

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Norris Timothy Osgood Senator _____
Represented Davis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14. Aug 1816 Raymond, Rockingham County, New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mrs. Mary D. Miller June 1856 Hampden, New Hampshire

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Politician; teacher; merchant

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster of Troy

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 13 Apr 1891 Troy, Iowa IOWA WPA Records:
Troy Cemetery
Davis County, IOWA.

8. Children Mary O. (Mrs. Ross); Elias J. (Mrs. Lindsey)

9. Names of parents James and Martha (Osgood) Norris

10. Education _____

11. Degrees *Graduate of Dartmouth College in 1840 earning a B.A. and*

an MA degree

12. Other applicable information *Republican*

- *He was the principal of Hampton, New Hampshire Academy 1842 - 1854*
- *He settled in Davis County, Iowa in 1855. He came on the advice of Governor Sumner (having been his classmate) to take a position in Iowa City schools, but after he arrived he changed his mind and accepted a position of principal of Troy Academy, Troy, Iowa for 2 years.*
- *He then retired from the academy and entered into mercantile business by operating a general store at Troy, Iowa with C. H. Stephens.*

HISTORY
OF
DAVIS COUNTY,
IOWA,

CONTAINING

A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIES, TOWNS, ETC.

A BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF MANY OF ITS LEADING CITIZENS, WAR RECORD OF
ITS VOLUNTEERS IN THE LATE REBELLION, GENERAL AND LOCAL STATIS-
TICS, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS AND PROMINENT MEN,
HISTORY OF IOWA AND THE NORTHWEST, MAP OF
DAVIS COUNTY, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
STATES, REMINISCENCES, MISCELLANE-
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youth. In 1850 he bought the farm on which he now lives, consisting of 125 acres of well improved land. His son, Thomas J., a student at Wabash College at the breaking out of the war, enlisted in Co. G, Eleventh Indiana Infantry, Lew Wallace's old regiment. He was the first Davis county man in the field, served three months, returned to this county, and enlisted in September, 1861, in Company D, Third Iowa Cavalry. He was quickly promoted from private to sergeant, then to lieutenant, and finally captain, but did not long enjoy his commission, being killed while leading his company into action, April 18, 1865. He was a young man of great promise, and beloved by his comrades. Mr. Miller was married, April 14, 1840, to Miss Henrietta Davidson, a native of Alabama. They have had three children: Thomas J., killed in battle; and two daughters, Hattie and Ella, well educated and refined young ladies. Mr. M. is a man of generous disposition, who is well and favorably known over the county. He was one of those who first proposed and helped to establish the Academy at Troy, and has always taken great interest in education.

NORRIS, HON. T. O., Troy; was born August 14, 1816, in Rockingham, New Hampshire, and lived in that State for thirty-eight years. He received his fine education at Dartmouth College. In 1840 he commenced teaching, and taught in Massachusetts, then for fourteen years in Hampton Academy, where Rufus Choate was educated. In 1855 he settled in Davis county. He was a classmate of Gov. Grimes, and came to this State by his advice, to take a position in the Iowa City schools, but after he arrived he changed his mind and accepted the position of principal of Troy Academy, where he remained for eight years. By his energy and ability in that time he built up a school second to none in southern Iowa. He is now the senior partner in the firm of Norris & Co., doing a large business in general merchandise, drugs, &c., at Troy, and is also the postmaster. He was married in June, 1856, to Mrs. Mary D. Miller, widow of Dr. Miller, of this county. They have been blessed with two daughters, Mary O. and Ella J., who are living at home. Mr. N. has a beautiful residence, and is surrounded with every comfort. He is a republican, and was elected on that ticket to the Thirteenth General Assembly from this county.

PEARSAL, JACOB, farmer and stock-raiser, section 2, postoffice Troy; was born in Franklin county, Ohio, July 19, 1814; there he grew to manhood, being educated in the old fashioned chimney corner. When eighteen years old, he bought his time of his father for \$100, and then worked at various occupations, until he was married. In the spring of 1843, he moved to Iowa, and located where he now resides. They had a hard time, and many reverses, but by perseverance, he has come out successful, now owning a fine farm of 204 acres, with good house, barn, orchard, etc. He was married November 4, 1841, to Miss Elizabeth Crossit, a native of Ohio. She lost her parents when an infant, and was left to the guardianship of a paternal uncle, who gave her a limited education. Her parents died well off, but what became of the property she don't know. They have a family of five children: Ervin E., Melvina, wife of L. F. Hunt; Calvin and Charles. Mr. P. is a man well and favorably known all over the county, having lived here before either the organization of the county or State, and being one of the first trustees of the township.

