

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Smith,
Sherman Griswold - Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 May 1831 Green County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Louisa J. Ayer 28 Apr 1859 Newton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar in Columbus, Ohio March 1857

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, GAR

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 9th General Assembly 1862 - resigned his seat to

6. Public Offices join the Army during the Civil War.

A. Local Mayor of Newton; city councilman; schoolboard member

B. State District Attorney for 6th Judicial District in 1870, trustee of
Iowa State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa

C. National Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1870

7. Death 5 or 6 Nov 1890 Newton, Iowa; buried Newton Union Cemetery, Newton,
Iowa

8. Children Addie M.; Frederick S.; La Rue; L. Martin (died in
1865); Vernon D. (died in 1873)

9. Names of parents Stephen A. and Amanda M. (Cole) Smith

10. Education _____

11. Degrees Attended Oberlin College, but left in junior year to
Teach schools and study law.

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- He spent the first 24 years in Green and Madison counties
in New York; he then went to Oberlin, Ohio to attend college
- He read law at Urbana, Ohio with James and Duell
- He opened his law practice at Newton, Iowa 11 Nov 1857
- Military service - Civil War - major of 40th Iowa Infantry
- When he returned from the Civil War, he waited for a time until his
health improved and then returned to his law practice.

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DEATH OF MAJ. S. G. SMITH.

Maj S. G. SMITH, one of Newton's
leading and most honored citizens, pass-
ed peacefully away at his home, this
(Wednesday) morning, Nov. 5, 1890, at
a quarter past five, surrounded by his
family and friends. Seven years ago
he was stricken with paralysis, while
in active duty pleading a case in Court.
Since then he has been a patient suffer-
er, ready to meet the certain end.
For 33 years he has resided in New-
ton, and as Mayor of the city, State
Senator, Major of the 40th Iowa Infan-
try, District Attorney, President of
the Board of Trustees of State Nor-
mal School, he has filled well the parts
assigned him by his fellow-citizens and
the State, with credit and honor. As
a member of the Jasper County Bar he
stood among the foremost, and as State
Prosecutor stood in the front rank in
the 6th District, and left a creditable
record. His death removes one of our
most honored citizens, and he is
mourned and will be missed by a mul-
titude of friends he made in military
and civil life.

SHERMAN G. SMITH was born May
22nd, 1831, in Green county, N. Y.;
graduated at Oberlin, O., read law at
Urbana, was admitted to the bar at
Columbus, O., in 1857, removing to
Newton in Nov. of that year, where he
has since resided. April 28, 1859, he
was married to Louisa J. Dixon, who,
with three children survives him. At
the outbreak of the war he was in the
Iowa State Senate, and after voting
money and means to equip the boys in
blue, he resigned his position and en-
listed in the 40th Iowa Infantry, and
was commissioned Major by Governor
Kirkwood, and served with distinction
at the front. His eminent legal abili-
ties were used to advantage by Gen.
Ashboth, who appointed him a mem-
ber of the Division Court Martial,
where he did his country great service.

His funeral will be held at the resi-
dence Thursday, Nov. 6, at 2 o'clock
P. M., "Garrett Post," G. A. R. hav-
ing charge of the services. Thus
passes away one of Newton's pioneers,
who has honored his place, in what-
ever station, and will be missed by his
many friends. The bereaved family
have the sympathy of our entire com-
munity, in their bereavement.

printed the JOURNAL irregularly. In
the future, and until election comes

ELECTION NEWS.

At this writing there is not much
encouragement for the Republicans
of Iowa. It looks as if we had lost
the Congressmen from the 6th and
1st, with the results doubtful in oth-
er districts. McKinley being elected
in Ohio takes off some of the poi-
gnancy of the defeat. In all time, we
have never seen dispatches more dis-
satisfactory, from all quarters, but
everything indicates a weakening of
the Republican forces, and a general
gain for the Democracy. The
JOURNAL's crop of chickens will not
be displayed this year.

This morning's *Register* says:—
"At this writing, 2 a. m., this morn-
ing, the returns indicate a plurality
of from 4,000 to 10,000 for Republi-
can State Ticket in Iowa. The
Democrats are claiming the election
of their ticket, but the Republicans
are holding to the State and now
have a barb-wire fence around a con-
siderable portion of it. Returns so
far received are mainly from towns
and city wards and the probabilities
are that the country townships will
show increased gains for Republi-
cans. Congressmen Henderson,
Struble, Hull, Flick and Dolliver are
surely elected. Democrats have
elected Hayes in the Second district.
All other districts are doubtful, with
probabilities in most of them in fa-
vor of Republicans."

