

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Spurrer, Harnes Senator _____
Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Aug 1807 near Independence, Maryland

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary Anne Hooper 11 Oct 1827 Warren County, Ohio
② Harriet Bollow 27 Nov 1838 Janesville, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; teacher; mercantile business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 10th General Assembly 1864

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Lisbon, Iowa for 2 terms; Justice of the Peace

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Jan 1892 Lisbon Iowa. Buried Lisbon Cemetery, Lisbon Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife Sarah (Mrs. Sutcliff), Samuel; by 2nd wife Mary (Mrs. Konderline);
Ruth Ann (died young); Matilda Rebecca (Mrs. Stepperson); Henry Elliot; William Monroe; Helmut Heller;
Albert Shurber

9. Names of parents Ralph and Eleanor (Cleary) Spurrer

Spurrin, James

10. Education *He had limited education in one log schoolhouse in those early days*

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information *Abolitionist, Voter, Republican, Peter Greenbacker*

- *He emigrated with his father and family to Ohio in 1814 settling near Zanesville*
- *At age 21 he married Mary Ann Hoopes who died 4 years later in 1832*
- *He then married Harriet Ballou for more than 50 years.*
- *With his 2 small children from his first marriage and a baby with the second wife they started their way to Iowa on 1 Apr 1839 arriving later in 1839 in Johnson County, Iowa settling near Solon, Iowa.*
- *He was a member of the first grand jury to sit in Johnson County, Iowa.*
- *He taught school at Big Grove Township, as well as farmed.*
- *He retired in 1868-1869 and moved to Leedom, Iowa where he engaged in the mercantile business.*
- *His wife died just a few days after he did in 1892.*
- *He helped with the Underground Railroad and could relate many thrilling stories about aiding escaping slaves and his personal account with John Brown.*
- *His second wife, Harriet Ballou, was a first cousin of President James A. Garfield.*

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Applicability

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A FACT A DAY ABOUT IOWA CITY The Spurriers Came in '39

BY J. E. R.

Among the very first settlers who faced the almost incredible hardships of pioneer life in Johnson county 100 years ago, were Hon. and Mrs. Warner Spurrier. They were the parents of the mother of Atty. G. A. Kenderdine (an alumnus of the college of law, S. U. I. class of 1904.) now connected with the internal revenue service, at Des Moines; formerly with the Iowa state secretary, and still earlier a candidate for Lieutenant-governor of Iowa.

They settled two miles west of what is now Solon, in April, 1839. From Ohio, they came down the Ohio river by steamboat, and up the "Father of Waters," aboard the "Gypsy," to Rockingham (now part of Davenport). Mr. Kenderdine's mother was out six weeks old then. She lived in Iowa thereafter, passing away here, in the Kenderdine home, in 1925.

Coming up the Mississippi, the "Gypsy" was unable to cope with the Rapids between Keokuk and Montrose, the present site of Lake Casper, created by the Keokuk dam. The boat had to be lightened, so all the men, carrying as heavy baggage as possible, walked the 12-mile portage, and re-boarded the boat at Montrose.

Mr. Spurrier was wont to relate anecdotes of his personal acquaintance with such Iowa-builders as Gov. Robert Lucas, Colonel Davenport, Antoine Le Claire, A. C. Dodge, U. S. senator, and son of Gov. Henry Dodge; and other noted men. Mr. Spurrier lived on their Solon farm until they retired in 1869.

Mr. Spurrier was a pioneer Methodist (saying to found the coming from painted-on big mouths, but it is uglier when it comes from pretty pink ones. "Pretty is as pretty does" is an apt motto for the woman decked out in the oh-so-pretty fashions. (Copyright, 1933, NEA Service Inc.)

Solon M. E. church about 1840) an abolitionist, and an "Underground Railroad." He related many thrilling stories about aiding escaping slaves, and of personal contacts with John Brown.

Mr. Spurrier was one of the republican party's founders in Iowa, and served in the 10th general assembly, from Johnson county, in 1864. He left the party, however, to support Samuel Tilden in 1876 against R. B. Hayes. Then on, he was a "greenbacker." He helped to organize the Johnson County Old Settlers' association in 1861, and was an early county commissioner. In the Civil war times, he presided over loyal meetings. One of his sons, Samuel Spurrier, was a Johnson county supervisor, also.