PEARSON, A. S., farmer and stock-raiser, section 32, postoffice Troy; was born August 31, 1817, in Cecil county, Maryland, where he was reared and received a limited education. At the age of fifteen he learned

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think, induced him to come to Iowa." This was Keosauqua's beloved Daniel Lane, who for a number of years was pastor of the Congregational church at Keosauqua, and who there taught a school of high grade, sometimes called Lane's Academy. He was a member of the historic "Iowa Band," a group of young Congregational preachers who came fresh from Andover Theological Academy to Iowa, and were intimately connected with the Denmark church and Academy in the '40's, and were the prime movers in the establishment of Iowa College, now at Grinnell. At Troy Mr. Piper married the eldest daughter, Net, of "Uncle" Jimmie Clark. Of their children Miss Lizzie has already been mentioned. Another daughter, Hattie, now lives with her two children at Denver. She is the widow of Ralph Edwards, youngest son of John Edwards of Troy. From Troy, Piper went to St. Francisville, Mo., where he organized an Academy. To quote his daughter Lizzie again: "Father was the only man in that section (St. Francisville) to vote for Lincoln (in 1860) and that destroyed his school." He then returned to Iowa and taught at Eddyville, Oskaloosa and Manchester. For a number of years he was with the American Book Co. and made his home at Chicago. He liked school work and conducted institutes till failing health made it impossible. His keen ready wit, original thought and liberal education made him the central figure in all educational gatherings. He died twelve years ago, and his wife has been dead for a number of years.

One of Piper's assistants was Miss Mattie Woods whose parents were citizens of Troy. She married Newell Sawyers, also of Troy, moved to Sioux City, where she died years ago.

TIMOTHY O. NORRIS, 1856-1864

Timothy O. Norris, the second principal of the Academy, was finely equipped for the work of the splendid educator he was. After graduating from Dartmouth College, he taught school for a time in Massachusetts, and then taught in the Hampton Academy, New Hampshire, a noted institution of learning which prepared young men to enter the big colleges, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Harvard and so forth, in those days when so much stress was laid upon Latin and Greek. After fourteen years at Hampton Academy he came to Iowa arriving in 1855. He was induced to come to this state by Gov. Grimes, a class-mate of his at Dartmouth. He came to Iowa with the thought of accepting a position in the Iowa city schools, but changed his mind and came to Troy. Piper was no doubt influential in inducing him to make the move. The two were acquainted in their native state, New Hampshire, and if the writer's memory be not at fault, Piper prepared for entering Bowdoin at Hampton Academy while Norris was instructor there. Norris was elected to succeed Piper as principal of Troy Academy, Feb. 15, 1856, and continued as principal for eight years. While principal of the Academy he married Mrs. Mary D. Miller, a widow of Dr. Miller. Mr. Norris died several years ago but is survived by his widow, who, with one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ross, still lives at Troy, and by another daughter, Mrs. Ella Lindsey, who lives in Missouri. After retiring from the Academy, Mr. Norris entered into mercantile life, and operated a general store at Troy in connection with C. W. Stephenson. He also served one term in the state legislature as representative of Davis County. He was a ripe scholar, a splendid instructor, and would have graced a professor's

chair in any of the colleges of the state.

Evidence shows that Miss Lizzie Earhart and Miss Ellen Mize were two of Norris' assistants. Miss Earhart was a daughter of J. I. Earhart, and for a number of years secretary of the board of trustees. She was also a sister of Rev. Earhart, of Cedar Rapids, who has a place on today's program. Miss Mize was a daughter of Fleming Mize. She married and went to California and there died years ago.

Geo. Post, one of the brightest students that ever attended the Academy, is also said to have assisted Norris. He is now U. S. Internal Revenue Collector at Lincoln, Neb.

Kate Wiley is also mentioned as a Norris assistant. Norris no doubt had other assistants in his eight year's principalship, whom the compiler of this history has failed to discover.

T. C. FLANNEGAN, 1864—1865

T. C. Flannegan succeeded Mr. Norris as principal in 1864 and served one year. The board's minutes do not refer to his election as principal, but at the end of Flannegan's year we find the following entry in the minutes: "The committee to whom was referred the matter of employing a teacher were divided, two in favor of, and one against, employing Mr. T. C. Flannegan." It was then decided to let the matter rest until other teachers could be heard from. It was also moved and carried that "this board give Mr. Flannegan a certificate of recommendation."

Flannegan was not re-employed, and this is all the history that could be found in regard to him or his year's work in the Academy. No assistant is mentioned.

ROBERT M. HAINES, 1865-1867

The fourth principal, Robert M. Haines, came from Grinnell, was probably educated at Iowa City and had charge of the Academy for two years, 1865-1867. He was a competent, successful teacher, and his administration was quite successful. After retiring from the Academy he returned to Grinnell, entered upon the practice of law and for a number of years was one of the prominent attorneys of that section of the state. He died several years ago.

