

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative BEREMAN, THOMAS A. Senator _____

Represented Henry County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place C. 1*##, 4 March 1833, Hendricks Co., Ind.

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna C. Paxson, (Ohio -); 18 May 1860, Henry Co., Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

lawyer, editor, public official

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mayor, G.A.R.

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 11th GA, 1866, house, Henry Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local councilman and recorder, Mt. Pleasant; secy school board; Clerk of District Court, District Atty

B. State Co. E, 1st Iowa Cavalry

C. National _____

7. Death 21 March 1904, St. Louis, Mo.; buried Forest Home Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

8. Children (1) Harold A; (2) Howard T.; (3) Mildred A.; James

9. Names of parents parents moved from Indiana to Iowa in July 1845.

Samuel Emerson Bereman

Bereman, Thomas A.

10. Education Howes Academy; Knox College

11. Degrees B.A., Knox

12. Other applicable information Inspired by Prof. Howe's anti-slavery attitude, he and several other young men hauled supplies to Kansas to support John Brown, in mid 1850's. After graduating from Knox he read law and was admitted to bar in Mt. Pleasant in 1859. When news came of firing on Fort Sumter he immediately enlisted in 1st Iowa Cav; was elected 2nd Lt.; aptd Capt 1863 and Major 1865. After the war he returned to Mt. Pleasant and bought Mt. Pleasant Home Journal, which he edited for a year, then sold it and returned to practice of law. Elected to Legislature 1865 and served in 1866 session, then resigned when elected Clerk of District Court in November 1866; reelected 1868. Then practiced, and became district attorney 1878. Also served on city council and as city recorder; and secretary of school board.

Was Mason, and worthy master of local chapter.

Not found in

He is not found on 1860, 1870, 1880 or 1900 census for Iowa.

Apparently moved to St. Louis before 1900, where he son was living. He died there, and apparently his wife did too, several years later.

Buried in Forest Home Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant; wife not buried there.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Mt. Pleasant Weekly News, 30 March 1904.		x	death; burial
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
GAR records		x	bio; death
History Henry Co. 1879		x	bio
Port & Bio Album Henry Co. 1888		x	scattered refs
Hist. Henry Co. 1906	x		
For3est Home Cemetery listings		x	burial
1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses	x (not in indexes)		
Rogers, Newspapers of Henry County		x	ref to paper ownership

- *Obituary - The Mount Pleasant Journal, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Fri. Mar. 25, 1904, p. 1, col. 6*
- *Obituary - The Mount Pleasant Weekly News, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Wed. Mar. 30, 1904, p. 5, col. 3*

and is a graduate of the St. Louis Medical College. On the 1st day of January, 1856, upon the occasion of a leap-year party, he married Miss Phebe J. Jenkins, of Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Ill.; their wedding was a complete surprise to their friends. Prof. Hull, of Agency City, was married at the same time and at the same place. Mrs. Beattie was engaged in teaching in the University when Senator Harlan was its President. Prof. and Mrs. Beattie have two children—Charles, born May 5, 1859, and Helen La Rue, born Feb. 15, 1864; lost one daughter—Jessie Irene. Becker, C. G., Professor, college.

BECK WITH, WARREN, CAPT., contractor for masonry work on the C. B. & Q. R. R.; born in Monroe Co., N. Y., Jan. 31, 1833, and received his education there; studied surveying civil engineering when he was 19 years of age; and in 1852-54, he was engaged on the Genesee Valley R. R. (now the Rochester Branch of the Erie R. R.) Went to Kansas in 1854, and came to Iowa in May, 1856; became connected with the B. & M. R. R., directly after the Land Grant Act was passed, from 1856 to 1860, then resigned and went to Texas with stock. When the war broke out, returned here and enlisted in the 4th Regt. Iowa Cav.; held the position of Battalion Adjutant; he was promoted to Captain, Jan. 1, 1863; he was in a number of severe fights and skirmishes; in the battle of Guntown one-third of his men engaged were killed and wounded; he was in the service until August, 1865. Upon his return, was appointed Roadmaster of the B. & M. R. R., and held that position until the consolidation of this road with the C. B. & Q. R. R., when he was appointed Superintendent of the track and bridges over the whole line, which position he held until he was appointed chief engineer of the whole line. On account of his health he has recently resigned. He married Miss Louzenia Wallace Porter April 14, 1863; she is a daughter of Col. A. B. Porter, one of the earliest settlers of Henry Co. They have five children—Everett, Orville, Emily, Florence and Warren. Bedford, Lewis, laborer.

Beers, T. J., dentist.

