

10. Education Educated in a private grammar school

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Democrat

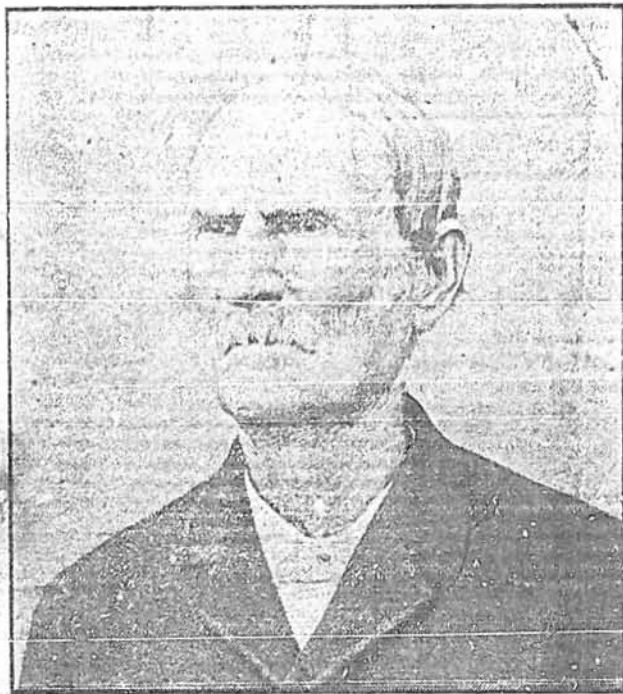
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- He practiced medicine in Keosauqua County for 2 years
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- In 1832 he moved to Coler County, Illinois and practiced medicine
- His first wife, Julia, died in 1865.

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.

DEATH OF DR. BAILEY

He Was a Pioneer and in His Time One
of the Prominent and Notable
Men of the State.

Had Been Member of Territorial Leg-
islature and of Constitutional Con-
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and was re-elected in 1840, and two
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state senate. He was a member of the
constitutional convention of 1844, of
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United States marshal for Iowa, being
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which the greater part of his life was
spent.

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Bailey practiced medicine for two
years, but he was at once recognized here as they
had been elsewhere. The next year

The first governor and Edwin Cutler
Jr., of this county, the first secretary
of state.

Time passed and in the 7th general
assembly in 1854 we find Dr. Bailey a
member of the senate, and also a mem-
ber of the senate of the 8th general
assembly, which opened at Des Moines
Jan. 7, 1860. Dr. Bailey was a leading
member of the legislature, as he was
by temperament and endowment a
leader in any sphere of life in
which he might be placed. It was he, a democrat, who
in the territorial legislature introduced
and secured the passage of the law
providing for Iowa's free public school
system.

Dr. Bailey had for a number of
years the distinction of being the last
surviving member of the Iowa terri-
torial legislature.

After the close of his service in the
legislature, and in the constitutional
of 1844, Dr. Bailey was, the following
year, appointed by President Polk
United States marshal for Iowa. We
are not informed where the United
States court for Iowa was held at that
time, but one of the places was
Dubuque, and if there were other
places they were probably Davenport
and Iowa City. Of course there
were no railroads in Iowa in those
days, and going to the sessions of court
the arrest of criminals, the serving of
processes, the summoning of jurors,
the subpoenaing of witnesses—all
this necessary travel had to be done on
horseback. There was a large amount
of business in those early federal
courts such as land cases, cases arising
from Indian depredations, and other
criminal business, requiring a number
of deputies who, especially during term
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tory. One of Dr. Bailey's deputies of
that time is living, and probably only
one—his step son, Bertrand Jones of
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served his full term as marshal, but
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tion, which was whig. While Dr.
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A FATAL ACC

Roger A. Davidson
This Morning

WAS PROMINENT MAN I

Was to Have Sale Today
Preparing to Move
Nebraska.

The painful news is rece-
fatal shooting of Roger A. I
Cedar township this mornin-
gun which he was carryin-
ling was discharged, the e-
tering his groin. Death e-
thereafter.

The accident happened at
Davidson was to have a sale
the auctioneer was on his
when the news of the accid-
eceived here. He had bought
Nebraska and was preparin-
there.

Decensed was 35 years old
a family. He was highly r-
this part of the county. 5
ago he was a candidate for t-
can nomination for sheriff.

P. S. It is later reported n

Fatal Accident To Jim Willia

James R. Williamson, old
T. A. Williamson, formerly
Russell, was accidentally ki-
let, Ill., on the 29th ult. He
man of a switch crew in the
yards. He fell under a swit-
and was dragged some dis-
ceiving bruises and injuries f-
he died a half hour after
one saw the accident. Dec-
about 51 years of age and 1-
and two children.

For Sale.

I will sell at auction all r-
hold goods Saturday Nov-
ning at 1.30 p. m., at the Han-
one block northwest of the
store. W.

