

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ezekiel Silas **Senator** Sampson,
Served from Keokuk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Dec 1831 Huron County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Eunice Ellen McCann 30 Sept 1855 Keokuk County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in 1856

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.

C. Profession Lawyer; prosecuting atty; district judge;
typesetter

4. Church membership Christian (in his youth)

5. Sessions served 11th General Assembly 1866

6. Public Offices

A. Local Keokuk County prosecuting attorney 1856-1858;

B. State Judge of the 6th District of Iowa Jan 1867 to Jan 1875

C. National In 1874 he was elected to the United States Congress serving for 4 years
in the 44th and 45th Congresses 4 Mar 1875 to 3 Mar 1879

7. Death 7 Oct 1892 Sigourney, Iowa West Cemetery, Sigourney, Iowa

8. Children Lee; Edmund; Flora; Lema; Clara;
Ellen; Lavina

9. Names of parents Ezekiel and Mary (Merifield) Sampson

10. Education Attended school between ages 7-12;
1850 - 1853 attended high school of Professor
S. S. Howe at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
11. Degrees 1853 entered Knox College in Galena, Illinois
1854 began the study of law in Oskaloosa with Ernoch
Eastman and S. A. Rice.
12. Other applicable information Republican
- The family moved from Ohio to Fulton County, Illinois and
then to Keokuk County, Iowa in 1843 - the first year white
people were permitted to ^{enter} upon the portion of the territory called
the "New Purchase."
- His father took and improved a claim and cultivated the
land until his death in 1853.
 - Age 12-19 he worked on his father's farms and studied
in the evenings.
 - He learned the printing ^{and typesetting} business at Professor S. S. Howe's
school in Mt. Pleasant.
 - Admitted to the bar in 1856 and moved to Sigourney,
Iowa to practice law.
 - Military service - Civil War - Co. F, 5th Iowa Infantry,
serving as captain, lieutenant-colonel
 - Wife, Eunice Ellen born 1839, died 3 May 1926, also buried in
Hart Cemetery, Sigourney, Iowa
 - After the war he returned to Sigourney and resumed his law practice.
 - After serving 4 years in the United States Congress he returned to his law
practice at Sigourney, Iowa

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

| Source | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained |
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| - | | | <u>GAR Records</u> |
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| - | | | <u>bioguide.congress.gov (accessed 31 Jan 2002)</u> |
| - | | | Obituary - <u>The Williamsburg Journal Tribune, Williamsburg, Iowa</u> <u>Iowa, Oct 21, 1892, p. 2, col. 3</u> |
| - | | | Portrait - <u>The original is located in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical</u> <u>Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa</u> |



Ezekiel S. Sampson.

J. Ballard and John Lister. City Hall school, J. A. Griffith, Nelson Lamb and Tom Arle. First Ward school H. C. Vore, R. Baylor and Thos. Lally. A. L. SHATTUCK, Supt. City School.

Judge E. S. Sampson died at his home in Sigourney at 3:30 p. m., Oct. 7th, 1892. He was one of the old settlers of Keokuk county, coming here in the year 1843. He attended school at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. In 1856 he was elected prosecuting attorney for this county and served three years.

When the war broke out he raised a company and was commissioned captain, the company forming part of the 5th Iowa Infantry. He was afterwards promoted until he became lieutenant colonel, which rank he held when mustered out at the end of the war. His regiment participated in the battles of Ioka, Corinth, the capture of Vicksburg and other conflicts of the war. While forming the regiment for the assault on Vicksburg, his horse was shot from under him.

After the close of the war he resumed the practice of the law at Sigourney, being associated with G. D. Woodin. In 1865 he was elected to the state senate and served one session. In 1866 he was elected judge of the district court, which position he held for the period of eight years. In 1874 he was elected to Congress and served two terms.

Since his retirement from office, he has been engaged in the practice of the law at Sigourney. His health has been gradually declining for the last six months, during the greater part of which he has been unable to attend to business.

Judge Sampson was known as an honest man, of temperate habits, a hard worker, a close student and an able jurist.

The family consists of the widow and seven children, two of whom, Mrs. O. M. Brown and Mrs. S. W. White, are residents of What Cheer. They were all present at his decease, and at the funeral, which occurred on Sunday, Oct. 9th, at 2 p. m., and which was attended by great numbers of neighbors and friends, as well as by many from a distance, quite a number being present from What Cheer.

Mr. G. W. Ait is visiting with his parents in St. Louis this week.—Williamsburg Journal.

We are pleased to announce that T. C. Legoe has decided to remain in What Cheer. He has come to a conclusion of which we are well assured, that our city from a business point of view is along with the best of them.

Rumor says C. E. Miller attended the What Cheer fair for the purpose of obtaining him a frau, and owing to the scarcity of preachers in that neighborhood, took brother Kight along with him.—Malcom Times-Leader.

A pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Sides last Monday evening by about fifty of their friends. As a token of friendship, they presented them with a dozen high backed kitchen chairs and also a rocker for each of them.

The Strohecker boys inform us that it is their intention to open here with their theatrical company on Nov. 15th. They expect to have a fine company of artists and will play only in large cities, What Cheer and Sigourney excepted.

The Marengo Democrat of last week says: Rev. Lewis, who takes Rev. Brooks' place here, has moved, but is not yet comfortably settled in his new home. He delivered two very fine sermons Sunday, and will prove a very able man for the place.

Miss Dora Johnson came down from What Cheer Friday to see her Keota friends. While in town she sold some lots for her father and bought a lot of furniture for the new house which W. C. Johnson is building at Marion. She returned to What Cheer on a special Sunday afternoon.—Keota Alta.

The Nassau band will give a musical entertainment and festival on Friday evening, Oct. 14. They expect to have five or six bands present and promise every one attending an enjoyable time. The bands are furnished free entertainment. Could not enough go from here, including the band, to have the switch engine take them.

S. C. James was at what Cheer fair last week with nine head of his Short-horns. He had very strong competition, showing in the sweep-stakes class against some imported stock, but he brought home many first premium cards. The steers well for the James herd when it is remembered he had to compete with about 40 head of cattle.—New Sharon Star.

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Editor.
Dept. Editor.

1892

TABLES

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12:30 p. m.

ST. PAUL, KY.

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2:30 p. m.

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APIDS & NORTH.
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The court house is being renovated.

Sam Smith of Kansas City is visiting in this city.

Rose Daut returned home after two weeks' visit in Kansas City.

Look at the first column on second page and remember the dates.

A big meeting at Lancaster to-night. Sigourney glee club will be there.

Do not forget to visit Mrs. Doble before making your purchases.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reed were in Sigourney last Saturday.

Several of our walks need repairing. Fix them up before the winter comes on.

Attend the political meetings advertised in our columns. They are all good speakers.

Remember Buck Woods has mazed his harness store to the west side of the square.

H. H. Hoegel is confined to his bed with a fever. Dr. Johnson is the attending physician.

F. A. Shipfer, Sen., has built a good sized addition to his home barn, which gives him plenty of room.

Drop in and look at our new line of gloves and mittens. We defy competition.

Wm. Black and wife, of Knoxville, brother-in-law of Henry Turner, has been visiting in Sigourney with friends.

Hon. S. H. Hedrix will talk to the boys out in Van Buren twp., at Lightfoot school house Thursday evening, Oct. 20th. Be present.

The People's Party people will have the pleasure of hearing their candidate for congress, E. S. Owens, in Sigourney Saturday afternoon.

If you want a nice suit made to order, guaranteed, or no sale, and wish to save \$5.00 to \$8.00, call and look at the 500 samples of imported goods at Chicago Clothing Co.

Mon. C. E. Platt will talk at South English next Tuesday night. He is one of the brightest young men in Iowa. South English should turn out en masse to hear him.

A car of potatoes will arrive this week, they are very fine and will be much higher. Those wanting from 5 to 20 bushels apply this week.

What for a partnership?

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DEATH OF JUDGE E. S. SAMPSON.

Ezekiel S. Sampson was born in Huron county, Ohio, December 6th, 1831, and died at his late home in Sigourney, Iowa, Friday evening, October 7th, 1892, aged 60 years, 10 months and 1 day.

For a historical sketch of the life and services rendered by the deceased, we refer the reader to the remarks made by Hon. G. D. Woodin and Col. C. H. Mackey, before the Bar Association of this county and to the resolutions passed by the association. It would be a repetition for us to repeat the history of the departed one, but it will be more appropriate for us to refer you to the facts already stated by men who have been associated intimately with him for thirty-five years and men who knew him and his worth, as no others outside of his family knew him.

But we wish to say we know him personally, long before we came to Sigourney to reside, and in congress. For fourteen years, including a few days, we have been residents of Sigourney, and during our residence here have had a great many business transactions with him, in one form and another, and we never found a more honorable or more pleasant man to do business with. He was always kind and reasonable, fair and honorable, would rather give than take a cent not his due. He was a home man and spent his hours when business did not call him away, at home with his family. The people of this county had faith in him, knew his worth, and appreciated him.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Revs. D. A. Hunter, J. C. Kendrick and J. G. Thompson. There was a very large attendance of our citizens including many from most all portions of the county. The members of the bar of this county and about twenty-five attorneys from Oskaloosa and Washington marched to the late residence of deceased, along with the C. A. R's, and old soldiers, and after the services marched to the cemetery. In a body. The members of the bar acted as honorary pall bearers. Several of the pall bearers were members of his old company while in the army.

The pall bearers were: F. M. Smock, Wes. Shanaffelt, Chas. Mohane, James Rentfro, J. T. Parker, Wm. Bently, F. A. Schipfer, W. R. Hollingsworth, James Reed and W. H. Needham.

