

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Suncombe, John Franklin Senator Suncombe,

John Franklin - Represented Madison, Monroe, Crawford, Carroll, Grant, Sac,

Emmet, O'Brien,
and
Dickinson

1. Birthday and place 22 Oct 1831 Erie County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Carrie Perkins 29 Dec 1852

(2) Mary A. Hollister 1859

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Erie, Pennsylvania; one of the
incorporators of several railroads never projected to enter Fort Dodge

B. Civic responsibilities Mason;

C. Profession Lawyer; editor of The Fort Dodge Sentinel
newspaper; later editor and proprietor of The Fort Dodge Democrat.

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 8th 9th General Assemblies 1860, 1862 - Senate

6. Public Offices 14th General Assembly 1872 - House of Representatives
18th General Assembly 1880 - House of Representatives

A. Local District Attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad Company

B. State Regent of the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 18 years

C. National Chairman of the Iowa Delegation to the National Democratic
Convention in October in 1872

7. Death 2 Aug 1902 Fort Dodge, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Iowa

8. Children Charles F.; William E.; Mrs. H. S. Kenyon; Mrs.
R. P. Atwell; J. Augustus

9. Names of parents Eli Suncombe

Auncombe, John Franklin

10. Education Education in a log school house near his home in
Erie County, Pennsylvania

11. Degrees Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania;
Centre College at Danville, Kentucky where he graduated
with honors in June 1852, MA degree

12. Other applicable information Democratic

- He taught school to help pay for college.
- He studied law at Erie, Pennsylvania and began practice
in 1853.
- His first wife Carrie, died 19 Nov 1854 at Erie, Pennsylvania.
- He came to Fort Dodge, Iowa in 1855 after borrowing money from
his father and opened his law office
- Military service - Spirit Lake Massacre - Captain of Co. B
- For 10 years he lectured on railroad law in the State
University of Iowa

JOHN F. DUNCOMBE IS DEAD.

One of Fort Dodge's Most Prominent Pioneer Citizens Passes
Away at His Home in This City Saturday Evening
at 10:40

Passes Unconsciously From Life
Into the Silent Chambers of
Death

THE END CAME PAINLESSLY

Surrounded by His Entire Family
and Immediate Relatives He
Goes Into the Valley of the
Shadow

UNCONSCIOUS FOR FOUR DAYS

Brilliant Mind of the Once Great
Lawyer Loses Its Grasp of
Things Material Prior to
His Death

FUNERAL TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Last Rites Will be Conducted Under
the Auspices of the Masonic
Order. Body Will Lie in
State At His Home
Tuesday

TRIBUTES BY MANY FRIENDS

Fellow Members of the Bar Pay
Glowing Tribute to the Memory
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SENATOR DOLLIVER'S ELOQUENT TRIBUTE

The death of Mr. Duncombe removes the most famous survivor of that extraordinary group of men who directed the development of the Iowa frontier. They were in a true sense founders of the state. They were builders of cities. They converted the open prairie into a garden of fruitfulness and beauty.

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Mr. Duncombe had been lying in a state of coma for the past four days, and passed away without giving any sign of recognition to the loved ones who gathered about his bedside as the last moments approached. All the members of his family and immediate relatives were near him when the end came. The sickness which was to prove fatal, first made its appearance eight weeks ago, when Mr. Duncombe was forced to leave the office where he had labored long and faithfully, on account of what was generally considered at the time to be an attack of nervous prostration. It was feared that he never again could resume his active legal duties, but a prominent specialist who was summoned from Chicago, entertained the opinion that his life was in no danger. For a time there was a brief season of improvement, and once or twice, Mr. Duncombe was able to live out in the early morning hours, but this was followed once more by a relapse. For the past two weeks, Mr. Duncombe's condition has been critical, and he grew slowly but steadily weaker until the end.

In Mr. Duncombe, Fort Dodge loses one of her most prominent citizens and the bar of Fort Dodge and the entire state, one of its ablest members. Since the time when he came from far off Pennsylvania to cast his lot with the future of what was then a struggling village, Mr. Duncombe has been actively concerned in all that pertained to the progress and betterment of the city which was his by adoption. His interest in Fort Dodge and its welfare has always been great and the chief feeling which his death will occasion is one of an incalculable loss.

