

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative James Joseph Senator James, Joseph
Represented Delaware County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Jul 1815 Candor, Toga County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Melissa Abigail Phelps 6 Sept 1838 Candor, Toga County, New York

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership

Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served

7th General Assembly 1858 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices

12th General Assembly 1818 - Senate

A. Local Justice of the Peace in Colony Township for 21 years; county Board of Supervisors for 4 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death

25 Dec 1896 Colerburg, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Colerburg, Iowa

8. Children

Caroline; Sarah Ruth; Ralph M.; Francis; Franklin A.

Emma E.; Elmer E.

9. Names of parents

Moses and Ruth (Ketchum) Swinney

10. Education He received a good, common English education

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His wife, Melissa, born 25 Jul 1918, Renton, King County, New York, died 7 May 1894 in Colerburg, Iowa; also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Colerburg, Iowa
- In 1846 he emigrated west and settled in Delaware County, Iowa where he entered a tract of 80 acres in Colony Township
- He stayed here for a year when he moved to Clayton County. There he established a sawmill which he operated for 3 years at Otisville, Iowa.
- He then returned back to Colony Township in Delaware County where he lived until 1861.
- Then he went to Michigan to look after property interests and to make his father's home.
- But he was soon drawn back to Iowa where he lived on a farm until 1879 when he moved into Colerburg, Iowa.
- After marriage he and his wife settled on a farm near Conant, New York where they stayed until 1846.
- They then emigrated to Iowa settling on the land in Colony Township.

The Democrat.

TELEPHONE NO. 154.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1896.

—The banks will be closed on New Years day.

—The Clarence House advertises a "girl wanted."

—Morgan & Billings, the postoffice news stand, have a new ad.

—Clark & Lawrence announce a few choice bargains for late buyers.

—Mrs. W. H. Healey, of Des Moines, is visiting relatives in the city.

James McMahan, of Colony, was a county seat visitor Monday.

—Kalamity announces the inauguration of a January clearing sale.

—Remember the dinner at the Universalist church, Friday, January 1st.

—A number of our advertisers extend the compliments of the season to their customers.

—Harry Day and his mother came up from Iowa City to spend the holiday season.

—Manchester enjoyed a specimen of "unnon" fog Monday evening and Tuesday.

—A special meeting of W. A. Morse G. A. R., Wednesday evening for action.

—Dr. C. C. Bradley went to Sioux last Friday night, being interested in a case in surgery.

—Manchester Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held a public installation of officers Monday night.

—E. M. Carr is in Des Moines, attending a meeting of the democratic state central committee.

—There will be services at the Universalist church, Sunday, January 3d, morning and evening.

—The entertainment announced for the Baptist church next Saturday evening has been declared off.

—Harry Heath came home to eat his Christmas dinner and entertained a college friend from Ames while here.

—J. B. Moreland, of Colesburg, was the guest of friends here the first of the week. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

—Miss Percil Huene, of Cedar Falls, is spending the holidays at home, being the guest of her mother, Mrs. O. E. Huene.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houghton, of Dubuque, spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Burrington.

—Geo. Seeley and wife were visitors among old friends in this section over Sunday, returning Monday evening to Anamosa.

—J. L. Belknap had the misfortune to step on a nail which penetrated his foot, making a painful though not dangerous wound.

—L. R. Stout's advertisement goes to the point this week, as it usually does. He has some good things left in clothing and notions.

—Watchnight services will be held in the M. E. church next Thursday evening.

An Early Resident Passes Away.

Hon. Jos. Grimes died at the home of his son F. A. Grimes, in Colesburg, Thursday of last week, December 24, at the advanced age of 81 years. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon from the M. E. church, Rev. Alden officiating, and attended by a large concourse of the friends of the deceased. The remains were laid to their final rest under the impressive rites of the I. O. O. F., of which order Mr. Grimes was for many years an influential member. Three sons survive — Frank A., present member of the board of supervisors, Ralph M., of Kearney, Neb., and Elmer E., who lives in Colorado.