The following attended the obsequies from Oskaloosa, mostly members of the bar: Hon. W. H. Seavers, Hon. L. C. Blandford, Major Lacey, G. W. Lafferty, G. C. Morgan, James Carroll, John C. Hendryx, J. M. Hendryx and wife, Hon. Ben McCoy, wife and niece, W. W. Haskell and wife, Dan Davis and wife, J. W. Johnson, Fred Patmer, Capt. C. P. Seale, F. D. Beld, Richard W. Hyde, W. R. Lacey, Albert W. Swain, Fred Homer, Miss Lida Dodds and John O'Malcolm.

Judge A. H. Dewey and Col. Schofield were present from Washington.

The Keokuk County bar were represented as follows: C. H. Mackey, G. D. Woodin, J. P. Tally, A. G. Schulte, C. H. Mohland, D. W. Hamilton, D. T. Stockman, J. C. Beem, J. G. Johnson, Jas. H. Mackey, F. L. Goeldner and Frank Waninger.

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PROCEEDINGS OF BAR MEETING.

Relative of the Death of Judge Sampson. At a meeting of the bar of Keokuk County, held in Sigourney, October 8th, 1892, C. H. Mohland was elected chairman, and D. T. Stockman Secretary. A committee on resolutions consisting of G. D. Woodin, C. H. Mackey, J. P. Tally, D. W. Hamilton, A. G. Schulte and C. G. Johnson, was appointed, who reported the following, which were adopted:

C. H. MOHLAND, Chairman. D. T. STOCKMAN, Secy. Ezekiel S. Sampson, the oldest resident practitioner at this bar in point of time of commencement of practice, is dead. Indicative of our estimate of the loss our bar sustained by reason of his death, we submit the following resolutions:

1st. That we, the members of the bar of Keokuk County, mourn with profound sorrow the death of a valued friend whose eminent abilities and high professional learning was ever a source of our most sincere pride; whose urbanity and courteousness in practice won our most heart-felt thanks; whose fairness and want of under-handedness in all our intercourse with him secured our profound esteem, and whose manners socially, resulted in our warm regard for him as a most valued friend.

2nd. That while we testify to his high standing as a lawyer and as an advocate; the exalted position he attained in the history of the jurisprudence of Iowa as a judge and to his exalted moral character as a man distinguished throughout his long residence here, we rejoice in knowing that all these were overshadowed by his domestic virtues, displayed in a life free from all the vices.

3rd. That the foregoing resolutions be published in the papers of the county that they be presented to the next term of our District Court and to the Supreme Court, and copies of them be sent to the family of the deceased.

G. D. WOODIN, C. H. MACKEY, J. P. TALLEY, D. W. HAMILTON, A. G. SCHULTE, C. G. JOHNSON.

On submitting the report of the committee on resolutions, G. D. Woodin made the following remarks:

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patting industry as at the bar, if cases was such that it could be taken under advisement, he went to the bottom of it and in such cases he was seldom reversed.

During the eight years of his service, cases involving long, intricate accounts were seldom referred, such was the confidence in his fairness and ability, both lawyers and clients preferred him to a referee. He willingly assumed a burden he might well have shifted from his own shoulders, did the work usually done by a referee in such a manner that such a case was never reversed.

He was courteous to the members of the bar, especially so to the younger members, and would listen with apparent interest to their arguments, however lengthy, when he well knew what his decision would be as soon as the proposition had been stated to him.

He had none of the arts of the politician and his fiercest political adversary never for a moment thought his political future influenced, in the least his decisions. Before his last term as Judge closed such was his popularity achieved in the judgeship that he was nominated for Congress at Ottumwa while engaged in holding a term of court at Fairfield, not a candidate, and not knowing that his name would be presented to the congressional convention.

I have always since its occurrence, been of the opinion that his refusal to accept the proffered judgeship for the third term, was the mistake of his life. Had he so accepted, in lieu of taking the nomination for Congress, I am sure he would have gone on the Supreme Court Bench in 1876 where he would have gained much more renown than in Congress, and where he would have remained until his death. But fortune indeed is the man who at the age of sixty-one has committed so few mistakes as did E. S. Sampson.

His industry has been misconstrued into austerly and want of sociability. At early morning while in his practice he went directly from his house to his office not delaying on the way, at noon he as directly retraced his steps, and the same was repeated in the afternoon and again in the evening. As a natural consequence he was never in special favorite with the goods boxes, but when loose from work he was sociable entertaining and an agreeable companion to an unusual degree.

In all business transactions, he was the soul of honor and there is no human being on earth who ever suffered to the extent of one cent by reason of a dishonest or over reaching act on his part. In view of an acquaintance of thirty-five years duration, more intimate than usually falls to the lot of men, I am prepared to say were E. S. Sampson alive to-day, and were I with him alone on the desert and about to die, I would give to his keeping every cent of property I have upon earth, without moments hesitation, or a particle of fear; that he would not account to my children for the uttermost farthing.

A faithful and most able attorney, an upright judge and one of the foremost the state has ever produced, a man in whom there was no guile, he showed in the family circle more respectful than in any other capacity. Kind and gentle there, he devoted his life what seemed to him to be their welfare and left behind him no blot they would probably desecrate.

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H. A. SEAMANS.

The Nauvoo meeting that was advertised has been postponed. The republican club had had in force to the Lacey meeting at Deep River.

Pupils not absent for month ending Oct. 7, 1892, at No. 9 German township: Nettie Ritzinger, Ethel White, Josin Saakenberg, Lucy Banky, Eddie Parrish, Nick Wehr and Ohle White.

Programme of Praise Services at M. E. church, Sunday eve, Oct. 18th, 1892.

Anthem. Scripture reading and prayer. Anthem. No. 50, Epworth Hymnal. Anthem. Address. Anthem. No. 65, Epworth Hymnal. Collection. Anthem. Benediction.

FINE HOG SALE.—On Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Okaloosa fair grounds, 75 head of thoroughbred Poland China swine will be sold at auction.

Dan Haley met with an accident on Saturday at his home. He was adjusting some harness, when a colt became frightened and ran off, knocking him down and dragging him several feet...

In Loving Memory of Little Bernice Brooks.

She has "gone" into that other more beautiful life. Her mission on earth is ended, Jesus has taken unto Himself the "precious jewel." We loved her, and oh! how we will miss her gentle and sweet presence...

Burned was not quite four years yet manifested a rare delight, to be in the Sabbath school, here too, her little presence and sunny face will be sadly missed. Prophetic seems the words of her farwell to me, as I now recall...

The Jackson County bar were represented as follows: C. H. Mackey, G. D. Woodin, J. P. Tally, A. G. Schutt, C. H. Mohand, D. W. Hamilton, D. T. Stockman, J. C. Hoem, J. G. Johnson, Jas. H. Mackey, F. L. Goddard and Frank Waninger.

Judge Sampson had been sick since the early summer, but part of the time was able to be out on the street. At the March term of court he was feeling very bad and some of his cases were continued. The last term of court did not last long on account of the Judge's serious illness...

RON F. LOWE, Post, No. 167, G. A. R., Sigourney, Iowa, passed the following:

WHEREAS, Our comrade, Col. E. S. Sampson has been called by the Supreme commander of all, and by that call, we his comrades are forcibly reminded that we all will soon be with that Grand Army on the other shore...

Resolved, That in the loss of our comrade, we most humbly bow to the mandates of Him who doeth all things well, and while we bow we will ever remember with pride that our comrade was one of that Grand Army that dared to do and die, that our country might live...

Resolved, That we his comrades extend to his wife and children our most sincere sympathy in the irreparable loss. That the Post room be draped, and the members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days...

By order of committee, C. PINKERTON, J. T. PARKER, Adjutant, Commander.

DIED.—Bernice, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Bert H. Brooks, died Saturday evening, Oct. 24th, 1892, at Morris, Iowa, and was buried at Sutherland, Iowa, Monday, Oct. 10th, aged 4 years, 1 month, and 3 days.

Fine canned fruits are arriving daily. E. H. CAURTEL.

Cash for eggs at J. M. Richardson's.

...and served as such until the now constitution abolished the office, in the meantime engaging also in the general practice. He continued to practice until the breaking out of the rebellion, when he enlisted in the first company raised in this county, Co. F, 5th Infantry and was elected its captain.

I came to this county in 1857 and found him with a remarkably good practice for a lawyer not 25 years old and but one year at the bar. A very intimate friendship immediately sprang up between him and me which continued until the day of his death...

I shall only speak of him as a lawyer, judge and a man, because I personally know only as matter of current history what was his standing as a soldier, and as a member of congress. He and I were law partners from the time of his return from the army until his election as judge, and during all his practice, since September 1857 I have been retained with him, against him, or present at nearly every trial in which he has been engaged...

His whole soul was enlisted for his client, but for success he would do no dishonorable act. He was the very embodiment of honor. No attorney at this bar, no attorney anywhere who knew him well would ever think of asking him to reduce to writing a contract to be used on a trial.

He was an able advocate, his addresses to the jury were exhaustive, and if the facts were not clearly understood, it was not his fault. But to the court he was especially strong. Fortified beyond most attorneys in a thorough knowledge of the law, with most exhaustive preparations in every case, he seldom failed in impressing on the court his own convictions. He was a complete master in distinguishing between the case cited and the one on trial and never permitted dictum to take the place or have the force of an opinion of the court.

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Some of the attorneys habitually in attendance at the district court of this county are older than he; others are fast approaching his age, still others are at life's meridian. Is it not well in view of the sorrow his death has thrown over our pathway, that his survivors ponder the thought that "the shadows of last night will soon gather around us" as well? When that night shall come, fortunate, thrice fortunate, will be he who can look in the eye of each and all at his bedside with a little to regret as had Ezekiel S. Sampson.