Official Vote of Cast at the Genera

FOR GOVERNOR	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR JUDGE	FOR CLERK
ALBERT C. CHAMBERLAIN, REP.	108	102	10
JOHN M. WALK, DEMOCRAT	10	2	3
LEWIS H. WALKER, DEMOCRAT			
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Gideon Smith Bailey was born of humble parents June 3, 1809, near Nashville, Ky. His parents soon moved to Lawrence county, Ind., where he grew to manhood. Young Bailey was endowed with ambition and energy as well as superior intellectual capacity. He early had a thirst for knowledge and planned to become a member of one of the professions. There were no public schools in those days, and only reading and writing and arithmetic were taught in the private schools, but young Bailey improved such opportunity as he had, and at the age of 18 we find him teaching school. At 19 he decided to study medicine. His father, as much as he could, and supplementing that help by splitting rails for an older brother, the young man was able to attend a private grammar school and read medicine evenings. In 1830, at the age of 21, he went to Bedford, the county seat of Lawrence county, and read medicine with Dr. Moberly. He finished his medical education in 1832.

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On coming to this country, Dr. Bailey practiced medicine for two years. His talents and moral worth were at once recognized here as they had been elsewhere. The next year, namely in 1838, he was nominated and elected by the democrats to the territorial legislature. Iowa territory had been set off from Wisconsin territory that year, the first legislature meeting at Burlington, Nov. 12, 1838, the election being held in August. There were only 16 counties in Iowa at the time, and they were along the Mississippi river, except Van Buren, Cedar, Johnson, Jones and Linn. The Van Buren county delegation in the legislature that year were Dr. Bailey, James Hall and Samuel Parker, and in the council J. Keith and T. A. M. Swazey. The next legislature was held at Burlington in 1839-40, and the members from this county were Dr. Bailey, James Hall and Samuel Parker, and in the council J. Keith and T. A. M. Swazey. The next legislature was held at Burlington in 1839-40, and the members from this county were Dr. Bailey, James Hall and Samuel Parker, and in the council J. Keith and T. A. M. Swazey. The next legislature was held at Burlington in 1839-40, and the members from this county were Dr. Bailey, James Hall and Samuel Parker, and in the council J. Keith and T. A. M. Swazey.

The first constitutional convention preliminary to statehood convened at Iowa City Oct. 7, 1844, and Dr. Bailey was a member of this body, among his six colleagues being Thomas Charlton of Bonaparte. This constitution was defeated by the whigs, and another convention was held in May, 1846, and the constitution adopted by a vote of 9493 for and 9036 against. Iowa was admitted Dec. 28, 1846, and Ansel Briggs was

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James H. Williamson, oldest son of W. A. Williamson, farmer, of this part of the county, was killed by a man of a switch crew in the yards. He fell under a switch and was dragged some distance, receiving bruises and injuries from which he died a half hour afterwards. Some saw the accident. Deceased was about 54 years of age and left one wife and two children.

For Sale.

I will sell at auction all my hold goods Saturday, Nov. 11, at 1:30 p. m., at the Hunte one block northwest of the store. W. A.

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Official Vote of Cast at the General

	For	Against	Majority	Minority
GOVERNOR				
Albert G. Harmon, rep.	158	167	10	116
Jerry J. Sullivan, democrat	141	161	20	51
John F. Lincoln, independent	16			
John M. Work, socialist				
L. H. Wolf, pro.				
DEPUTY GOVERNOR				
John Harriot, rep.	99	161	61	119
J. D. Butler, democrat	178	154	24	51
James H. Scott, pro.				
A. K. Gifford, socialist				
S. M. Harvey, people				
JUROR				
Charles A. Bishop, rep.	194	61	97	129
John H. Caldwell, dem.	177	52	73	51
William Orr, pro.	13			
I. S. McCullis, socialist				
J. A. Lower, etc., people				
STATE REPRESENTATIVE				
John F. Hays, rep.	193	168	97	129
A. C. McCook, dem.	174	150	71	51
John S. Ward, pro.	19			
Florence A. Brown, socialist				
Milo Hanco, people				
RAILWAY COMMISSIONER				
David J. Palmer, rep.	194	167	97	129
W. S. Porter, dem.	179	156	73	51
H. E. Bradshaw, pro.	18			
Chickley W. C. Mitchell				
Walter McCully, people				
STATE SENATOR				
James Elerick, rep.	201	166	91	117
John P. Mastrey, dem.	175	158	76	51
W. H. Murray, pro.	16			
REPRESENTATIVE				
L. F. Summers, rep.	205	158	91	101
Will Hastings, dem.	173	169	89	72
H. A. Dalrymple, pro.	19			
COUNTY TREASURER				
H. L. McGraw, rep.	202	169	96	120
J. C. Forbes, dem.	181	155	73	52
W. L. Bonnett, pro.	12			
SHERIFF				
R. P. Ramsey, rep.	191	161	88	110
H. E. Dackworth, dem.	192	168	81	65
W. H. Rooten, pro.	11			
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT				
Amos Heminger, rep.	201	173	97	122
Geo. P. Chapman, dem.	181	161	73	48
J. W. Wolf, pro.	13			
CLERK OF COURSE				
Liveston Morris, rep.	202	168	97	118
J. E. Guernsey, dem.	177	157	76	51
W. W. Wilson, pro.	12			
RECORDER				
David Williams, rep.	200	171	97	120
Geo. W. Clayton, dem.	183	162	75	60
RECORDING CLERK				
J. A. Ferguson, rep.	214	166	91	118
G. W. Morrell, dem.	171	158	70	53
Joseph Graham, pro.	11			