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Mr. Duncombe is thought of not alone as a man of power. He is remembered as a man of generous impulses and unimpeachable integrity. As a lawyer in the court room, he has been scrupulously fair; a courteous opponent, but a dangerous one. As a man, he has lived in a manner to merit the esteem and friendship of his fellow men. The anxious inquiries which have been made from day to day as to his condition, and the universal expression of regret with which the announcement of his death has been received are sufficient testimony to the regard in which he is held by his fellow townsmen. The sincere sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved family in this, their hour of sorrow.

During the past few years, Mr. Duncombe has retired largely from public life. Altho mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for governor at the last election, he declined to permit his name to be used in that connection and has confined himself chiefly to his duties as district attorney for the Illinois Central railroad, a position which he held with marked ability for many years. His last appearance in the court room in Fort Dodge was when he appeared for the prosecution in the murder trial of the Bricker boys last August. The memory of what he has done, however, is still strong and will remain so, for the life which has closed is one which has been too full of achievement to lightly pass into forgetfulness.

THE STORY OF
A NOBLE LIFE

John Francis Duncombe sprang from good old English stock. He is descended from the Duncombes of England, several of whom have served their country well in various positions of public trust. Charles Duncombe, who was the founder of the American branch of the family, was a staunch patriot, during the war of the revolution and contributed largely of his ample fortune to aid struggling patriots. His son, the

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Altho engaged continually in his law practice, Mr. Duncombe has been active in other forms of business. He has been prominent in Webster county journalism. In 1856 he became one of the editors of the Fort Dodge Sentinel, which had been started by A. S. White, in July, 1856. Some years later he was editor and proprietor of the Fort Dodge Democrat. He has been connected with several railroad projects, being one of the incorporators of the Iowa Falls & Sioux City railroad of the Mason City & Fort Dodge railroad, the Fort Dodge & Fort Ridgely, now the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad and all other lines projected to enter Fort Dodge.

In politics, Mr. Duncombe has been a staunch free trade democrat all the years of his residence here. His party has recognized his ability by placing him in many positions of public trust. In 1859 he was nominated by the democrats of the Thirty-second district, consisting of twenty-three counties, for state senator, and was elected, serving four years. He was twice a member of the Iowa house of representatives. He was one of the Iowa Columbian commissioners, having charge of the Iowa exhibit at the World's Fair in 1893. He was chairman of the Iowa delegation to the national democratic convention held at Baltimore in 1872, which nominated Horace Greeley for president. In 1892 he was again chosen chairman of the Iowa delegation to the national democratic convention at Chicago, but resigned that position in order that he might present the name of Governor Horace Boies as a candidate for the presidency, which he did in a speech of great power and eloquence. Mr. Duncombe has been a candidate for

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His ability to deal with large questions of law was well illustrated when he appeared before the Supreme Court to argue the motion for a rehearing in the case involving the validity of the prohibition amendment to the constitution of Iowa. His argument in that case went to the very foundations of popular government and while the final decision of the court was adverse to his contention, yet his presentation of the case will be remembered as a landmark in the annals of our jurisprudence.

Nearly all of Mr. Duncombe's business enterprises were local in character and many of them were part of his life long interest in the material development of the community in which he lived. He had many vicissitudes of fortune, but in all stages of his career he was an investor, an employer of labor, and a contributor to the prosperity of the people among whom he lived. He was always on the lookout for an opportunity to help the city and he never failed to come forward with a contribution equal to the zeal and interest which he professed. Outside the immediate circle of his family there is no place where Mr. Duncombe will be missed, so much as when the citizens of Fort Dodge come together to take counsel for some new enterprise involving the growth and progress of the city.

It has often been said that if Mr. Duncombe had had different political affiliations he would have received at the hands of the people of Iowa all the highest honors of public life. It is probable that this is true, yet we cannot forbear to acknowledge the manly sincerity of a political career which throughout a long life was steadfast to the principles which he espoused in the days of his youth. This aspect of his career is only part of the solidity of character which he exhibited in all

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the relations of life. At such a time as this it is natural for those who knew Mr. Duncombe best to think of him not so much with reference to his professional, business and public activities, as in those homelier relations which brought him close to the firesides of the people among whom he lived and died. He was gentle, kind, helpful and generous as a neighbor, fellow citizen and friend. The poor and needy never sought his sympathy in vain. Upon his threescore years, filled with labor and crowned at last with the fullest measure of success, there is no stain. As the people of the city which he loved gather about his grave, they will be thinking not so much of the commanding talents which gave him renown and honor while he lived, as "of that companionship and confidence which unite old neighbors in the closest ties, and give to friendship its fullest development, its most gracious attributes."

