his arrival to which, when assured of its beneficial results, he has not given his cordial support and warm sympathy, and he has contributed his quota to the progress of the county. He aided in the organization of the First National Bank of Newton, of which he has been a Director from its inception.

Born in Fayette County, Ohio, December 8, 1828, our subject is the son of Alexander N. and Margaret C. (Ewing) Beatty. The Beatty family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was prominently connected with the Presbyterian Church in Scotland prior to the religious revolution, but at that time they left the country and settled in the North of Ireland. Capt. John Beatty, our subject's grandfather, emigrated to America just before the War for Independence, settling not far from Lewistown, Pa. Commissioned a Captain in General Washington's army, he gallantly wielded a sword through the entire war, taking part in fourteen of the principal battles of that bloody conflict, as well as participating in many small engagements. He was twice married, and reared a large number of children.

In 1809, accompanied by his family, Captain Beatty removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, where

he opened up a farm in the wilderness and endured all the hardships incident to life on the frontier. He died in Fairfield County in 1823. Alexander Beatty, the father of our subject, was one of the children of his father's first marriage, and was born in Pennsylvania in 1797. His mother, a Scotch lady of much culture, died when he was small, and therefore we can learn but little of her family history. A half-brother of Alexander is now living at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, at the age of eighty-five years (1893). For many years an influential business man, he is now living retired. One of his sons, James H., is a Federal Judge in Idaho, residing in Boise City.

After his marriage, Alexander Beatty settled upon a farm in Fayette County, Ohio, where he continued to make his home until his death, April 12, 1878. He was a pronounced Abolitionist, and many a poor runaway negro found in him a true friend. He was known to have an underground station for their protection. A man of decided opinions, he always possessed the courage of his convictions, and was an influential citizen of his community. The mother of our subject was the daughter of Capt. Thomas Ewing, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and won his title for meritorious service in the War of 1812. She was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1807, and died in February, 1856.

In the parental family the subject of this sketch was the fourth in the order of birth. One of his sisters died when a young lady, and a brother died in infancy. Jane Elizabeth married Thomas D. Rodgers; the latter, who is deceased, was a resident of Highland County, Ohio. Margaret married James Campbell, and died at the age of twenty years. Clara A. married James E. Kerr, who died in Missouri; she now resides at Helena, Mont. William A. died in February, 1839, when but three years of age. Nancy Emily became the wife of Rev. Robert Westcott, a prominent Presbyterian minister residing in Clarinda, Page County, Iowa. James A. served as private in the Eighty-first Ohio Infantry for three years, participating in the siege of Atlanta and accompanying General Sherman on his memorable march to the sea; he now lives in Ohio, where he owns a part of the old home-

stead, his birthplace. Calvin O. also owns a part of the old home place, where he now resides. The sons, like their father, are all radical temperance men, and are identified with the Prohibition party.

The gentleman of whom we write was reared upon his father's farm, and in his youth had limited advantages, attending school but two years prior to his twenty-first year. He then entered the academy at Albany, Athens County, Ohio, where he spent two years. Afterward he taught school in the winter time and worked on his father's farm during the summer seasons until he was twenty-seven years of age. In September, 1856, he married Miss Phebe E. Condit, who was born in New Jersey and was for many years a successful teacher, in which profession she engaged at the age of sixteen.

In the winter of 1855-56, Mr. Beatty made his first visit to Iowa, and purchased some land not far from his present farm. In the spring of 1858 he came here to make for himself a home. July 4 of the same year his wife died, leaving a son only a month old, and a year later he died. October 11, 1860, Mr. Beatty married Miss Elizabeth J. Kerr, of Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer of that county. They have had six children, namely: Margaret, the deceased wife of G. R. Harrah, and a young lady of culture, who had a fine musical education; James A., who is married and lives on a part of his father's farm; Robert K., who married Mary Morgan, of Davenport, and is a traveling salesman, living in that city; Minnie and J. Benton (twins), the former being the wife of Dr. A. B. Palmer, of Newton, and the latter marrying Miss Lillie McKonkey and residing with his father on the farm; and Esther, a talented young lady and a student in the Newton Academy.

As a farmer and stock-raiser, Mr. Beatty has for years been prominent, and in the industrious pursuit of his vocation he has accumulated a competence sufficient to provide handsomely for his children and also retain enough for his old age. He was reared under a strong Abolition influence, and later cast his lot with the Republican party. In 1871 he was nominated for the State Legis-

lature, to which position he was elected, serving with great credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituency. For five years he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors, and for a long time has served as Justice of the Peace. He has also held the other township offices. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and his wife is also identified with that denomination, in which for many years he has been a Deacon. A lifelong friend of temperance, an honorable man, a public-spirited champion of progressive measures, he is one of those quiet, unassuming Christian gentlemen who have given character to the great west.



HARVEY I. SMITH. Whatever the natural resources of a country, or its business facilities, still the history must depend chiefly upon the men who have resided there, and who by their energy and ability have added to the natural attractions and wealth. The subject of this sketch figures prominently among such men, the seat of his labors being the village of Gilman, where he is extensively engaged in the lumber business, which has been his occupation for the past twenty-five years.

Mr. Smith was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., August 26, 1835, and was the second in order of birth of his parents' family of five children, his brothers and sisters being Marilla R., now Mrs. George A. Post, of New York; Almon, who during the late war was a Lieutenant in the Fifth Wisconsin Artillery; A., a prominent attorney of Kansas City; and Minerva R., now Mrs. John W. Caughey, of North English, this state.

Israel Smith, the father of our subject, was born in New York State, where he spent his early life, and for some time followed the trade of a lumberman. He was very popular in his community, and in various public capacities advanced the interests of his fellow-men. He served for several years

as Deputy Sheriff of Rensselaer County, and for some time acted as Justice of the Peace. He always took an active interest in educational matters, and served on the Board of Education. In 1849 he removed with his family to Wisconsin, where they remained for twenty-one years, during which time the elder Mr. Smith carried on lumbering and farming. He died at the age of sixty-three years, and his manly character and useful life will exert an influence over all who knew him or learned the record of his life.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Zipporah M. Burdick, a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., and the daughter of Joseph T. Burdick. The father was an early settler in the above-named part of the Empire State, and on removing to Wisconsin, died, when about eighty-six years of age. Daniel Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was born in one of the New England States, and died in Rensselaer County, N. Y., in 1849.

Remaining in his native state until twelve years of age, our subject accompanied the family to Wisconsin. He obtained a fair education, and when starting out for himself in life became a good book-keeper. In 1870, when becoming identified with the interests of this state, Mr. Smith located in Hampton, Franklin County, where he continued to reside for about ten years, and then came to Gilman, which place he has since made his home, and where, as before stated, he is extensively engaged in the lumber business.

June 5, 1872, Mr. Smith and Miss Sarah T. Nelson were united in marriage. The lady was a daughter of Joseph and Zipporah (Chappell) Nelson, the former of whom was a native of Maine and is now living in this village. The mother is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one child, a daughter, Leura M., who resides at home.

Our subject has strong political opinions, and always gives his support to the Republican party. Socially, he is a member of Cyrus Lodge No. 338 A. F. & A. M., of which he has been Treasurer for a number of years. He is also an Odd Fellow, having joined the subordinate lodge and the encampment at Hampton. He is one of the leading business men of this section, and as a law-abid-