

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Woots

John Graham - Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 April 1814 Middlebury, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place

① Elizabeth J. Ewing 20 Aug 1845

② Mary E. Merrill 27 June 1855

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Treasurer of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad;  
Director of the Peoria and Okmaha and the Colfax and Burlington Railroad;  
Director of the first telegraph line to Burlington

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

C. Profession Hardware merchant

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1862, 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Appointed as a commissioner for the construction of the Iowa  
State Capitol

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

7. Death 4 Mar 1896 Burlington, Iowa; Buried Aspen Grove Cemetery,  
Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Harriet M. (Mrs. Frank R. Dunham); by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife -  
John Merrill

9. Names of parents Joshua and Harriet J. (Graham) Woots

10. Education Educated in the academy at  
Middlebury, Vermont

11. Degrees Attended college at Middlebury, Vermont

12. Other applicable information Whig later Republican

- In 1833 he left Vermont settling at St. Louis where he worked  
as a clerk until 1843.
- In 1843 he moved to Burlington, Iowa where he engaged in  
the hardware business for 33 years
- His first wife, Elizabeth J. died 5 Aug. 1853
- He was one of the organizers and directors of the First  
National Bank



AT. ligations and scrupulously careful of the rights of others.

"Receiving and holding the confidence of all men, important trusts were committed to him always to be administered with intelligence and fidelity.

"In the city of Burlington he upheld the honor of a merchant, and in the commonwealth of Iowa as representative and commissioner, raised the standard of the public service.

"His private life was marked by constant courtesy, by unflinching kindness, and gentility of manner, and the quiet exercise of what are named the Christian Graces. His ways were gentle.

"It is good for this community that he lived here, and it shall be good for this people to study his character and to preserve his memory."

It was resolved to close the banking house at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, at which time the funeral services are to be held.

### JOHN G. FOOTE DEAD

Passed Away Peacefully at Eleven O'Clock Today.

His Death Due Chiefly to Old Age—Some of the History of His Interesting Life.

John G. Foote, whose life has been trembling in the balance for several days, died peacefully of old age at a few minutes past 11 o'clock today at his home, 722 north Sixth street.

Hon. John Graham Foote was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Burlington in 1813. He was born in Middlebury, Vt., on the 21st day of April, 1814. His parents were Justus and Harriet S. (Graham) Foote, of Connecticut, the former born June 24, 1783, the latter March 6, 1789. They were married at Middlebury, Vt., April 15th, 1810. When a young man Justus Foote learned the trade of saddler, which he followed for many years at Middlebury, where he resided until his death, which occurred June 10, 1829. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Foote came to Burlington, Iowa, and died at her son's home April 20, 1865. She was a member of the Congregational church, a sincere Christian, loved and respected by all.

John G. Foote received his education in the academy and college at Middlebury, Vt. In 1833 he left his native state, going to St. Louis, where he was employed as clerk, remaining there until 1843, when he came to Burlington, Iowa, and embarked in the hardware business, successfully prosecuting the same for thirty-three years.

Mr. Foote was twice married; first on Aug. 20, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth J., daughter of Wm. B. Ewing, of Indiana. Mrs. Foote died August 5, 1853, leaving a daughter, Harriet M., who, on Dec. 23, 1869, became the wife of Frank R. Dunham, of Burlington. On June 27, 1855, Mr. Foote was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Stevens Merrill, of Plymouth, N. H. They were the parents of one son, now living, Graham Merrill, connected with the Haxton Steam Heating company, of which he is a member.

Mr. Foote has been an active worker in all interests of benefit to Burlington, and has been connected with many of its leading enterprises. He was connected with its first railroad, the Burlington & Missouri River, and was treasurer of that company for a time. He was also a director of the Peoria & Oquavka and the Carthage & Burlington railroads. He was a director of the first telegraph line to Burlington, and was one of the organizers, and afterward one of the directors of the First National bank. In early life Mr. Foote was a Whig, and at the breaking up of that party joined the republicans, with whom he has been affiliated. In 1861 he was nominated by the republican party for the state senate, and elected, serving from 1862 to 1865, inclusive, making a most efficient member. He was appointed and served as one of the commissioners for the construction of the new and beautiful state capitol of Iowa.

