

*Senator  
instead of  
Representative*

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative BELL, DAVID STRWART Senator \_\_\_\_\_

1. Birthday and place 15 November 1811, Mifflin Co., Pa.

2. Marriage (s) date place

- (A) Sarah Stewart Reigell (Pa. 22 Sept. 1819-Ia. Feb. 1873), 1 Jan. 1840, Ft. Madison, Iowa
- (B) Sarah A. Coleman, fall of 1873, probably Lee Co.

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, mercantilist

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership possibly Congregational or Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 13th GA, 1870, HD 1, Lee Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local deputy clerk or recorder, Lee Co, c. 1840. various township offices.

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 12 or 14 Jan. 1878 (county history) or 14 Jan 1879 (tombstone) *buried Sharon Cemetery, Lee County, Iowa*

8. Children (1) Helen (Ia. 30 Oct. 1840 - Pa. May 1843); (2) Benjamin A. (Pa. 18 Mar. 1842-11 May 1843); (3) Agnes S. (Reeves) (Pa. c. 1843 - ) Salem, Ia.;

- (4) Thomas A. (Pa. Hungtington Co., 4 Aug 1845 - ); (5) Zachary (or Zachariah) T. (Hungtington Co. Pa. 16 June 1848 - ); (6) Lucretia C. (Pa. 7 Apr 1851 - 1865); (7) daughter, died young.

9. Names of parents David Bell, probably b. Pa. 1769, farmer, d. Pa.

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information as youth became clerk in village store in McVey, Pa., then went into same business for himself. Went to Illinois 1837, and to Ft. Madison in 1838 where in clerked in store (and bought farm land in Cedar township), but remained in Ft. Madison until 1841. Also served as deputy clerk or deputy recorder. Returned to Pennsylvania and owned mercantile business in Ennisville until 1848. Then returned to Lee County and settled on his farm land, living in log cabin for 3 years, then in brick house. Eventually owned 480 acres. After his death his two sons divided this property between them.

GH His second wife moved to Nebraska after his death.

Originally member of Whig party; later became Democrat.

Survived by second wife, two sons, daughter.

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## David Stewart Bell

Male

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### Event(s):

**Birth:** 15 NOV 1811  
**Christening:**  
**Death:** 1873 Cedar, , Lee, Iowa  
**Burial:**

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### Parents:

**Father:** [David Bell](#) [Family](#)  
**Mother:** [Agnes Allen](#)

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### Messages:

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church. No additional information is available. Ancestral File may list the same family and the submitter.

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### Source Information:

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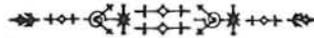
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section 24, the land not yet having come into the market. Finally, when the land-office was opened, he purchased 160 acres. The present homestead consists of 136 acres, which is improved and under a good state of cultivation. Mr. McCulloch has been a good citizen and a friend of morality and religion. He received his early education in the common schools, and made the most of his opportunities. He has been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for forty years, and during that long period has made many valuable contributions to the support of the church of his choice. Politically he is a staunch Democrat, and uniformly casts his vote in support of the principles of that party.

**J**OHAN HOLDEFER, a respected citizen of Harrison Township, is carrying on the joint business of blacksmithing and farming, and is comfortably situated on section 36. Mr. Holdefer is a native of the Kingdom of Bavaria, and was born Jan. 13, 1815. He came to the United States when a young man of twenty-two years, unaccompanied by any friend or relative, landing in New York City, and traveled over the greater part of the United States in the three years following. In 1840 he landed in Ft. Madison, Iowa, and thence removed to Franklin, Lee County, where he worked at his trade for four years, and then moved onto a farm on the prairie, alternately pursuing his trade and cultivating his land for a period of eight years. At the expiration of this time he parted with his first purchase, and selected eighty acres further north, upon which he remained for a few years, and then purchased 160 acres on section 36 of Harrison Township, where he has since remained, and upon which he established his present homestead.

Mr. Holdefer has been twice married, the first time in Pittsburgh, in 1839, to Miss Mary Weigel, who became the mother of eleven children, and departed this life in 1862. Their children were named Jacob, John, Lucinda, George, Elizabeth, Daniel, Phillip, Charlie, Henry, Phoebe and Mary. The latter died at the age of two years. Daniel

and Phoebe are married. For his second wife Mr. Holdefer, in 1865, married Mrs. F. Rhoda, widow of Fred Rhoda. The present Mrs. Holdefer is a native of Wurtemberg, and was born in 1805. Mr. Holdefer is connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, but takes no part whatever in politics. He is a straightforward business man, and held in respect by his neighbors and acquaintances.