BEREMAN, T. A., attorney at law; born in Hendricks Co., Ind., March 4, 1833; came with his parents, by wagon, to Iowa; arrived in Mt. Pleasant July 31, 1845; he attended school here; then entered Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill., and completed his education; commenced reading law, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. When the war broke out, he was among the first to enlist; the day the news was received of the rebels firing on Fort Sumter, in April, 1861, he enlisted in the 1st Regt. I. V. C., Co. E; was elected 2d Lieutenant; in June, 1863, he was commissioned Captain Co. E. and in January, 1865, was promoted to Major; was in the service till the close of the war, then returned. Bought out the *Home Journal*, and conducted that for one year, then engaged in the practice of his profession. In the fall of 1865, was elected to the State Legislature; was elected Clerk of the District Court in the fall of 1866, re-elected in 1868; was elected District Attorney at the recent elections, November, 1878; was a member and Recorder of the City Council; is now Secretary of the School Board. He married Miss Anna E. Paxson, from Columbiana Co., Ohio, May 17, 1860; they have three children—Harold A., Howard T. and Mildred A.

Berry, Elias, laborer.

Berrins, M. T., farmer.

Bigler, Theodore, speculator.

Bird, N. T., druggist.

Bird, Wellington, physician.

Black, John B., plasterer.

Booten, Morris, laborer.

BOWMAN, H. M., of the firm of Bowman & Kaufman, elevator and grain business, coal and seeds; born in Lancaster Co., Penn., April 24, 1844; he came to Iowa and located in Mt. Pleasant in 1866; he engaged with J. W. Castor, afterward with Castor & Farwell, in the grain business; associating with Mr. Kaufman, he engaged in the grain and coal business. He married Miss Amanda Cleaver, from Washington Co., Penn., in 1871; they have two children—Gertie and Florence.

Bradrick, I. A., minister.

Bratton, H. L., peddler.

control of the Des Moines Journal, a rival of the Des Moines Register. In October, 1874, Edwards sold his interest in the Des Moines Journal and become engaged in railroading, taking charge of the construction of the Rock Island extension from Oskaloosa to Knoxville, Iowa.

In 1876 Mr. Edwards had gone to the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern, now part of the Rock Island system, as its general freight and passenger agent. In 1879 he left the service of that road and become general manager of the Iowa Central, now the Minneapolis & St. Louis. Mr. Edwards died at Duluth, Minn.

O. H. Snyder was of the well remembered Snyder family, which for many years lived in Mt. Pleasant. A sister of O. H. Snyder married Frank Hatton. After Snyder and his partner, Edwards, sold their interests in the Home Journal to Major Bereman, Snyder, together with Frank Hatton, bought the Free Press.

In a few months Hatton sold his interest to Snyder, the latter in turn took in one of his brothers, and under the firm name of Snyder Brothers, published the Free Press for some years, and in connection with which more will be learned of them in the story of the Free Press.

With the close of the Civil war, the men from the north began returning home, and resuming civilian activities. Among those was Major T. A. Bereman, an attorney of Mt. Pleasant, who had early enlisted in the Union army. Soon after his return negotiations were started with Edwards & Snyder for the purchase of the Home Journal. The sale was made and the first issue under the control of Major Bereman, was of the date, October 2, 1865. Mr. Jacob B. Ritner, a brother-in-law of Major Bereman, owned a substantial interest in the paper, but took no active part in its publication. Captain Ritner early enlisted in the Union army, in the First Iowa Infantry and later in the Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry. He died January 12, 1873, and was interred in

Forest Home cemetery. No changes were made in the conduct of the Home Journal, aside from changing the publication day from Saturday to Friday, which was done with the issue of January 8, 1866. But Major Bereman, finding the business of publishing not to his taste, sold the Home Journal to Richard Hatton, on July 1, 1866, a decade after its establishment.

Of Major Bereman we find some interesting information. The Major came to Mt. Pleasant, with his parents, in 1845, decided on the law and in due time was admitted to the bar. He was one of the group which went to Kansas to help John Brown, Osawatomie Brown, in his struggle to keep Kansas from slavery. Fort Sumter was fired on in April, 1861, and Bereman at once enlisted in the First Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. He soon was commissioned lieutenant, later captain, and when he left the army at the close of the war he was a major. Aside from local and county offices, Major Bereman was elected in 1865 to the Iowa legislature as the representative of this county. For many years his home was on "Piety Hill", White street just north of Saunders.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Richard Hatton was the publisher of the Cadiz, (Ohio) Republican. Among his children was Frank Hatton, a lad of not quite sixteen, who ran away from home and enlisted in the Union army and served during the war. After the close of the war Frank Hatton landed in Mt. Pleasant. While here he learned that Major T. A. Bereman, publisher of the Home Journal, was anxious to dispose of the paper.

