

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of ^{Capt.} Representative Ellis, Albert Helton Senator _____

Represented Louisa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9. Sept 1835 Highland County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Alice Elliman Nichols 1864 Bedford County, Pennsylvania

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Farmer, sheriff

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 12th General Assembly, 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local Louisa County sheriff, for years; Board of Supervision member;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Della (Mrs. Park Garrison); One M. Nellie J.; Maud H.;
Roscoe A.

9. Names of parents John and Hannah (John) Ellis

10. Education His educational advantages were limited, but with a good memory and being a close observer he gained a good education.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Louisa County at age 12 with his parents. He helped his father develop the family farm.
- Military service - Civil War - he helped raise a company for Company G, 5th Iowa Infantry, attained rank of Captain; later in Company G, 5th Iowa Cavalry

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his business, and conscientiously particular that his work shall be of the very best in every instance, and one job sold in a neighborhood always brings more, for the people have learned that a wagon from Erbes' shop will not drop its tires, or fail in the first two or three years of use. The wagon and carriage shops of Mr. Erbes constitute the most important manufacturing interests of Louisa County, and its proprietor is esteemed one of the leading business men of town, and one of the most respected citizens. Many of Mr. Erbes' wagons have been in use for upward of twenty years, and are still in perfect order.

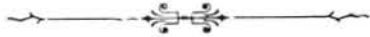

HON. ALBERT ELLIS, a resident of Morning Sun, Iowa, was born in Highland County, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1835, and is a son of Job and Hannah (Job) Ellis, who were pioneer settlers of Louisa County, Iowa. He came to this county when twelve years of age and assisted his father in developing a farm. His educational advantages were limited, but being blessed with a retentive memory and being a close observer and student, he has gained a good education. At the breaking out of the Rebellion he assisted in raising a company for the 5th Iowa Infantry, and enlisted as a private, but at the mustering of the State service was elected as Second Lieutenant. The company was sent to Camp Warren at Burlington, where it was found that they had not the required number of men. A part of the company had been raised in Lee County by a man of the name of Patterson, who agreed to join this regiment if he could hold a commission, so rather than have the organization broken up Mr. Ellis gave way and took his place in the ranks, with the understanding that he should receive the first promotion. The regiment was mustered into the United States service at Burlington, where they remained but a short time and then went to Benton Barracks. Thence they were sent to Booneville, where they were joined by Gen. Fremont's forces; from there they proceeded to New Madrid and Island No. 10, where they were first under fire. Next they joined Pope's forces and were to operate against Ft. Pillow, but

the battle of Shiloh was brought on and they were ordered to that point, arriving two days after the engagement had taken place. From there the regiment went to Corinth, where they remained until September, and then joined Rosecrans, fighting the battle of Iuka, going in with 481 men, and lost, in killed and wounded, 216; Company C went with fifty-two men, and lost thirty-one while supporting the 11th Ohio Battery. They returned to Corinth, participating in the second battle at that place; from there sent on an expedition to Holly Springs, but were cut off by Van Dorn and ordered to Memphis.

In the following spring they broke camp and joined Grant, going to Yazoo Pass and Milliken's Bend, participating in the battles in the rear of Vicksburg, and also in its seige and capture. They followed Johnston as far as Jackson, where they were ordered back to Vicksburg and went into camp, remaining until August, when they went to Helena; while there word came of Rosecrans' defeat at Chattanooga, and the regiment was sent to reinforce him. They there saw some sharp fighting, being engaged in the battle of Missionary Ridge, after which they were ordered to do guard duty on the railroad between Huntsville and Stevenson. While there the term of service expired, and about 200 re-enlisted as veterans, forming two companies, and were transferred to the 5th Iowa Cavalry, Mr. Ellis being transferred to Company G. The companies were sent to Nashville, where they were mounted and joined Thomas' command. On account of poor health our subject was mustered out Aug. 9, 1864. As stated he went into the service as a private, but was promoted Second Lieutenant, Nov. 1, 1861; First Lieutenant, June 29, 1862, and Captain of Company C, March 15, 1863. On March 1, 1864, he was presented by his company with a handsome sword. During his long term of service he gallantly did his duty, and was promoted from a private to the rank of Captain for his valiant conduct on the battle-field.

Politically, Capt. Ellis is a Republican, and has been honored by his district as a Representative, having been elected to the Legislature in 1868. In 1875 he was elected as Sheriff of the county, being re-elected in 1877 and 1879, serving six years, and was twice elected as Supervisor of the county.

In 1882 he made a business trip to Europe, traveling over Ireland and England. In 1864 Capt. Ellis was united in marriage with Alice E. Nichols, who was born in Louisa County, Sept. 8, 1845. They are the parents of five children: Della, wife of Park Jarvis, of this county; Ona M., Nellie F., Maud H. and Roscoe A. Mr. Ellis is a member of the G. A. R., Blake Post, of Morning Sun.



CHARLES FURNAS, a prominent farmer of Louisa County, Iowa, residing on section 5, Grand View Township, was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, Nov. 15, 1829. Mr. Furnas traces his descent from John Furnas, who married Mary Wilkinson in Wigton, England, in 1762. Their eldest son, Joseph, was our subject's grandfather. His parents were Benjamin and Mary (Patty) Furnas, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They reared a family of ten children, seven of whom lived to maturity, our subject being the second in order of birth. The father followed farming in Ohio until 1857, when with his family he removed to Louisa County, Iowa, settling in Grand View Township, near the town of Letts. He purchased forty acres of land at Government prices, also 120 acres near that, at \$3 per acre, and an improved farm of eighty acres, at \$25 per acre, making in all 240 acres. He immediately began the improvement of his land, and since his original purchases has become the owner of 120 acres of timber land, situated in this and Muscatine Counties. From the wild, unbroken prairie he soon developed a fine farm, and made numerous other improvements which go to make up a well-regulated farm. Mr. Furnas' death occurred May 20, 1880, at the age of seventy-six years, his wife having preceded him to her final home, she having departed this life in 1867, at the age of fifty-nine years.