**Z**ACHARY T. BELL, a prominent and respected farmer of Cedar Township, is pleasantly located on section 16, where he is following the peaceful pursuit of agriculture systematically and industriously, and is meeting with success. Mr. Bell comes from an excellent family, and is a native of Huntingdon County, Pa. The town of his birth was Ennisville, and the date thereof June 16, 1848. His father, Hon. David Stewart Bell, was a native of the same State, but born in Millin County, on the banks of the Juniata River, Nov. 15, 1811. His grandfather, David Bell, is believed to have been a native also of Pennsylvania, and his birth occurred in 1769. He was a farmer by occupation, and spent the last years of his life in the Keystone State. When Hon. David Stewart Bell, the father of our subject, was still a youth, he engaged as clerk in the general village store of the town of McVey, and afterward went into business of the same description himself. He was ambitious, and at an early age had partially marked out a future for himself. He was not satisfied with his condition or his prospects in his native State and in the fall of 1837 he started West, and after reaching Illinois, spent the winter in Joliet.

In the following spring (1838) Mr. Bell crossed the Father of Waters, came into the Territory of Iowa, and located at Ft. Madison. He there resumed his former occupation as clerk, and that same year attended the first land sale at Burlington and made a purchase on sections 8 and 9, Cedar Township. Meanwhile he continued his duties as clerk, and was gradually working himself into the confidence and esteem of the community. He was at once recognized as a young man of more than ordinary ability, and in due time was appointed

Deputy Clerk of Lee County by John H. Lyon, the chief and first Clerk of the county. The duties of this position he fulfilled with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned, and paved the way to rise still higher.

Hon. David S. Bell and Miss Sarah Stewart Reigell were united in marriage in Ft. Madison on the 1st of January, 1840. Mrs. Bell was a native of Dauphin County, Pa., her birth occurring Sept. 22, 1819. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bell remained in Ft. Madison until the following year, then returned to Ennisville, Pa., where Mr. B. engaged in mercantile pursuits for the following seven years. During this time the country lying around the tract of land which he had purchased in Iowa was being slowly improved and developed, and in 1848, having sold his business in Ennisville Mr. B. resolved to return to Iowa and settle upon his claim. Accordingly, accompanied by his family, he once more came into Lee County and made preparations for the establishment of a permanent home. One of his first duties was the construction of a dwelling, which was built of logs. Into this the family moved, and it remained their home for about three years, giving place at the expiration of that time to a commodious brick residence. Mr. Bell was successful in his farming operations, and added to his first purchase as time passed by. He finally became the possessor of 480 acres, nearly all of which was finely improved. He remained upon this farm the remainder of his life, and was gathered to his final rest on the 12th of January, 1878.

Mr. Bell was a man highly esteemed in his community, and always ready to assist in the promotion of every worthy object. His judgment and opinions were eagerly sought, and his advice considered safe to follow. He was decided in his views, but firm and temperate in the expression of them, and made no enemies of those who differed from him in opinion. He held the various offices of his township, and in 1870 represented his county in the Iowa Legislature. During his early manhood he belonged to the Whig party, but latterly affiliated with the Democracy. Mrs. Sarah Stewart Bell was the fit companion of her husband in his early toils and struggles, sympathizing with his worthy ambitions and rejoicing in his successes.

The household circle consisted of seven children, as follows: Helen, born in Iowa Oct. 30, 1840, died in Pennsylvania, in May, 1843; Benjamin A., born in Pennsylvania, March 18, 1842, died May 11, 1843; Agnes S. became the wife of Isaac Reeves, and lives in Salem; Thomas A. resides on the old homestead; Zachary T., our subject, was the next in order of birth; Lucretia C., born April 27, 1851, died in 1865; the youngest child, a daughter, died in infancy. The faithful wife and mother departed this life in February, 1873. Mr. Bell was the second time married, to Sarah A. Coleman, in the fall of 1873. She now resides in Nebraska.