Col. C. H. Mackey spoke as follows: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: I am common with this bar, I deplore the death of our Bro. E. S. Sampson more particularly do I deplore it as a friend indeed.

My acquaintance with him commenced when we were both young men. I spent several months before my admission to the bar in his office, we both came to this county from the same state with our parents and both settled in the same township in the western part of this county and we have both resided in the county ever since, and so close has been the relationship between us, that the intimate friendship between us has never once been broken.

In addition to what our Bro. Wood has so well said I would add that I served the people as a public servant in the legislature of the state and in congress, with credit to himself, in his constituency, in the performance of his duty as a legislator he performed the same in the same way he performed his duties in private life, which was a quiet and unostentatious manner. He was not one of that class of men that was at home amid the tumult and confusion of a political life, and since his retirement from politics, frequently told me that he would not again engage in any scramble for office. He was more at home on the bench than any other place and had his health permitted would doubtless, been forever on to the bench of this district, by the unanimous voice of the bar of the whole district, all good lawyers love just and able judge.

Our brother has performed other services for the public, for which he should and will hold him in great remembrance, besides what he has done in civil life. Early in 1861, when the war of the rebellion had been fully commenced, he raised a company of volunteers in this county and went to the front with the gallant Fifth, Iowa Infantry.

While one would hardly think from his well known quiet and peaceful habits, he would have entered the army until he done so, not because it suited his tastes, or to gain renown and honor in military life, but he went from strict sense of duty, believing it was his duty, to do so, to the end that the temporary Des Moines, Iowa, would be destroyed, he loved his laws and institutions, and was willing to risk his life in its defense. He went through

MOURNED BY MANY.

Hon. E. S. Sampson, Ex-Member of Congress, Passed Away.

On last Friday afternoon at his residence in Sigourney occurred the death of Hon. E. S. Sampson, one of the leading citizens and most prominent attorneys of Keokuk county. The Judge had been ill for some months from a complication of diseases, which baffled the skill of the leading physicians. During the early part of last week, however, he seemed to rally and up to the hour of his death the family entertained hopes of his recovery.

Judge Sampson was born in Ohio on the 6th of Dec., 1831, and came with his parents to this county in 1843. During his early life he worked on a farm, obtaining much of his education by night study. From 1850 to 1853 he attended Howe's Academy in Mt. Pleasant, paying his way by setting type. He then read law in Oskaloosa, with Eastman & Rice. He was married in 1855 to Miss Eunice McCann, and in the year following removed to Sigourney, which has since been his home. Judge Sampson was in the army during the war, entering in 1861 as Capt. of Co. F, 5th Iowa Infantry. He was made lieutenant colonel in 1862, and served in that capacity till the close of the war. In 1865 he was elected state senator and in 1866 judge of the Sixth judicial district, which position he held till 1874, when he was elected to congress. He represented the Sixth district for two terms, or until 1878. He then retired from active political life and engaged in the practice of his profession. As a jurist and as a legislator Judge Sampson was known as an able, honest and incorruptible man. In his private life he was an indefatigable and conscientious worker, a faithful friend and a loving husband and father. His simple, kindly, unaffected disposition was never spoiled by position or success, and while admired for his abilities he was none the less loved for his good qualities.

He leaves a wife and seven children, Lee and Edmund and Mrs. Clara Dodds, of Sigourney, Mrs. Flora Brown and Mrs. Ellen White of What Cheer, Mrs. Leona Nugent of Barton, Kansas, and Mrs. Vina McQuaid of Chicago. To these mourners the REPORTER tenders a sympathy born of reverence and affection for the deceased.

The funeral services occurred at the family residence Sunday, Oct. 10th, at 2 p. m., Rev. Hunter officiating. The attendance was very large. Members of the bar from various parts of this judicial district were present, and a great number of old soldiers were in the procession. Many of the Judge's old friends drove over from here. A special train run down from Oskaloosa for the accommodation of those who attended from there.

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DEATH OF JUDGE E. S. SAMPSON.

Keokuk County News
Ezekiel S. Sampson was born in Huron county, Ohio, December 6th, 1831, and died at his late home in Sigourney, Iowa, Friday evening, October 7th, 1892, aged 60 years, 10 months and 1 day.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by Revs. D. A. Hunter, J. C. Kendrick and J. G. Thompson. There was a very large attendance of our citizens including many from most all portions of the county. The members of the bar of this county and about twenty-five attorneys from Oskaloosa and Washington marched to the late residence of deceased, along with the G. A. R's. and old soldiers, and after the services marched to the cemetery in a body. The members of the bar acted as honoray pall bearers. Several of the pall bearers were members of his old company while in the army.

The pall bearers were: F. M. Smock, Wes. Shanafelt, Chas. Mohme, James Rentfro, J. T. Parker, Wm. Beatty, F. A. Schipfer, W. R. Hollingsworth, James Reed and W. H. Needham.

The folling attended the obseques from Oskaloosa, mostly members of the bar: Hon. W. H. Seever, Hon. L. C. Blanchard, Major Lacey, G. W. Lafferty, G. C. Morgan, James Carroll, John C. Hendryx, J. M. Hendryx and wife, Hon. Ben McCoy, wife and niece, W. W. Haskell and wife, Dan Davis and wife, J. W. Johnson, Fred Palmér, Capt. C. P. Searle, F. D. Reid, Richard W. Hyde, W. R. Lacey, Albert W. Swalm, Frèd Romer, Miss Lida Dodds and John O. Malcomb.

Judge A. R. Dewey and Col. Schofield were present from Washington.

The Keokuk County bar were represented as follows: C. H. Mackey, G. D. Woodin, J. P. Tully, A. G. Schulte, C. H. McDonald, D. W. Hamilton, D. T. Stockman, J. C. Boem, J. G. Johnson, Jas. R. Mackey, F. L. Goeldner and

word "caravel" comes from the car a bella; and with this logic it is safe to suppose that the was applied to those vessels on it of the grace and beauty of their and finally was applied to the vessels which went ahead of the dispatch boats. Nevertheless, as all that is reliable, in the letter an de la Casa, Columbus' pilot, his drawings and the descriptions of Columbus' log, it is as- sessed that these vessels had two lateens serve for this double in bending the sails half way by stowing them like yards by means ropes. Instead of having the now used for reefing, these sails of canvas called bowlines, were unfastened when it was to diminish the sails.



THE SANTA MARIA.

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PILOT BY INSTINCT.

of the Earlier and Less Famed Journeys of Columbus. es the mental labors of Columbus' early life in chartography, so able to an intellectual development which the influences were very apparent everywhere around repeatedly engaged in voyages, thereby gaining experience and training in the art and office of an accomplished navigator. Thus he sailed up to the extreme north and to the southern limits of the then known, visiting Guinea and

scientific purpose of all these is found fully set forth in the written by Columbus himself, and tend to demonstrate the inhabitation of the various zones of the earth far beyond the bounds then ascribed by popular superstition to the limits of human life.

He said, according to a writer in the Century, "in the year of the month of February, a hundred leagues beyond Thule island, of the austral part is distant seventy degrees from the equinoctial line, sixty-three, as some say, and within the line which bounds the continent, as Ptolemy says, but is rather to the westward; and the land, which is as large as England, the Englishmen with wares, by those of Bristol; and at the end of the sea was not reached, but there were very great winds twice in the day twenty-five miles in height and fell as much."

IOWA NEWS-LETTER.

Notes of General Interest to Readers in the Hawkeye State.

Death of Judge Sampson, a Pioneer Resident—Universalists Hold Their Semi-Centennial Session—A Girl Missing at Bloomfield.

[Special Des Moines Correspondence.]
DEATH OF JUDGE SAMPSON.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 17.—Hon. E. S. Sampson died at his late home in Sigourney, October 7, 1902, after several months' illness. He was born in Huron county, O., December 6, 1831. His father was of English descent and his mother was a native of Vermont. The family, when E. S. was quite young, removed to Fulton county, Ill., thence to what is now known as Keokuk county in 1843—the first year the whites were permitted to enter on that portion of the territory called the New Purchase. He was educated in the public schools. From 12 to 19 years of age he worked on his father's farm, and only attended school one winter; however he was a close student in and out of school. His father was in limited circumstances. From 1850 to 1853 he attended high school at Mt. Pleasant, and he paid his last two years' tuition by setting type mornings and evenings and on Saturdays. In the autumn of 1853 he entered the sophomore class of Knox college; his father died during the year which terminated his educational privileges, and he entered the law office of Eastman & Price at Oskaloosa. The year following he was admitted to the bar, and in the spring of 1856 moved to Sigourney, which remained his home until death. In 1856 he was elected prosecuting attorney and served three years. He enlisted in the late war and was commissioned captain of company E, Fifth Iowa infantry. In 1862 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and served in that capacity until mustered out in 1864. On returning from the army he entered upon the practice of law in partnership with George D. Woodin and soon took a leading rank at the bar. In 1865 he was elected to the state senate, and in the fall of 1866 he was elected judge of the Sixth judicial district and served in that capacity until the end of 1874, having been reelected in 1869 without opposition. He was considered one of the best judges the district ever had. In this he won and maintained the reputation of being one of the foremost jurists in the state, receiving on his retirement the most flattering testimonials as to his ability from the bar of every county in the district while yet on the bench, and after having declined to become a candidate before the convention. He was nominated to represent the Sixth district in the Forty-fourth congress, and was elected and reelected in 1876 by a majority of 4,000. He made an honorable record in congress. Judge Sampson married Miss Emma McCann in 1855. Seven children were born to them, and his wife and children survive him.