Joseph Grimes was born in Candor, Tioga county, New York, July 21, 1815. In 1846 he joined the tide of emigration towards the west and settled in Delaware county, entering a tract of 80 acres in Colony township under the homestead laws. He remained here a year, when he removed into Clayton county, where he established a sawmill, which he operated for three years. He again returned to a farm in Colony township, where he resided till 1861, when he went to Michigan to look after property interests and to make his future home, but the warm ties and associations formed in his early home soon drew him back to this country again, and he resided on a farm until 1879, when he removed to Colesburg.

During his long and useful career in this county he has served the people in various official capacities, and always with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He held the office of justice of the peace of Colony township for 21 years. In 1853 he was elected to the state legislature, and in 1868 was elected to the state senate. He also served the county for four years as a member of the board of supervisors.

In all of the transactions of life, the deceased displayed the traits of upright honesty and integrity which won for him the confidence and esteem of a wide acquaintance and placed him in the foremost rank of the county's prominent citizens. His ancestry were among the patriotic sons who fought for the country's freedom and independence, and doubtless the early training and associations laid the foundation for the long and useful life which has just closed.

Donations to St. Mary's Kirmess.

Bradley & Sherman.....	\$5 00	Henry Smith.....	\$2 50
B Gilles.....	5 00	John Roney.....	5 00
E M Carr.....	2 50	E P Seeds.....	2 50
C J Seeds.....	2 50	P Boardway.....	2 00
E J Conger & Son.....	2 00	W C Cawley.....	1 00
Hogan Bros.....	2 00	N S Craig.....	1 00
M F LeRoy.....	1 00	Wolff Bros.....	1 00
Abbott & Dunham.....	1 00	F N Beacom.....	2 00
Newcomb & Denton.....	1 00	Mrs Jas Hogan.....	1 00
Mrs C Tierney.....	1 00	Mrs A Thorpe.....	1 00
M F Reardon.....	1 00	Dr Lawrence.....	50
Fred Klonus.....	1 00	A Dunham.....	50
Cash.....	50	R R Robinson.....	1 00
Dr Lindsay.....	1 00	P Roche.....	1 00
O E Bronson.....	50	F J Wilson.....	1 00
W H Lafferty.....	1 00	J H Stewart.....	1 00
J J Hoag.....	1 00	Hawley & Denton.....	1 00
Joe Thompson.....	1 00	S S Summers.....	1 00
J H Peters.....	1 00	J Lillbridge.....	1 00
Jos Hutchinson.....	1 00	R G Kennedy.....	1 00
Jos Maley.....	1 00	Theo Zweisler.....	1 00
Gus Miller.....	50	C H Dick.....	1 00
Mrs M E Hines.....	1 00	D Hennessy.....	50
W Frentress.....	1 00	Anna Dewoody.....	1 00
W R Lock.....	50	L R Stout.....	1 00
G W Dunham.....	1 00	Morgan & B.....	25
W Hutchinson.....	1 00	Cash.....	1 00
Sisters of Charity.....	5 00	M McIntosh.....	50
Henry Burns.....	25	Ben Sheldon.....	1 00
Geo Armistead.....	50	J B Barber.....	25
W G Kenyon.....	2 00	G W Fairchild.....	2 00
P O Toole.....	2 00	John Sullivan.....	2 00
Hennessy Bros.....	2 00	James Foley.....	1 00
M Hahey.....	1 00	Theo Polcamp.....	1 00
Mrs Kearney.....	1 00	D W Jones.....	1 00
Chas McCormick.....	1 00	Miss J Powers.....	1 00
Mrs Hahey.....	1 00	Mrs P Smith.....	50
W H Norris.....	1 00	Stringham & Son.....	25

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—E. J. Conger & Son to the superiority of G

—Mrs. Wm. Donnelly Ryan, were guests am Manchester Friday.

—Russell Olsen, of in the city Christmas friend Miss Myrtle Wal

—Capt. Hutchinson England last. Saturda very pleasant trip by th is looking hale and hea

—Rev. C. F. Lusk w Monday morning. He all the week, assisting meetings being conduc

—There will be a li ment at the Sand Cre New Years Eve., Dec invitation is extende Come.

—A. Hollister and went to Cresco Monday are making the rounds Lumber Co.'s branch the annual inventory.