Frank Hatton at once returned to Cadiz and induced his father, Richard Hatton, to sell his newspaper there, and purchase the Home Journal at Mt. Pleasant. The first paper issued under the ownership of Richard Hatton was July 1, 1866. The bound half volume, July 1-Dec. 31, 1866, shows that Richard Hatton was the publisher. That Richard Hat-

already arrived, and will be seen upon the shelves. They intend to keep a first-class stock, and have everything fresh and new. This stock will include Coffees, Teas, Flour, Candies, Fruits, Breakfast Foods, and in fact everything that can be found in a first-class grocery store. They will also deal in corn, oats, and feed stuffs.

The meat market will be conducted the same as usual, and special attention given to telephone orders for both meats and groceries. Delivery of goods will be made to all parts of the city.

Another special feature that the firm intend to push will be of interest to the farmers. They will make a special effort to handle all the country produce that is brought to them, including butter, eggs and poultry. For this they intend to pay the highest cash and trade prices. The farmers of Henry county will do well to see this new firm before arranging to dispose of their produce, and see what they can do there.

The firm is one that the public will have all confidence in, and such confidence will be rightly placed. These well known business men start in their new enterprise with words of encouragement and approval from everybody. They believe that they have hit upon a popular plan in combining the two stores, and that they will meet with great success. A combination store of this kind tends to reduce the expenses of operation in the employment of help, and in the delivery of goods and the handling of country produce, which is a strong point in their favor.

The JOURNAL wishes the new firm every success.

The atmosphere in the City Hall is clearing up somewhat. There is no particular hurry about purchasing the new electrical apparatus, and it is not likely that the Council will call for bids until after the new councilmen take their seats. It seems to be the opinion of both the Mayor and the Council that after the election is over and matters get settled down, will be the time to talk about future plans for the light and water plant.

fornia in 1852. He crossed the plains with an ox team and engaged for a time in work as a farm hand, receiving \$1,000. for his first years work, \$1200 for the second and third and the last two years receiving \$180 per month. He returned to Henry county in 1858 and purchased a farm of 125 acres. He was married in 1858 to Miss Isabel Paine, a native of Virginia. Mr Smith is survived by Mrs Smith and three children, Charles Smith who lives near Trenton, Mrs E G Linn of this city and Elbert E. Smith now a resident of Chicago. Two children died in infancy.

Mr Smith was an upright and honest man in all respects. In his death one of Henry county's best citizens has been taken away.

DEATH OF MAJOR BEREMAN.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death of Major T. A. Bereman. Mr. Bereman was an old and prominent resident of Mt Pleasant, but for the past year or so has been living with his son, H. A. Bereman, at St. Louis. For the past few years his health has not been good, having been stricken with paralysis a few years ago.

The remains will be brought here for burial, and are expected Thursday afternoon.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon in charge of the Masons.

DEATH OF MRS. PERRY.

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death of Mrs Matt Perry at her home in Chariton after a lingering illness. The deceased was at one time a resident of this city. The interment will be in the family lot in the Burge cemetery near New London Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lulu Kopp, a student of the college, left yesterday for her home Sperry where she will spend her vacation.

last fall. Iowa farmers have optionally good start and with season it is probable the state produce a bumper crop. Another such as we have had during the 70 years would be unprecedented. We see our hopes and expectations on what has been."

itions, Mr. Sage says, are good: spring wheat. He expresses belief that in coming years farm-southern Iowa will learn that planting of spring wheat is profit-

BETA BOYS ENTERTAIN.

Dull Spring Vacation With An Informal Party at Chapter House.

Beta boys, who are staying in during the spring vacation ended a few friends at an informal at their chapter house on Broad street Friday. The evening was pleasantly spent playing games, singing college and fraternity songs. Light refreshments were ser-

ving persons were present, Jennie Miser, Laura Carrol, Mies, Axie Lute, Ina Duncan, Tribby, Jessie June, Gertrude Julia Shankland, Mae Hills; Messrs. Earl Dean, Bert Mershon, Stephens, Everett Gates, Virett Emory Miller, James Richard-ly Willcox, Judson Piper, and Ewers.

WORTH A THOUGHT.

Statement Will Interest Scores of Mt. Pleasant People.

Facts given below are worth a read by all who are anxious about physical condition or are similar-situated to this resident of Mt. Pleasant. It is a local occurrence and has been thoroughly investigated.

N. Renshaw, foreman at Smith's planing mill residing at 101 Lincoln St., says: "If the box of Doan's Kidney Pills pro-duced just as represented I can guarantee this I never would have had the second neither would I have had up the treatment until I took Doan's. I have had trouble with

summer. 35 cents, tea or radish 10c. J. H. JERICHO & Co.

FUNERAL OF MAJOR BEREMAN.

Services Are in Charge Of The Masonic Order And Held At Ritner Home.