IOWA UNIVERSALISTS.

The Iowa Universalist convention closed its semi-centennial session at Des Moines, Iowa, on Tuesday evening. The convention was very encouraging. Rev. Dr. Hanson, of Chicago, on Tuesday evening

SNOW.

Effect of the severe snow storm on All Railroad Traffic—Life Reported—Death.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Oct. 17.—By two days the severe snow known on the Union Pacific here and as Ogden, Utah. In graphic communication until late Thursday this dispatch was on a temporary w roads have been cuts being filled with some places was Rotary snow plows work between Grand the snow being 5 feet at the latter place. bound trains have but left after the re plow.

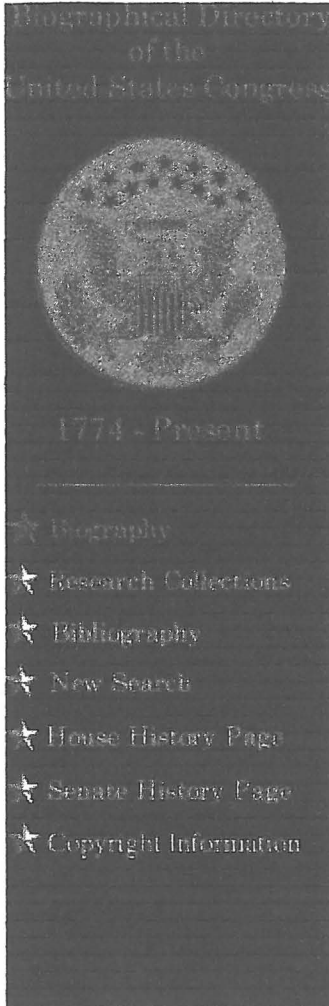
At Granite canyon erts was blown off the car and hurled down bankment, the deep life. Reports are of immense loss of cattle in eastern Colorado and in thousands of dollars' worth are known to have perished. It is estimated that almost all cattle and horses on the line have been destroyed by the known dead man on the side of the railroad track. Col. He had perished of the storm.

COLORADO SPRINGS. Word was received in Island trainmen of death along that road to Springs and the Ka Falcon the track-wall by the storm and a culvert, where he death. Near Mattise sheep were found dead investigation the de herder was discovered away. He had evidence to find a house, but the attempt. Engine was running the show ously injured by a breaking off and, crashed, striking him in reported that 300 had frozen to death between Linon.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 17.—Colorado has been the its history, especially the year. At Palmer divide, the snow is deep, and rotary snow sary to bore holes through. Trains are at a standstill are all down. Accidents are coming in wrecks occurred at Union Pacific, the re ing snow. In the first for King had both arm skull fractured. A was at the same place. brakeman, could not account of the snow. under the engine and An Australian miner stepped into a shaft co at Central City and was instantly killed.

FATAL RAILROAD

Trains Near New I. NEW LONDON, Conn.



SAMPSON, Ezekiel Silas, 1831-1892

SAMPSON, Ezekiel Silas, a Representative from Iowa; born in Huron County, Ohio, December 6, 1831; moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1843; attended the public schools, Howe's Academy in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Knox College, Illinois; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa; prosecuting attorney 1856-1858; enlisted in the Union Army as captain in the Fifth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861 and was lieutenant colonel of the same regiment when mustered out in 1864; returned to the practice of law in Sigourney, Iowa; member of the State senate in 1866; judge of the sixth district of Iowa from January 1867 to January 1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, October 7, 1892; interment in West Cemetery.

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the west; the firm also owning extensive grain elevators at Annawan, Illinois, Atlantic and Wilton, Iowa, besides the Star Flouring Mill and a capacious elevator at Davenport. Mr. Hancock is likewise the proprietor of many thousands of acres of excellent farming lands in the states of Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, and is justly recognized as one of the capitalists of the west. His superior business qualifications and sterling integrity were appropriately recognized by his election to the presidency of the Davenport Board of Trade in 1875, to which he was reelected in 1876, being probably the youngest merchant who was ever honored with a position of like responsibility and eminence. His characteristics as a business man may be inferred from the success which has attended his brief but brilliant career. A sound judgment, united with the most scrupulous integrity of moral principle, an intuitive perception of men's motives and character, quickness to adapt himself to unexpected events, and prompt decisive action when he has made up his mind, are doubtless the chief qualities that have contributed to his business success, to which may be added that push and energy characteristic of so many successful western men. He, moreover, possesses a genial and affable temperament, and is one of the most devoted and unchangeable of friends.

Generous and charitable, he witnesses with pleasure the success of others, and cheerfully gives a helping hand to worthy young men beginning in life.

He was brought up under Methodist influence, but is now a regular attendant on the services of the Presbyterian church, to the support of which, as well as to charitable and benevolent objects generally, he is a generous contributor.

In politics, he is a staunch and earnest republican; but has never held any office, except of a local or municipal character.

Mr. Hancock is a distinguished Mason, a Knight Templar of No. 9, St. Simon of Cyrene, and was during his residence in Illinois four years master of lodge 352.

He was married on the 5th of December, 1867, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Rev. Samuel B. Hardman, a veteran minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, a lady of rare personal beauty, and of the highest mental endowments; amiable, graceful, accomplished and vivacious. She diffuses happiness and sunshine amidst a large circle of devoted friends and admirers. She is, moreover, an exemplary member of the Presbyterian church, and illustrates her christian principles by a life of consistency and usefulness. They have one child, Harry Walton, born on the 12th of May, 1870.

HON. EZEKIEL S. SAMPSON,

SIGOURNEY.

EZEKIEL SILAS SAMPSON, member of congress for the sixth district of Iowa, was born in Huron county, Ohio, on the 6th of December, 1831, and is the son of Ezekiel Sampson and Polly *née* Merifield. Ezekiel Sampson was third in descent from Ezekiel Sampson, — supposed to have been a native of Massachusetts, but of English parentage, — who, in 1766, united with Warwick Baptist Church.

Tradition says that said Ezekiel was a lieutenant in the revolutionary war, and subsequently pastor of a church in Shohockton, Delaware county, New York. A paragraph in "Whaley's History" states that the first wedding in Mount Pleasant, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, which occurred on the 1st of January, 1796, was that of Silas Kellogg and the eldest daughter of Josiah Mumford. "The ceremony was performed by Ezekiel Sampson, a Baptist minister;

there was then no resident clergyman or magistrate. Mr. Sampson came from the Delaware, twenty miles distant, guided by marked (or 'blazed') trees. It was a gay new-year's party, for nearly every man, woman and child in the town was present, and all were accommodated in one room," — from which it may be inferred that the room was either very large, or the town very small. Later authentic records inform us that this same "Elder" Sampson, "recognized" at Mount Pleasant, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of October, 1806, the first Baptist church organized in that county. He came from "Eighth" town, a point between Owego and Ithaca, New York, and preached before Chenny Association. The records touching the time and place of his death are conflicting: one account says that he died in the "Lake country" at an advanced age, another says that he died in Detroit, Michigan.



E. J. Sampson

Isaac Sampson, son of "Elder" Sampson, as he was called, was also a soldier in the revolutionary war during the entire struggle, and afterward removed from Delaware county, New York, to Ontario, near Geneva; thence to Rochester; thence to Huron county, Ohio, and thence, about the year 1835, to Fulton county, Illinois, where he died soon after. Isaac Sampson was the father of Ezekiel Sampson, the father of our subject, who was born in the State of New York in 1793. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was married in Monroe county, New York, to Polly Merifield, in 1816. He removed thence to Huron county, Ohio, and from there to Fulton county, Illinois; thence to what is now Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1843—the first year the whites were permitted to enter upon that portion of the territory called the "New Purchase." He took and improved a claim, and subsequently entered a part of it. This he continued to improve and cultivate until the time of his death in 1853. He was a very energetic, hard working man, and acquired considerable property in his younger days, but lost it all in the hard times of 1836-40, and came to Iowa a very poor man; but by hard work at his trade of stone-mason, and plasterer part of the time, and close attention to his new farm, assisted by his family, he was enabled to save the money to enter his place, by the time the land came into market.

He and his wife were once members of the Baptist church, but while yet in Ohio, and early in life, they united with the Christian church, and maintained that connection till the time of their death. He was an elder and leading member of the organization, near Springfield, Keokuk county, for many years before his decease, and was highly respected and honored by all who knew him.

Although he had received but a limited education, yet he was extremely fond of reading religious and historic works, and afterward became possessed of considerable information.

The mother of our subject was a native of Vermont, and the daughter of Joseph Merifield, who in early life (from about 1790 till 1806), in addition to farming in a small way, assisted in the maintenance of his family by hunting and trapping along what are now the historic banks of Otter creek. Her leading traits of character were, strong attachment to localities, conscientious regard for religion, order and deliberation in her movements, and precision, accuracy and ingenuity in all work where these qualities were called into requisition. She died

in 1870, aged eighty-two years, in the full assurance of faith and in hope of a blessed immortality. She had made her home for several years previous to her death with our subject, who is the youngest of a family of eight children, of whom but four survive.

Ezekiel S. Sampson, our subject, attended the public and subscription schools a portion of the time between the age of seven and twelve years. From twelve to nineteen he worked on his father's farm, attending school but one winter. He was, however, a diligent student, and extremely fond of books. He studied arithmetic and grammar at night and during the intervals of labor, often carrying Kirkham's grammar to the corn-field, to read while his jaded horses would rest. His father, being in limited circumstances, was able to render but little assistance to his son in the way of procuring an education, so that he was mainly thrown upon his own resources.

