

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Brunson

Harvey Southmit - Represented Jayette County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place

10 May 1814

Euclid, Ohio in Cuyahoga County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jane McCool

6 Mar 1845

Freeport, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession

Minister; farmer

4. Church membership

Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served

10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local

Justices of the Peace; board of supervisors; mayor of Jayette

B. State

Member of Board of Trustees of Upper Iowa University at Fayette - one of the founders of the University; director of Southport and St. Paul Railway

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death

8 Dec 1905, buried Greenwood Cemetery, Jayette, Iowa

8. Children

Henrietta (Mrs V.E. Hurd); Ann Elizabeth (Mrs Selos Ferguson); Lucretia (Mrs S.B. Harris); Ella (d. in infancy); Selon C.; Minnie '21.

9. Names of parents

Daniel and Mary (Ann) Brunson

10. Education Basically self-taught

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Wife, Jane, born 8 Jul 1822, died 15 Dec 1904, also buried in Grandview Cemetery, Fayette, Iowa
- Moved to Rockford, IL in 1836
- Began preaching in 1841, being admitted to the Rock River Conference in 1842 from Keosauqua to Chicago.
- Came to Iowa in 1850 settling near West Union and later lived in West Union.
- Came to Fayette in 1864 living there until death.
- He learned to use tools of carpentry from his father



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# DEATH OF REV. BRUNSON

Passed Away on Friday at the Age of Ninety-one.

## WAS FAYETTE'S OLDEST RESIDENT

He Held Many Responsible Positions During Career.

On Friday, Dec. 8th, occurred the death of Rev. H. S. Brunson, after a brief illness, thus closing what has been a career marked by great activity and devotion to the varied interests intrusted to his care.

Harvey Southmit Brunson was born May 10, 1814, in the town of Euclid, Ohio. His youth was spent in a new country where educational advantages were few, but he successfully overcame this handicap by self-culture, was converted in 1840, and in 1841 began preaching the gospel, being admitted to the Rock River conference in 1842. His first



H. S. BRUNSON.

charge was the Freeport circuit, and his last in that conference was in Chicago in 1848. In 1850 he came to Iowa, and settled near West Union, moving there a year later. He held a number of county offices, and was elected to the State Senate in 1863, serving through two sessions.

In 1864 he came to Fayette and resided here ever since. When he came here he bought the Fayette House and was its landlord for some time. The offices of justice of the peace, member of the board of supervisors and mayor of the town for two terms fell to him during his early residence here. He was a member of the board of trustees of Upper Iowa University from its incep-

lency till a few years ago, and for twelve years was president of the board. The project of founding the university originated in a conversation between Rev. Brunson and Mrs. Robert Alexander at the home of J. E. Robertson, when Mr. Brunson suggested that she send her daughter to Mt. Vernon to school, and she expressed a wish that such a school might be established here. Out of this grew the institution. Rev. Brunson was also chairman of the building committee of the M. E. church in 1876.

He was placed in Upper Iowa conference in 1855 as presiding elder, and continued active work in the ministry till 1863. Even when he reacted the age of 70 he again took up active work for a year on the Albany charge.

He was one of the directors of the Davenport and St. Paul R'y between 1868 and 1871, and assistant treasurer for several years. It was due largely to his determination and enthusiasm that the line was not abandoned after the survey had reached Fayette. A period of depression and discouragement had set in, the company's finances were poor, and the president of the road could see no way of getting the line out of Fayette. Rev. Brunson offered to take the civil engineer and crew and not only find a way out, but extend the survey to Cresco. He was given authority, and accomplished his work without expense to the company, staying in the field with the crew, and finding money and supplies. He also found time to preach nearly every Sunday.

During his latter years he lived quietly at his home across the river and looked after the small farm connected therewith. His was a familiar and welcome figure upon the streets until very recently. Meeting him was a pleasure to all who knew him. He maintained wonderful physical and mental vigor up to the time of his death. Our readers will recall that he preached a sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday, May 15th, 1904, five days after the 90th anniversary of his birth, and that he filled that pulpit as late as July 16, of this year.

Rev. Brunson was married to Miss Jane McCool, in Freeport, Ill., on March 6, 1845. Her death occurred Dec. 14, 1904. Five daughters and a son were born to them, one of whom died in infancy. Those surviving him are, Mrs. H. E. Hurd, of this place; Mrs. D. M. Ferguson, of Stewartville, Minn.; Mrs. S. B. Warner, of Colorado, Solon C., of Evanston, Ill., and Minnie H., all of whom were present at the funeral, which was held Monday afternoon. There was a very large attendance, many of Rev. Brunson's old friends being present to pay honor to his memory.

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Mrs. Belle Dunham returned Monday evening.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson will be in Fayette Wednesday.

going to meet her husband