

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ball, Joseph Senator _____
Represented Jefferson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Dec 1803 Loudon County, Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Margaret Langfitter May 1828

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Dec 1875 Ottumwa, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- After marriage he and his wife lived for about nine years at Pughtown, West Virginia and then seventeen years at New Cumberland, West Virginia
- They moved to Iowa in Apr 1854, settling near Fairfield where they resided until spring 1872 when they moved into Fairfield.
- Wife, Margaret, died 17 Apr 1875

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| Balance cash on hand, | \$541 74 |
| BRIDGE REVENUE. | |
| Am't on hand June 1, '75, | \$2717 48 |
| " collected to Jan. 1, '76, | 2071 67 |
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| Paid out to Jan. 1, 1876, | 3473 45 |
| Balance cash on hand, | \$1315 70 |
| CITY REVENUE. | |
| Am't on hand June 1, '75, | \$136 91 |
| " collected to Jan. 1, '76, | 391 17 |
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| Paid out to Jan. 1, 1876, | 512 95 |
| Balance cash on hand, | \$15 13 |
| HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE REVENUE. | |
| Am't on hand June 1, 1875, | \$394 20 |
| " collected to Jan. 1, '76, | 348 21 |
| | \$742 41 |
| Paid out to Jan. 1, 1876, | 565 43 |
| Balance cash on hand, | \$176 98 |
| PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND REVENUE. | |
| Am't on hand June 1, 1875, | \$436 50 |
| " collected to Jan. 1, '76, | 389 00 |
| | \$825 50 |
| Paid out to Jan. 1, 1876, | 736 00 |
| Balance cash on hand, | \$89 50 |
| Board adjourned until Monday | |
| morning, Jan. 10th, at 9 o'clock. | |
| S. M. BOLING, Auditor. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">CENSUS OF IOWA.—Josiah T. Young, Secretary of State, has our thanks for a copy of the Census of Iowa for 1874. It is a handsomely printed book of over 500 pages, and is filled with valuable statistical information in regard to the population, products, progress, &c., of our State. We have heretofore given extracts from advance sheets, and may present some further information from its valuable pages.</p> | |
| TO THE FRIENDS OF PARSONS COLLEGE | |

grave by a large congregation of old friends and the afflicted family. He leaves to mourn his loss an affectionate wife and six loving children, who have the sympathy of the entire community.
 Eastern papers please copy.
 BALL.—At the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. Lewis, in Ottumwa, Iowa, Dec. 29, 1875, Joseph Ball, aged 72 years and 6 days.
 Mr. Ball was born in Loudon county, Virginia, Dec. 23, 1803. In May, 1828, he was married to Margaret Langfitt, of Beaver Co., Pennsylvania, then in her twentieth year.— They lived about nine years at Pughtown, West Virginia, and about seventeen years at New Cumberland, West Virginia. Removed to Iowa in April, 1854, and settled near Fairfield, where they resided on their farm until the Spring of 1872, when they removed to the city of Fairfield.
 They had nine children—three sons and six daughters. One daughter died in childhood, and one son lost his life in the war for the preservation of the Union. One daughter lives in Pennsylvania, and two sons and four daughters in Iowa.
 Mr. Ball became a member of the Christian Church in 1828, and Mrs. Ball in 1829. They were both faithful unto death, and died in hope of heaven. Mrs. Ball died April 17, 1875, and soon after her death his health declined, and he often expressed his earnest desire to depart and be with Christ and the dear ones who had gone on before to Him. He was surrounded by loving children and grand-children who tenderly cared for him, yet he "sighed for home." He rejoiced when the hour of his departure came.
 Mr. Ball was a man whose characteristics were very clearly marked. He was frank, generous, impulsive. As a friend he was ardent and confiding. Toward opponents he was fair and magnanimous. He was earnest and positive in the right—or, in what he believed to be right; but quick to acknowledge and renounce the wrong when convinced that he had been in error. He was kind-hearted and ready to forgive. The most prominent traits of his character were, his perfect integrity, his devotion to his family, and his unwavering faith in Christ and His word. He enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. He filled an official position in the Church, and was chosen in the fall of 1869 by his fellow-citizens to represent them in the Legislature. Actively and nobly he filled the measure of his three score and twelve, and "died in a good old age, full of years, and riches and honor"—the true riches and honor which belongs to the Christian.
 A. H.

FAIRFIELD MARKETS.
 WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 13, 1876.
 GRAIN—Spring Wheat, old & new... 90 @ 1.05
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 Fall Wheat...