From 1850 till 1853 he attended the high school of Professor S. S. Howe, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. In addition to the management of his academy, the professor published a newspaper, and gave his students the privilege of learning to set type, an opportunity of which young Sampson availed himself until he became so proficient at the business that during the last two years of his stay at the academy he was able, by working Saturdays, and mornings and evenings, to pay his board and tuition fees. In the autumn of 1853 he entered the sophomore class of Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, and passed through the year on very scanty means, working to help pay his expenses, when the work could be procured. His father died during this year, which terminated his educational privileges. He had acquired a fair knowledge of mathematics, Latin, and the sciences generally, and a considerable understanding of Greek. He had also developed a taste and aptness for professional studies, and accordingly in the autumn of 1854 commenced the study of law in the office of Messrs. Enoch Eastman and S. A. Rice, then in the practice of law at Oskaloosa. In the year following he was admitted to the bar, and in the spring of 1856 moved to Sigourney (which has since been his home) and entered upon the practice of his profession. In the month of August following he was elected county prosecuting attorney, and held the position till January, 1859, carrying on a general civil practice at the same time. In the autumn of the last-named year he was nominated by the republicans for representative of Keokuk county in

the general assembly of the state, but was defeated by a majority of thirty-four votes.

Immediately after the fall of Fort Sumter, in April 1861, he volunteered with a sufficient number of others from the county, to form a company, which was tendered to the governor on the first call for troops, but on account of the many earlier offers of others, more convenient of access, the company was not actually mustered into the service till the 15th of July, 1861, when it became company F, 5th Iowa Infantry. Our subject served as captain of this company till September, 1862, when he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, and served in that capacity until mustered out in September, 1864. He participated in all the marches, fatigues, hardships and privations, and shared in the triumphs and glories achieved by his gallant command, in the advance on New Madrid, capture of the rebel force of Island No. 10, and the manœuvres against Corinth under General Halleck, in the battle of Iuka, the battle of Corinth under General Rosecrans, trip down the Yazoo Pass, battle of Jackson (Mississippi), battle of Champion Hills, and assault on Vicksburg, on the 22d of May, 1863,—in which last three engagements he commanded the regiment. He was also in command from the time the army under Grant left Milliken's Bend to cross the river below Vicksburg, till some time after the last-named stronghold was invested. He also participated in the battles of Mission Ridge, near Chattanooga. In one of these engagements, Champion Hills, his horse was shot under him, a minie-ball entering his left side near the heart. With blood streaming, and frantic with pain, he plunged down the hill among fallen trees, where the colonel was compelled to dismount, abandon him and proceed with the formation of his regiment in line of battle. The horse ran back a short distance and expired. In other engagements Colonel Sampson twice felt the rebel lead on his person, but so lightly as not to disable him from duty. His conduct at the memorable battle of Iuka, one of the fiercest contests of the war, is complimented in the highest terms by his colonel in his report of that encounter.

So pleased and filled with admiration were the officers of his regiment by his courage and skill, that as a fitting expression of their sentiments with regard to his conduct while in command, that they had manufactured a magnificent and costly sword, with appropriate devices, which was presented to him with an address soon after. Among the devices

on the one side of the weapon is an illustration of the regiment in battle,—the colonel's horse expiring on the field, while he on foot is issuing his commands to the regiment; on the other side is the following inscription:

Presented to Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Sampson by the officers of the 5th regiment Iowa Infantry, in token of our appreciation of his gallant services in the fields of Jackson, Champion Hills and Vicksburg.

This well-earned and highly complimentary memento of his gallant services to his country, from his copatriots, will be a source of just pride and gratification to his descendants to the remotest generation, and will be cherished by them as a priceless souvenir.

On retiring from the army he entered again upon the practice of the law in partnership with G. D. Woodin, Esq., and soon took a leading rank at the bar.

In the autumn of 1865 he was elected to represent his county in the state senate, and served in the session of 1866, being a member of the committees on the judiciary, constitutional amendments and corporations, and making a most excellent record as a legislator. In the autumn of the latter year he was elected judge of the sixth judicial district of the state, and served in that capacity till the end of 1874, being reelected in the autumn of 1869 without opposition. In this situation he won and maintained the reputation of being one of the foremost jurists in the state, receiving on his retirement the most flattering testimonials as to his ability and impartiality from the bar of every county in the district. While yet on the bench, and after having declined to become a candidate before the convention, he was nominated to represent the sixth district of Iowa in the forty-fourth congress. He accepted the nomination with the understanding that he would serve out his term as judge, and was elected by a majority of two thousand seven hundred votes. He served on the committees on patents and "Freedman's Bank." As measures which received his special attention as a member of the committee on patents, were the limitations of terms of patents granted, first in foreign countries and afterward in this; and what interest, if any, an officer of the army detailed to make experiments in improvements of arms or ammunition might have in new and useful discoveries thus made; on both of which subjects he submitted reports to the house, which were adopted.

He also had charge of a senate bill for the punishment of the counterfeiting of trade marks, on

which he submitted many important amendments for the consideration of his committee, which were adopted by the committee, and afterward by the house and senate. He also favored the bill for the counting of the electoral vote, on which he delivered a speech of great ability and wisdom, in which the patriot rose above the partisan. He was reelected to congress in 1876, by a majority of four thousand votes.

In politics he has always affiliated with the republican party since its organization.

While quite young he became a member of the Christian church, but since arriving at manhood has not been a member of any church. He frequently attends the services of different denominations, and liberally assists in the maintenance of all Evangelical churches.

Mr. Sampson is a man of singular coolness and self-possession, and although naturally of quick temper, is seldom known to be excited, or to manifest feelings of anger or bitterness. In manners he is quiet, unassuming, courteous and dignified, and universally beloved by all classes of society, while his home is the synonym of all that is generous and affectionate. He is also characterized by great industry, being always employed, if not for himself, for others; although of small stature, and apparently delicate framework, he possesses great energy and endurance.

In appearance he is quite youthful, fair and ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and light hair unmixed, as yet, by a single thread of gray. He is governed by the most rigid principles of honesty and integrity—a stranger to deceit, cunning, and other vices so frequently chargeable to members of the bar. His mind is of an eminently legal cast, and as a practitioner his forte is in being thoroughly prepared, and never taken by surprise.

As a judge, he was most careful and conscientious, taking as many cases as circumstances would permit, under advisement, and studying them thoroughly ere he rendered decisions, which were as impartial as the code of the state, and he left the bench unanimously regarded as among the ablest of the district judges in Iowa.

In the year 1855 he married Miss Eunice Ellen, daughter of William McCann, formerly of Indiana, afterward of Keokuk county, Iowa, a lady of great amiability of character and modesty of disposition, devoted to home and the interests of her family. They have had a family of seven children, all living, two sons and five daughters. The sons are Lee and Edmund; the daughters are Flora, Leona, Clara, Ellen and Lavina. Flora is the wife of C. M. Brown, Esq., an attorney residing in Sigourney; the others are still at home, but preparing for lives of usefulness and honor.

HON. THEODORE W. BURDICK,

DECORAH.

THEODORE W. BURDICK, congressman elect to the forty-fifth congress from the third district, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born at Evansburgh, Crawford county, on the 7th of October, 1836, his parents being Nelson and Amanda Mason Burdick. His father was treasurer and recorder of Winneshiek county from 1854 to 1858, and has long been one of the leading citizens of Decorah. His grandfather was Sheffield Burdick, of Wyoming county, New York, and his great-grandfather was Adam Burdick, third son of Nathan Burdick, of Rhode Island, whose two sons bore a conspicuous part in the struggle for our national independence.

At the age of seventeen Theodore was prepared to enter Oberlin College, Ohio, but at that time his father and the whole family immigrated to Iowa, reaching Decorah in the spring of 1853. During

the summer of that year a school-house was completed, and during the following winter the subject of this sketch became the first teacher.

In the spring of 1854, when his father assumed the responsibilities of the county office or offices already mentioned, the son took charge of the books, keeping them until, in 1857, he became of age; when his father's term of office expired, the son, in compliance with the vote of the people, succeeded him, holding it until he resigned to enter the military service.

In October, 1862, Mr. Burdick was commissioned captain of company D, 6th Iowa Cavalry, its field of operations being on the western frontier. He participated in three battles with the Indians: White Stone Hills, Dakota Territory; Tah-kah-o-kuta, near the line of Dakota and Montana Territories, and Bad Lands, on the Little Missouri river. He served

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learn the trade of millwright; he returned to New York and also lived for a time in Erie county, Penn.; in 1822 he removed to Illinois and was one of the inspectors of election that organized Kendall county, in that State; he came to Iowa with a wagon and four yoke of oxen, bringing two plows with him; he reached Tallestrand May 5, 1843; he settled in Warren township, where he resided thirty-five years; he has held various offices of trust; he served as county commissioner for many years, and also drainage commissioner, beside filling all the township offices; he is one of the oldest settlers of the county, and has been closely identified with its material growth and prosperity; he married Miss Drusilla Greenfield, in 1832; she was born in Montgomery county, New York; they have six children: Sarah (now Mrs. Hankins), Sabra (now Mrs. Payton), Nancy (now Mrs. Hildebrand), James P., John and Thomas J.; two sons, Maxon W. and Charles, enlisted in the late war; the former died at Helena, and the latter in Mississippi.

Randall, W. W., stock dealer.

Raumaker, F. S., mail carrier.

Rehkoff Bros., carriage makers.

Rickey, C. D., farmer, Sec. 35.

Richmiller, A., farmer, Sec. 17.

Rice, J. W., retired.