One of Warner Spurrier's granddaughters wed Tully Sulliff, a son of Allen Sulliff, who lived in Big Grove township, near what is now the Sulliff bridge.

Mr. Kenderdine's mother (formerly Mary Spurrier) was a school teacher at the age of 16. One of her pupils—herself destined to become an educator—was a member of the Adams family—the mother of former Mayor Myron G. Walker, of Iowa City. The only descendant of Hon. Warner Spurrier now a resident of Iowa City is Mr. Kenderdine, who, though "sojourning" in Des Moines (as he, himself, styles it), still retains his legal residence here, and calls Iowa City his home.

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—King Log of Albania

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Old Settlers of Johnson County

Among the earliest pioneers of Johnson county who exercised a wide influence during the formative period of the community were Warner Spurrier and his wife, Harriet Ballou Spurrier. Both were of the true pioneer strain who in the hopes of winning a better home for themselves and family were willing to undergo hardships and privations such as are unknown at the present day.

Mr. Spurrier was of English German extraction, his ancestors having emigrated from Europe some time about the middle of the seventeenth century and he himself was born near Frederickburg, Md., in 1807.

One of a large family of children his educational opportunities were naturally restricted, yet he was given such advantages as were possible. We find narrated among the earliest recollections in his journal an account of the public school which he first attended. A log building with puncheon floor, seats high raised, straight hard benches and desks built in rows in front of them.

A custom in those days required the school teacher who was then always a man to give a holiday on Xmas and Mr. Spurrier relates one occasion of that kind about 1812, where coming to school early he found the school house barricaded and was himself, being very small, dragged through a window high in the wall. Soon the school master came and rushed up and struck the door with an axe, but some of the older students within, young men they were, drove him off with a long sharp pole prepared for the occasion and he soon capitulated, granting a whole day and a treat to the smaller children. This consisted not of candy or fruit but of raw turnips which were at that time considered a great luxury and one can imagine the scramble among the children as two large boys standing on benches emptied the bushel sack on the floor.

Mr. Spurrier emigrated with his father and family to Ohio in 1814, settling near Zanesville and his description of the crossing of the Alleghaneys with the ox teams and wagons and the camp fires at night and the guard posted against possible attack by Indians in the then wilds of the far west are most interesting.

In Ohio Mr. Spurrier lived the life of the pioneer boy; four months school and eight months work, but fortunately for him, his father had a small but well selected library among which were those books that have done as much to mold the lives of many pioneer Americans, the Bible, Pilgrims Progress, Gibbon's Rome, Foxe's Book on Martyrs, Life of Washington, which he read and re-read until he was not only familiar with their contents but had formed the taste for good literature he carried through life and which made him, though without advantages of college or university, one of the best read and educated men in the entire state.

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WARNER SPURRIER
Prominent Pioneer and Writer of Johnson County.



MRS. HARRIET B. SPURRIER
Wife of Warner Spurrier, From City of Solon

Here was begun the struggle of real pioneer life, the first duty of course was to provide a house and with only the rude means at hand to perform such labor. But from the timber on the banks of the adjoining creek poles were cut, logs were split with wedges for the floor and a rude cabin 12x14 erected so that by June 1 the pioneers were in their new home. Not a mansion by any means, but still home and next came the start at farming the virgin prairie.

One who is accustomed to the cultivated fields of Iowa today can scarce imagine the Iowa prairie of seventy years ago. Stretching for miles of unbroken verdure and a sea of beautiful flowers it is nowhere so beautifully described as in Long fellow's beautiful poem. Yet beneath the grass was often to be found the settler's greatest dread, the deadly Massasauga or prairie rattle-snake, the blowing adder and many another species of poisonous reptile.

Tough also was the sward and it was only by constant and laborous effort that the pioneers have been able to put in and gather ten acres of sod corn yielding about two hundred bushels and a few bushels

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At twenty-one years of age he married Miss Hoopes, who died after four years of wedded life and in 1837 he was married to Miss Harriet Ballou who was for more than fifty years to be his companion in the journey of life. She was the daughter of Maturin Ballou IV and of that family of Ballou, whose name is written on many pages of our country's history. A niece of the great Universalist preacher, Hosea Ballou, and seventh in descent from those brave Huguenots who fled to the wilderness of the new world after revocation of Edict of Nantes, sooner than endure the tyranny of a priest ridden king. She was the first cousin of James A. Garfield later to become president of the United States.