J. P. Dolliver.

TRIBUTES BY LOCAL MEMBERS OF BAR

M. F. HEALY: After an acquaintance of twenty-three years, I can fairly say that Mr. Duncombe deserved the name of a good and honest man. His integrity was unspotted, his private character unsullied. He was charitable, generous, public-spirited and high-minded. He was my first friend in Fort Dodge and I felt it a great honor to keep his personal, political and professional friendship. He greeted young lawyers with open hands and cheerfully gave his advice and warning. Mr. Duncombe, like all good men was conscious of his good intentions, and actions and I have seen him only smile while political enemies or professional rivals attacked him. As a lawyer he ranked very high. His long experience had made him a master of the bar. His stronghold was on the defense. He was a great settler and eminently fair. It was a pleasure to try cases with him or against him. You could absolutely rely upon his honesty and fairness. He never took an unfair or technical advantage, rightly believing in the value of fair treatment to his opponents.

His services were in great demand in defense of murder cases. To my mind he was strongest in the defense of these cases. He was on the defense in the Reimer, Foley and Gaffy cases and prosecuted in the Porter and Bricker case in recent years. He defended Webster county in the Walrod and Hively cases. He was very successful in defense of railway cases. For twenty-nine years, never had a more faithful servant. By fair dealing

at heart and very generous. He was a man who improved upon acquaintance. The better you knew him the more you liked him. During the last few years of his life, I learned to love him. His place will not easily be filled. To Fort Dodge the loss is great, indeed.

A. N. BOTSFORD: The death of Mr. Duncombe and Mr. Doud removes from our bar, two of its most conspicuous, revered and prized members. They were the leaders here and represented high standing, courtesy and kindness and particularly exemplified those elements and agencies that work in the hearts and lives of gentlemen to make the profession honorable and noble.

W. T. CHANTLAND: It is certainly not a disparagement to any other Fort Dodge person to say that John F. Duncombe stood head and shoulders above any one else in this city intellectually. His chief characteristics were his enormous working capacity and his indomitable energy, which placed him in the fore front among the members of the Fort Dodge bar.

S. N. MAGOWAN: Considerate of the young practitioner, ever willing to help and advise; courteous in his treatment of us; were some of the elements which helped to make up that tower of respect which especially the young members of the Fort Dodge bar had for the ability and character of the late John F. Duncombe.

G. J. PIERSON:—In the death of John F. Duncombe, Iowa has lost one of its greatest lawyers and one of its most distinguished citizens. He was not only a man of great ability, but also of tremendous energy. Noble in presence, gentle in spirit, manly in everything, he was admired by all who knew him.

E. H. JOHNSON: John F. Duncombe was always kindly and easy to approach by the young practitioner. He was ever ready with help and suggestion. His bearing toward young lawyers, both in and out of court was courteous, and he merited the respect and affection in which he was held by all.

BAR ASSOCIATION TAKES ACTION

A special meeting of the Fort Dodge bar association was called this morning at the office of Secretary W. T. Chantland, to take proper measures with reference to the death of Hon. John F. Duncombe, the president of the organization. A committee, consisting of Attorneys M. F. Healy, Frank Farrell and R. M. Wright were

AVO DUCOMMON HAS BEEN FOUND

Fort Dodge Girl Who Disappeared Monday Evening is Located

SHE IS NOW AT CLARION

Registered at Clarion Hotel Name of Alice Bustness. Recognized by Description.

Ava Ducommon who disappeared from her home a few days ago been found at Clarion. She appeared there on Wednesday, coming from the east, and registered under the name of Alice Bustness, of Clarion. She was alone when she arrived.

Descriptions of the missing girl had been sent out over the country and she was recognized by the sheriff at Clarion who detained her and her mother telephoned her mother Ducommon, the housekeeper at a Logan house, asking what he could do with her.

