

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hobson, Joseph Senator _____

Represented Jayette County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Oct 1823 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Baker 15 Apr 1847

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Spring 1858; in 1872 he was elected president of the Jayette County National Bank for 15 years

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clerk of the District Court for 10 years; Mayor of West Union for 2 terms; West Union Board of Education for many years

B. State In April 1870 he was appointed U. S. Assessor for the 3rd Collection and Congressional District of the State of Iowa

C. National

7. Death 15 Dec 1893 West Union, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents

10. Education He was educated by private tutors

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His father died in 1834 so he was indentured as an apprentice to a cabinet maker and he also learned the trade of a carpenter.
- He went on his own in spring 1841
- In April 1855 he moved to Iowa locating in Smithfield Township of Jayette County.
- In spring 1858 he became a lawyer and practiced at Jayette, Iowa.
- When elected Clerk of the District Court, he moved to West Union Iowa

There will be a Christmas tree at Fairview church Monday evening and also one in Burkhart's school house the same evening. . . . Mr. Wills from Fayette preaches in Randalia again next Sunday. . . . The receipts of the sociable in Randalia, for the purpose of buying Christmas presents, were \$1.90. Remember the Christmas tree is to be Saturday evening. . . . The Club dances began last Friday night. Next Friday night, the 22nd, there is to be a masquerade dance in Roger's hall. . . . There were to be temperance lectures in town last Friday and Saturday evenings by Mr. Shumac, a state lecturer, but the weather was too severe to get out a crowd. . . . H. Grannis came home from Brush Creek Saturday. . . . Mr. John Zilmer and Miss Mary Goschen were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the German church at Westgate. A reception was given at the home of the groom's parents, where there assembled about 200 neighbors and friends. We congratulate the happy couple.

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The college term opened on the morning of the 12th with an entrance of 220 students who have been coming ever since. Among them are old ones, as the Hebron brothers from Strawberry Point, Mr. C. S. Bright of Otterville, E. A. Maxwell, who is good for three years more, and Viette Penney who graduates in another year. This with the auction sales of Scobey & Duncan, and a pretty good influx of people from the country, has kept the streets lively and slippery in places, causing travelers to take heed to their ways unless well shod with Finney's shoes and rubber goods which he has all in a lump with eggs, butter and potatoes selling at the lowest price.

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ment market, Goodyear has taken the page of beddit, which may do just as well for a happy New Year.

Hon. Joseph Hobson.

In the early morning of the 15th day of December, at his residence in this city, Hon. Joseph Hobson departed this life, at the age of seventy years, one month and twenty-eight days. Mr. Hobson for more than a third of a century occupied a leading position in this county. He filled, with credit to himself and the public, several important offices and was recognized as a man of character and vigor of intellect.

Joseph Hobson was born October 17, 1823, in Pittsburg, Pa. In 1855 he came to Iowa and resided in Fayette county from that time until his death. He was elected to the office of Clerk of the District Court in the fall of 1858 and held the office for ten years. In 1869 he was elected a member of the 13th General Assembly. In June, 1870, he was appointed United States Assessor for the third district of Iowa, which office he held for three years. He was one of the organizers of the Fayette County National Bank, was elected its first President and held the position for fifteen years. He served as Mayor of West Union for two terms and for many years was a member of the West Union board of education.

Mr. Hobson was stricken with paralysis February 9, 1887, and has been an invalid ever since. For nearly seven years he was incapacitated for business and was confined to his house continuously. The past two years he has longed for death to end his physical sufferings.

In the death of Joseph Hobson, Fayette county has lost one of its leading citizens. For ten years of his life he was the political head of his party in this county. From 1860 to 1870 it would have been very difficult for a man to be nominated to an office in the Republican party if opposed by Mr. Hobson. He was a vigorous man of strong likes and dislikes. He was a speaker of more than ordinary ability. He had a good voice—quick in repartee—could tell an anecdote with effect and for many years did most of the campaign speaking for his party in the county. In his official life he was strict, faithful and honest. As a citizen he was public spirited, generous and active. He gave to every enterprise of a public nature with a generous hand. In fact his contributions toward the building of railroads, churches and other enterprises were really larger than his means seemed to justify. While at times he seemed to be imperious and possibly domineering

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The birth of three boys the same day of more than average weight is reported to us, adding so much to our population and scoring that many for future students if their lives are spared. One of 8 pounds is credited to Mr. and Mrs. Toutsch, a good dutch name, the 10 pounder to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Madden, Mr. and Mrs. George Shepperd taking the prize in one of 12 pounds. The parents are strangers to us but we hope for the mothers speedy recovery, and the babies warm blankets these cold nights, good nursing through the day and the best of care. If they had waited a few days longer Christmas stocking in the corner, a custom not much observed in these

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Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ferguson at the family residence Monday afternoon at half past one o'clock.

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