Rarely nineteen years old and of frail physique and only a pioneer education, yet her mental qualities and gentility of soul combined in her to make her a fit companion for one who was soon to attempt with thousands of others of the same conditions, the peaceful conquest of the western empire. With two children by his former marriage, Samuel and Aseneth Spurrier, Mr. Spurrier's family was now increased by the birth of a daughter, Mary Spurrier, and six weeks later, he in company with his family, started on the long voyage toward the western prairies, April 1, 1839.

Descending the Ohio river to its mouth by steamer and thence up the Mississippi the journey of three weeks was typical of travel at that time. Mr. Spurrier's description of the steamboat race on the Ohio between the steamers Buffalo and Rubicon and the sensations of the passengers on the latter, torn by conflicting emotions of pride of victory and fear of explosion is truly dramatic.

The journey up the Mississippi was in a stern wheel steamer, the Gypsy, and arriving at Keokuk all the men had to disembark and walk twelve miles around the rapids, which are now navigated by government locks, while the laboring Gypsy was after much effort gotten over the bars, the pedestrians beating her by a goodly margin.

Arriving at Rockingham a few miles below the present city of Davenport, Mr. Spurrier tarried there a few days to procure suitable equipment and April 19, 1839, with an ox team, his family and a few goods turned his face toward the western prairie and after a four days' drive settled in what is now Big Grove township, Johnson county, about four miles above the present site of Solon.

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Of this period, Mr. Spurrier writes in his journal, "Gloom and despair were my constant companions, they hovered around when the sun shone by day and when at night the wolves howled around my cabin and both wind and snow poured in at every crevice so that I had often to sweep five or six bushels of snow off the puncheon floor. Our principal diet was corn bread, if baked the day before it would freeze hard and be as hard to thaw out as to bake new. I walked a mile and a half to cut rail timber and took for my dinner a piece of cold corn bread and thus passed out our first winter in 'Pleasant Iowa,' as it was called in the Ohio and eastern papers."

The next season ten acres were planted in corn which yielded sixty bushels to the acre, four acres of spring wheat which yielded eighty bushels, and one of fax that spun at home and woven at a neighbors supplied the family's clothes. At this period, Mr. Spurrier's slender means were almost exhausted, and while waiting for his second year's crop he experienced severe and pinching poverty. He had due him from certain sources in Ohio about \$100 and had written for it and after a long time came word that a letter awaited him in the Iowa City P. O. But to pay the postage, twenty-five cents, then collected on every letter, he had no money, nor had any of his neighbors. About ten miles away lived a man who was said to have a little ready money. To this man's house he walked and finally secured the necessary twenty-five cents. Then the long walk to Iowa City and at last got the letter which contained \$50 and another crisis was passed.

Not the least of the pioneer's troubles were brought on by organized bands of outlaws who infested the prairies, stealing, robbing and murdering and Mr. Spurrier with others of the good and true men of the community were instrumental in curbing these people and bringing them under the hand of the law.

It was not long before organized courts performed their duties but before that the vigilants had done a good work.

Then, too, the Indians were numerous. The first day of Mr. Spurrier's arrival some forty or fifty bands clad in fantastic costumes rode up to

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where the family had picketed their oxteam and after close inspection rode away. On another occasion while Mrs. Spurrier and the children were alone a dozen Indians entered the cabin and spying a whetstone sat down and sharpened their long knives without saying a word. When they departed it may be imagined their room was more welcome than their society. To their usual fare of corn bread and hominy, the pioneers were able to add game from time to time. The country abounded in wild game of every sort, save only buffaloes, which were not seen further east in Iowa than Spirit Lake and this game furnished almost the only meat seen on the settlers' table. Quail trapped in winter and shot in summer was common, also prairie chickens and an occasional deer or antelope. While not a mighty nimrod Mr. Spurrier hunted for his family and at least two black bears and much smaller game succumbed to his prowess. On one occasion, about 1842, a bear was tracked down by a number of settlers and killed about on the present site of Shueyville. An amusing incident occurred in this connection. After the shooting of the bear, one man went up and struck him with an axe. The bear rose and hugged him pretty severely before he was finally dispatched. The frightened settler protested in his excitement that, "he would not have struck the bear if he had not thought it was dead."

