

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Cattell,
Jonathan Wright — Represented Cedar and Palk Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 June 1820 Fayette, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Deborah Elyson 1842 Columbia County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the State Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 6th and 7th General Assembly 1856 and 1858

6. Public Offices 11th and 12th General Assembly 1866 and 1868

A. Local Cedar County clerk of the district court - 4 years

B. State Elected Iowa State auditor in 1858

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Sept 1887 Des Moines, Iowa;

8. Children Two adopted children - William H. D. Cunningham;
Mrs. Edwin Grimes

9. Names of parents _____

Cattell, Jonathan Wright

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<u>Obituary - The Iowa State Register, Des Moines, Iowa, Inca. Sept. 27, 1887, p. 6, col 2</u>

JONATHAN W. CATTELL

Death of This Distinguished Public Servant Last Sunday.

Brief Sketch of His Life and His Many Noble Services Rendered the State.

A NOBLE LIFE ENDED.

The people of Des Moines were startled last Sunday morning by the announcement of the death of Hon. Jonathan W. Cattell. It was known that he had met with a serious accident in falling from a wagon on the Friday before, but no one had brought himself to believe that those injuries could be fatal. Indeed the words from his bedside were rather of a cheering nature than otherwise, and the hope had been general that he would be spared to his friends for many years to come. A quiet and unostentatious man, yet he was made of that metal that attracts and holds friendship to the death, and the news of his decease brought sorrow to many hearts outside his family circle. Several times chosen by his people to positions of the highest trust, he had always performed such trusts with an ability and unswerving fidelity that must ever single him out among the public men of a State renowned for the integrity and sterling worth of its servants. Few of Iowa's sons enjoyed the confidence and esteem of her people more thoroughly than did Mr. Cattell, and his death will leave a breach that can never be filled. He was especially the favorite of the pioneers upon whose sturdy shoulders the State has been lifted into its present proud position, and his absence from their ranks will bring to them sorrow in every quarter of the State. The death of such a man is always a public calamity, and the lessons left by an honest, single-hearted life, such as his, can never be lost. It is such men that dignify a Republican Government, and their virtues should be impressed upon the young of every age that they may find in them something worthy of emulation, something worthy their highest ambition. All through his life Mr. Cattell affiliated with the Friends church and the services at his funeral yesterday afternoon were conducted by their pastor, Rev. R. H. Hartley. The universal regard in which the deceased was held was amply testified by the concourse of sorrowing friends gathered upon that occasion to do his memory reverence, and there was no simulation in their grief. The end was one eminently fitting such a life, and in laying to rest all that was mortal of Jonathan W. Cattell they all felt what the State at large well know, that in his death Iowa lost one of her truest, noblest sons.

Jonathan Wright Cattell was born in the county of Fayette, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1820. He was consequently 67 years and three

months. To the afflicted wife and children will be given the heartfelt sympathy and kindred grief of the entire State.

Our store will be closed all day Wednesday, Sept. 28, on account of holiday.

YOUNKER BROS.

INDEPENDENTS VS. GREENBACKERS.

WILCOX ON THE WAR TRAIL FOR INDEPENDENT SCALPS.

The struggle between the Independents and Greenbackers in this county for the remains of the late Democratic party is becoming quite interesting. Mr. Henry S. Wilcox, who has been in every party since he became of age, claims that Gen. Weaver left the badly battered and out of condition remains of the Democratic party in his sanitarium control and he is now trying to move the Independents off the corpse that he may be able to preserve its existence in the capital county of Iowa. Sunday THE REGISTER published Mr. Cummins' somewhat sarcastic letter to Mr. Wilcox and to-day we present:

MR. WILCOX'S REPLY.

A. B. CUMMINS, Esq., Republican candidate for Representative, My Dear Sir: Pardon me for again addressing you. In answer to my first challenge your friends stated that you were absent from the city and could not respond and would not respond unless I also challenged Mr. Berryhill. I thereupon issued a challenge to Mr. Berryhill and yourself, and received an answer from Mr. Berryhill accepting on condition that you would join in the discussion. After considerable delay the Independent, claiming to be your organ, stated on authority that you would decline to meet me under any and all circumstances because you considered yourself to be so much superior to me in point of ability social standing, etc. While making preparations to meet this unfounded reason, I received yours of the 28d inst, declining to meet me on these grounds neither of which if they existed would be reasons. But two of them do not in fact exist and the other can be abrogated. I am determined that you shall not, through a mistake be deprived of the benefits of a joint discussion, and I can not think you put forth a mere subterfuge to cover your retreat, so I candidly proceed to examine your objections.

