

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hawthorn, James Senator _____
Represented Story County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 May 1814 County Down, Ireland

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Rachel Hoover Offord, Ohio

② Mary Jones

③ Eliphalet Davis 1857 Nevada, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

④ Jennie Duff

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; IOOF

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 12th General Assembly 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local Sheriff in Brookville, Indiana; made major of a militia regiment

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Oct 1904 Nevada, Iowa; buried

8. Children By 1st wife - Jennie (Mrs. Barrett); Belle (Mrs. Martin); one daughter provided her father in death; by 2nd wife - Esther (Mrs. Meek); Daniel J.; Isaac J.; by 3rd wife - James M.

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education His education was very brief

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- His father died when he was one year old and was brought with her family of 8 children, a widowed mother to this country 3 years later. Eventually settled at Hagerstown, Maryland
- His first jobs were a bobbin boy in a factory, carpenter's apprentice and then started on foot to find his fortune stopping at Columbus, Ohio working as a carpenter, got sick and went to live with a brother at Fairfield, Ohio
- After marrying Rachel they moved to Brookville, Indiana and began manufacturing razor straps
- Rachel died young and he married Mary Jones coming with Jones in 1855 from Indiana to Story County, Iowa settling eventually in Nevada, Iowa
- His second wife, Mary, died young
- His third wife, Elizabeth died in March 1893
- In 1858 he took over the mercantile business of Matthew Catzner continuing until 1876
- At this time he set out to bring railroads to Nevada.
- At one time he was made major of a militia regiment thus attaining the title of Major which adhered to him all his remaining life.

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rolled and baked to any form calcu-
lated to gratify the public taste.

His manufacturers were financiers
and editors They discovered him
while on some hardy and adventurous
trip through the desolate, unexplor-
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formed a stock company for develop-
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new to the market. He had no
reputation. He had no trade mark.
So much the better. He could be
capitalized manufactured, and pre-
digested in such a way as exactly to
meet the demands of the persons
who discovered and, in a political
way, invented him.

Obvoiusly the first thing to do in
predigesting a food product is to
remove from it all ingredients
difficult of assimilation. There are
in America today three domestic
political questions which, whether
presented in the negative or in the
affirmative, are likely to stick in the
croops of a great many voters. One
is the tariff. The second is the
trusts. The third is labor.

The tariff was abstracted from
Parker's composition when it was
announced that, although he believ-
ed in tariff reduction, there was no
occasion for alarm because he saw
no prospect of getting the reduction
accomplished during his prospec-
tive term as president.

The trust question which, if
left in Parker, would have made it
hard for a great many easterners
to swallow him without a fit of
acute indigestion, was similarly
eliminated when he placidly gave it
out that the trusts did not need any
federal legislation, and that if he
became president he would sit down
and watch the common law continue
to express its repugnance for them.

The third question, labor, is so
completely absent in Parker that
perhaps even before his safe and
sane manufacturers found him there
was none of it in him to get rid of.
As far as Parker is concerned, no
such thing as organized labor exists.
The real issues having been
squeezed out of Parker by a roller

DEATH OF MAJOR JAMES HAWTHORN.

End of a Long and Most Useful Life.

Major James Hawthorn died
peacefully at his home in this city
early in the afternoon of last Friday,
October 21, 1904, aged ninety years,
five months and seven days.

Thus ended a life that was most
exceptional both in its length and in
its usefulness. Honored by the
community in which he lived, suc-
cessful in his own affairs, efficient in
promotion of the general good, the
patriarch of a numerous and worthy
family, he has passed to the reward
of upright character and kindly dis-
position. No one will say that he
was cut off in the bloom of his youth;
but he lived in the full possession of
his faculties to the last; and though
anyone who talked with him serious-
ly at any time in the past few
months had occasion to know that
he regarded his remaining days as
numbered, yet none had reason to
doubt that he was ready for the
final summons and was awaiting it
without regret. He passed away
as the patriarch should pass, with
his family about him and friends to
sorrow for him, but withal to feel
that his passing was as the gathering
of the ripened sheaf.