Of course all clothing was home made of flax and wool. Each settler did his own cobbling and as neighbors became more numerous, at first the nearest was ten miles away, the natural Anglo-Saxon love of law, morality and order manifested itself. Churches were few and far between. An occasional itinerant Methodist preacher came to the cabins of the community, their pay was altogether in produce. One quarterly meeting in 1841 yielded only twenty cents, silver and coppers in the collection.

As primitive Methodists, Mr. Spurrier and his wife were at that period much interested in the organization of a church of that denomination, and in 1842 with W. D. Cannon and wife, and Abner Arrasmith and wife, organized what is now the Methodist church of Solon. Among the early itinerants to minister to this flock was Geo. B. Bowman, founder of Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Ia., Rev. A. B. Kendig and others.

"Bro. Spurriers" was a veritable Methodist tavern and though the quarters were small, still with true frontier hospitality, they managed to accommodate all who applied.

About the year 1840, Mr. Spurrier was summoned as a member of the first grand jury to sit in Johnson county and again his pride underwent a severe strain, as it was necessary after having walked to Iowa City to admit to the landlord of the tavern that he had no money with which to pay his bill until the grand jury adjourned. At last he was paid and records with considerable satisfaction in his diary that he was paid on this occasion the first cent of Iowa not owing a dollar in the world. The early settlers had many mu-

ican party and its principles were ever among his strongest ideas. Eternal separation of church and state, the public school, absolute freedom of speech and press, Eternal resistance to encroachments of all foreign powers and America for Americans. Naturally a man of these ideas and not bound by partisanship entered heartily into the new spirit of the Republican party in 1856, and with many other progressive souls sought therein a new remedy for all the political ills of the nation. For years he had been an abolitionist in belief and pages might be filled with his experiences in maintaining a station in the Underground through which blacks passed on their way to Canada and freedom. From Springdale to Spurriers', from Spurriers' to Cedar Rapids by stage route was the usual course of the fugitives. Mr. Spurrier, although an active republican, was in no sense an office seeker, although occupying many positions of public trust. He was the friend and associate of such men as Kirkwood and Grinnell and a delegate at the first organization of the republican party in Iowa and later a member of the Iowa legislature of Johnson county during the war period of 1862-64, beside being active in all local affairs. At the outbreak of the civil war in 1861, Mr. Spurrier was fifty-four years old and too badly crippled with rheumatism to go to the front, but was a loyal citizen, and with other members of the Union League did much to thwart the designs of the Copperhead Kinglets of the Golden Circle as the rebel sympathizers in Johnson county, too cowardly to go to the front, termed themselves.

In 1868 Mr. Spurrier sold his farm and removed to Lisbon, where he for some time engaged in mercantile life and although not active in public affairs was twice mayor of the town, as well as justice of the peace.

In 1880 Mr. Spurrier retired entirely from business and devoted himself to his wife who was in feeble health and to the selection and study of a library of about 1000 volumes. Always a student, Mr. Spurrier had been from youth, an ardent believer in woman suffrage and with an opportunity of study and research his sympathies became more identified with the cause of the people and he became an adherent of the Greenback, later known as the people's party. In this movement he was active to the time of his death.

A profound student of Huxley, Spencer and Darwin, Mr. Spurrier somewhat in advance of his age, changed from the old faith to the new. From Methodism to Unitarianism.

Of stern Puritanical character in his interpretation of morality he admitted no double standard, one for man and one for woman. He stood for all that was best and most progressive and with him always stood his wife, the ideal of helpful wifehood.

As they came to the end of life it was in a comfortable home made possible by their early privations, with children and grandchildren about them, and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa, that he died. He was of eighty-four. Mr. Spurrier was called hence, his wife survived him