Mrs. Ducommon requested that the girl be held until she could be brought to Clarion and bring her missing girl home again.

The girl has been missing since Monday evening, when it was reported that she left the city with a train. Her disappearance had caused great anxiety to her mother, who had been employing every means to find her child.

Accompanied by her mother Mrs. Ducommon returned to Fort Dodge from Clarion on Sunday night. The Clear Lake excursion on the morning and met her daughter. It has been learned that the girl was never far from Fort Dodge. She went from here to Iowa and from that place to a point near this city. Her return was due to the efforts of Mr. Olson and his assistants, who spent much time in searching for her whereabouts.

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MAURICE O'CONNOR: In the death of John F. Duncombe, our state has lost one of its most useful and best citizens. A man of prominence and wide influence, his decease, is felt thru-out the state. There are characters so noble, strong and upright that who's communities tie to them. Such was Mr. Duncombe. A splendid lawyer and vigorous worker, he embodied all those attributes that make successful men. No man or woman could know him without being better for it. He spent his life in this community, a useful, active one, and he leaves a name adorned with absolute honesty. He was a kind man and good, a loyal, true friend, a good father, a noble husband. His eulogy, the most beautiful that can be penned is written in the deep felt sorrow and grief that surrounds us at his death.

JAMES MARTIN: John F. Duncombe was in every sense a great man one of nature's noblemen, an intellectual giant. His career has been contemporary with the growth and development of a great state, to every feature of which his contributions have been of the highest importance, and his impress will remain for generations to come. He was dignified but genial in manner, and in the purity of his character and life, an ideal of rectitude and every manly virtue. To these great qualities he added an untiring energy and industry that brought him a high measure of success in every field of effort he entered.

R. M. WRIGHT: Mr. Duncombe possesses the three essentials in the make up of a noble lawyer—a grand physique, a clear able and analytical mind and a tireless industry. He was a man of great natural dignity. In an assembly of thousands he would attract once arrest attention. He was kindly

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BARBERS DOWN BAKERS

Tonsorial Artists Trim Bread Makers by Score of 7 to 5 on Thursday

Barbers and bakers fought it out on the ball diamond on Thursday afternoon. For six innings victory trembled in the balance and then settled upon the side of the men who trim whiskers who were awarded the victory by a score of 7 to 5. Both teams played fairly good ball, considering the fact that they were entirely out of practice. Most of the runs which were scored were on errors, but the barbers were the luckiest or else made the fewest misplays, and won out handily, with a good margin to spare.

As a barber put it after the game, the bakers got a "clean shave," that time, or the bakers' vocabulary, the men who handle the well browied bread were "done to a turn."

The teams lined up as follows:

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| Thrasher, left field | Lyons |
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Dr. King and wife, of Joplin, Mo., visited at the W. D. Tremain home on Sunday. They are on their way to Honolulu.

Miss Laurene Quackenbush returned to her home in Webster City Sunday, after a pleasant visit in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Selby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schaupp and son, John left on Saturday night for Lake Minnetonka, where Mrs. Schaupp and son will spend the remainder of the summer. Mr. Schaupp is expected back some time this week.

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It was learned that Potter's laudanum Friday night and the bottle was found concealed in a window in the room he occupied at the Kirkwood.

Three Boy Bathers Drown
Pittsburg, Aug. 4.—Three bathers were drowned yesterday in the Allegheny river at the Thirty-sixth street. Their names were William J. Carroll, aged 16, Amiel Kologenski, aged 12, and an unknown boy, aged about 10. None of the boys could swim and wading about two of them got their depth in a hole made in the dredge boat. The Carroll boy lost his life in attempting to save his companions.

A daughter of Professor L. is visiting her father in the city. Carl Quist made a profession to Humboldt and district Saturday. G. L. Tremaine and daughter Humboldt, are visiting in the city. Arthur Lambert is expected day for an over Sunday visit in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cook and Boone, Iowa, are visiting Mr. E. J. Strow.

County Treasurer, J. A. I has left the city for a visit in Illinois.

Mrs. Richard Botsford of Illinois, is visiting at the home in this city.

Miss Orpha Fox of Charles River visited yesterday, for a visit with friends and relatives.

Miss Anna Bellond of Brainerd over Sunday with Miss Ann of this city, and returned to today.