"Major Hawthorn", as he was
always called, was born in County
Down, Ireland, May 14, 1814, was
left fatherless when one year old,
and was one of a family of eight
children who were brought by the
widowed mother to this country
three years later. The voyage was a
long one by means of sailing ves-
sel—it was long before the days
of steamships—and it ended at
Georgetown, the quaint old town
at the head of navigation on the
Potomac river. Thence after a lit-
tle the family removed to Hagers-
town, Maryland, where the boy grew
to manhood with many privations
and few advantages. His schooling
was brief, and he was early put
to work as bobbin boy in a factory.
Later he was a carpenter's appren-
tice, and when his apprenticeship
ended at his coming to his majority,
he worked one month for ten dollars,
and with the money in his pocket
and his other belongings in a bundle
that he hung with a stick over his
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Later he was a carpenter's apprentice, and when his apprenticeship ended at his coming to his majority, he worked one month for ten dollars, and with the money in his pocket and his other belongings in a bundle that he flung with a stick over his shoulder, he started on foot for the west to find his fortune. He tramped to Columbus, Ohio, where his money having been about spent, he got a job carpentering; but he got the ague here and went to the home of a brother at Fairfield, Ohio, for a time. At Oxford in the same state he was married to Rachael Hoover and two or three years later removed with his little family to Brookville, Indiana, which proved to be the home of his young manhood. He prospered here, held various offices, including that of sheriff, and was made major of a militia regiment, thus attaining to a title which ever after adhered to him. All was not happiness here, however, for his wife died, as well as a little daughter who was especially wont to greet him on his return from business trips abroad. These trips were made to sell a razor strap, in the manufacture of which he had engaged profitably; but on his return from one the child failed to meet him, and he lost his heart for traveling. He was married again at Brookfield to Mary Jones, and with her and his growing family came in 1855 from Indiana to Story county. Their first winter was spent amid primitive surroundings near Johnson's Grove; but the next year they removed to Nevada where ever after remained the family home. His second wife also died young; and he was married here in 1875 to Elizabeth Davis, a widow, who survived until March, 1893, when she died, and some years later he married Mrs. Jennie Duff, who has cheered his last years and survives him. In 1853 Martin Batzner, who was a barber and had a little grocery on the north side of the south square, committed suicide, and he having no known relatives, Major Hawthorn was appointed to wind up his affairs. This circumstance brought the major into the merchandise business, in which he continued very successfully until 1876. This was the period of his greatest activity and most notable success. The country was developing rapidly; people were coming

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A new theory that is proving successful in the cure of Coughs, Lung and Bronchial affections is offered in Bee's Laxative Honey and Tar. This remedy cuts the mucus, heals the membranous lining of the throat, lungs and bronchial tubes; wards off Pneumonia and strengthens the system generally. Croup and Whooping Cough disappear before its use as snow before the sunshine in Spring. It's pleasant. Sold by Walter L. Wray.

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The story of Major Hawthorn's struggle for transportation—partly successful and partly unsuccessful—is the most vital in his whole career, as well as the most important to the public. In those days railroads were largely a matter of landgrants and subsidies. The roads were run out onto the prairies, where there was little or no business, but where it was expected that people would move in and make a country. Very small circumstances determined the fate of towns, and Major Hawthorn undertook, so far as he was able, to control these circumstances for Nevada. He went with a delegation to a railroad meeting at Cedar Rapids but was the only one of the number that could see anything in the prospect. The proposition of John I. Blair and others was to build the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad, if the counties along the line would give them the land grant that had been passed on to them by the state from the general government, and if also the counties would furnish the right of way and \$700 per county for the survey. It was a pretty vague proposition; but the major worked up the case here and then went over to Boonesboro and worked it up there, where people had failed to take hold. He was made a director of the railroad and continued as such until the road had been completed to Council Bluffs and all the local directors frozen out.

Having contributed so greatly to securing one railroad, Major Hawthorn started out to work up a cross railroad also. With men of similar enterprise in other towns he started in to work up the Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota Railroad. Its origin was to be at a now forgotten place named Red Rock on the Des Moines river, and it was to come up through Newton to Nevada and hence on to Eagle Grove, where it would fork and be extended ultimately along the routes that have since been substantially followed by the two branches of the Northwestern running northwest and north from Eagle Grove. In the furtherance of this enterprise he spent the great-

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Major Hawthorn was an enthusi-
 astic Mason and Odd Fellow. He
 had belonged to the Masonic order
 for more than sixty years, and he
 had been an Odd Fellow in Inj-
 iana before the lodge here was or-
 ganized in the latter '50s. He went
 often to the grand lodges and was
 recognized at home and abroad. As
 long as he could he kept up his at-
 tendance; and among his bretheren
 he will most certainly be missed.

Major Hawthorn was four times
 married and left his fourth wife,
 four living children, eighteen grand-
 children and five great-grand chil-
 dren. He had, of children who grew
 to maturity two by his first wife,
 three by his second and one by his
 third. The last named had also
 four children by her former husband,
 who were reared as members of his
 family and stood to him in the
 light of children. His first wife's
 children were Mrs. Jennie Garrett
 and Mrs. Belle Martin, both de-
 ceased, but leaving families. His
 second wife's children are Mrs.
 Esther Meek, Daniel J. and Isaac
 J. His one child by his third wife
 is James M., and her other children
 whom he helped to rear are Isaac
 Davis and Mrs. Mary Martin of Valley
 Falls, Kansas, also Addison Davis
 and Mrs. Rachael Simmons, both
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 their marriage, but they were grown
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 family. There were present at his
 funeral all of his living children,
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 of Denver and Mrs. Meek of Wat-
 erloo, Indiana, his stepson Isaac
 Davis from Valley Falls, Kansas,
 his grand daughter, Mrs. Belle
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 from Grinnell; Mrs. Alice Dingman
 of Cedar Rapids, who was a niece
 of his third wife, and his other
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The failure of this road was the disappointment of Major Hawthorn's life, and the story of his effort and failure was one that was always listened to with the greatest interest. He had worked with as good judgment and as fair prospects as did any of the promoters whose efforts fixed Iowa's lines of transportation, and the upheaval that overthrew him was something of which there had been no sign in advance. Fate simply played him false and decreed that one railroad and its smaller rewards was all that he should be instrumental in bringing to the town that was honored by including him in its citizenship.

