

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Attwood Merritt P. Senator _____

Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place Nov. 15 June 1831 Watertown, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elyza A. Sumner 2 Feb 1859

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Grand Army of the Republic

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 12th General Assembly 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local Jasper County Board of Supervisors 3 years; Justice of the Peace 8 years; steward of the Jasper County Poor Farm

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 Mar 1894 Palo Alto Township; buried Union Cemetery, Newton, Iowa

8. Children Charles Scott; Harry E.; Grace L.; Grant Nelson; Elmer; Mark C.; Elyza Sumner

9. Names of parents Collins and Emilina (Scott) Attwood

Attwood, Merritt P.

10. Education He attended common schools in Tumbull
County, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1845 he moved to Tumbull County, Ohio and in 1855 he moved to Jasper County, Iowa.
- In 1857 he moved to Kansas and in 1860 he moved to his present home in Palo Alto Township, Jasper County, Iowa.
- Military service - Civil War - Company K, 28th Iowa Infantry, attaining rank of Captain
- Wife, Eliza A., born 7 Oct 1840, died 31 Oct 1902, also buried in Newton Union Cemetery, Newton, Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <i>Portrait and Biographical Records of Jasper County, Iowa</i>			
<i>1894, p. 303-304</i>			
- <i>The History of Jasper County, Iowa 1878, p. 591</i>			
- <i>GAR Records</i>			
- <i>Obituary - The Newton Herald, Newton, Iowa</i>			
<i>Friday, March 30, 1894, p. 1, col. 1</i>			
- <i>ancestry.com (accessed 12/11/2007)</i>			

May Eichner. The groom is now on the HERALD force, and the whole staff in this office wish him and his wife every success and happiness.

Capt. M. W. Atwood died very suddenly of heart disease Wednesday evening, March 23, 1894, at his home in Palo Alto township, five miles south of town. He had enjoyed vigorous health until within the past few weeks, and his condition had not been considered serious by his friends. He settled in Jasper County in 1856, but afterwards removed to Kansas and took part in some of the stirring events that occurred there about that time. Returning to Iowa, he enlisted and served in the war, first as a lieutenant and afterwards as captain of Co. K. 28th Iowa infantry. He was a good farmer, ever using the best methods and getting the best results. He was steward of the county Poor Farm for six years, and afterwards filled the same office in Dallas county for three years. He served Jasper county in the legislature and also in other offices. A public spirited citizen has been called to his rest, one whom the people of his neighborhood will grudgingly pare from their midst.

The captain's age was about 60 years. His wife has been in feeble health for some time, and it is feared the shock of his sudden death may be serious for her. Besides his wife, five children, all of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood, mourn his decease. Capt. Atwood was a consistent member of the M. E. church, but because of the M. E. church in Newton being in the hands of the painters, the funeral will be held at the Congregational church to-day at 2 o'clock p. m. The Garrett Post and W. R. C will meet at their hall, south side square, at 1 o'clock and go to the church in a body.

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OF
JASPER COUNTY,
I O W A,

CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Jasper County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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ADAMSON, ENOS, lumber and grain Reasnor.

ADAMSON, BENJ., far., S. 12; P. O. Newton; born in Tennessee in 1818; moved to Indiana in 1824; thence to Platt Co., Mo., in 1840; thence to this county in 1846. Has 173 acres of land, valued at \$50 per acre. Married Sarah A. Williams in 1841; she was born in Wayne Co., Ind., in 1825; they have two children—Nettie A. and Lillie M. Members of the M. E. Church; Greenbacker.

Albee, L., far., Sec. 36; P. O. Reasnor.

Allen, J. T., far., S. 12; P. O. Reasnor.

SHLEY, RILEY, far., S. 9; P. O. Newton; born in Knox Co., Ohio, in 1821; came to Jasper County in 1849. Has eighty acres of land, valued at \$75 per acre. Married Miss Drucella Helfry in 1840; she was born in Licking Co., Ohio, in Dec., 1823, died in April, 1860, leaving five children—Annias M., William H., John, Annie and Phebe; then married Mrs. Maranda A. Woodruff in 1862; she was born in Licking Co., Ohio, in 1833; they have two children—Elsworth and Katie. Greenbacker. Has held the office of Sheriff, School Director and Secretary of School Board ten years, Township Trustee six years. Member of A., F. & A. M., No. 59, Newton.