1. You object to a triangular argument as impracticable. In three hours, the ordinary length of a public entertainment, each could have three twenty minutes' speeches, or two thirty minutes' speeches. If, however, you insist upon this objection I will meet you with or without Mr. Berryhill.

2. You say my position on the question you regard of paramount importance is not defined. As there is but one question upon which yourself and Mr. Berryhill disagree, that relating to prohibition, you undoubtedly refer to that. Now I beg leave to inform you that you will find my position upon that question sharply defined in my letter of acceptance sent you with my first challenge, and published in the morning papers of August 28 and evening papers of August 29. I am pledged to seek the removal of the restrictions against the manufacture of intoxicating liquors and to require all persons permitted to sell them for any purpose to pay a reasonable tax according to the value of the privilege, thereby starting up the distillery, abolishing free whiskey and leaving the padlock on the saloon. I am positively opposed to local option so you see I raise a direct issue both with you and Mr. Berryhill.

3. Your last objection is that I am not the candidate for the State historical Society of the parties. As Mr. Innis and myself are the only candidates who oppose the Republican party and its principles and as Mr. Berryhill the res-

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quest, noblest sons. Jonathan Wright Cattell was born in the county of Fayette, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1820. He was consequently 67 years and three months old at the time of his death. He remained in Pennsylvania until he became of age, when he moved to Columbia county, Ohio. Here, in the year 1842, he was united in marriage with Miss Deborah Ellison, who now, after forty-five years of a very happy wedded life, is left to grieve over his departure. In 1846, he and Mrs. Cattell removed to the then territory of Iowa, settling in Springdale township, Cedar county. Six years later the people called upon him to take the clerkship of the District Court, a position he occupied for four years. In this office, Mr. C. showed the mettle of which he was made by the manner in which he protected the interests of the county. Upon retiring from the clerk's office Mr. Cattell was elected to the State Senate from the county of Cedar, just then made a Senatorial district by itself. Almost from the first Mr. C. was influential. Here, as everywhere, he was a worker. Both in committee and in the Senate, this trait was conspicuous; so that when he spoke, which was not often, his associates listened, for they soon found out that he had something to say worth listening to. Such characteristics readily suggested him as a proper person to place at the head of the department of finance. Accordingly he was elected Auditor of State in 1858. The same painstaking fidelity to duty marked his distinguished career in this responsible office. He introduced improvements into the manner of conducting the monetary transactions of the State, as well as in the system of book-keeping. So well was this done that there has been no substantial change in these particulars since. During Mr. Cattell's incumbency, which covered nearly the entire period of the war, when the expenditures were very heavy, the work was greater than it had ever been before; and it was well done, honestly, systematically, cautiously done. He was three times elected, as no one had been before him, and was very strongly supported for a fourth term. Now, after a lapse of twenty years, no higher praise can be bestowed on a public officer than to say he does as well as did Auditor Cattell. After his retirement from the auditorship, he remained a resident of Des Moines. The following fall (1865), to his great surprise he was called from his retirement by the Republicans of Polk county to go back to the Senate. Again in that body, he was a member of almost the ablest Senate in the State's history. In this body, and the one which followed, which comprised in its membership our present Governor and many other strong men, Mr. Cattell was a leader, not because he sought leadership, but because it invited it. His sagacity, his knowledge of public affairs, the accuracy and fullness of his information, and his candor and conscientious-