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The early settlers had many mutual interests, chief of which was resisting claim jumpers and speculators. To accomplish this a settlers' protective organization was formed and articles of agreement drawn up and signed under the terms of which each claimant was required to fix metes and bounds to his claim, establishing temporary corners and all disputes were to be settled by a committee appointed for that purpose, their decision to be final. Mr. Spurrier was the first recorder of the association and says the occasional fees of twenty-five cents were very acceptable as a means to pay postage.
In order to secure their land at the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre, the settlers formed a ring at the auction sales held by the government. A bidder would be appointed in each township. He would offer \$1.25 an acre with the words, "settler's bid," and it was instantly knocked off to him while sentinels were posted to knock down any speculator that had the temerity to offer objection. By this means the rights of the settlers were protected and they were encouraged in actual residence, yet despite all precautions an occasional claim jumper would succeed in establishing a title by means of tax-titles or other questionable practices which the respectable portion of the community regarded with the scorn it deserved. Still from some of these cases have sprung long and tedious litigation necessitated in defending the right of legitimate owners against these land and title sharks and those holding through them.
Mr. Spurrier, being one of the few educated men of the community, was early called to participate in nearly all the county's affairs. Besides demands of a moral nature were made on him as settlers increased. He taught the first school in Big Grove township and was a participant in all the important public events pertaining to Johnson county. His family increased in a ratio that would have delighted Roosevelt. In all five sons and four daughters born before 1860. Of these five survive. The oldest settler being a daughter, Mrs. Mary Kenderdine, of Lisbon, Iowa, who coming at the age of six weeks to Iowa with her parents is one of the oldest settlers of Johnson county. Two died in youth, all the others have reached mature age.
Mr. Spurrier was by early political inclination a follower of Henry Clay and an opponent of Andrew Jackson. With the change of affairs he became

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As they came to the end of life it was in a comfortable home made possible by their early privations, with children and grandchildren about them and when in 1891, at the age of eighty-four, Mr. Spurrier was called hence, his wife survived him only ten days.
In life they were one, in death they were not divided.
GLENN A. KENDERDINE.
ORIGINAL NOTICE.
In the District Court of Iowa in and for Johnson County, September term, A. D. 1909.
MAY COLEMAN, Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM COLEMAN, Defendant.
To William Coleman:
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of Johnson county, state of Iowa, a petition of May Coleman alleging that you and said plaintiff were married at Sedan, Kansas, on January 11, 1902, and that on the same day you, in violation of your marriage vows and without any fault of plaintiff, willfully deserted the plaintiff and that you have ever since absented yourself from her without any reasonable or just cause therefor, and asking that she may be divorced from you and for such other and further relief as may be equitable in the premises. (For full particulars see petition on file.)
Now unless you appear thereto and defend, before noon of the second day of the next term of said court, which will commence on the 12th day of September, A. D. 1909, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon, according to the prayer of the petition.
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REAL PIONEER VISITING HERE

Mrs. Mary Kenderdine Came To Iowa in 1830 and Has Been Here Ever Since

Mrs. Mary Spurrier Kenderdine, of Lisbon, Iowa, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Attorney and Mrs. G. A. Kenderdine, and other relatives and friends in Iowa City. Mrs. Kenderdine is a real Johnson county pioneer. She came, with her parents, Warner Spurrier and Harriet Ballou Spurrier to Johnson county in April, 1839. She was then six weeks old and she has been a resident of Iowa ever since.

The Spurrier Homestead was about 1 1/2 miles west of the present site of Solon. Mrs. Kenderdine lived there till removing to Lisbon in 1868 and she has been a continuous resident of Lisbon ever since.

She and her sister, Mrs. Maltida Stephenson, who was born near Solon in 1842 reside together. They have one brother, Wilmot E. Spurrier, of Portland, Oregon.

Father Was Law Maker

Mrs. Kenderdine's father, Hon. Warner Spurrier, was a representative from Johnson county to the general assembly of Iowa during the civil war period. He was a pioneer, abolitionist and one of the founders of the Republican party in Iowa, a strong Union man but after 1872 became an Independent in politics and a supporter of Green backism.

Mrs. Kenderdine's keen memory goes back to 1844 and she has many interesting reminiscences of earlier days. She is an active member of the Eastern Star and W. R. C. at Lisbon.

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A FACT A DAY ABOUT IOWA CITY

Tale of a Pioneer

BY J. E. R.

Activities and experiences of Hon. Warner Spurrier, the true pioneer of Johnson county, who served in the 10th general assembly, 75 years ago, have been referred to in this department briefly. Mr. Spurrier, whose grandfather was a Revolutionary war veteran, was born in Maryland in 1807, and came with his parents to Ohio, in 1815.