ATWOOD, M. W., far., Sec. 23; P. O. Newton; he was born June 15, 1831, in Litchfield Co., Conn.; in 1845, came to Trumbull Co., Ohio; in 1855, came to Jasper Co., Iowa; in 1857, removed to Kansas; in 1860, came to his present farm. He owns 120 acres, valued at \$40 per acre. Married Eliza A. Dunn in Feb., 1859; she was born in 1841, in Knox Co., Ohio; have four children—Charles S., Harry E., Grace L. and Grant Wilson. Mr. A. represented Jasper County in the 12th General Assembly in 1868; prior to this, he was a member of the County Board of Supervisors for three years; is Justice of the Peace; has held this office about eight years. Members of the M. E. Church; Republican. Enlisted in 1862, in Co. K, 28th Iowa Inf.; served to the

close of the war; participated in the battle of Champion Hills, siege of Vicksburg, Sabine Cross Roads, La., also at Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and others.

BADGAR, I. G., far., S. 23; P. O. Newton.

BADGER, MARY A., MRS., Sec. 23; P. O. Newton; she was born in Knox Co., Ohio, in 1848; removed to Jasper Co., Iowa, and settled on their present farm, which they entered from the government, consisting of 730 acres, valued at \$36,000. She was married to Thomas Rees March 4, 1845; he was born Sept. 4, 1818, in Pennsylvania, and died March 10, 1865, in Jasper Co., Iowa; they had nine children, seven living—Anson E., Spencer H., Henrietta E., Roseland, Frank P., Estella M. and Effa C.; lost Charles, aged 9 years, and Lewis died in infancy. Second marriage to Isaac Badger May 1, 1867.

BAIN, JOHN R., farmer, Sec. 23; P. O. Reasnor; born in Washington Co., N. Y., in 1828; came to Morrow Co., Ohio, in 1853; thence to this county in 1855; has 142½ acres of land, valued at \$40 per acre. Married Rachel Livingston in 1854; she was born in Lisbon, Ohio, in 1831; they have three children—Seneca W., Frank L. and Freeman G. Republican. Mr. Bain was the first Township Clerk and Trustee elected in the township; was elected when the whole township was all Democratic except himself. He enlisted in the 40th Iowa V. I., under Capt. Sennet as musician; participated in the taking of Little Rock; was with Gen. Banks on the Red River campaign; was mustered out at Davenport, Iowa, in July, 1865. Followed carpentering and building until 1877, by which he made his property; he is one of the most thorough musicians in this county.

Bales, J. H., gen'l merchandise, Reasnor.

Bean, Joseph, far., S. 36; P. O. Reasnor.

Becker, R. H., far., S. 28; P. O. Newton.

Bell, John, far., Sec. 36; P. O. Reasnor.

BENNETT, ISAAC, farmer, Sec. 27; P. O. Newton; born in Morrow Co., Ohio, in 1824; came to this county

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Atwood, Merritt W
 Residence Farmer, Palo Alto Twp., Jasper Co
 Occupation
 Date birth Je 6 1831 Place Watertown, Conn.
 Date death Mr 28 1894 Place Newton, Iowa
 Cause Union Cem Place burial " "
 War record Corp. K 28 Iowa Inf.
 Rank Company Regiment State Organization
 Res. Newton
 Enlisted Ag 4 1862 age 32
 Date Place
 Prom. Captain Ap 14 '63

War
 Battles, etc.
 Nearest relatives
 Father
 Mother
 Wife
 Children
 Nativity
 Nativity

Sources Roster Iowa Sold./ Ex. Sold.
 living in Iowa, 1886: res. Newton./
 Graves Reg: date of birth & death;
 place of death & burial

Discharged Date Place

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Atwood, Merritt W
 Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Post name Garrett Post No. 16 (77) Place Newton Date Joined Ag 29 '82 age 51

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount

Member-at-Large

Year Date Paid Amount

Suspended

Died



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Merritt Atwood
Born: 5 Jun 1831
 Watertown, [county],
 Connecticut, USA
Died: 28 Mar 1894
 Newton, Jasper, Iowa,
 USA

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Family Groups

Spouse

Eliza Dunn
Born: 7 Jul 1840 in [city], Knox, Ohio, USA
Died: Newton, Jasper, Iowa, USA

Marriage:

Children	Sex	Birth
Grant Atwood	M	
Frank Atwood	M	
Eliza Dunn Atwood	F	
Harry Atwood	M	
Grace Atwood	F	
Charles Atwood	M	3 Nov 1859 in Auburn, [county], Kansas, USA
Elmer Atwood	M	1862

HISTORICAL RECORDS

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