

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Newberry, James Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 May 1827 Orang County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Hannah Maria Westfall 1852

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was the manager of the Strawberry Point Brewery

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Farmer; newspaper editor; journal publisher

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clayton County Supervisor for 8 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 22 Sept 1917 Strawberry Point, Iowa; buried Strawberry Point Cemetery  
Cass Township, Clayton

8. Children Byron H.; John J.; Mary E. (Mrs. Kingsley); County, Iowa,  
Charles H.; Hilda Gertrude

9. Names of parents John and Sally (Hatch) Newberry Lot 63  
(W.P.A. Cemetery Record)

Newberry, James

10. Education Educated in Ohio

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- His younger days were spent at farming. At his death he owned one of the best farms in Clayton County, Iowa
- He came to Iowa in 1855 and in 1876 moved to Strawberry Point where he remained until his death.
- In 1879 he bought The Press newspaper and was editor for several years of Strawberry Point, Iowa
- In spring 1882 he started publishing of The Iowa Dairyman devoted to dairy interests of the West.
- His wife, Hannah Marie, died 8 Feb 1905
- His son, Byron Adolph Newberry, also served in the Iowa Legislature, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies 1904, 1906 and 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923 in the Senate, representing Clayton County, Iowa

Newberry, James

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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-			<u>Obituary - The Edgewood Journal, Edgewood, Iowa,</u>
			<u>Times, Sept. 29, 1917, p. 8, col. 1, 2</u>

-			<u>Portrait and Biographical Record of Dubuque, Iowa and Clayton Counties</u>
			<u>1894, p. 447-448</u>

-			<u>Findagrave.com (accessed 21 Jan 2011)</u>
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-			<u>ancestry.com (accessed 21 Jan 2011)</u>
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-			<u>Iowa Journal 1919, p. 2363-2364</u>
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James Newberry was born in New York State, May 26, 1827. He received his education in Ohio. His younger days were spent in farming and at his death he owned one of the best farms in Clayton County. He came to Iowa in 1855 and in 1876 he moved to the town of Strawberry Point where he remained till his death. In 1879 he bought the Press which he edited for several years. In the spring of 1882 he began the publication of the Iowa Dairyman, a journal devoted to the dairy interests of the West. He was united in marriage in 1852 to Miss Hannah Marie Westfall. By this union there were five children, Byron W., who is Senator from this district, Dr. Frank J., of Los Angeles, Cali., Mary E. Kingsley, Charles W. and Kate Gertrude, of Strawberry Point. Mrs. Newberry died February 8, 1905. Mr. Newberry has held various offices in the town, county and state. From 1863 to 1869 he represented his county in the Legislature and for 8 years he held the office of County Supervisor. Altho past ninety years of age, Mr. Newberry has been able to be about town until a few weeks ago

when he was taken ill, passing away Saturday morning. Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. C. Harris, pastor of the Congregational church. All places of business were closed during the funeral. Miss Grace Pollard of Waterloo and Mr. Guy Rankin, of Ft. Dodge, both relatives were here to attend the funeral.

L. W. Menges, of Chicago, spent Thursday with his sister, Mrs. Carl Schoeppe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barnes, of Delhi visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Blake is visiting in the Rev. J. C. Rose home in Masonville.

A. McGarvey returned Saturday from a visit in Mineapolis.

Miss Mary Uhl went to Iowa City Tuesday where her niece underwent an operation.

Miss Maud Hall is visiting friends in Masonville.

Jay Ball went to Oelwein Thursday to work in the shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Wooldridge returned Monday evening from Edgewood, where they attended the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Carrothers.

Father Casey returned Monday from a visit with his brother in Mason City.

Check Williams returned Sunday to Huntington, Indiana, after a visit here



PORTRAIT AND

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OF

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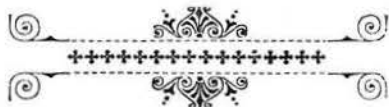
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when one and one-half years old; and Cornelia is at home.

After his father's death our subject took charge of the present farm, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres of highly cultivated land on section 14, Garnavillo Township. He also owns eighty acres of fine timber land just south of the farm on which he lives. Mr. Kregel's educational advantages were very poor, not having the opportunity of attending school but one and one-half years, the rest of his time being spent on the farm. He is well posted however in the issues of the day and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the township and is one of the representative citizens. He and his excellent wife are both members of the Lutheran Church. Our subject politically is a believer in and a supporter of the Republican party.



**HON. JAMES NEWBERRY**, editor of the Strawberry Point Press, was born in Orange County, N. Y., May 26, 1827.

His father, John Newberry, was a son of John, Sr., also a native of the Empire State, and had a brother James, who served in the War of 1812. In 1829 he removed with his family to Ohio and settled in Lorain County, where he died in 1851. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally Fancher, was born in New London, Conn., and died in Ohio April 19, 1876.