—Those who do bu auditor's office will be that Miss Ennis Boggs deputy auditor under will be inducted into place next week. Mis liciated as assistant in past six years and as a is not excelled by any the county.

—Complaints are he lin street against the laundry building, ent in spreading its everything within the With a favorable wind eter the flying soot is a posed goods and wea screen hood over the t would doubtless prev complained of and it attention.

—Miss Ethel Anders Mrs. J. P. Chevalier married at Reed Creek, the 9th inst. as we lear look, from which we cl "A very pleasant eve the residence of Frank ing, in the celebration of Mr. Daniel Davidson Anderson. The cere formed by Justice of t Reed, in the presence o bride's most intimate bride was attired in mere dress with brocad and the groom wore a business suit. After sumptuous dinner, and ments, the happy cou beautiful home on Ha; Mr. Davidson had prov they will be pleased friends. Mr. Davidson of admirable qualities, respect and esteem of him. The bride, who county from Iowa tw most charming and e lady, who during her friends.

Death of Hon. Joseph Grimes.

The year of 1896 has been to our neighboring town of Colesburg a disastrous one. In that it has sustained the loss of two of its most influential and respected citizens. The death of Col. S. G. Knee was a calamity which affected all of Delaware county, and no more so, it would seem, than the passing away of Hon. Joseph Grimes. This venerable pioneer statesman, who had been in feeble health for some time, died at the home of his son, Supervisor F. A. Grimes, Thursday of last week, at the age of 81 years. The funeral services were held on Sunday, in charge of the I. O. O. F., of which Mr. Grimes had long been a member. Rev. B. D. Alden, of the M. E. church, delivered the sermon.

Mr. Grimes was a man of great beauty of character and life. None were more responsive than he to the call of charity or friendship, and his singular equableness and amiability of disposition made and retained for him friends on every side. He combined, to a rare degree, the qualities of sound judgment, progressiveness and thrift, and to his last days his advice was in demand when any question of private or municipal importance was pending. From a recent history of Delaware and Buchanan counties we learn that he was born in Candor, Tioga county, New York, July 21, 1815, of sturdy New England stock, to which, unquestionably, may be attributed the vigorous physique and clear brain which were his. As a boy, Mr. Grimes received a good, common, English education, which proved the foundation for after study. On September 3, 1838, he was married to Miss Melissa Phelps, of Tioga county, who died a few years ago. Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes settled on a farm near Candor, where they remained until 1846. Joining themselves in that year to the great outflow of emigration then setting in towards the unknown West, they journeyed to Iowa, settling on a tract of land in Colony township, Delaware county, consisting of eighty acres of government land. Mr. Grimes remained here but a short time, removing across the line into Clayton county, where for three years he operated a saw-mill at what is now Otisville. At the end of this time he returned to this county, locating on a farm in Colony, for which he had traded, and on which he remained until 1861. In that year he sold his place and removed to Michigan, intending to make that state his future home. Not being satisfied with the change, however, he re-purchased another farm in Colony, on which he remained until 1879, when he

Delaware county has had few such men. The passing of a life so active, so zealous, so practical, is not to be lightly condoned.

Three children, Frank A., of Colesburg, Ralph M., of Kearney, Nebraska, and Elmer E., a resident of Colorado, are left to mourn the loss of a father. Another of the men who helped to mould the fortunes of a new country has passed into eternity, leaving behind him the evidence of unselfish living and conscientious purpose.

—Mert Brown left for the east, this morning, to be gone five or six months.

—Chas. Cox, a former employe of The Press, now at Central City, is in town today.

Do not forget the entertainment by the Swedish Male Quartet, January 14. More later.

—Mrs. Anna Calkins, nee Hayes, of Waterloo, has been the guest of Mrs. A. L. Beardlee, for a day or two past.

—J. L. Scofield goes to Muscatine today, carrying with him the best wishes of a host of friends. May his work there be successful in every department.

—H. P. Goodell, who is settling up the estate of Wm. H. Goodell, has an advertisement of interest to all those indebted to the Chicago Cash Store or with claims against it. Read what he says.

—Mrs. Amos Crum, of Webster City, will speak at the Universalist church, Sunday morning, January 10, instead of January 3. Mrs. Crum is the wife of Rev. Amos Crum, well known here.