Miss Inez Jennings of Des Moines is a guest at the J. M. Prosser home. She will make a two week visit in the city.

Miss Albert Earvin left for St. Paul, where she will accept a position with a woolen millinery house.

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His services were in great demand in defense of murder cases. To my mind he was strongest in the defense of these cases. He was on the defense in the Reimer, Foley and Gaffey cases and prosecuted in the Porter and Bricker case in recent years. He defended Webster county in the Walrod and Hively cases. He was very successful in defense of railway cases. The great railroad he faithfully served for twenty-nine years, never had a more faithful servant. By fair dealing in settling damage cases, he saved the corporation thousands of dollars.

Few, if any, witnesses against him, could fairly say that he had not treated them well. It was a delight to watch his conduct to courts. Uniformly deferential and polite he insisted on his legal rights and won and retained the confidence and respect of the judges.

The pioneer lawyer of Fort Dodge, the public spirited citizen of the community, the generous, tolerant, broad-minded Christian gentleman, open-handed and genial, it seems a pity that he should die. The death of no other citizen of this county would leave so many with a sense of personal loss. I trust he has found peace and rest after his good and noble life.

T. D. HEALY: In Mr. Duncombe's death, Iowa has suffered the loss of one of its most prominent and public spirited citizens. His life and deeds will ever be recalled as intimately connected with the growth of northwestern Iowa. Gifted with faculties and with physical and intellectual strength beyond most men, he won and maintained from his youth, a justly earned fame as a political leader and lawyer. As he was always identified with the minority party in the state, the seat in the United States senate which he would have honored was not to be his. In his profession he stood in the front rank. He secured this place by no cunning or intellectual sharpness. It was laborious study, and broadness of vision that brought his successes. In the courtroom he never struck an unfair blow; he never profited by an act of doubtful propriety. His conscience never permitted evil practices, the such practices were used against him. His tongue was clean of suggestive speech. To younger members of the bar he was considerate and kind. I valued his friendship and counsel in his life, and shall cherish his memory as the fairest lawyer I have known.

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BAR ASSOCIATION TAKES ACTION

A special meeting of the Fort Dodge bar association was called this morning at the office of Secretary W. T. Chantland, to take proper measures with reference to the death of Hon. John F. Duncombe, the president of the organization. A committee, consisting of Attorneys M. F. Healy, Frank Farrell and R. M. Wright were appointed to draw up resolutions in memorial of Mr. Duncombe.

A. N. Botsford, now the senior member of the Fort Dodge bar was elected to the vacant presidency.

Frank Farrell was elected to the position of chairman of the committee on resolutions for the late John Doud Jr., which had been held by Mr. Duncombe, and James Martin, formerly Mr. Doud's partner, was named for the vacant position on the committee. Both committees will join in securing a day to be set aside as a memorial in court during its next session in this city, for both Mr. Duncombe and Mr. Doud.

The members of the association will meet at W. T. Chantland's office at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and will attend the funeral in a body.

It has been announced that the offices of the county clerk and county recorder will be closed on Tuesday during the time of the funeral.

Riverside Ripples

The baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Torner is reported as being very ill.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Miss Andrew Frenimig, on Sunday, July 27.

The young people of the Mission church are planning an ice cream social entertainment to be held on their church lawn, Tuesday evening, August 12.

The Swedish Lutheran Sunday school will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, August 7, in the Newberry pasture. All the children and their parents and friends are planning a good time.

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Mayor Sorber of Gowrie, this morning received a letter from the parents of George Murphy, the man who was run over and killed by a western train at Gowrie, a few days ago. The letter came from the man's away Massachusetts home, who was a sorrowing father and mother who had received the body of their only child, laid it to its last slumber beside the murmuring sea.

The brief, it contained the history of the man of whom you were known before. A few years ago George Murphy was a happy husband and father, contented in his work and an active, industrious man. Then a blow fell upon him and his child were snatched from him in one fell accident. His home became unbearable. Broken hearted, he turned himself away from his former life, and became a wanderer, his only purpose to get rid of memories which haunted him and drove him on.

The death which came to him had been a welcome one, for him from a life which had become a burden.

The parents expressed their appreciation for the kindness of the people of Gowrie in resting to them the body of their long lost son, that they might give him fitting burial.

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