

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Newell,  
Homer E. - Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30. Nov 1835 Bainbridge, Chariton County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1869, 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of city, 16 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 2 Aug 1891 Surine, Howard County, Iowa

8. Children Mary; George;

9. Names of parents Alexander and Ruth (Kirkham) Newell

Newell, HOMER E

10. Education

11. Degrees

He attended college (place not named) completing his studies in 1857.

12. Other applicable information

- He moved to Iowa in 1857 settling in Mc Gregor, Clayton County, Iowa. There he engaged in the drug business.
- In 1879 he moved with his family to Kansas City, Missouri and there he engaged in the wholesale drug trade.
- His health then began to fail and he went to Nebraska, hoping his health would improve, but he continued to fail until death 2 Aug 1888.





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committee on railroads, constitutional amendments, and internal improvements, and was chairman of that on enrolled bills. He took an active part in legislative proceedings. He served some time as a Trustee of the State Agricultural College, and in 1874 was elected Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District and served four years. Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Amanda M. Denison were married in 1860. In religion he was liberal, and though not a church member, sympathized and coöperated with the Methodists.

**MICHAEL B. MULKERN** was born in Ireland in 1829, died at his home in Dubuque in 1871. Mr. Mulkern came to Iowa when he was twenty-four years old. He was a lawyer, winning many friends at the bar and among his fellow-citizens. He was elected a State Senator from Dubuque county in 1869 and served in the Thirteenth General Assembly, but before the meeting of the Fourteenth he passed away. He took an active part in legislative proceedings, was a ready speaker, and participated often in debate. He was a democrat in politics, a Roman Catholic in religion, courteous in bearing, genial and sparkling in conversation, although even then the disease which carried him off was well under way. In the Fourteenth General Assembly fitting eulogies were paid to his memory.

**BENJAMIN F. MURRAY** was born in Hancock county, Ohio, August 20, 1838, and died at Winterset, Iowa, May 7, 1890. He came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1854. With the exception of one year at Mt. Pleasant, his education was obtained in the common schools. He studied law with Judge Leonard at Winterset, and pursued the practice there. On the first call for troops in 1861 he enlisted in the Third Iowa Infantry. He was taken a prisoner at the battle of Shiloh, and was in most of the southern prisons. He was honorably discharged from the army in 1863, and resumed the practice of his profession at his old home, serving as District Attorney for the year 1864. He represented Madison county in the House in the Twelfth General Assembly, and in the Senate of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth. He would probably have been the republican nominee for Congress in 1876, had his health remained as good as usual. He was never strong, and the long prison life doubtless hastened the fatal disease which ultimately carried him off. His brain became affected, his mind clouded, and he was never himself again. He spent years in the hospital for the insane at Mt. Pleasant and afterwards at Clarinda, but his faculties were hopelessly obscured. Mr. Murray was a successful lawyer, at one time a partner of M. L. McPherson, and at another of S. G. Ruby. He died as above stated and was buried by the G. A. R. and Masonic order. He was a very active member in the legislative bodies in which he served, and no one perhaps surpassed him in quickness of perception and decisive action. Mr. Murray was married in 1864. Mrs. Murray still lives at Winterset and four of their five children are living. One who knew him well in his bright as well as in his cloudy days says, "He had a warm, loving heart, and wonderful magnetism, with scores of loyal friends who were always anxious to follow him as a leader; he was a leader of men and had his health been good he would probably have attained his highest ambition."

**HOMER E. NEWELL** was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1836. Completing his college course in 1857, he came the same year to McGregor, Clayton county, Iowa, and engaged in the drug business, which he continued until 1879. In the meantime he served sixteen years in the city