RICHARDSON, JOEL., clerk of the courts of Keokuk county; born in McDonough county, Illinois, in 1839, and lived there until 1845, when his parents removed to this county; he was raised a farmer and owns a farm of 130 acres in Lancaster township; he has held various township offices previous to his election to his present position; he married Miss Mary Brown, in 1860; she was born in Indiana,

and died in 1875; he afterward married Miss Lizzie Hubbird, in 1876; she was born in Keokuk county; their family consists of four children: Schuyler, Julia and Viola by first marriage; and a daughter: Lucie, by second marriage.

Robison, A. G., tailor.

Robison, T., cashier of Union Bank.

ROGERS, JOHN, justice of the peace; born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, in 1808; when eight years of age his parents removed to Ohio; here he learned the trade of shoemaker, and in 1839 he removed to Indiana, and in 1856 came to Keokuk county, bringing with him a printing press, and published the first paper published in Sigourney; he has held the office of county judge seven years, from 1861 to 1868; and mayor of the city for two terms, and justice of the peace for seven years; he has been thrice married: first, to Elizabeth Davis, in 1830; she was a native of Ohio, and died in 1846; he married for his second wife Elizabeth Derrick, in 1846; she was a native of Ohio, and died in 1853; he was married a third time to Diadana C. Adamson, in 1853; she was a native of Ohio; he has two children by first marriage: Howard S. and Mary (wife of G. W. McKean); by the second marriage, one son: Horace; and by the third marriage, one daughter: Alice (wife of Charles A. Gray).

Rohloff, farmer, Sec. 18.

Rosecrans, H. C., miller.

SAMPSON, HON. E. S., attorney; born in Huron county, Ohio, on the 6th of December, 1831, and is the son of Ezekiel Sampson and Polly, *nee* Merifield; his father was of English origin and his mother a native of Vermont; the family, when the subject of this sketch was young,

moved to Fulton county, Illinois; thence to what is now Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1843, the first year the whites were permitted to enter upon that portion of the territory called the New Purchase; the subject of our sketch attended the public and subscription schools a portion of the time between the age of seven and twelve years; from twelve to nineteen he worked on his father's farm, attending school but one winter; he was, however, a diligent student, and extremely fond of his books; he studied arithmetic and grammar at night and during intervals of labor; his father, being in limited circumstances, was able to render but little assistance to his son in the way of procuring an education, so that he was mainly thrown on his own resources; from 1850 to 1853 he attended the high school of Prof. S. S. Howe, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; the last two years of his stay at the academy he was enabled to pay his board and tuition by learning to set type, setting type mornings and evenings and on Saturdays; in the autumn of 1853 he entered the sophomore class of Knox College; his father died during the year, which terminated his educational privileges; having developed a taste and aptitude for professional studies, he entered the office of Messrs. Eastman & Rice, of Oskaloosa, as a law student; in the year following he was admitted to the bar, and in the spring of 1856 moved to Sigourney (which has since been his home); in August, 1856, he was elected prosecuting attorney, and held the position till January, 1859, at the same time carrying on a general civil practice; he enlisted in the late war, and was commissioned captain of Co. F, Fifth Iowa Infantry; in 1862 he

was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, and served in that capacity until mustered out in 1864; on returning from the army he entered again upon the practice of law, in partnership with G. D. Woodn, Esq., and soon took a leading rank at the bar; in 1865 he was elected to the State Senate, and in the autumn of 1866 he was elected Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State, and served in that capacity till the end of 1874, having been re-elected in 1869, without opposition; in this situation he won and maintained the reputation of being one of the foremost jurists in the State, receiving on his retirement the most flattering testimonials as to his ability from the bar of every county in the district; while yet on the bench, and after having declined to become a candidate before the convention, he was nominated to represent the Sixth District of Iowa in the Forty-fourth Congress; he was elected by a majority of two thousand, four hundred votes, and re-elected, in 1876, by a majority of four thousand; he served on several important committees with credit to the State, to his district, and honor to himself; he is at present engaged in the practice of his profession, and is associated with C. M. Brown; he is characterized as a man of great industry, and is governed by the most rigid principles of honesty and integrity; he was married to Miss Eunice McCann, in 1855; she was a resident of Keokuk county but a native of Indiana; they have a family of seven children: Lee, Edmund, Flora (now Mrs. C. M. Brown), Leona, Clara, Ellen and Lavina.

Sanders, Samuel, farmer, Sec. 3.
Schriever, Wm., cigar maker.
Snodgrass, H. S., clergyman.

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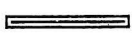
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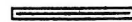
EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.



"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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Jamestown Academy, New York. Being thus prepared he entered Alleghany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with honors at the head of his class, in 1851. He then taught in an academy for a year, reading law in the meantime. He was admitted to the bar in 1852, and commenced the practice at Warren, Pennsylvania, with his preceptor.

In 1853, following the star of empire he took his way westward and settled as before stated in Iowa City. He at once opened an office and in a comparatively short time made his mark as a young lawyer. His thorough learning and superior professional accomplishments at once attracted attention and introduced him to the public favor. In 1854 the people of Johnson county elected him prosecuting attorney of the county and in 1855 the people of Iowa City elected him its mayor. In 1856 he was elected to the legislature from Johnson county and served in the house of the sixth general assembly.

His career in Johnson County was certainly a successful one, but in 1857 he was induced by prospects that seemed to him flattering to remove to and locate at Sigourney, where his career continued as successfully marked as it was in Johnson County. The next year after going to Keokuk County he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District, in 1858. He held the office for four years and gained a high reputation as a skilful and discriminating prosecutor. He was an untiring worker and could always be found either at the courthouse or his office. Through the course of many years he had one side or the other of almost every important case tried in that county. Nor were his professional efforts confined to the courts of his own county, but frequently extended to those of others and to the State Supreme Court and the Federal Court. He was known as one of the ablest lawyers in the State. He died at his home in Sigourney in 1903.

He was a man of rather slight figure, not above medium in height, with rather dark complexion, black hair, penetrating eyes of a searching character and a nervous, active temperament. He was civil enough in manners, but lacked the bonhomie and free fellowship that make men popular. He had the air of a student and his thoughtful face showed the lines of long and close study.

Ezekiel S. Sampson was born in Huron County, Ohio, in 1831. He was of original English extraction and belonged to a patriotic stock. His grandfather, Isaac Sampson, was a soldier of long service in the Revolutionary War. His father, Ezekiel Sampson, was a soldier in the war of 1812. After that war the family removed from Monroe County, New York, to Huron County, Ohio; thence to Fulton County, Illinois, thence, in 1843, to the Territory of Iowa, settling in Keokuk County. From this it will be seen that Ezekiel, the subject of this sketch, was twelve years of age when he came with the family to Iowa. Here he assisted his father in making and cultivating a farm, and here he received the most part of

his primary education. He subsequently became a pupil in the high school of Professor Samuel S. Howe at Mt. Pleasant, and in 1853 entered Knox College, Illinois. After leaving college he entered upon the study of his profession in the offices of Enoch Eastman and Samuel A. Rice at Oskaloosa. He was admitted to the bar in 1856, and commenced the practice at Sigourney, and during the same year was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the county. On the outbreak of the Rebellion he closed his office doors to enlist in the service of his country. He assisted in raising what became Company F of the 5th Iowa Infantry and was chosen and commissioned Captain of the company. He was subsequently promoted to Major and Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. He served with signal bravery and distinction for three years and a half until mustered out of service in December, 1864. He participated in some of the fiercest battles of the war, among others in that of Iuka, Corinth, Champion Hills, Jackson, and in the assault on Vicksburg. In the last three engagements he commanded the regiment. He was twice wounded and had his horse shot under him at the battle of Champion Hills. For his gallantry in the terrible battle of Iuka he received the compliments of his superior officer. When his horse was shot at the battle of Champion Hills he proceeded on foot to form his regiment in line of battle. As a testimonial of their admiration of his conduct while in command of the regiment, the officers thereof had manufactured for and presented to him a splendid sword, on which was ascribed appropriate devices, one of which, on one side of the sword, was the regiment in battle, the Colonel's horse expiring on the field, and he on foot issuing commands to the regiment. On the other side was the following inscription:

Presented to Lieutenant Colonel E. S. Sampson by the officers of the Fifth Regiment, Iowa Infantry, in token of our appreciation of his gallant services in the field of Jackson, Champion Hills, and Vicksburg.

In his report on the battle of Champion Hills he states the lost in killed and wounded at 25 per cent.*

Returning from the army he resumed the practice at Sigourney, and soon established a successful one. In 1865 he was elected to the State Senate, where after serving one session he resigned his seat to become the District Judge of the 6th Judicial District, to which he had been elected in the fall of 1866. His service on the bench covered a period of eight years. He became widely known as one of the most able and eminent trial judges in the State.

I knew him well, for we lived in adjacent counties, mutually practiced in both, and while he was on the bench I was, with more or less frequency, in his court. In addition to this we served as fellow members of the State Senate in the first session of the 11th General Assembly. He was one of the most quiet members of that

* Article, "Iowa at Vicksburg," by Colonel J. K. P. Thompson, *Annals of Iowa*, 5, Third Series, 281.

body. He rarely addressed himself to it and then only on important measures; but when he did have anything to say he was always clearly to the point. He had but little imagination and was by no means a man of brilliancy; but what he lacked in this respect was fully compensated by more solid parts. He was without the least show or ostentation, and was devoid of dramatic action. He was what might be called a matter-of-fact man, clear and logical. As a trial Judge he was one of the ablest and best that I have known in my own experience. He had a perfectly judicial temperament; his composure was seldom disturbed. His solution of the various questions arising in the course of a trial were always lucid and convincing. He had, so to speak, a natural legal mind which close study and application had brought to a full maturity. His instructions were always carefully and clearly drawn and he was scarcely ever reversed in his rulings by the Supreme Court.