8. Your last objection is that I am not the candidate of one of the principal contending parties. As Mr. Innis and myself are the only candidates who oppose the Republican party and its principles and as Mr. Berryhill the regular nominee of that party consents to enter the lists with me it is strange that you who stand upon a mere silver split from one side of the Republican party and endorsed by the distracted convention of a party which admits itself so weak and hopeless that it dare not nominate a representative ticket of its own, and now finds itself rent into three factions two of which refuse to consider you as their candidate, it is very strange that you should be so troubled with a political aristocracy as to decline to meet an opponent who is the unanimous choice of two well organized political parties and who has been endorsed by a convention representing a large portion of the Democratic party. Of the ten thousand voters in Polk county only about two hundred have voted for your nomination if you think the remainder belong to a chain gang which yourself and Mr. Berryhill call divide you are mistaken. Mr. Berryhill realizes, and you should realize, that the voters of Polk county cannot all be side tracked on the saloon issue by a few disgruntled Republicans and Democrats who want to reap profit from the open saloon. If that is the paramount issue what do you mean when you pledge yourself to the principles of the Republican party. I believe that the voters of Polk county will demand that their candidates show themselves worthy of their support by a courageous grappling with all the great questions of State and national importance in the face of all opposition. You cannot hope by dogging me to keep me from being heard. Yourself and Mr. Berryhill really represent but one party and that is the party now in power. I represent all those opposed to it and its policies and I am after you. If you will not fight and prefer to flee then I shall chase you through this county. I do this not in the interest of Mr. Berryhill, as you arrogantly assert, but in the interest of all those who oppose the Republican candidates and in my own interest as their candidate for Representative. Respectfully yours, HENRY S. WILCOX.

GO AS YOU PLEASE.

HARVEST EXCURSIONS.—The passenger department of the Central Iowa Railway has arranged for a series of three harvest excursions to northern Minnesota, Dakota, northwestern Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, etc. The rate will be one fare for the round trip, from any station, and the tickets good to return in thirty days. The dates are August 30th, September 20th and October 11th. For full particulars see advertisements, or ask any agent of the Central Iowa Railway. 8 177nafrto10-10

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN SONGS.

This is to be a singing campaign and there has been an urgent demand for songs suitable to the times. A great many calls have come to the State Central Committee for the songs which were sung at the last Republican State Convention. On the invitation of Dr. Beardley, Chairman of the Committee, Mr. P. H. Bristow has prepared a number of songs in addition to the convention songs, which he wrote, and the committee will have them published and ready for distribution on Monday or Tuesday of next week. They are all arranged to be sung to the music of well known and popular airs, and everybody can sing them. The Des Moines Convention Glee Club will use them in the campaign. The

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YOUR FRIENDS: If you want to keep them posted in respect to Iowa and all the world, send them **THE WEEKLY REGISTER**. Send your order and \$1.00 to Clarkson Bros., Des Moines, Iowa, or subscribe with your postmaster or newsdealer, or the editor of your local Republican paper.

AMUSEMENTS.

Hilarity at the Capital City.

A splendid audience greeted the presentation of Hilarity at the Capital City last evening, despite the storm that threatened an empty house. The size of the audience seemed to act as a spur to the performers and everything passed off with a vim that added largely to the interest. The play was constructed to please and if the actions of those present could be taken as a criterion it fulfilled its mission, as they were in a roar from the rising of the curtain to the going down of the same. The dialect sketches were especially good, and the singing by Chas. O. Seaman was heartily applauded, as it should have been. It was an auspicious opening for their week in this city, and the company is assured an excellent business during the remainder of their stay.

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 9. Is national bank stock treated, in all respects, as for assessment purposes difference.
 11. State in what manner any in your county, are of valuation of stock, surplus.
 12. If you have any private property, not State land in your county, state the value of all such, as show treasury books, and the manner are assessed.
 14. Please state exactly trust companies, if any in assessed, and how valued, and or in them in making of tax.
 15. In what manner are fire associations assessed?
 16. How is merchandise the assessment of the same county?
 17. How do your assessors assess of manufacturer?
 20. State what per cent all merchandise, manufactured personal property (except stock of moneyed institutions) bears to its real value.
 20. From your experience, is there any count monies and credits in your unassessed by evasion, and you estimate it to be?
 23. Does this occur on any extent that are not given and if it does, to what extent.
 23. Is there much property and manufacturers' goods ment, and if so, about what much would it probably judgment in your county?
 26. What inequality in any, on the assessment of unusually large and costly pared with those costing less (This does not refer to how difference, explain it.)
 27. Have you any suggestions by which more just means, duties of assessors.
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