Though still doubtful, it is proba-
ble that the Democrats have secur-
ed a majority of the next National
House. The Cobden Club hoodle
and soreness over postoffice appoint-
ments have probably been a suffi-
cient force to turn the tide in favor of
a Democratic speaker of the next
House, which is about all the fruits
they can gain from an otherwise bar-
ren victory.

Simmered down to the naked truth,
the "post offices" have contributed
more to the defeat of Republican Con-
gressmen than all other causes com-
bined. It is a pity that there are more

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details, and shrewd judgment in determining the strong points, he has been enabled so to direct his attorneys as seldom to lose a case. He is probably the most widely known of any man in his line of business in the state, his name being as familiar as household words among all country merchants. Beginning life without means, he has carved his own history and made his own fortune. Though now sixty-three years of age, he is as active and energetic as when fired by youthful ambition; noble-hearted, public-spirited and generous, his character has ever been unsullied and above reproach.

Politically, Mr. Shelley was formerly a Henry Clay whig, and later identified himself with the republican party. He was a warm supporter of the Union cause during the war, but believing that the tendency of the republican party was toward centralization, he abandoned it in 1870, and two years later was the liberal and democratic candidate of his district for congress. Although he carried his own county, he was defeated by his talented opponent, Hon. George W. McCrary. He was democratic candidate for state senator in 1873, but was defeated by a majority of fifteen. He has never sought political honors, and allowed his name to be used only at the urgent solicitations of friends. He made a gallant canvass for congress, and as a public speaker, though not trained to the rostrum, was logical, illustrative and eloquent; a man of commanding presence, finely-formed head, a clear ringing voice of great capacity, he easily won the attention and admiration of his auditors. He is now in full sympathy with the democratic party,

and believes in the old political tests of character, honesty, capacity and fidelity to the constitution. As a writer, he is clear and happy in expression, while as a conversationalist, he is fluent and magnetic, being thoroughly posted in history, poetry and current literature.

At the present time (1876) Mr. Shelley is president of the Iowa Life Insurance Company, located at Keokuk, which is fast winning its way to public confidence.

His religious training was under the influence of the Quakers, and though not a member of any church, he makes the rule of his action that expressed in the words, "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," giving justice to all and oppressing none.

Personally, he is generous and courteous, and by his habitual suavity, impresses even the casual observer as a man among men capable of great things.

Mr. Shelley was married on the 13th of October, 1842, to Miss Louise J., daughter of the late Beverly B. Stubblefield, a prominent name in Kentucky. Mrs. Shelley is an estimable lady of fine native endowments, well educated, a devoted wife and fond mother.

Of their two sons, both of whom were educated at Princeton College, New Jersey, William F. is a partner of his father at Keokuk, and George M. a partner at Kansas City in the wholesale dry-goods jobbing trade; both were trained to mercantile pursuits, and inherit the business talent and personal popularity that have so signally marked the career of their father.

HON. SHERMAN G. SMITH,

NEWTON.

SHERMAN GRISWOLD SMITH, son of Stephen F. Smith and Amanda M. *née* Cole, is a native of Green county, New York, dating his birth on the 22d of May, 1831. His branch of the Smith family is of German pedigree, his grandfather coming to this country subsequently to the revolution, and settling in Green county. The Coles are an old New England family. Sherman G. spent the first twenty years of his life on farms in Green and Madison counties in his native state, then came as far west as Oberlin, Ohio, where he entered the preparatory department of the college, pursuing his

studies through the first term of the junior year, when he left and began to teach school and study law. He read at Urbana, Ohio, with James and Duell, and was admitted to the bar at a term of the supreme court of Ohio held at Columbus in March, 1857.

On the 11th of November of that year Mr. Smith opened an office in Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, and here has since been his home and the field of his operations, except a little more than two years, which he spent in the military service. He went into the army in September, 1862, as major of the

40th Iowa Infantry, and was with that regiment through all its marches, expeditions, raids and battles until late in 1864, when he resigned at Little Rock, Arkansas, on account of ill-health.