On the close of his judicial services he was, in 1874, elected to Congress, and at the end of the term re-elected, serving in that capacity for four years, and at its close resumed the practice at Sigourney, where he died in 1892.

He was rather small in stature and not rugged in appearance. I can only describe him as I knew him when we were both young and middle aged, for I did not see him after my removal to Kansas City. He had a fair and rather ruddy complexion, blue eyes, light hair, and beard. He was perfectly unassuming and unpretentious in manners. His integrity was of the highest order.

Casius M. Brown married a daughter of Judge Ezekiel Sampson, and, from 1871 was a partner of Judge Sampson up to the time of the latter's death, under the firm name of Sampson & Brown. Mr. Brown was a native of Knox County, Ohio, born in 1845; he died at Sigourney in 1913. He was a soldier in the civil war and served until its close in the 142d regiment of Ohio infantry. On coming west he first settled in Muscatine County where he commenced the study of his profession, later graduating from the law department of the State University of Iowa. Thereupon he came to Sigourney and formed the partnership with Judge Sampson above mentioned. In the fall of 1881 he was elected to the State Senate from Keokuk County and served with efficiency in the 19th and 20th General Assemblies. He was a man of high character, a close student, an able lawyer.

Cyrus H. Mackey was born at Lewiston, Illinois, in 1837. In 1855 he removed to Springfield, in Keokuk County. His father was a carpenter and Cyrus learned that trade and while young worked with him. He entered upon the study of his chosen profession in the office of Ezekiel Sampson and Sanford Harned at Sigourney, and was admitted to the bar in 1858. He began the practice at Sigourney and continued it until 1862 when he entered the service and was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the 33d regiment of Iowa Infantry. In August, 1863, he was commissioned Colonel of the regiment. He was a brave soldier and

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Henry Co., IA.

12 Oct 1863—Sallie Anne Sampson & James Hicklin married in Keokuk Co., IA.

3 Jun 1868—Thomas Jefferson Hicklin, son of James, born in Keokuk Co., IA.

15 Aug 1871—John C. Sampson died in Keokuk Co., IA.

9 Mar 1882—Isaac Sampson died in Keokuk Co., IA.

31 May 1894—Alfred Hicklin, son of Thomas, born in Delta, Keokuk Co., IA.

5 Aug 1894—Sallie Anne Sampson Hicklin died in Springfield, Keokuk Co., IA.

10 Jun 1919—Vivian Louise Hicklin, daughter of Alfred, born in Amoret, MO.

4 Apr 1958—Thomas Jefferson Hicklin died in What Cheer, Keokuk Co., IA.

16 Feb 1967—Alfred Hicklin died in Norwood, MO.

Submitted by Patricia Jones Shaw

EZEKIEL SILAS SAMPSON

Ezekiel Silas Sampson was born December 6, 1831 in Huron County, Ohio to parents Ezekiel and Polly Merrifield Sampson, who later took their eight children and settled near Springfield, Iowa. From 1850 to 1853 Sampson attended Howe's Academy in Mt. Pleasant, where he supported himself working as a typesetter for Howe's newspaper. He then attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois for one year, but he had to terminate those studies when his father died. Next he moved to Oskaloosa and began the study of law in the office of Enoch Eastman and S. A. Rice. In 1855, he both passed the bar and married Eunice Ellen McCann, with whom he had a family of five daughters and two sons. One year later, he moved to Sigourney, where he worked as a lawyer.

When the Civil War erupted in April 1861, Sampson organized the first company of Keokuk County Volunteers, and was elected captain of this unit when it was mustered in as Company F of the 5th Iowa Infantry. In September 1862, following the accidental shooting of Colonel Worthington, Sampson was appointed Lt. Colonel of the 5th Iowa.

Sampson and the 5th Iowa saw action at New Madrid; the capture of Island No. 10; the maneuvers under General Halleck against Corinth; the Battle of Iuka; the Battle of Corinth; Vicksburg including the Yazoo Pass Expedition, Jackson, Champion Hill, and the assaults on Vicksburg; and Missionary Ridge at Chattanooga. He commanded the regiment during the Vicksburg campaign, and during part of Missionary Ridge. His report of the Vicksburg campaign is part of the Official Records, published by the US Government after the war.

In the Battle of Champion Hill, Sampson's horse was shot near the left side of his heart. With blood flowing and frenzied with pain, Sampson's horse charged down the hill, where Lt. Col. Sampson dismounted, abandoned the horse, and proceeded with the formation of the regiment in the line of battle.

At the north end of Missionary Ridge, the 5th Iowa was

suddenly thrust from a reserve point to the forward most attacking position. As this movement was underway, a sudden change of command put Sampson in charge of the regiment. Almost simultaneous with this, the Confederates, under the command of General Patrick Cleburne, charged down the hill. The Rebels captured over 80 members of the 5th Iowa, including poet S.M.H. Byers, who later became famous for naming "Sherman's March to the Sea."

As testament to the admiration and respect that Sampson had earned in the regiment, the officers presented Sampson with an ornamental sword, manufactured by Tiffany's in New York, that bore the inscription:

Presented to Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Sampson by the officers of the 5th Regiment Iowa Infantry, in token of our appreciation of his gallant services in the fields of Jackson, Champion Hill and Vicksburg.

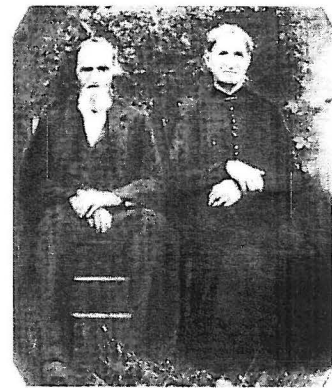
After the war, Sampson served in the State Senate, and then as a judge from 1867 to 1874. In 1874, he began four years of service in the U.S. Congress. Submitted by Charles F. Larimer

WILLIAM SAYLOR

William Saylor (1789–1862) was an early settler in Keokuk County, Iowa having purchased 120 acres of government land in Warren Township in 1849. He was born in Pennsylvania or Virginia and moved to Greene County, Tennessee with his parents Godfrey, Sr. (1763–1848) and Rebecca Saylor. He had a brother also named Godfrey, and the name has been passed down through six generations.

In 1810 in Greene County, Tennessee, William married Catherine Keller (1792–?) daughter of Jacob Keller and Mary Magdalena Rinker (1792–1844). He served in the War of 1812 as a fifer or a drummer at the Battle of New Orleans. William and Catherine Saylor had nine children.

The fifth child and second son, Godfrey (1821–1903) was born in Blount County, Tennessee. In 1828 William and family emigrated to Russell Township, Putnam County, Indiana. Later William purchased land in Montgomery County, Indiana. It was there that Godfrey Saylor married Prudence Taylor (1830–1910) who was born in Montgomery County



Godfrey and Prudence Saylor



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ditional convention in 1801; member of the council of appointment; served as lieutenant, captain, and major in the State militia; elected as a Republican to the Eighth and Ninth Congresses (March 4, 1803–March 3, 1807); unsuccessful Democratic candidate for reelection; elected to the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses (March 4, 1809–March 3, 1813); resumed agricultural pursuits; died on the Sammons homestead, in Montgomery County, near Johnstown, N.Y., November 20, 1838; interment on the homestead in the Simeon Sammons Cemetery.

SAMPLE, Samuel Caldwell, a Representative from Indiana; born in Elkton, Cecil County, Md., on August 15, 1796; attended the rural school; learned the trade of carpenter and assisted his father, who was a contractor; moved with his father's family to Connersville, Ind., about 1823; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1833 and commenced practice in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Ind.; elected prosecuting attorney in 1834; elected judge of the ninth judicial circuit in 1836 and served until 1843, when he resigned; was the first president of the First National Bank of South Bend; elected as a Whig to the Twenty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1843–March 3, 1845); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1844 to the Twenty-ninth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession in South Bend, Ind., and died there December 2, 1855; interment in the City Cemetery.

SAMPSON, Ezekiel Silas, a Representative from Iowa; born in Huron County, Ohio, December 6, 1831; moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1843; attended the public schools, Howe's Academy in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Knox College, Illinois; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa; prosecuting attorney 1856–1858; enlisted in the Union Army as captain in the Fifth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861 and was lieutenant colonel of the same regiment when mustered out in 1864; returned to the practice of law in Sigourney, Iowa; member of the State senate 1866; judge of the sixth district of Iowa from January 1867 to January 1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875–March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, October 7, 1892; interment in West Cemetery.

SAMPSON, Zabdiel, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Plympton, Mass., August 22, 1781; pursued classical studies and was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R.I., in 1803; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1806 and commenced practice in Plymouth; elected as a Republican to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1817, to July 26, 1820, when he resigned; appointed collector of customs at Plymouth, Mass., July 26, 1820, and served until his death there July 19, 1828; interment in Burial Hill Cemetery.