It is a matter of record that he was allowed to select his own assistant. He wisely chose Miss Joanna Harris, also from Grinnell, I believe, and afterwards chose her for his life partner—his wife. She is still living at Grinnell.

During the year 1866-7, as has already been stated, the new public school house at Troy was being built and the pupils were taken care of at the Academy. This required another teacher, and so Miss Phoebe Hull, of Oskaloosa, was elected primary teacher, Miss Harris having charge of the grammar grade. Miss Hull is said to have been a sister of A. Hull, a later principal of the Academy.

C. C. BURR, 1867

The next principal was C. C. Burr, a graduate from Middletown, Conn., and was regarded a fine scholar. He claimed kinship with the notorious Aaron Burr. He took charge of the Academy in the fall of 1867, but seems to have become discouraged or dissatisfied, and without giving notice quit the school toward the holidays, probably before the close of the term. Miss Anna E. Packer, who taught the primary department that term, says that about holiday

HISTORY
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TOWN OF HAMPTON,
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- ham, Mass. 2, Alice Gertrude Lane⁸, b. March 16, 1865; res. Ashburnham, Mass. 3, Sarah Mabel Lane⁸, b. July 6, 1872; res. Ashburnham, Mass. 4, Annie Sophia Lane⁸, b. April 29, 1874; res. Ashburnham, Mass.
1066. Charles Henry Norris⁷, b. March 17, 1839; m. April, 1859, Emma Dean; res. Keokuk, Ia., where he d. April 6, 1861. No children.
1067. Sarah Gertrude Norris⁷, b. Nov. 17, 1841; m. Jan. 1, 1867, Hon. Warren Brown, res. Hampton Falls, N. H. Mr. Brown is one of the progressive farmers of the state; has been prominent in politics, having served in both branches of the legislature and in the governor's council. Children, born in Hampton Falls, N. H.: 1, Harry Benson Brown⁸, b. June 8, 1870. 2, Arthur Warren Brown⁸, b. July 20, 1873. 3, Gertrude Norris Brown⁸, b. May 17, 1878. 4, Mildred Leavitt Brown⁸, b. April 3, 1880.

1068. Timothy Osgood Norris⁶ (480) [James⁵, Daniel⁴, James³, Moses², Nicholas¹]. He was born in Raymond, N. H., Aug. 14, 1812; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1840, and became a teacher in Massachusetts and Hampton, N. H., for twelve years, and was successful and popular. The degrees of A. B. and A. M., were conferred upon him. About 1855, through the influence of Governor Grimes, of Iowa, who was a classmate, he removed to Troy, Ia., and for fourteen years was principal of the Troy Academy. On account of ill health, he relinquished his chosen profession and engaged in trade, and at the time of his death was the senior member of the firm of Norris & Ross, Troy, Ia. At one time he was a member of the legislature of Iowa. He died in Troy April 13, 1891, aged 74 yrs. 7 mos. 29 days.

CHILDREN, BORN IN TROY, IA.

1069. Mary O. Norris⁷, b. July 4, 1859.
1070. Elma J. Norris⁷, b. Aug. 16, 1862.

1071. Greenleaf Rufus Norris⁶ (498) [Lowell⁵, Simeon⁴, James³, Moses², Nicholas¹]. He was born in Epping, N. H., Nov. 3, 1796, and resided on a farm in close proximity to the railroad station, near Epping Village. The farm is owned in 1892 and lived upon by his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Stevens Norris. He was a farmer, tanner, and shoemaker; was a whig in politics, and strong in his political convictions. He was a great reader, and was very intelligent, and a person of strict integrity. He died of consumption, April 15, 1840. He married, April 8, 1822, by Rev. David Harri-man, a Baptist clergyman, Catherine Brown, daughter of Chase Norris, of Epping. (See her family). She was born Jan. 5, 1802; died Oct. 18, 1831. He married, 2d, Abigail, daughter of John and Huldah (Bachelder) Scribner, of Fremont, N. H. She was born Oct. 13, 1800; died Aug. 15, 1835. He married, 3d, Dec. 31, 1835, Lucinda, daughter of John Lane. She was born in Epping Aug. 20, 1811. She suffered from (puerperal mania) a mental derangement, and resides at Concord, N. H.

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- Sex: M
- Birth: 14 AUG ¹⁸¹⁶ ~~1812~~ in Raymond, N.H.
- Death: 1891 in Troy, Davis, Iowa
- Note:

Timothy graduated at Dartmouth College in 1840. He was the principal of Hampton Academy from 1842 to 1854. He was unmarried while in Hampton. When he died, he left a widow and two daughters.

Father: [James NORRIS b: in \(Of Raymond, N.H.\)](#)
 Mother: [Martha OSGOOD](#)



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Timothy Osgood Norris

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Parents:**Father:** [James Norris](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Martha Osgood](#)

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