Prior to going into the army, in the autumn of 1861, Major Smith was elected to the state senate, and served in the regular and special sessions of 1862, heartily supporting every war measure of the general assembly.

He was elected district attorney of the sixth judicial district in 1870, and served four years. But such positions are of very little consequence to him, as his professional business is much better than the emoluments of any office pertaining to the bar or bench. He is an excellent office lawyer and a powerful advocate, standing second to no man at the Jasper county bar.

Major Smith has always acted with the republican party, and is an influential member of it. He was

a delegate to the national convention in 1876, his favorite candidate for presidential nominee being the Hon. James G. Blaine.

He has been mayor of Newton one term; has done good work at sundry times on the city school board, and is a trustee of the State Normal School located at Cedar Falls.

He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been master of the Newton Lodge.

The religious connection of Major Smith is with the Congregationalists, where he has held a membership nine or ten years.

His wife was Miss Louisa J. Dixon, of Newton, their union occurring on the 28th of April, 1859. They have three children, and have lost two.

Major Smith is a man of solid build, physically, morally and intellectually, having a stainless record. It is fortunate for Iowa that she has a large class of just such men. Her honor rests upon them.

JACOB H. BRUSH,

OSAGE.

AT an early period in American history three brothers came from England and settled in Huntington, Long Island, and from them have sprung the Brushes now scattered over the western as well as eastern states. Jacob Henry Brush, son of Albert and Julia Burchard Brush, is one of these descendants, and was born in North Salem, Westchester county, New York, on the 9th of July, 1833. Albert Brush is a farmer, one of the proprietors of Brewster, a town in the edge of Putnam county, on the Harlem railroad, and he and his wife are still living in Brewster. The Burchards were early settlers in Norwalk, Connecticut. Jacob spent his early years in Westchester and Putnam counties, receiving his education at the North Salem Academy and Amenia and Charlotteville seminaries, teaching the district school one winter at Brewster.

About the time he arrived at his majority Mr. Brush became interested in the west, and concluded that here was a good field for young men of any business tact and a disposition to work. Thus impressed, he left Putnam county in May, 1855; reached Dubuque about the time the land office was being removed; followed it to Decorah; there opened a real-estate office and bank, and again followed the United States land office when it was

removed to Osage in July, 1856. The next year Mr. Brush was joined in the banking business by his younger brother, Francis Albert, the firm name being J. H. Brush and Co. In 1861 another brother, Jesse Platt, and in 1866 the youngest brother, Avery, engaged with the subject of this sketch in banking, and they are still in business together. In 1865 their private bank was changed to the Osage National Bank, of which J. H. Brush is president, J. P. Brush, cashier, and Avery Brush, assistant cashier.

Of the land-office business Mr. Brush has had special charge since he began it. Few men have located as many acres of land in the Turkey river land district for non-residents as he, and probably fewer still have accommodated as many men who wanted to find homes in this district. During all these years he has never needlessly distressed a man—never took advantage of his necessities to foreclose on him, but has uniformly shown all possible leniency. Indeed, he has seldom had occasion to resort to law.

Mr. Brush has engaged in other business when he could command the time to attend to it. In 1861 he built the Osage flouring and saw mills, and operated them until October, 1873. He is one of the half-dozen Osage men who were most active in

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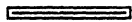
Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.



"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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Sherman G. Smith located as a lawyer in Newton the next year after *Horace S. Winslow*, in 1857. He was a native of Green County, New York, where he was born in 1831. When he was nearly of age, the family removed to Oberlin, Ohio, where he was entered as a student in the college of that place. He studied law at Urbana, and was admitted to the Bar of Ohio in 1857, and came to Iowa in the fall of the same year. He practiced law with success, and was for a time a partner with *Horace S. Winslow*. He early took a prominent part in public affairs, and in the fall of 1861 was elected to the State Senate of the Ninth General Assembly, which convened at Des Moines in January, 1862, but before the close of his term, he resigned his seat in the Senate to enter the military service of his country, and was commissioned Major of the Fortieth Iowa Infantry. He served valiantly in that capacity through all the sieges and battles in which his regiment was engaged until he was compelled to resign on account of failing health, in 1864.