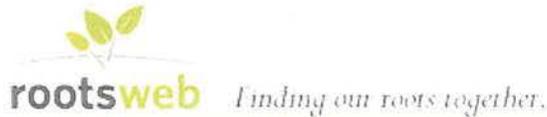
council of McGregor and four years in the State Senate, being chosen to the Twelfth General Assembly without opposition, and serving in that and the Thirteenth. In the latter he served on the committees on ways and means, state university, penitentiary, medical institutions, and compensation of public officers, being chairman of the last two. He was a cultivated gentleman, of agreeable manners, attentive to business, a ready speaker and a useful legislator. In 1879 he removed with his family to Kansas City, Missouri, and engaged in the wholesale drug trade. Soon thereafter his health began to give way, and he went to Nebraska, hoping the change would be beneficial, but he continued to fail, and died there in 1881, leaving a wife and two children, a son and daughter, both now married, the latter living in Boston, as does also Mrs. Newell; while the son lives in Nebraska. Mr. Newell is pleasantly remembered by his associates in the Senate, and by his former fellow citizens in Clayton county, where he was for more than a score of years a prominent and useful citizen.

JOHN G. PATTERSON, of Charles City, Floyd county, a lawyer by profession, born in Pennsylvania in 1881, emigrated to Iowa in 1857, was a member of the State Senate in 1864, 1866, 1868 and 1870. In the latter year, that is, in the Thirteenth General Assembly, he represented the counties of Chickasaw, Floyd and Howard. In previous years other counties had been attached to the district represented by him. His chief service in the Thirteenth General Assembly was as chairman of the committee on railroads, a burdensome position in those days. Mr. Patterson is remembered as an industrious, hard-working member, active and zealous alike on the floor and in committee. He was fatally injured in a railroad accident in Clay county, this State, on the 29th of October, 1878. He lived but a few hours after the occurrence.

ABIAL R. PIERCE was a Senator from Jefferson county in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. He was born in the State of Maine in 1820, and died at his home in Lockridge, Jefferson county, about the year 1890. He became a citizen of Iowa in 1857. He was major of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry. In the Thirteenth General Assembly he served on the committees on county and township organization, Reform School, military and internal improvement, being chairman of the latter. He was a man of good ability, fairly active in legislative work, and faithful in the discharge of his duties.

WELLS S. RICE represented the Senatorial District composed of Hardin and Marshall in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. He was born in Ohio in 1820, came to Iowa in 1852, settling in Marshalltown, Marshall county, where he was engaged as a merchant. In the Thirteenth General Assembly he served on the committees on railroads, military, commerce and incorporations. Mr. Rice's death is reported to have taken place in Oklahoma a year or two ago.

MARCUS TUTTLE was born in the State of New York in 1830, and died at Spencer, Iowa, some years ago. He came to Iowa in 1854 or 1855. He was a merchant in the town of Clear Lake, Cerro Gordo county, and in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies represented in the Senate the district composed of the counties of Butler, Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Grundy. In the Thirteenth he was a member of the committees on railroads, senatorial districts, constitutional amendments and commerce, being



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ID: I22726

Name: Homer E. Newell <sup>1</sup>

Sex: M

Birth: 1835 in New York <sup>1</sup>

Residence: 1850 Bainbridge, Chenango, New York <sup>2</sup>

Name: Homer E Newell <sup>2</sup>

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Name: Homer E Newel <sup>3</sup>

Birth: 1835 in New York <sup>3</sup>

Residence: 1870 McGregor Ward 2, Clayton, Iowa <sup>3</sup>

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Father: [Dexter Newell](#) b: 1798 in Rhode Island

Mother: [Ruth Kidder](#) b: 17 DEC 1799 in Grafton, Windham, Vermont

Sources:

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## 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **Homer E Newel**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1835**  
 Age in 1870: **35**  
 Birthplace: **New York**  
 Home in 1870: **McGregor Ward 2, Clayton, Iowa**  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household	Name	Age
Members:	<a href="#">Homer E Newel</a>	35
	<a href="#">Anna Newel</a>	36
	<a href="#">Mary Newel</a>	9
	<a href="#">George Newel</a>	7
	<a href="#">Isabella Reed</a>	18
	<a href="#">Rosa Mclain</a>	23
	<a href="#">Sarah Mclain</a>	25
	<a href="#">Matthew Mckinney</a>	32
	<a href="#">John H Andrick</a>	34
	<a href="#">Martha Andrick</a>	25
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Death: Oct. 2, 1881

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Cuming County  
Nebraska, USA

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