

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Huff, Henry Lewis Senator _____

Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 June 1829 Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth B. Sevin 11 May 1861 Wilmington, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1853 in Ohio

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served _____

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elected prosecuting attorney in 1857; Hardin County judge until 1860;
Hardin County attorney for 2 terms

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 10 June 1907 Eldora, Iowa; buried

8. Children Herbert A., Ed J.; Cora J. (Mrs. Nares); Thomas D. Lewis J.; two other children predeceased their father's death

9. Names of parents John and Priscilla Huff

10. Education Attended district schools of his neighborhood in Wayne County, Ohio

11. Degrees Attended Edenburgh College located near his home

12. Other applicable information

- His father died when he was a small boy. His mother took him to Wayne County, Ohio where she again married. He spent his early years on a farm.
- He read and studied law with a Judge Mansur in Muncie, Indiana until 1853.
- In Dec 1853 he came to Iowa and in spring 1854 he entered partnership with J. A. Temple at Iowa City, Iowa.
- In 1855 he moved to Harrison County, locating at Hardin City.
- There he joined O. S. Anthony in practicing law until 1857 after being elected prosecuting attorney.
- He then moved to Eldon, Iowa where he lived until his death.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

- Obituary - The Semi-Weekly Herald, Eldon, Iowa
Id. June 12, 1907, p. 4, col. 3, 4
U.S. Biographical Dictionary 1878 p. 126-127

Semi-Weekly Herald

ELDORA, HARDIN CO., IOWA. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1907.

A PIONEER CITIZEN.

Henry L. Huff, Hardin County's Pioneer Attorney and Citizen is Called to His Final Reward.

HE WAS UNIVERSALLY RESPECTED.

His Summons Comes Quickly on Sunday Morning Last, at an Early Hour—In Poor Health for Months.

Mr. Huff had been in failing health since two years ago last March, when he fell to the floor in the court room while making the closing argument in the case of Reeves & Co. vs. Lamm Bros., at the March term, 1905, and since that time he had not attempted to take any part in the trial of cases in court, although he had been up and around and frequently walked down to his office and consulted with his son, Herbert A., in regard to the cases they had in court and their general practice. During the lingering illness of Mrs. Huff last year, Mr. Huff remained much at home and assisted in her care until

the chief town of the county. Here he joined O. G. Ankney in the practice of the law, and here he continued until 1857, when he was elected prosecuting attorney. He then located in Eldora; and he had continued to reside here from that time until the hour of his death. He continued to hold that office until 1859. He was later elected county judge and held that position until the office was abolished in 1860. He was elected a member of the house of representatives from this county, and held the office during the years 1869-70, and he took a prominent part in the legislation of the state, holding as he did a number of important committee-ships. He was a fluent and ready speaker and his voice was often heard in debate. He was afterward elected county attorney and served two terms with great satisfaction to his constituents, and the people generally. Since retiring voluntarily from that office, he had continued in the practice of the law, and had enjoyed a lucrative practice, (during the last few years in co-partnership with his son, Herbert A.,) until the day of his death, Herbert having carried on the practice since his father's first illness in the court house. Mr. Huff had been retained in the trial of a number of the most important cases tried in this county for many years.

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Indeed, Mr. Huff was able to walk around the home as late as last Friday; on Saturday he was not feeling as well as usual, and especially during the afternoon and evening he kept his son Herbert constantly with him, and the family physician was with him much until the hour of his death, which came about three o'clock Sunday morning, when his lungs became congested and he breathed with great difficulty for some time previous to the final dissolution. He was entirely reconciled to go, and so expressed himself. He felt that he had lived his allotted time and done all he could for his children and that it would be as well that he should go and join his loved ones who had preceded him to that land, where there is no sickness, nor pain nor sorrow—that land to which we are all hastening. He was ready to go.

Henry Lewis Huff was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Jan. 29, 1829, and died in Eldora, Iowa, June 10, 1907, being 78 years, 4 months and 20 days of age. He was the son of John and Precilla Huff. His father died when he was less than a year old, and his mother afterward removed with him to Wayne county, Ohio, where she was again married. Mr. Huff spent his early years on a farm and attended district school. It is said of him that he early in life determined to become a lawyer, and at the age of 16 years began the study of the law while he pursued his other school work in Edinburgh College, which was located near his home. In 1852, he entered the law office of Judge March at Muncie, Ind., and there continued until 1853, when he was admitted to the bar. In December of the same year he came to Iowa, and in the following spring he entered into partnership with J. D. Temple at Iowa City. A year later he came to Hardin county and located at Hardin City, which was at that time

May 11, 1861, and to that union were born seven children, five of whom survive him. Mrs. Huff died less than a year ago, and Mr. Huff's death is most sincerely mourned by his loving children, all of whom but two are still living under the old home roof.

The living children are: Ed J. Huff, Salt Lake, Utah; Cora F. Narum, Eldora; Thos. D. Huff, Chicago; Herbert A. Huff, Eldora, and Lulu F. Huff, Eldora; the latter two and Mrs. Narum of whom lived at home. There is also a half-brother of Mr. Huff, Edward A. Mercer who resides at Walbridge, Ohio. The children are all now here, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Zieger of Colorado Springs are expected to arrive today. Mrs. Zieger is a sister-in-law of deceased.

Mr. Huff had long been a member of Montague Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of this city, and he was considered a typical free-mason.