Upon his return from the war, and the renewal of his health which had been greatly impaired, he resumed the practice with eminent success. He was a sound and able lawyer, notable for his high character and strict integrity. He attained to the front rank in the profession. In 1870 he was elected District Attorney of his district and served with marked efficiency in that capacity. He refused to again be a candidate, devoting his entire energies to his profession, and enjoyed for many years a large and lucrative practice. He was a Republican in politics and, though he had but little desire for office, he exercised a potent influence in party councils. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1870 and consented to serve in other public capacities. He took great interest in the public schools, served on the city school board, as a trustee of the State Normal School, and as Mayor of the City of Newton.

In figure, he was solidly built, inclined to be corpulent. He was light haired, light complexioned, ordinarily mild and phlegmatic, but when aroused, displayed ample force and efficiency.

Judge John C. Cook, I have cause to remember, for he was my opponent and defeated me by a few votes in the Congressional race in 1883, in the Sixth Congressional District, the fusion majority of which, composed of Democrats and Greenbackers, had been controlled by General James B. Weaver for a number of years. In 1880 *Judge Cook* had been the Democratic candidate for Congress, with *M. E. Cutts* opposed to him as the Republican candidate. The returns were disputed, but the certificate was awarded to *Mr. Cutts*. *Mr. Cook* entered a contest for the seat before Congress, and it was finally awarded to him by that body. At the end of that term both he and *Mr. Cutts* were re-nominated as opposing candidates, but *Mr. Cutts* dying, I was nominated in his place, and *Judge Cook* and I made a single canvass of the district. *Judge Cook* was elected.

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Smith, Sherman G

War

Residence

Battles, etc.

Occupation Attorney

Nearest relatives

Date birth May 22 1831 Place Green Co. N.Y.

Father

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Date death Oct 1890 Place Newton, Iowa
Cause Union Gen Place burial "

Mother

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War record Ma J. 40 Iowa Inf.

Wife

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Children

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living in Iowa, 1886: res. Newton.
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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Smith, Sherman G