Our subject was reared to farm life and received his education in the district schools of Ohio. Being of a studious character, he fitted himself for teaching, and began the practice of his chosen profession at the age of eighteen years, teaching for two or three winters in Ohio. He was united in

marriage in that State, in 1849, with Ann Elizabeth Earhart, who is of German descent, but was born in the Buckeye State, and is the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Earhart, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, and who went to Ohio at an early day, settling near Dayton, where they both remained during the remainder of their lives. The father died many years ago, but his wife survived him for a long time, dying at the ripe old age of eighty years.

After his marriage Mr. Furnas purchased a farm in Ohio, where he remained until 1853. Then selling out, he came to Louisa County and bought 200 acres of land on section 5, Grand View Township, and eighty acres of timber in Muscatine County, but afterward sold the latter. The work of improvement was immediately begun, and as time passed he added more land, until he at present has 225 acres, all of which is under a fine state of cultivation. He has nearly two acres of peat bog, and his farm has been partially tiled, having one tile ditch that opens into his barnyard, furnishing plenty of water for his stock. Upon his farm may be found a good grade of Durham cattle, Norman horses, Durock and Chester-White hogs, and South-down sheep. He has one of the best farms in the township, is a most successful farmer, and everything about his place denotes the thrift and industry with which it is managed.

In his political views Mr. Furnas is a supporter of the Republican party. He served as Justice of the Peace in 1860 and 1880, held the office of Township Trustee ten years in succession, has also served as Road Commissioner, and assisted in the township organization. He has taught school in Louisa County during the winter for many years, being a successful teacher, and has also been a correspondent for the *Muscatine Journal* for many years, and also for the *Columbus Safe Guard* and *Wapello Republican*. Mr. Furnas and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, and while their new house of worship was being built at Lettsville, he took an active part in soliciting for and collecting the funds. He holds the office of President of its Board of Trustees, and is Chairman of its committee for purchasing a parsonage for the Lettsville circuit. An active worker in the



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Albert Ellis**
 Home in 1880: **Wapello, Louisa, Iowa**
 Age: **44**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1836**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Relation to head-of-household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's name: **Alice**
 Father's birthplace: **Tennessee**
 Mother's birthplace: **Virginia**
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: **Sheriff**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:
 Household Members:

Name
Albert Ellis
Alice Ellis
Della Ellis
Ona Ellis
Nellie Ellis
Maud Ellis
Roscoe Ellis

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Wapello, Louisa, Iowa; Roll: T9_350; Family History Film: 1254350; Page: 464,2000; Enumeration District: 126; Image: 0611.

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Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Ellis, Albert

Residence

Occupation Farmer

Date birth 1835 Place

Date death Cause Place Place burial

War record Pvt. C 5 Iowa Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Age 25 Res. Cairo b. Ohio

Enlisted 1 J1 1861 Date Place

Prom. 2d Lt 1 N 1861;
1st Lt, 29 Je 1862
Wded in side slightly,
19 1862, Iuka, Miss.
Prom. Capt 15 F 1863.

Discharged See Co. G 5th Iowa Cav
Date Place

War

Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

Father

Nativity

Mother

Nativity

Wife

Children

Sources

Roster Iowa Soldiers: Ellis, Albert

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Veteran's name Ellis, Albert

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Blake 114(18) Morning Sun D.22, 1882

Tr Feb 9, 1887 Post name Post No. Place Date Joined

A.M. Taylor 153 (100) Wapello 1st term '93

Sus. 2d term '96

James B. Sample 170(85) Ft. Madison cd 21 Ap 1888

Tr 1st term 1893 age 53

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
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- *ID:* I1523
- *Name:* Albert Gallatin ELLIS
- *Given Name:* Albert Gallatin
- *Surname:* Ellis
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 1835 in of Hopewell, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA
- *Change Date:* 13 MAY 2000 at 16:28:28

Father: [Job ELLIS](#) b: 1791 in of Hopewell, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA

Mother: [Hannah JOBE](#) b: 1795 in Hopewell, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA

Marriage 1 [Ellinore NICHOLS](#) b: 1845 in of Hopewell, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA

- *Married:* 1864 in of Hopewell, Bedford, Pennsylvania, USA

Children

1. [LIVING](#)
2. [Ona ELLIS](#) b: 1870 in Parson,, Kansas, USA

Household Record

1880 United States Census


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Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
Albert ELLIS	Self	M	Male	W	44	OH	Sheriff	TN	VA
Alice ELLIS	Wife	M	Female	W	34	IA	Keeping House	PA	PA
Della ELLIS	Dau	S	Female	W	12	IA		OH	IA
Ona ELLIS	Dau	S	Female	W	9	KS		OH	IA
Nellie ELLIS	Dau	S	Female	W	7	IA		OH	IA
Maud ELLIS	Dau	S	Female	W	3	IA		OH	IA
Roscoe ELLIS	Son	S	Male	W	1	IA		OH	IA

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