

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gallard, Washington Senator _____

Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Jul 1827 near Oquawka, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Miss Withrow

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Keokuk, Iowa in 1856

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias, G.A.R.

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 10th General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 22 Apr 1915 Montrose, Iowa; buried

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Dr. Isaac and Hannah (Kinney) Gallard

10. Education Quitted in a private school and also common schools

11. Degrees Attended institutions of learning at St. Louis Missouri, Akron, Ohio and Chillicothe, Ohio where he studied law

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Iowa in fall 1828 near the old site of East Mahan.
- His father established an Indian trading post which is now the Galland, Iowa in Lee County.
- Military service - Mexican War - Co. A, 3rd Regiment, Missouri Mounted Volunteers serving 2 years
- Military service - Civil War - raised a company of volunteers and organized Co. H. 6th Iowa Volunteer Infantry attaining rank of Captain, was captured and held prisoner for 7 months
- Because of ill health, he resigned and returned to Montrose, Iowa.
- He practiced law in Lee County, Iowa and Polk County, Missouri. He had only meager success.
- Possessed with wanderlust, in 1866 he moved to Texas where at Brenham he was editor of a newspaper for 2 years.
- He returned to Iowa to start practicing law again, but his health failed and in 1874 he moved to California
- Then in 1878 he became a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.
- Later he became a lecturer and toured the Eastern states.
- He became estranged from his wife and children except for one daughter known to live in Missouri.

CAPT. WASHINGTON GALLAND IS DEAD

Captain Washington Galland, pioneer, soldier, attorney, legislator, and editor, has yielded to the final summons. He passed away this morning at 9:50 at the Lee County home, where he was taken at his own request, over two years ago. The immediate

cause of his death was heart failure, superinduced by dropsy and various ailments, incident to advanced years. Almost helpless and in care of a faithful special attendant, since his admission to the home, sorely afflicted in body and mind, including the loss of vision, death came as a gracious relief to the aged pioneer who in certain respects at the time of his demise was the most distinguished personage in the state of Iowa, its oldest citizen in point of continuous residence.

His father, Dr. Isaac Galland, was born in Virginia, enroute from Maryland to Ohio, and came of Scotch ancestry. The maiden name of his mother was Hannah Kinney, a native of Ohio. Dr. Isaac Galland had practiced medicine in Fulton County, Ill., before coming to Iowa, and continued the practice, more or less in the vicinity of Nauvoo, Ill., and Montrose, Iowa, until about fifteen years prior to his death in 1858. He was a man of remarkable ability and fair educa-

He first touched Iowa soil at the site of old Fort Madison; then a part of Missouri territory early in the autumn of 1828, where, with his parents a night encampment was made. The Galland family next day landed from their keel boat at Commerce (now Nauvoo) Illinois, where they remained for a time with the father of Mrs. Galland. Sub-

sequently, the elder Galland established an Indian trading post at Ah-wi-pe-tuk (Head of the Rapids) now the village of Galland, Lee county, Iowa, and removed his family over from Commerce during the same year. Here young Galland in the winter of 1831 and 1832, attended a private school taught by Berryman Jennings, the first school taught in the "Iowa country" as it was then called. Subsequently, he acquired a liberal education by attending the private and common schools of the locality and various higher institutions of learning at St. Louis, Mo., Akron and Chillicothe, Ohio, studied law and was admitted to the bar at Keokuk in 1856.

When only nineteen years of age, he enlisted in Co. A, 3rd Reg. Mo. Mounted Volunteers, Col. Ralls commanding, in the Mexican war. Served two years and was in the engagements at Santa Cruz and Chihuahua. Early in the outbreak of the rebellion, he raised a company



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in the vicinity of Nauvoo, Ill., and Montrose, Iowa, until about fifteen years prior to his death in 1858. He was a man of remarkable ability and fair education, given to speculative projects, especially concerning lands and town lots. He was the agent of the New York land company, and at one time part owner of its holdings in the "Half Breed Titles" in Lee county, but it seems he was "frozen out" by that company and the Doctor bitterly denounced its operations in a published pamphlet entitled "Villainy Exposed." He laid out and platted the city of Keokuk in 1837. soon after the Mormons settled at Nauvoo, Dr. Galland became a close friend of the Prophet, Joseph Smith, and was taken into the church, and being a man of considerable literary ability and fairly well skilled in diplomacy, the Prophet made the wily Doctor his private secretary. Subsequently the Dr. renounced the faith and withdrew from the church.