Among his many interesting boyhood experiences, dating

back to those early days of a by-gone century were the crossing of the Alleghenies in the big "Connetoga wagons," en route to the Buckeye state; attendance on the early log cabin "blab schools" (wherein pupils studied out loud, as the name suggests). The "patalial equipment" of such schools included dirt floors and roughly-hewn board seats. The teacher, for a Christmas treat, gave the children a half-bushel of raw turnips, to mark the great holiday. Apples, as well as other fruits, were hardly known in Ohio before 1820, the advent of "Johnny Appleseed," Mr. Spurrier was wont to say.

The oldtime law-maker received a rather better education than usual for those days, and himself became a schoolmaster. His munificent salary was \$10 a month, and he "boarded round." He was an early convert of the great Methodist revivalist and preacher, Lorenz Dow. Always a total abstainer from tobacco, liquor and profanity, he became a pronounced Unitarian, during the closing 20 years of his life.

In 1838 he married Miss Harriet Ballou (born in Ohio, in 1820).

tution. She might even get a kick out of it.

It's not that Dorothy isn't proud of being a good mother—she is.

But in the face of all the "angel mother" sentimentalizing that Mother's day lets her in for—it's like a tonic for her to be aware that she is more than a mother.

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She was a first cousin of James A. Garfield, a martyred president. The next year they started west. In her arms Mrs. Spurrier bore a six-weeks' old baby—who became the mother of Atty. Glenn A. Kenderdine of Iowa City, now with the Internal Revenue service, in Des Moines.

Leaving his young wife at Rockingham (the village that was to become a part of Davenport) the future Hawkeye solon walked west—looking for land. He settled a mile or so west of Solon, on what was destined to become the stage route. This was in April, 100 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Spurrier reared four sons and three daughters to maturity. One infant daughter, Ruth Ann, was the first person laid to rest in what is now the Solon cemetery. This was in 1843.

Mr. Spurrier was active in farming, but also taught school; and was a justice of the peace. With Warren Stiles, the future Iowa house member, he assisted in laying out the town of Solon, in 1841. His daughter, Mrs. Mary S. Kenderdine (who passed away in Iowa City, February 14, 1928, aged 89, as recently stated herein, at the home of her son, G. A., in Iowa City) was the author of a published series of articles on pioneer life. She and her husband died but a week apart, in January, 1892. Mrs. Kenderdine was a pioneer teacher in Johnson county schools, serving thus continuously, from 1855 to 1875. Many of her grateful pupils still survive.

SO THEY SAY

HE'S an old man and hasn't long to live. Why should I make him more trouble?

—Mrs. Mac Rosscau, Grafton, Ohio. widow, asking grand jury not to indict Will Case, 81-year-old farmer who killed her husband.

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Iowa's legislature, via the sound Methodism of a member of the 10th general assembly, was represented in the founding of one M. E. church in Johnson county — one of the oldest institutions in the religious realm in this county. Reference is to the Solon church, which was established 115 years ago. And

the Hon. Warner Spurrier was the lawmaker among the handful of pioneers who participated in that founding. (Incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cannon, Sr., of Iowa City, were two other members of that group. They were the parents of Wilbur D. Cannon, one of the owners of the Economy Advertising company, in its early days.)

Mr. Spurrier (often surnamed "Warren" in official records of the state, although we have been informed by a kinsman that the spelling was initiated errorfully in official publications by misapprehension and letter-juggling), was a state representative in 1864. He was a member

Thoughts

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. —Prov. 29:25.

We come, in our trust, unto God, and the moment we so embrace Him, by committing our total being and eternity to Him, we find everything is transformed.—Bushnell.

And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.—Leviticus 26:6.

Let the bugles sound the truce of God to the whole world forever.—Charles Sumner.

of the early -day board of county commissioners, taking office not long after the very first trio — Hon. Henry Fellner, Abner Wolcott and William Sturgis.

Thus Mr. Spurrier served both his county and his state, in territorial and statehood times.