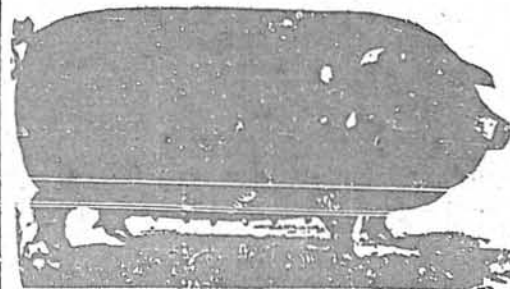
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From the foregoing and from much more that might with truth, and probably ought in justice to be said it will be noted that Major Hawthorn was a man of mark in his community. Withal he was singularly modest; and when one looks back over so much of his career as has been within the observation of the men now active, it is impossible to say that anything that he has done in the sight of men has been done with the appearance of self-seeking. He struggled for the railroads, because he wanted his town to have the roads; and he ran for office because the members of his party recognized his availability and forced him into the fight. He was honored by his bretheren of the secret orders because he liked them and they liked him. He was loved by his family and all his acquaintances because he was kindly of heart. The closing years of his extraordinarily long life were spent in quietude and peaceful enjoyment which were rightfully his and which constituted the best surroundings for a retired patriarch. At his death there is most sincere mourning, but with it a sentiment that he had lived his life, the whole of it, and that all is well.

The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Sanford, who delivered a short but most fitting address; and the last rites at the grave were pronounced by the members of the Masonic lodge.

N. D. —On the first page of this article it is stated that Major Hawthorn married his third wife in 1875. The figures are transposed and the date should be 1857.

DEER GROVE HERD POLAND-CHINA SWINE



Some extra fine male pigs for sale sired by three different boars. Will also breed some young gilts for

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railroad was built in Iowa. The capitalists who had agreed to back the Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota took fright with the rest and backed out of their bargain. The enterprise which meant so much to the men who were in it and to this community failed through political conditions arising suddenly at the critical moment and to which Story county had contributed by electing L. Q. Hoggart as its representative. When the political conditions again changed and railroad capital was again seeking investment in Iowa, the business situation had changed also and other interests were able to secure the field which the major had arranged to have his road occupy.

The failure of this road was the disappointment of Major Hawthorn's life, and the story of his effort and failure was one that was always listened to with the greatest interest. He had worked with as good judgment and as fair prospects as did any of the promoters whose efforts fixed Iowa's lines of transportation, and the upheaval that overthrew him was something of which there had been no sign in advance. Fate simply played him false and decreed that one railroad and its smaller rewards was all that he should be instrumental in bringing to the town that was honored by including him in its citizenship.

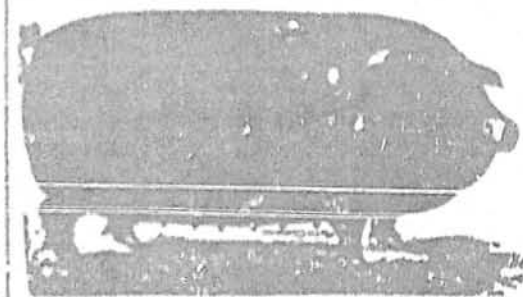
Major Hawthorn was a factor in politics as well as in business; but he was a Democrat, and in this Republican community his opportunities were limited. As above noted, he was in his younger days a sheriff in Indiana; and he was here chosen once a representative in the General Assembly, being the only Democrat that was ever elected to that office by the people of this county. He was elected in 1867, when there was a Republican split in the county; but the Republicans had even then more than two-thirds of the votes in the county, and if he had not run ahead of his ticket he could not have beaten even a divided party. In 1883 he was again a candidate for the same office and received considerably more than his party vote; but party lines were then quite strictly drawn in the great prohibition fight, and all he

rightfully his and which constituted the best surroundings for a retired patriarch. At his death there is most sincere mourning, but with it a sentiment that he had lived his life, the whole of it, and that all is well.

The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Sanford, who delivered a short but most fitting address; and the last rites at the grave were pronounced by the members of the Masonic lodge.

N. D.—On the first page of this article it is stated that Major Hawthorn married his third wife in 1875. The figures are transposed and the date should be 1867.

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