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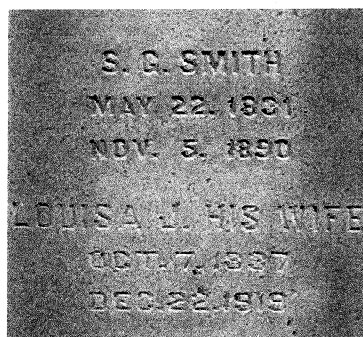
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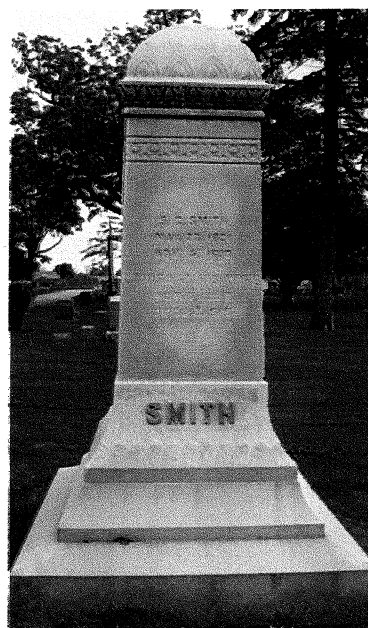
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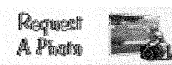
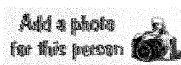
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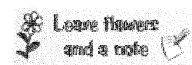
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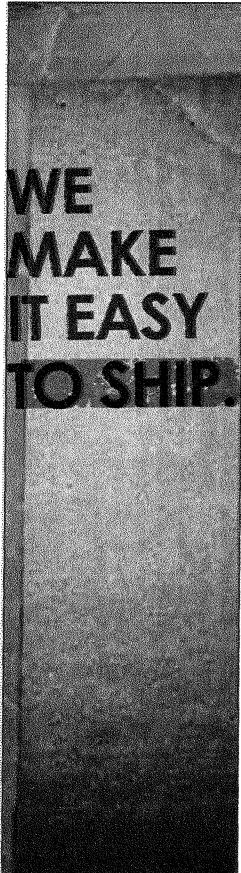
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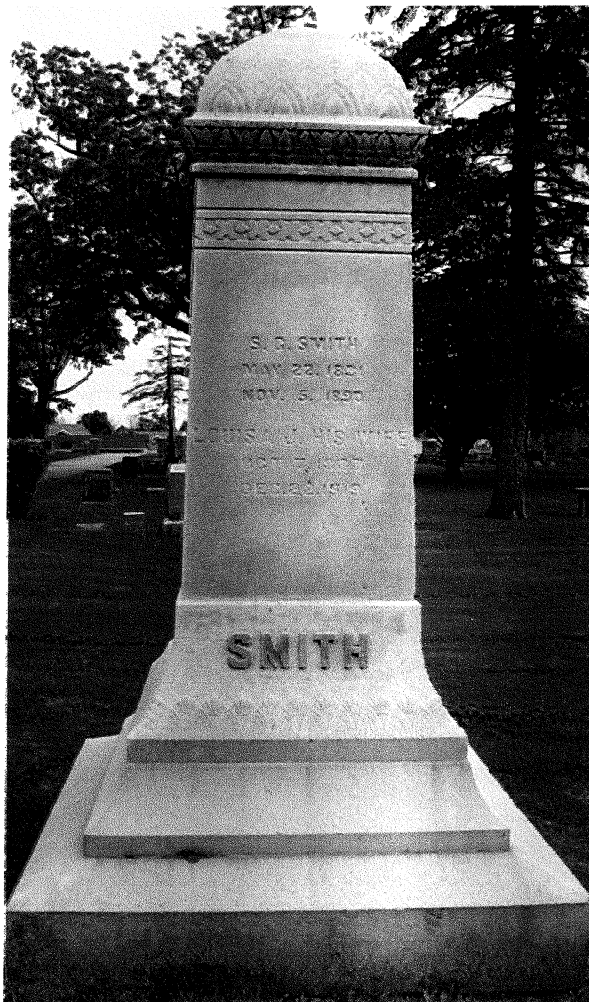
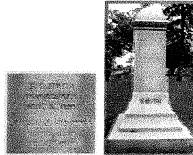
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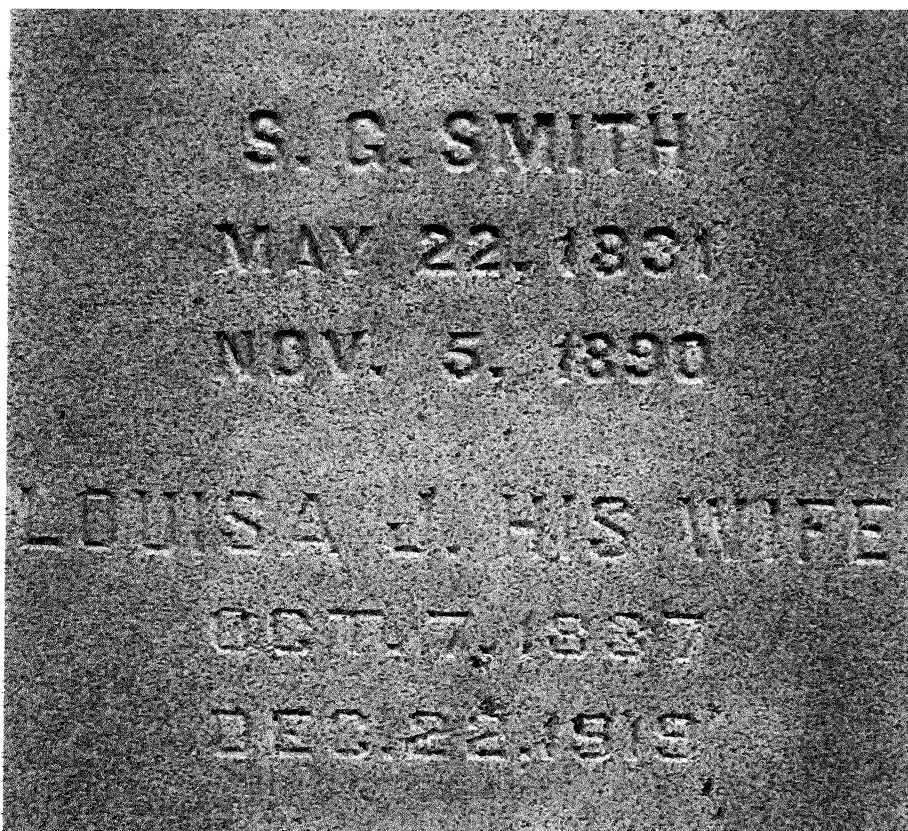


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