The funeral services over the remains of Major T. A. Bereman were held Friday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Ritner. The services were in charge of the Masonic order both at the house and the grave. The singing was furnished by a quartette, Misses Schleip and Tribby and Messrs Budde and Drummond. The pall bearers were members of the Masonic lodge and were as follows, Dr. Farr, A. T. Higgins, J. D. Dugdale, A. J. Kaufman, L. F. Willard and H. T. Bird. The remains were interred in Forest Home cemetery. A large number of friends were present at the funeral, the deceased being at one time a prominent resident here. The two sons of Mr. Bereman, Harold Bereman, of St. Louis, and James Bereman, of Aurora and a sister, Miss Sallie Bereman were here for the funeral.

Thomas Armstrong Bereman was born March 4th 1833, in the state of Indiana and moved to Iowa in the year 1845. He enlisted in Co. E., 1st Iowa Cavalry June 13, 1861 and was mustered into the U. S. service July 29, 1861, and commissioned 2nd. Lieutenant of said company the same day—resigned as 2nd. Lieutenant Sept. 1852 and was appointed Captain of Co. E., 10th Iowa Cavalry June 1, 1863. Was appointed and commissioned Major of the same regiment in March, 1865 and was mustered out May 12, 1865. He was elected to the Lower House of the Iowa Legislature in the fall of 1865, served till 1866 and resigned in the fall of 1866 and was elected Clerk of the District Court of Henry County, Iowa and served two consecutive terms; Was elected District Attorney for the First District of Iowa in 1878 and served four years.

SAD DEATH OF YOUNG CHILD.

Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard ... Passes Away.

Pension association. Geo. H. Eno, engineer, was elected president, R. W. Robinson, conductor, secretary, and treasurer. Object, to formulate a pension plan and try to have it adopted on the C. B. & Q. railway.

Any employe in any department may upon the payment of 25 cents become a member of this association.

APPOINTS SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

President Galer Appoints Committee To Serve The Interest of Our Schools.

R. S. Galer, president of the school board Friday appointed the standing committees of the school. The officers of the school district are as follows:

President, R. S. Galer.
Secretary, H. E. Snider.
Treasurer, James T. Gillis.

The following are the members of the board of directors, F. G. Wait, R. S. Galer, I. P. Van Cise, F. B. Crane and O. A. Geeska. The committees as appointed by Mr. Galer stand as follows: Finance and Accounts, Mr. Galer and Mr. Van Cise; Buildings, Grounds, and Janitors, Mr. Wait and Mr. Geeska; Discipline and Rules, Mr. Van Cise and Mr. Crane; Supplies and Apparatus, Mr. Crane and Mr. Wait; Teachers course of study, Text books and Examinations Mr. Geeska and Galer.

REV. HURLBURT LEAVES BURLINGTON

Will Go To Buffalo N. Y. the First of June To Accept Pastorate.

Burlington is to lose Dr. Hurlburt Ph. D., pastor of the First M. E. church for over seven years. It has been known for several years that Dr. Hurlburt had received from different sources flattering offers, but had spurned them all, and remained in Burlington simply because he was so endeared to his people there and they were loth to release him. He leaves Burlington about the first of June to accept the pastorate of the Delaware Ave. M. E. church at Buffalo, N. Y. The church is one of the strongest in eastern Methodism and pays a salary of \$1000 a year. The building ...

Suspended

Died

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Bereman, Thomas Armstrong

Residence

Occupation District Attorney

Date birth 4 Mr 1833 Place Ind.

Date death Mr 21 1904 Place St. Louis, Mo

Cause Forest Home Cem Place burial Mt. Pleasant, Ia

War record Maj. E 1 Iowa Cav.

Rank Company Regiment State Organization
Age 28 Res. Mt. Pleasant

Enlisted Apptd. 2d Lt. Je 13, 1861.
Date Place

Capt. My 7, 1863. Promot. 2d Batt.
Major F. 15, 1865. Resigned 7 Ap
1865.

Discharged

Date

Place

War

Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

Father Samuel Emerson born Nativity Ky

Mother Nativity

Wife

Children

Harold St. Louis, Mo
James Aurora, Ill

Sister: Sallie Bereman

Source Roster Ia. Soldiers
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886. Lt.-Mt. Pleasant
Mt. Pleasant Weekly News Mar 23, 1904

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Bereman, Thomas A

Record Membership and Dues Paid.

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Post No. Place Date Joined
McFarland 20 (36) Mt. Pleasant 27 D 1879
Re. 2d trm '02 Dr. 1st trm '03

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount
Post 20 Application Paper - signed but not filled
out with age, service, etc., names Comm & date
elected and mustered in
Post #20 Desc Book: District Att.; Died Mr 21 1904

Member-at-Large

Year Date Paid Amount.

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