Zachary T. Bell was the fifth child and third son of his parents' family, and was but four months old when they came to Iowa. His early years were passed in attendance at the pioneer schools and assisting in the lighter duties around the homestead. With his brothers and sisters he received careful training from his excellent parents, and remained under the parental roof until his marriage. The maiden of his choice was Sarah S. Alexander, of Jefferson County, Ohio, with whom he was united March 27, 1873. Mrs. Bell was born May 28, 1846, and was the daughter of John and Hannah (Robertson) Alexander, both natives of Ohio. They remained in their native State until after their marriage. In 1851 Mr. Alexander crossed the Mississippi for the purpose of establishing a permanent home in the Hawkeye State. He made the entire journey on horseback, selected his location, returned East in the same manner in which he had come, and the following year set his face westward, this time accompanied by his family. His farm lay in Cedar Township, and after his final return he set himself industriously to improve and cultivate his land. He was successful in his farming operations and remained a resident of the Hawkeye State until his death. About 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Alexander moved to Wayne County, Iowa, where his widow still resides. John Alexander folded his hands for his final rest on the 12th of October, 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bell settled upon a part of the homestead which Mr. B. now owns and occupies. They have become the parents of four children—Anna J., Charles E., Hugh

T. and James Oscar. The homestead is a model one in every respect, and its inmates are surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Mr. Bell is an honest man and a good citizen, having an intelligent interest in the welfare of the community and the indorser of every good work and purpose. Religiously he is inclined to the Presbyterian faith, and politically uniformly casts his vote in support of the principles of the Democratic party. Socially Mr. Bell is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Salem Lodge No. 17. Mrs. Bell is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**M**OURTON CASE, a prominent and esteemed citizen of Ft. Madison, has been a resident of Lee County for the past thirty years, and in that time has witnessed remarkable pleasing changes, and having been intimately identified with the interests of his city and community, he has done what he could toward their development and progress. Mr. Case is a native of Connecticut, and was born March 12, 1827. His parents were Pinney and Lovina (Moore) Case, natives of New England. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in 1836 the family removed from Connecticut to Ohio, and were among the early settlers of Wayne County, that State. They afterward removed to Franklin County, where the death of the father occurred at the age of seventy-seven years. The companion of his married life still survives, her home now being in Ft. Madison. She was born in 1808, and has consequently arrived at the good old age of seventy-nine years. She and her husband were the parents of but two children, a daughter who died at the age of fifteen years, and Mourton, the subject of our sketch.

Mourton Case received his early education in the common schools of Connecticut, and at the age of seventeen years engaged as clerk in a dry-goods store, which occupation he followed until December, 1855. He then abandoned it on account of failing health, crossed the Mississippi, and came into Iowa, settling at Ft. Madison, where he established himself in the grocery business, which he has continued until the present time, with the exception of the

year 1864, during which he was not engaged in any business. Mr. Case was the pioneer grocer of Ft. Madison, and has for several years been extensively engaged in the wood and coal trade. He is the possessor of a fine farm of 400 acres in Green Bay Township, and is largely interested in the breeding of Short-horn cattle. He is Democratic in his belief and principles, although he takes no active part in politics. Mr. Case has always been deeply interested in educational matters, and the friend and supporter of whatever affected the interests of his city and community. Socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity, in which he is a Knight Templar.

The first marriage of Mr. Case occurred in 1849, at Columbus, Ohio, when he was wedded to Miss Maria L. Cumming, a native of New York. She became the mother of four children, and departed this life at Ft. Madison in 1871. Their family were: Lizzie M., who became the wife of James H. Bacon; Frank Eddie, who died at the age of two years; Edward M. and Robert M. Mr. Case was a second time married, in 1873, to Mrs. Elizabeth Jane (Eads) Lawrence. Mrs. Case was born in Indiana, in 1838, and of her union with our subject has become the mother of one daughter, Maria Louise, born in November, 1874. The family occupy a pleasant homestead in Ft. Madison, and are highly respected members of the community.

**B**ERNARD B. HESSE, one of the leading clothiers of Ft. Madison, is a fine example of the self-made man. He has made of himself a man among men in one of the most intelligent communities of the Hawkeye State. Our subject is a native of Prussia, born in the village of Field, the date of his birth being July 15, 1842. His father, Francis Hesse, was a native of the same village, born Jan. 19, 1812. He was educated in the parochial schools, and after he had grown to manhood, engaged in the flour and linseed oil business until 1853, when he emigrated to America, accompanied by his wife and six children. After reaching the shores of the New World he proceeded directly West and via the Mississippi

## CEDAR TOWNSHIP.

**A**LLEXANDER, T. R., far., Sec. 32;

P. O. Big Mound.

Atkinson, W., far., Sec. 32; P. O. Big Mound.