The funeral services will be held at the M. E. church on Thursday (tomorrow) afternoon, at 2:00 o'clock, and will be in charge of the Masonic order. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. E. Stanley, and short tributes of respect will be paid to Mr. Huff by Attorneys W. J. Moir and C. E. Albrook as members of the local bar, and Judge Evans of the district bench.

It will be a service fittingly rendered to an old citizen who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. In the death of Mr. Huff passes from earth the oldest member of the Hardin county bar in point of years lived in the county. He has served faithfully and well and gone to his reward.

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This weeks convention is an inter-denominational affair. All churches having Endeavor Societies are supposed to co-operate. The Presbyterians, the Christian, the Methodist Protestant, the English Lutheran and the Congregationalists all have Endeavor Societies for their young people. This district convention is therefore not a denominational matter, but an expression of the spirit of union that belongs in modern church life.

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Miss Percis Wood, who is now a resident in Sioux Falls, S. D., is in town during a few days of her vacation among relatives and friends.

Miss Genevieve Beach of Ackley is visiting with her cousin, Miss Smith, part of the week and at the Endeavor District Convention.

Mr. O. B. Chapin of Union, an old settler of Hardin county and a long time friend of deceased, was in attendance at the H. L. Huff funeral Thursday.

The condition of E. B. Wilcox, who has been ill at his home for several weeks, was reported not to be so favorable yesterday and for a few days at the attending physician hopes yet improve.

Miss Flora Allison has returned to her year's work as principal of the Manson public school, and expects to spend the greater part of her vacation here. She has been employed there for another year.

Mr. W. J. Moir and wife, J. S. Igou and Mrs. Oakley and a number of Odd Fellows and Rebekas were here Wednesday in attendance at the Odd Fellows Hardin county district convention, and report having been well treated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clyde and family arrived in town Thursday to be greeted by hosts of former friends and parents. There are many here who are very glad to see Mr. Clyde. He is getting along nicely at Watertown, Dakota.

Edward Huff arrived from Salt Lake City on Thursday at 10:51, and was here in time for his father's funeral. He had been called to Butte, Idaho, for that reason the telegram did not reach him as soon as it would had he been at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Robertson, was in town a couple of days visiting at the

funeral. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful and the church was also handsomely decorated and although the occasion was one of general sadness the scene was one of real beauty and the atmosphere was truly fragrant with their sweet perfume.

The funeral was one of the most largely attended ever held in the city. Mr. Huff having been a pioneer citizen of the county, there were old friends here of his from almost every quarter of the county to look upon his face for the last time. The church was inadequate to hold those who desired to attend, but the crowd was handled in a masterly manner by undertaker D. J. Davis, and assisted by Allen Meader, who was acting as marshal for Masonic fraternity. Deceased was buried with Masonic honors.

The services at the church were under the conduct of Rev. W. E. Stanley, pastor of the Baptist church, who after the usual opening exercises, took a text and delivered an eloquent tribute to the life and character of Mr. Huff, and introduced in succession, after he had concluded, Hon. W. J. Moir and Hon. J. H. Funk of Iowa Falls, who also pronounced brief but feeling and fitting eulogies to him as an attorney, a citizen and a parent in his home life. No more eloquent tribute was ever paid to any man than was that paid to the departed good man.

A quartet composed of Mesdames Fannie W. Crockett and O. E. Koeneleman and Messrs W. J. Murray and Steve Moser, furnished the music accompanied Mrs. Chas. Moser presiding at the organ. The honorary pall bearers were L. O. Bliss, Iowa Falls; C. M. Nagle, of Clarion; J. L. Carney, of Marshalltown; W. J. Moir, Judge Stevens, of Boone; A. D. Meeker, Marshalltown. The pall bearers were: G. W. Ward, E. H. Lundy, W. B. Williams, N. S. Carpenter, J. H. Funk, Iowa Falls; Daniel Eiler, Ackley.

The Masonic ritualistic burial services were employed at the grave before the precious clay was covered out of sight, there to rest until the resurrection morning.

There were probably 150 free masons clothed in white gloves and white leathern aprons, escorting their honored brother from the home to his last resting place in the beautiful cemetery.

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THE HUFF FUNERAL.

One of the Largest in the History of the City
—A Fitting Tribute to an Honored Citizen.



The funeral of the late Hon. Henry L. Huff occurred at the M. E. church at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon and was one of a most fitting tributes to the life of an upright and honorable pioneer citizen and attorney we have ever attended. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful and the church was also handsomely decorated and although the occasion was one of general sadness the scene was one of real beauty and the atmosphere was truly fragrant with their sweet perfume.

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leader and daughter Harriet leave Monday for their visit 1 weeks in New England.

Webster returned home Thursday at Saint Joseph, Tex. other points south and west.

W. S. Weston and daughter Webster City, are spending a among their Eldora friends.

Bales, Esq., spent two or the present week in Salem, county, on a mission of business.

Griffith of Iowa Falls, one of the citizens of the county, was in yesterday on a mission of business.

Mr. Jas. Buchanan was able to return to town on Thursday for the first time after a severe illness of eleven days.

Mr. Stevens of Boone, was the pioneer attorneys in attending the funeral of Henry L. Huff.

Mr. J. Carter and wife of Hubert, Iowa, drove over to attend the funeral Thursday, returning home Friday morning.

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