The subject of this sketch is the third among five brothers. William, the eldest member of the family circle, went to Michigan in 1835 and there engaged in farming. He was a man of considerable prominence in his locality and held a number of offices of honor and trust. His death occurred in that state in 1890. Sylvanus, a mechanic by trade, died in Algiers, La., in 1849. David is engaged in the fruit business at Mt. Dora, Fla. John still remains on the old Ohio homestead.

From the age of two years until twenty-eight

our subject was a resident of the Buckeye State. In the schools of Norwalk he received an excellent education that fitted him for successful business life. Coming to Clayton County, Iowa, in 1855 he settled upon a farm about four miles southeast of Strawberry Point and there he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1876. While living on the farm he filled a number of local offices, among them being that of Supervisor. In 1868 he was elected to represent this district in the State Legislature, which responsible position he filled with efficiency for one term.

The marriage of Mr. Newberry occurred in 1852 and united him with Miss Maria H. Westfall, a native of New York. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters. The eldest, Byron W., was born in Ohio, September 1, 1853, and in 1875 was graduated from Upper Iowa University at Fayette. The following year he was graduated from the Law Department of Iowa State University, and in February, 1877, commenced the practice of law in Strawberry Point. He has built up a large practice in which, together with the real-estate business, he has amassed a fortune. In 1883 he aided in organizing the Strawberry Point State Bank, of which from the first he has been Vice-President, and in fact is also acting President, as the gentleman holding that position is not a resident of the county.

The second son, Frank J., is one of the Professors in Iowa State University, and is a skillful physician and a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear and throat. He has traveled extensively in this and other countries and is a very able and cultured gentleman. The third son of our subject, Charles, is a graduate of the Law Department of the State University and is associated with his brother in the law and real-estate business. The elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Newberry is Mary E., wife of H. M. Kingsley, a business man residing in Washington, D. C. The younger daughter, Kate G., is a teacher in the Strawberry Point schools.

In 1877 Mr. Newberry purchased the Strawberry Point Press, which he has since published and which is a leading organ of the Republican party in this section. He owns a farm consisting of

nearly four hundred acres which he rents, and also owns valuable city property. He is the manager of the Strawberry Point Creamery, the largest in the state, and is also connected with other leading enterprises in this city.



**J**OHAN P. BROOKSHIER, a courageous veteran of the Civil War and well known citizen of Clayton County, Iowa, was born in Clark County, Ky., November 12, 1836. He is the son of William and Juda (Louis) Brookshier, who were also natives of Clark County. The father was born in 1799 and departed this life in 1839. The mother of our subject was born in 1797, and passed away in 1861. They were the parents of six children, Elizabeth, Craddock, John P. (our subject), Clearey, Martha and Mary. The father of our subject was a prominent farmer of Kentucky, where he made his home until his death, which was caused by accidental drowning. The mother of John P. emigrated to Clayton County, Iowa, where she remained until her death, making her home with her brother.

Our subject was cast out into the world to "paddle his own canoe" at a very early age. He chose the occupation of farmer, working early and late, in seed time and harvest, and grew up a thoroughly practical farmer, well versed in every duty of farm life. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, Forty-first Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers. For two years he was a brave and faithful soldier, but in battle he received a serious wound which disabled him from further duty, and in 1863 was honorably discharged. He then came to Clayton County, Iowa, and purchased a small farm consisting of forty acres of land, on which he built a log cabin and settled down to his old occupation of farming. He has become very successful in this occupation and now owns two hundred and fifteen acres of land. He has a fine farm, plenty of stock and all the latest improved machinery.

December 9, 1863, Mr. Brookshier was united in

marriage with Miss Mary Andrews. She was born in 1837 and was one of twelve children, of whom William and Ruth Andrews were the parents. The latter were natives of England and emigrated to America in 1830. Our subject and wife are the parents of six children: William, who is Township Clerk, Carrie B., Minnie, Ida M., Mamie and Stella, four of whom are deceased. Mr. Brookshier intends giving his two remaining children a first-class education. He and his estimable wife are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are ever ready to aid in the good work and religious enterprises of their denomination. Politically he is a staunch Republican. He has filled many offices of honor and trust, serving as Constable and Supervisor for a number of years. He is very intelligent and clever and is proud of his old Kentucky home and the scar which he received in the late Civil War. He has by a life of strict integrity and faithful attention to duty won the confidence of all who know him.



**G**EORGE ALFRED GOODING. Upon section 3, Wagner Township, is situated one of the valuable farms of Clayton County. It is the property of Mr. Gooding, who, settling here in 1853, purchased a tract comprising one hundred and sixty acres of his present farm. To this he afterward added ninety-eight acres, making a total acreage of two hundred and fifty-eight. During the more than forty years covering the period of his residence in Wagner Township he has devoted his attention to the raising of cereals and stock, making a specialty of the latter department of agriculture, in which he has met with considerable success.