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Returning to the subject of this sketch, Captain Galland was born at "Lower Yellow Banks" on the Mississippi, near the present site of Oquawka, Ill., on the 20th day of July, 1827.

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In 1878, we find the wandering Captain in Washington, D. C., making a precarious living as a lobbyist. He had the distinction of being present in the railway station there when President Garfield was assassinated. He saw him a few minutes without food and proper raiment after he sank to the floor and

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The death of Washington Galand removes a link in a chain connecting the present with a remote generation, that lived under entirely different conditions, social as well as industrial, and political. He was a relic of the past not in harmony with the life of the present day.

In reviewing the erratic career of the man, no great personal achievements can be credited to him. That he possessed ability cannot be denied. He had literary tastes and wrote poetry fairly well. He was a ready and graphic writer, and a humorist. The writer never knew a person that could so easily and fluently draw up a resolution or memorial on any subject or occasion as could the subject of this sketch.

The fact of his being a soldier of two wars, in one of which he served as a commanding officer and the further fact that at the time of his death in all proba-

of four months.

The decedent was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, 84 years ago. She was reared in this county and married there at the age of eighteen to Wm. Colvin, who died six years ago. Her name before her marriage was Catharine Westerfield.

She and her husband moved to Lee county in 1854, settling near Sandusky where they made their home from that time on. Both were very well known among the older residents of the county. Mrs. Colvin was a member of the Christain church. She is survived by four daughters and one son; Mrs. A. N. Wright of this city, Mrs. Nan Grimes, Mrs. Mandy Boyd, Mrs. Davis, and Green Colvin of Denmark.—Gate City.

Carpet Knights.

"Carpet knights," quoth a writer once in the long ago, "are such as have studied law, physic, or other arts or sciences, whereby they have become famous, and seeing that they are not knighted as soldiers, they are not therefore to use the horseman's title or spurs; they are only termed simply miles and millites, 'knight,' or 'knights of the carpetry,' or 'knights of the green cloth,' to distinguish them from those knights that are dubbed as soldiers in the field."

Work for an Expert.

A Pennsylvania man is said to be trying to grow a watermelon with a handle by which it may easily be carried. Practical, perhaps, but altogether unnecessary! What the world needs is a watermelon with a cutaway bilge, allowing for it to be cut into reverse curves, so that it may be eaten in the good old-fashioned way without getting the ears full of water.

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saw the officers arrest the assassin and hurry him away to prison.

Later the Captain entered the lecture field and toured the Eastern states. The success of this venture can best be expressed in his own language; "I escaped with my life."

Few of the present generation who knew the Captain as an interesting and picturesque figure at the Pioneer's reunions realized that he was married and had a family. But that was long ago. His wife was a Miss Withrow, daughter of an early pioneer of Lee County. For some reason he and his family became estranged. The latter, years, migrated West and have been lost to sight and memory, except a daughter known to be living in Missouri.

In politics, Mr. Galland was a Republican of the standpat variety; in religion an Episcopal; in fraternal societies, he was a Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Pythian brotherhood and the Grand Army of the Republic; but of late years he seems to have not been an active member of any of them. He was a member of the Pioneers and Old Settlers Association for a long time, serving as its secretary and President several times. At the time of his death, he was the honored holder of the Patriarch's cane that passes to the next oldest pioneer resident, on the death

though not continuously, in what is now the great state of Iowa, than any other white man dead or living, gives to him the honor as stated in the beginning of this sketch, of being the most distinguished personage in the state in this respect.

(The Evening Democrat is indebted to the Hon. J. P. Cruikshank of Fort Madison, than whom there is no more competent Lee county historian, for the above.—Ed.) —The Evening Democrat.

Old Resident of County Passed Away.

Mrs. Catharine Colvin, 84, one of the oldest and most highly respected women of Lee county, died at 3 o'clock this morning at the old residence of the family about one and one-half miles West of Sandusky, where she had made her home since 1854. She passed away after an illness of four months.

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