SAMUEL, Edmund William, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Blaenavon, Wales, on November 27, 1857; immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled in Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pa., in 1859; attended the public schools; engaged in coal mining; learned the drug business and began the study of medicine; was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia March 13, 1880, and commenced practice in Mount Carmel, Pa.; school director of Mount Carmel 1890–1894; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-ninth Congress (March 4, 1905–March 3, 1907); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1906 to the Sixtieth Congress and for election in 1908 to the Sixty-first Congress; resumed the practice of medicine in

Mount Carmel, Pa.; president and general manager of the Shamokin-Mount Carmel Transit Co. 1908–1924; retired in 1925 and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y.; died in Mount Carmel, Pa., on March 7, 1930; interment in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

SAMUELS, Green Berry (cousin of Isaac Samuels Pennybacker), a Representative from Virginia; born near Red Banks, Shenandoah County, Va., February 1, 1806; pursued classical studies; studied law; was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1827 and commenced the practice of law; resided at Woodstock, Va.; elected as a Democrat to the Twenty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1839–March 3, 1841); resumed the practice of law; member of the State constitutional convention in 1850 and 1851; elected judge of the circuit court in 1850 and of the court of appeals in 1852; died in Richmond, Va., on January 5, 1859; interment in the Old Lutheran Graveyard, Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Va.

SANBORN, John Carfield, a Representative from Idaho; born in Chenoa, McLean County, Ill., September 28, 1885; attended the public schools; was graduated from Oberlin (Ohio) College in 1908 and Columbia University Law School, New York City in 1912; engaged in agricultural pursuits; trustee of Hagerman Independent School District 1921–1924; served in the State house of representatives 1921–1929; member of the State senate 1939–1941; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth and Eighty-first Congresses (January 3, 1947–January 3, 1951); did not seek renomination to the Eighty-second Congress but was unsuccessful in 1950 and 1956 for the Republican nomination for United States Senator; resumed agricultural pursuits; president of Hagerman Farms, Inc.; member of board of directors of Idaho Farm Bureau Federation; legislative representative before the 1959 and 1961 sessions of Idaho legislature; died in Boise, Idaho, May 16, 1968; interment in Hagerman Cemetery, Hagerman, Idaho.

SANDAGER, Harry, a Representative from Rhode Island; born in Providence, R.I., April 12, 1887; attended the public schools at Cranston, R.I., and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.; was graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1922; newspaper reporter 1905–1918; secretary to Congressman Walter R. Stiness 1918–1922; returned to Providence, R.I., and served as an office executive 1922–1931; member of the State house of representatives 1928–1936; moved to Cranston, R.I., in 1931 and engaged in business as an automobile dealer; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-sixth Congress (January 3, 1939–January 3, 1941); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1940 to the Seventy-seventh Congress and for election in 1942 to the Seventy-eighth Congress; resumed the automobile business until his death; member of the Republican National Committee 1941–1944; died in Cranston, R.I., December 24, 1955; interment in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, R.I.

SANDERS, Archie Dovell, a Representative from New York; born in Stafford, Genesee County, N.Y., June 17, 1857; attended the common schools, Le Roy Academy and Buffalo Central High School; in 1873 became a partner with his father in the produce business at Stafford, N.Y.; elected highway commissioner of Stafford in 1894 and supervisor in 1895; member of the State assembly in 1895 and 1896; delegate to many State conventions; delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1896 and 1924; appointed by President McKinley as collector of internal revenue for the twenty-eighth district of New York in 1898 and served until 1913; Republican State committeeman for the Thirtieth Congressional District in 1900 and 1901; member of the State

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Name Sampson, Ezekiel S

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Residence

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Robt F. Lowe 167 Sigourney

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Died Oct 7, 1892 Sigourney, Iowa

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Places of Residence and Occupation

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Funeral services held from family residence, conducted by
Ray D. A. Hunter, J. C. Kendrick and J. G. Thompson,
assisted by the U. A. R. and members of the Bar from
Mahaska and Washington Counties. Pall bearers were
members of his company. He came to Keokuk Co with his
parents in 1843. Attended Academy of Prof Howe at
Mt. Pleasant, Ia 1850-1853. paid good part of his
expenses by setting type, mornings and evenings &
Saturdays. Entered Knoxville College in fall of 1853,
his father's death during the year, terminated his
college work. In 1855 he entered law office of Eastman &
Rice at Oskaloosa, Ia. as a student was admitted
to the bar in 1859. Was elected State Senate in 1865 and
at the Oct election in 1866 was elected Judge of this
Judicial district and re-elected in 1870, serving a full
3 years. In 1871 was elected to Congress and re-elected
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SAMPSON, Edmund

Born: 1874
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Location: SIGOURNEY
County: KEOKUK CO. - IOWA
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Eunice Ellen Mc Cann B: 1839 in Indiana

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Eyekiel S Sampson**

Birth Year: **abt 1832**

Birth Place: **Ohio**

Gender: **Male**

Marital Status: **Married**

Census Date: **1856**

Residence State: **Iowa**

Residence County: **Keokuk**

Locality: **Washington**

Roll: **IA_73**

Line: **29**

Family Number: **1**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----|
| | David Cill | |
| | Cindeville Cill | |
| | Mary E Cill | 14 |
| | Wm J Cill | 13 |
| | George I Wright | 11 |
| | John Crill | 8 |
| | George T Crill | 8 |
| | Sarah E Crill | 3 |
| | John C Crill | 1 |
| | Holcum Johnston | 40 |
| | Catherine J Johnston | 33 |
| | Laura J Lathrop | 13 |
| | James Lathrop | 10 |
| | Martha E Lathrop | 7 |
| | Z Taylor | 6 |
| | John Cicle | 30 |
| | Susannah Cicle | 28 |
| | Mary Cicle | 8 |
| | Adaline Cicle | 7 |
| | Martha J Cicle | 2 |
| | Laura C Cicle | 0 |
| | Jacob C Reed | 50 |



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U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

Name: **Ezekiel Silas Sampson**
Residence: **Sigourney, Iowa**
Age at Enlistment: **29**
Enlistment Date: **15 Jul 1861**
Rank at enlistment: **Captain**
State Served: **Iowa**
Survived the War?: **Yes**
Service Record: **Commissioned an officer in Company F, Iowa 5th Infantry Regiment on 15 Jul 1861.
Promoted to Full Lt Colonel on 23 May 1862.
Mustered out on 15 Aug 1864.**
Birth Date: **abt 1832**
Sources: **Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion
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Eunice Ellen Mc Cann B: 1839 in Indiana

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **E S Sampson**

Birth Year: **abt 1832**

Age in 1870: **38**

Birthplace: **Ohio**

Home in 1870: **Sigourney, Keokuk, Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Post Office: **Sigourney**

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| | E S Sampson | 38 |
| | E E Sampson | 32 |
| | Flora Sampson | 14 |
| | Leona Sampson | 12 |
| | Clara Sampson | 10 |
| | Lee Sampson | 6 |
| | Ellen Sampson | 3 |
| | Effie Sampson | 1 |
| | Polly Sampson | 81 |

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- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules, NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Ezekiel S. Sampson**

Home in 1880: **Sigourney, Keokuk, Iowa**

Age: **48**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1832**

Birthplace: **Ohio**

Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**

Spouse's name: **Eunice E.**

Father's birthplace: **Ohio**

Mother's birthplace: **Ohio**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

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Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane:

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | Ezekiel S. Sampson | 48 |
| | Eunice E. Sampson | 42 |
| | Clara Sampson | 20 |
| | Lee Sampson | 16 |
| | Ellen Sampson | 13 |
| | Lavina Sampson | 10 |
| | Edmund Sampson | 6 |

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Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005

Name: **Ezekiel Silas Sampson**

Date of Birth: **6 Dec 1831**

Date of Death: **7 Oct 1892**

Elected Office(s): **Representative**

Elected Date(s): **4 Mar 1875**

State: **Iowa, Ohio, Illinois**

Country: **USA**

Biography: a Representative from Iowa; born in Huron County, Ohio, December 6, 1831; moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1843; attended the public schools, Howe's Academy in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and Knox College, Illinois; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1856 and commenced practice in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa; prosecuting attorney 1856-1858; enlisted in the Union Army as captain in the Fifth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1861 and was lieutenant colonel of the same regiment when mustered out in 1864; returned to the practice of law in Sigourney, Iowa; member of the State senate in 1866; judge of the sixth district of Iowa from January 1867 to January 1875; elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1878 to the Forty-sixth Congress; resumed the practice of his profession; died in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, October 7, 1892; interment in West Cemetery.

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1874 –

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 Ezekiel Silas Sampson

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Iowa's 6th district In office

March 4, 1875 – March 3, 1879Preceded byWilliam LoughridgeSucceeded byJames Weaver

BornDecember 6, 1831
 Huron County, Ohio, USADiedOctober 7, 1892
 Sigourney, Iowa, USAPolitical partyRepublicanProfessionPolitician, Lawyer, Judge

Ezekiel Silas Sampson (December 6, 1831 – October 7, 1892) was a lawyer, prosecutor, Civil War officer, judge, and two-term Republican Congressman from Iowa's 6th congressional district.

Born in Huron County, Ohio, Sampson moved to Keokuk County, Iowa in 1843 where he attended public schools as a child. He later attended Howe's Academy and Knox College, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1856, commencing practice in Sigourney, Iowa. He was prosecuting attorney of Keokuk County from 1856 to 1858.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Sampson enlisted in the Union Army as a captain in the 5th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment in 1861 and was later promoted to lieutenant colonel of the same regiment, serving as so until he was mustered out of service in 1864.

Afterward the war, he resumed practicing law in Sigourney. He was a member of the Iowa Senate in 1866 and was judge of the sixth district of Iowa from 1867 to 1875.

In 1874, Sampson was elected a Republican to represent Iowa's 6th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives. Near the end of his service in the 44th United States Congress, he was re-elected in 1876 to a second term, and served in the 45th United States Congress. However, when running for a third term in 1878, he was defeated in the general election by Greenback Party candidate (and future presidential candidate) James B. Weaver. In all, he served in Congress from March 4, 1875 to March 3, 1879.

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