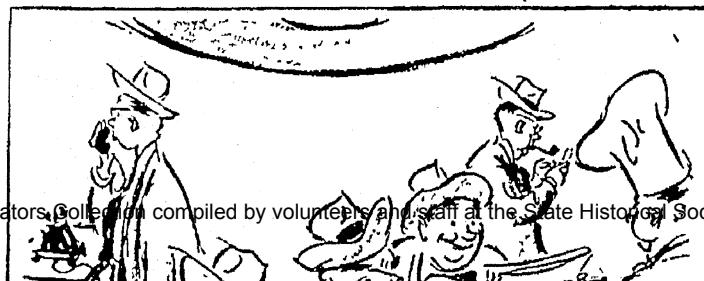
The Methodist leaders included representatives of the Sutliff, Finkbine, Brownings, and other oldtime families. The Sutliff ferry provided transportation to old settlers; the Finkbine golf links mark a filial gift to the university he loved.

The ancestral Brownings' American line was headed by John Browning, son of an English immigrant, who settled in Rhode Island, John's native state. The younger man, when grown to manhood, became a successful manufacturer. He was the owner of the noted "Browning Cotton Mills," in Rhode Island. Jeremiah, John's son, was also a manufacturer, his plants being in Ohio and earlier in Connecticut. Both John and Jeremiah were military men at one period in their respective lives. John enlisted in the War of 1812, and Jeremiah was a militiaman, commissioned by the governor of Rhode Island as a company captain.

In the Browning line, Albert B. Browning, a Johnson county pioneer, after residence in Ohio, served in the Buckeye state in the Civil war, in the 86th Ohio infantry. He was in many battles, and was punished greatly in health, by the rigors of war and privation. Honorably discharged, he came home to become a prominent farmer and stock - raiser here. He had been a Pennsylvanian of prominence in the oil fields of the Quaker state earlier in his career.

—J.E.R.

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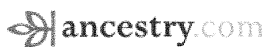
Name:	Warner Spurrier
Census Date:	1851
Residence State:	Iowa
Residence County:	Johnson
Roll:	IA_118
Line:	26
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Name	Age
Members:	Warner Spurrier

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Warner Spurrier	
Birth Year:	abt 1807	
Birth Place:	Maryland	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Johnson	
Locality:	Big Grove	
Roll:	IA_72	
Line:	31	
Family Number:	93	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warner Spurrier	49
	Harriet Spurrier	37
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	Mary Spurrier	17
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1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Warner Spurrier	
Age in 1860:	50	
Birth Year:	abt 1810	
Birthplace:	Maryland	
Home in 1860:	Big Grove, Johnson, Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Solon	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Joseph Wekner	14
	Ferdinand Wekner	10
	Abraham Hosner	26
	H H Maynard	24
	Theresa Westner	50
	Warner Spurrier	50
	Harriet Spurrier	40
	Mary Spurrier	20
	Matilda Spurrier	16
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	William Spurrier	13
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	George A King	22
	Silas King	21
	Michael Kinney	28
	Barbara Garbler	20

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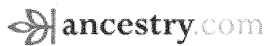
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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Warner Spurrier	
Birth Year:	abt 1808	
Age in 1870:	62	
Birthplace:	Maryland	
Home in 1870:	Franklin, Linn, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Lisbon	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warner Spurrier	62
	Harriett Spurrier	50
	Albert Spurrier	12

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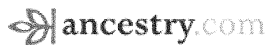
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Warner Spurrier	
Home in 1880:	Lisbon, Linn, Iowa	
Age:	72	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1808	
Birthplace:	Maryland	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Harriet	
Father's birthplace:	Maryland	
Mother's birthplace:	Maryland	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Retired Farmer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
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Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Warner Spurrier	72
	Harriet Spurrier	60

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Warner Spurrier
Born: 19 Aug 1807
 Frederick, Maryland, USA
Died: 4 Jan 1891
 Lisbon, Linn, Iowa, USA
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Spouse 1

Harriet Ballan
Born: 1807 in Ohio, USA
Died: 1880
Marriage: Johnson, Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
Samuel Spurrier	M	1828
Asenath Spurrier	M	1830
Ellis Spurrier	M	1832
Monroe Spurrier	M	1836

Spouse 2

Harriet Ballou
Born: 5 Feb 1820 in Ohio, USA
Died: 13 Jan 1892 in Ohio, USA
Marriage: 27 Mar 1838 in Zanesville, Ohio, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
Mary Spurrier	F	4 Feb 1839 in Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio, USA
Matilda Rebecca Spurrier	F	14 Mar 1843 in Solon, Johnson, Iowa, USA
Henry Ellis Spurrier	M	10 Feb 1845 in Solon, Johnson, Iowa, USA
William Monroe Spurrier	M	2 May 1847 in Solon, Johnson, Iowa, USA

