

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Mann
Joseph - Represented Jackson and Jones Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Feb 1824 Hancock, Maryland

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Calphernia Peet late 1850's Jones County, Iowa
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3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Lawyer; newspaperman

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 7th and 8th General Assemblies 1858, 1860

6. Public Offices

A. Local Jones County judge;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 22 Nov 1905 Golden, Colorado; buried

8. Children Walker

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- He began practicing law in 1846 in Bedford, Pennsylvania
- From 1849-1865 he lived at Anamosa, Iowa
- He moved to Golden Colorado in 1865 and took a prominent part in the up-building of Golden Colorado. He was as probate judge in the late 1860's and early 1870's. He also was as county judge of Jefferson County, Colorado.
- He was editor of The Anamosa Gazette newspaper, Anamosa, Iowa while in James Brady, Iowa.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1905.

DEATH OF JUDGE MANN.

All the old settlers of Jones county will regret to hear of the death of Judge Joseph Mann, for sixteen years a prominent citizen of Anamosa, and at one time owner and editor of the Anamosa Gazette. Mr. Will Bigler sends us a copy of the Denver, Colorado, News of the 23d, containing the following:

Golden, Colo., Nov. 22.—Judge Joseph Mann, one of the oldest Odd Fellows in the United States, died this evening after a lingering illness caused by a stroke of paralysis three years ago, which resulted in total blindness year later.

Judge Mann was born at Hancock, Md., Feb. 7, 1824. He began practicing law in Bedford, Pa., in 1846 and became an Odd Fellow in the same year. From 1849 to 1865 he lived at Anamosa, Iowa, serving as county judge and as state senator. Judge Mann located here in 1865 and at once took a prominent part in the up-building of the commonwealth, serving as a probate judge in the late '60s and early '70s. Ten years ago he completed a three years' term as county judge of Jefferson county.

Wherever Odd Fellowship flourishes in Colorado, Judge Mann's name is familiar, as for nearly sixty years he has been an untiring worker in the order and has held many high offices in the grand lodge.

He leaves a wife and a number of other relatives in Golden, and a son, Walker Mann, who operates a large stock ranch near Minturn, Colo. The wife of Mayer R. W. Speer, of Denver, is his niece.

We visited Golden in 1900 and had a delightful visit with Judge Mann and also with Mr. George Dollison and Mrs. Caroline Graham Townsend. The Judge was in remarkably good health at the time and was performing his regular duties as county judge. He has been blind two years, according to the above statement, a fact that must have been distressing to him, as he was a man of unceasing activity and took a deep interest in all public affairs. The Judge was Democratic state Senator in the late fifties as well as editor of the Gazette, as above stated. When we visited him he laughingly told us he never complied with the law, and this was the practical fact,

and died instantly in a game at Bollmore, Indiana. Robert Brown, at Sedalia, Mo., fatally injured, paralyzed from the neck down and has not spoken since he was hurt. Perry Dunphy, of the Detroit University, right leg broken. Dutcher, of the Georgetown University, received a scalp wound and Bocock, of the same team, suffered a fracture of the jaw. At Springfield, Ill., Mausey, of a high school team, unconscious for some time from injury of the head.

Thanksgiving day, no doubt, will bring another list of casualties. Football needs to be reorganized.

—One of the most revolting murders on record was committed last Friday six miles south of Independence. A man by the name of McWilliams killed his wife and five children, ranging from a mere babe of three years to eighteen years of age. A hammer and knife were the implements of destruction made use of and six lives were cruelly sacrificed before the murderer could be satisfied. He proceeded to Independence by a circuitous route and coolly informed people that his family had been killed, although he denied being the murderer. He must have been partially demented, for it does not seem possible that a man of sound mind could have been guilty of such a crime.

—The Supreme Court has affirmed what is known as the soldiers' preference law, passed by the last general assembly. The essence of the law is that appointive offices shall be given to old soldiers, other things being equal. The action before the Supreme Court originated in a case at Marshalltown, where C. H. Shaw was refused an appointment for some position by the city council and another man was appointed who was not an old soldier. The G. A. R. assisted in bringing Shaw's case before the Supreme Court and the decision was in his favor, Justices Bishop and Weaver dissenting.

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Judge Mann married Miss Calphernia Peet, eldest daughter of the late Burton Peet, in the early fifties, and Walker was their only child. She passed away many years ago and the Judge married again and when we visited Golden was living with his second wife, a lady who impressed us as the possessor of many admirable traits of character. The Judge, careless as to his appearance and in many other ways, nevertheless was a whole-souled, big-hearted, genial gentleman, who is remembered with real affection by a multitude of old friends here and elsewhere.

We think the records of the Odd Fellows' lodge in Anamosa will show that Judge Mann was one of the very first members, and we recall very vividly his first public appearance in regalia probably a dozen or fifteen of that order as they marched and counter-marched on the flat on the right of the road a few rods after turning from Main street as we go the cemetery. This must have been as early as 1851, and the Judge has been a member over half a century.

The death of Judge Mann brings again to mind the impressive fact that most all the active men and women of the early fifties, here and everywhere, have ceased from toil and responsibility and passed on—a veritable army of old friends whose individual lives bring back to us a flood of memories alive with pleasurable emotions and many gracious influences. It is as if we can meditate thus in kindly remembrance concerning the departed, and it is well if like happy remembrances are entertained by those who shall follow in our journey to the land of the hereafter.

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Chilly, damp, rainy weather soon brings on rheumatism. To relieve rheumatic pains, use Rheumatism Tablet No. 3, one of the Twenty Tried Prescriptions of the Modern Pharmacal Co. Sold everywhere.

CASS COMMENTARIES.

Cass, Nov. 28, 1905.

Mesdames Dwight Cook and Ted Bagley spent a day in Cass last week.

Mr. Ralph Zimmerman is in Iowa City where he went for treatment. Monday his neighbors and friends from Wayne township turned out and nearly finished harvesting his corn crop.

Mr. Chas. Walterbach is in Dakota this week.

Mrs. Harry Wright has been quite sick.

Friday evening thirty of the friends of Miss Nellie Conrad dropped in to spend the evening with her, greatly to her surprise. They brought well filled baskets and a good supper was the result. All report a fine time.

Miss Meria Ketcham is spending the week in Anamosa with her sister, Miss Ruby Ketcham.

The winter terms of school began Monday. Miss Cora Condit is the new teacher in District No. 5.

Mrs. F. M. Bagley, of Anamosa, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. G. G. Ketcham.

There will be Thanksgiving services at the Cass Congregational church. A service of song and prayer from 10:30 to 11, followed by a short address by the pastor.

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