**B**EACH, WELCOME, far., Sec. 5;

P. O. Hillsboro.

**B**EACH, JULIUS, far., Sec. 5; P. O. Hillsboro; owns 180 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre; he was born June 25, 1798, in Vermont; in the spring of 1813, his parents emigrated to Guernsey Co., Ohio; in early life, he learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, which he followed in connection with farming. Prior to coming West, he married Miss Jane Allen of Muskingum Co., Ohio, June 1, 1836; she was born March 16, 1816, in same county; in the spring of 1846, they emigrated to Iowa and located upon the farm on which they still live; have seven children living—Thomas B., Alfred A., George M., Welcome B., Lucy E., Jesse C. and Oscar E.; lost four—David, Herman, Josephine and Lucius. Jesse C. and Welcome B., have charge of the home farm. Jesse C. married Sarah E. Pyle, of Fort Madison, Nov. 12, 1878; she was born Oct. 1, 1857, in Van Buren Co., Iowa; the oldest son is living in Carroll Co., Mo., and two sons and a daughter are living in Nebraska. Members of the Congregational Church; Republican.

Beard, W., far., Sec. 29; P. O. Big Mound.

Bell, I., far., Sec. 21; P. O. Big Mound.

**B**ELL, T. A., far., Sec. 9; P. O. Big Mound; son of D. S. and S. S. Bell, deceased; he was born Aug. 4, 1845, in Huntingdon Co., Penn.; emigrated with parents to this county in the fall of 1845, and settled on the farm upon which he now lives, it being a part of the homestead, and contains 160 acres, valued at \$35 per acre. In the spring of 1864, he enlisted in Co. E, of the 45th Iowa regiment, and was mustered out the following October, it being a hundred-day regiment. He was married to Alvira C. Harlan, daughter of Jacob and Pharba Harlan, Aug. 19, 1866; she was born Sept. 27, 1846; her mother died in Ohio Nov. 9, 1849, and

father emigrated to this county in the fall of 1859; in the fall of 1870, he moved to Kansas, where he died Aug. 27, 1876; have three children—Frank S., born Oct. 20, 1867; Cora E., born Jan. 23, 1871, and Gracie, born April 22, 1878. Member Presbyterian Church; Democrat.

**B**ELL, Z. T., farmer, P. O. Big Mound; owns a farm of 145 acres, valued at \$8,000; is a son of David S. and Sarah S. Bell, and was born June 16, 1848, in Huntingdon Co., Penn.; the following fall, parents emigrated to Lee Co., Iowa, and located upon the farm, a part of which he now owns; his father served as Deputy Recorder in an early day; also as Representative in the Legislature in 1870 and 1871, and departed this life Jan. 14, 1878, his wife having died Feb. 5, 1873. Mr. Z. T. Bell married Sarah S. Alexander March 27, 1873; she was born May 28, 1846, in Jefferson Co., Ohio; have two children—Laura M., born Jan. 26, 1875, and Anna J., born Jan. 31, 1877. Mr. Bell has held the office of Township Clerk two terms; also Director of his School District, and Secretary of the Board; wife member of the Presbyterian Church. Democrat.

Bennett, Joel, far., Sec. 30; P. O. Big Mound.

Beyerle, George, farmer, Sec. 14; P. O. Salem.

Blair, C. F., merchant, Big Mound.

Braden, David, farmer, Sec. 16; P. O. Salem.

Braden, J. P., farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Salem.

**B**BROWNLEE, SAMUEL H., farmer, Sec. 28; P. O. Big Mound; son of Samuel and Catharine C. Brownlee, was born Sept. 3, 1854, in Washington Co., Penn.; his father died in June, 1854; he purchased the farm upon which Samuel H. now lives, some years before his death; mother married Hon. James B. Pease Oct. 17, 1867; the following December, came to Van Buren Co., Iowa, where she still lives, and where he lived till his majority; married Sadie Robertson May 11, 1876