—The 36 inch fly wheel at the power house flew into pieces last night, about half past five o'clock, and the city was plunged into total darkness. The dynamo was wrenched out of place, some heating destroyed and the flooring slightly damaged by a section of the fly wheel coming up through it. Bert Hoag went into Chicago, on the night train, for the necessary repairs, and it is hoped to have the lights again sometime to-night.

The District Court.

A number of equity and probate cases have been disposed of, so far in the present session of court. Below we give the disposition of the cases attended to:

LAW.

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to Colesburg, where he lived until his
last illness.

Mr. Grimes' name is well known as
an able and faithful legislator. In 1858
he was elected to the state legislature
from this county, being a member of
the first general assembly held after the
removal of the capitol to Des Moines.
In 1861 he was chosen a member of
the Board of Supervisors, serving with
general acceptance for four years, and
in 1868 was elected to the Iowa senate,
serving another four years in this cap-
acity. Mr. Grimes was the staunchest
of republicans, and served his consti-
tuency with zeal and faithfulness. For
thirty-six years he had been a member
of the Independent Order of Odd Fel-
lows, the only fraternal order to which
he belonged, and had been, for fifty
years almost, a resident of Iowa.

Mr. Grimes leaves to his children
the unpurchasable legacy of a life of
absolute integrity. He was a man of
whom it had truthfully been said:—"His
word is as good as his bond." With
him, a verbal obligation was as binding
as the most rigid written contract, and
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- Allison vs Ice Cave Creamery Co.; dis-
missed at plaintiff's cost.
- Application of Wm. Donnelly; permit
granted.
- Jewett & Co. vs Thompson & Smith;
settled.
- Ehlers vs O'Kegan; settled.

EQUITY.

- Trumble vs Allman; judgment against
defendant for \$68.30, in favor of Theo.
Streit.
- Cousins vs Lutmer et al; withdrawn.
- Del. Co. State Bank vs Lightfoot et al;
judgment for plaintiff.
- Loomis vs Abbott et al; judgment
against defendant for \$173.93, interest and
costs.
- Barrett vs Libe et al; judgment against
defendant for \$66.32, interest and costs.
- Cole vs McMahon et al; answer with-
drawn.

CRIMINAL.

State of Iowa vs S. Cornwell et al; two
defendants found guilty; one discharged;
amount of wood taken valued at \$76.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

For the week ending December 30.

John Kelly and wife to Patrick Ryan, new, 19, 57, 5,	\$	1 00
and pt of lots 12 and 14, block 13, Ryan		7 00
Mary Hugh et al to Wm Hugh, 21, 22, 23, 27, 2,		2,000 00

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Candor, Tioga, New York,
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Colesburg, Delaware,
Iowa, USA [View person's info](#)

Moses Grimes

Ruth Ketcham

Thomas Grimes

Elizabeth

Joshua Ketcham 

Eleanor Soule

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Family Groups

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WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Spouse**Melissa Abigail Phelps****Born:** 25 Jul 1819 in Rentsselaer, Tioga, New York, USA**Died:** 7 May 1894 in Colesburg, Delaware, Iowa, USA**Marriage:** 6 Sep 1838 in Candor, Tioga, New York, USA[View Info](#)

HISTORICAL RECORDS

- 8 User-submitted trees

[More info »](#)**Children****Sex Birth**

Caroline Grimes F 8 Sep 1839 in Candor, Tioga, New York, USA

Sarah Ruth Grimes F 16 Sep 1840 in Candor, Tioga, New York, USA

Ralph M Grimes M 2 Jun 1842 in Candor, Tioga, New York, USA

Francis Grimes M abt 1848

Franklin A Grimes M 2 Dec 1848 in Otisville, Clayton, Iowa, USA

Emma E Grimes F 2 Nov 1855 in Delaware, [county], Iowa, USA

Elmer E Grimes M 22 Feb 1862



Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **Joseph Grimes**
Death Date: **1896**
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Birth Date: **1816**
Cemetery: **Oak Hill**
Town: **Colesburg**
Level Info: *Tombstone Records of Delaware County, Iowa*

Source Information:

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Description:

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the WPA. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the name of the deceased, date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. [Learn more...](#)

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