John G. Foote was a successful business man, his success being due to patient toil, perseverance and good management, added to quickness of perception and promptness in action. In the life of such a man there is a lesson to be learned.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon from the family residence.

**DR. SUTHERLAND ACCEPTS**  
The First Presbyterian Public Filled by a Chicago Preacher.

# FOR MARCH,

## Paine's Celery Compound Today in A

### It Purifies the Blood as No for the Tired Brain---

### Publicly Recommended as No Remedy of Whom It

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Where every other remedy had failed Paine's celery compound has made people well!

It cures disease! It has saved the lives of thousands of sufferers. It has made the weak

strong. mended by grateful men and women every walk of life that it is today every sense the most popular remedy in the world.

It has proven itself so easily the best of all spring medicines, making weak strong and the infirm well. In the big cities, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, and rest, the leading newspapers, make their own canvass again this year, found that the demand for Paine's celery compound as far surpasses that of all other remedies as the curative power of this great compound surpasses that of all others together!

Paine's celery compound, taken during the early spring days, has more than its usual remarkable efficacy in making people well. It makes short work of all diseases of the head and nervous exhaustion. It drives out neuralgia, sleeplessness, peptic and rheumatism from the system. It removes that lassitude "tired feeling," which betokens weakened nerves and poor blood.

strong.

Paine's celery compound purifies the blood as nothing else can do; it is nature's brain food; it builds up shattered nerves; it is pre-eminently the one great health-maker known to medicine.

First discovered after laborious, studious, scientific research by the ablest physician America has produced, Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., LL. D., of Dartmouth College, it is prescribed and publicly indorsed by the best practitioners in every city of America. It has been so enthusiastically recom-

## HOME AND FARM.

**Household Hints.**

Conjugal love is not preserved in family jars.

One way to use up cold boiled ham is to mince it finely and sprinkle it over a dish of boiled macaroni.

Onions, turnips and carrots should be stuffed at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

More tender when cooked.

To cook an old fowl: Prepare as for

If the old cocks are to be kept clip their spurs.

Get seed of the nest egg gourd grow your own nest eggs.

When you start the plow in the den let the fowls in to follow the row. They will pick up worms, and their larvae, also weed seeds.

Fowls cured of serious ailments ever afterward unfit for breeding poses.

Fine houses and fine feathers will make hens lay; egg-making food is mental.

Ice-cold snow water is not the drinking water.

### IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Methodists Will Reduce Their Bishops to the Rank.

The great national conference of the Methodist Episcopal churches, to be held in Cleveland is nearly two months distant, but preparations for the reception of delegates and arrangements for the most intensely interesting meeting ever held by the denomination are nearing completion. If the proposed measures are passed the conference will become historical, in the church, as the most decidedly revolutionary ever held.

The attack on the bishops is the most notable measure proposed. These dignitaries are now elected for life and receive an annual salary of \$5,000. It is now proposed that the bishops be elected only for a term of years and returned to the ministry when they have served their time in the bishopric. It is said that many delegates are in favor of the change, and it is well known that there is strong sympathy for the idea in this city.

The question of admitting women delegates has long been pending, but it has now been submitted to vote in the form of the Baltimore-Colorado amendment. The vote is nearly completed, and the result in the western and southern states gives a majority of over 400 ministers in favor of the women. The colored conferences in the south went solid for women delegations. In the eastern states the sentiment is against the amendment, and this majority will be cut down, although probably not overcome.

Another proposition is for the appointment of a negro bishop for the 250,000 colored members, who are at present without a representative on the Episcopal board.

The lawmen will demand that they be given equal representation with the ministers, and the ministers want the time limit of pastorates extended or abolished. Some of the delegates favor the formation of dioceses and the adoption of a plan giving bishops permanent residence.

No other conference has ever had anything like such an important work to discuss, and the results will be watched with intense interest.

Sweet is the breath of the maiden who uses delicious Dentafoam.

### FUTURE WAR SURGERY.

A High Authority Writes About the Probabilities of Future Battles.

It would appear probable that in a future war many of the wounds produced by the new projectile will be surgically less severe and more amenable to effective surgical treatment. Probably, also, the number of severe injuries will be very great, when we consider the enormous range of the new weapon and the penetrating power of the projectile, which enables it to pierce the bodies of two or three individuals in

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