Spouse 3

Mary Hoops
Born: 1807 in Jefferson, Ohio, USA
Died: 28 Mar 1832 in Harrison, Ohio, USA
Marriage: 11 Oct 1827 in Harrison, Ohio, USA [View Info](#)

Children	Sex	Birth
Asenath Spurrier	F	28 Aug 1828 in Harrison, Ohio, USA
Samuel Spurrier	M	28 Mar 1831 in Harrison, Ohio, USA

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Event(s)**Birth:** 19 Aug 1807
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Death: 4 Jan 1891
, Johnson, Ia

Parents**Father:** Ralph SPURRIER (AFN: C99Z-6X)
Mother: Eleanor CLEARY (AFN: C99Z-74)[Family](#)

Marriage(s)**Spouse:** Harriet BALLAN (AFN: KJ7G-X5)
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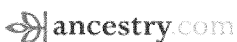
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Warner Spurrier

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19 Aug Harrison, Ohio

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Marriage to Harriet Ballan McHugh

11 Oct Harrison, Ohio
Age: 20

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Marriage to Mary Hoops

11 Oct
Age: 20

1891

Death

4 Jan Johnson County, Iowa, USA
Age: 83

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Family Members

Parents

Ralph Spurrier

1773 – 1848

Eleanor Cleary

1784 – 1862

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Spouse & Children

Harriet Ballan McHugh

1810 –

Asenath Spurrier

1830 –

Samuel Spurrier

1831 – 1913

Monroe Spurrier

1836 –

Mary Spurrier

1839 – 1928

Matilda Rebecca Spurrier

1843 – 1936

Henry Ellis Spurrier

1845 – 1917

William Monroe Spurrier

1847 – 1906

Wilmot Hale Spurrier

1849 – 1925

Albert Warner Spurrier

1858 – 1874

Other Spouse & Children

Mary Hoops

1807 –

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Location: LISBON

County: LINN CO. - IOWA

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Posted By: **DOUG LIND** (email) 2006-05-12 10:57:20

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SPURRIER, Harriet

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Died: 18 JAN 1892

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County: LINN CO. - IOWA

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Second wife of Warner Spurrier. Have info on this family, willing to share.

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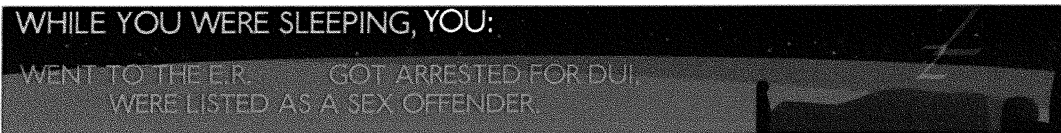


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Frederick County
Maryland, USA

Death: Jan. 4, 1892
Lisbon
Linn County
Iowa, USA

h/ 1. Mary Ann Hoopes Spurrier 2. Harriett Bellew Spurrier
s/ Ralph & Eleanor Cleary Spurrier

Family links:

Parents:

Ralph Spurrier (1773 - 1848)
Eleanor Cleary Spurrier (1784 - 1869)

Children:

Asenath Lucinda Spurrier Sutliff (1828 - 1902)*
Samuel Spurrier (1831 - 1913)*
Mary Spurrier Kenderdine (1839 - 1928)*
Ruth Ann Spurrier (1841 - 1843)*
Matilda Rebecca Spurrier Stephenson (1843 - 1936)*
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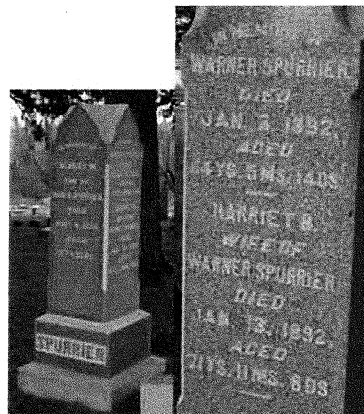
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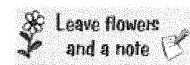


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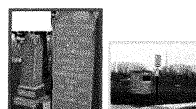
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