The Gooding family is of English origin. Our subject's father, Josiah Gooding, was born in Playford, near Ipswich, England, and passed the days of boyhood in the land of his birth. When eighteen years of age, he crossed the ocean, accompanied by his brother William and sister Jane. After

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## JAMES NEWBERRY.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of James Newberry, beg leave to submit the following report:

*Whereas*, The Honorable James Newberry, who was heretofore a member of the House of Representatives from Clayton County, Iowa, during the Twelfth General Assembly, departed this life at his home in Strawberry Point, Iowa, on September 22nd, 1917, and

*Whereas*, His record as a man, a legislator, a public official and a citizen, has been of the highest character, and

*Whereas*, It is fitting that we should recognize in some fitting manner, the passing of this distinguished citizen. Therefore be it

*Resolved By The House of Representatives Of The State Of Iowa*, That in the death of James Newberry the state of Iowa has suffered a distinct loss.

James Newberry was born in Orange County, New York, May 26th, 1827, and died at Strawberry Point, Iowa, September 22nd, 1917. When two years of age his father and family moved to Ohio, locating in Browhelm Township, Lorain County, where he was reared on a timbered Ohio farm. He was educated in the common school and attended Norwalk Academy, Norwalk, Ohio. He taught school several winters in Ohio and engaged in farming the balance of the year. He followed the same course for a number of years after his removal to Iowa.

On November 25th he was married to Miss Maria H. Westfall, a native of New York, at Browhelm, Ohio. Five children were born to them, all of whom are living, viz—Byron W. Newberry, Charles W. Newberry, Mrs. Mary E. Kingsley and Kate G. Newberry, all of Strawberry Point, and Dr. Frank J. Newberry of Los Angeles, California.

In March, 1855, he moved with his family from Ohio to Iowa and settled on a farm in Clayton County, four miles southeast of Strawberry Point, which he had purchased the previous autumn and which he owned at the time of his death, and where he engaged in active farm work till 1876, when he rented the farm and moved to the town of Strawberry Point, where he has since resided. In 1877 and several following years he engaged in the newspaper business at this place. He assisted in organizing the successful Strawberry Point Farmers Creamery and was secretary and manager for three years. He was always deeply interested in the advancement of agriculture and educational interests and was a thorough and successful farmer and dairyman. He took as much interest in the farm and its management in his last days as he did when he settled here more than sixty years ago. He was a great reader and a forceful writer. He was a public spirited man and did all he could to advance the welfare of the community and the public at large.

He served as representative from Clayton County in 1868-9 in the 12th assembly and at the time of his death was one of five surviving members of that legislature. For several years he represented the township on the county board of supervisors and filled many other positions of trust and responsibility with credit. He was a plain, genial kind

25th, 1902, he and Mrs. Newberry celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. His beloved wife died February 3rd, 1905, a bereavement to him that time did not lessen.

*Be It Resolved.* That the life of James Newberry, as a citizen, as a legislator, and in every other walk of life, has been such as to commend his example as an inspiration to those who follow after. His unswerving fidelity to duty, his faithfulness in every public and private trust, and his character as a citizen should inspire all with whom he came in contact to a higher ideal of life and living, and be it further

*Resolved.* That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this House of Representatives and engrossed copy thereof be sent to his son, Byron W. Newberry.

WILLIAM BECKER.  
ARTHUR SPRINGER.  
S. W. KLAUS.

WILLIAM J. MOIR.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the Honorable William J. Moir, late member of the House of Representatives in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

William J. Moir was born in Scotland in the year 1825, and emigrated with his parents to America in 1830. He came westward to Indiana, was naturalized in that state and in 1856 was admitted to the Bar. On October 27th, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Olive J. Ball, a native of Canada, who died only four months before his departure. Their two sons, Marcus W. and George J. survive their parents.

Mr. Moir came to Eldora in 1856 and thereafter made his home in that city. Mr. Moir was elected to the Legislature from Hardin County in 1861 and re-elected in 1863. In the first session he was a member of the judiciary committee. That session was made memorable by an incident which Mr. Moir relates himself. The newspapers reported the surrender of Fort Donelson while the Assembly was in actual session. Every man sprang to his feet shouting loudly and some one started the "Star Spangled Banner." One member moved that the prohibitory law be suspended for twenty-four hours and it was reported that it carried unanimously. In his second session Mr. Moir was chairman of the committee on claims and was especially active in railroad legislation. He was a close student of all that was going on in the Legislature. He was active in the work of several committees and enjoyed the respect of all members. At his death, Mr. Moir with the exception of Edward H. Stiles, was the only survivor who had voted for Grime's re-election to the United States Senate.

Mr. Moir was repeatedly called upon by his fellow citizen to fill places of trust and responsibility. He was for several years mayor of Eldora, president of the Hardin County Agricultural Society, president

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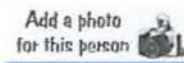
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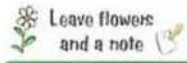
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