

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Messrs. Reahans Alford Senator _____
Represented Ringgold and Taylor Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Oct 1825 near Bethlehem, North Hampton
County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Rebecca A. Reynolds 22 Feb 1849 Sciota County, Pennsylvania

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was closely associated with construction of the railroad
in Taylor County, being associated with E. T. Smith in several grading contracts.

B. Civic responsibilities President of Taylor County Agricultural Society 1859 and later
general superintendent

C. Profession Merchant; farmer

4. Church membership

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 9 May 1884 Bedford, Iowa; Buried Lexington Cemetery, Clayton Township

8. Children Elmer E.; Ulysses Grant; May Florence; Eddie Sherman;
Lorin C.; Lucinda J. (Mrs. Plowry); Iler (died in infancy); Isaac Miller (died in infancy);
Taylor County Iowa

9. Names of parents Peter and Magdalena (Schrock/Horlick) Messer

Mason, Reuben Alexander

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He lived in the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania area until age 15 where he moved with his parents to Pike County, Ohio in 1839.
- After marriage in 1849, he and his wife moved in spring 1850 to Creston in Hapella County, Iowa where he farmed, later to Marietta, Iowa.
- In 1856 the family moved to Taylor County, Iowa where he lived until his death. He purchased a farm near Leppington, Iowa. In 1868 he went into the mercantile business.
- His wife, Rebecca, born in 1830, died 2 Feb 1906. she is buried with Reuben in Leppington Cemetery, Clayton Township, Taylor County, Iowa.
- He retired in 1877.

to reduce our stock. These are all first-class, and our own make.

Your Time to Buy, in business. Come and see we will convince you that above statement is true.

Remember the place—
& Daniel's Old Stand.
AY & TERHUNE.

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S. Weidner went up to yesterday.
I want bee hives cheap, all use, call and see samples at Turner's hardware store.

Shenandoah Post says: G. G. of Clarinda, who works for Security Company, made a visit to Shenandoah last Wednesday. He reports the loan and business as quite good. Mr. Decker, formerly sheriff of Taylor

Boots and Shoes go to Terhune's. They have "stock."

Rannalls, Mrs. Atkinson and others, who are teaching in the schools, took the children of the respective departments to the school Friday of last week for a holiday.

A very pleasant time is being had by the children enjoying the sunshine more than they would a whole school year. It's odd, but we were very busy ourselves a good many days, and even now we would work for a day than work for a

that new line of fine goods just opened for inspection last week at Wm. M. Rannalls & Co's.

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Messrs. Sid Frayne, Wm. Donlin, and Frank Abbott, composed of a String Band, came up on the train yesterday to play for the night.

A well known strengthening of IRON combined with other ingredients and a most perfect nerve tonic, in Carter's Iron Pills, which

ORTH & WEAVER!

OBITUARY.

Death of an Old Citizen of Taylor County.

Died, at 11 o'clock p. m., Friday, the 9th inst., at his residence in this city, **Reuben A. Moser**, aged 58 years and 7 months.

Mr. Moser was born in Northampton county, Penna., on the 9th of October, 1825, and removed to Ohio in 1839. On the 22d of February, 1849, he was married to his now bereaved wife, and in the spring of 1850 removed to Iowa, locating in Lucas county, where he lived until 1856, when he came to Taylor county and here continued to reside until the time of his death. He was a man of good natural ability and of considerable attainments, and was highly esteemed in the community. Among other positions of trust held by him at various times, he represented Taylor county in the legislature for two terms at the beginning of the rebellion. He was for many years engaged in general merchandising in Bedford and was a considerable contractor for the work on the Creston branch of the C. B. & Q. railroad at the time it was built, but for a number of years past ill health has compelled his retirement from active pursuits.

The deceased leaves a widow and five children and the other members of his family surviving him are three brothers and a sister, Messrs. G. A. Moser, of Ironton, Mo.; O. A. Moser, of Ottawa, Kas.; and J. W. Moser, of Conway, and Mrs. M. M. Henkel, of Winterset.

The funeral services took place on Sunday at one o'clock, p. m., at the residence of the family. They were conducted by Rev. W. D. Bennett and were largely attended. All the members of the family were present except Mr. Doris Moser, of Kansas, whom the sad intelligence did not reach in time. The remains were taken to the Lexington cemetery for interment.

—Mt. Ayr is offered the La Crosse road for \$40,000 and depot grounds.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

A man named McKinley, who lives on the opposite side of the Nodaway river from Clarinda, went fishing Sunday afternoon with his two children, a boy and a girl aged 14 and 9 years, respectfully. Leaving the children together, the father went away about two hundred yards down the stream. The girl slipped and fell into the stream, and the boy plunged in to rescue her. The water was deeper than he supposed, and in her desperation the girl held him so tightly that he was unable to support her or even save himself. The father, hearing the splashing of the water, suspected that something was wrong, and hastened to the scene, threw himself into the stream in the hope of saving the children. By this time they were in the last agonies of drowning, and clung to him so tenaciously that he was powerless in the water. Finding that his efforts were unsuccessful he attempted to regain the shore, but the children held him down until he was nearly drowned. Finally a boy, whose name was not ascertained, was attracted to the scene, and by heroic efforts succeeded in saving the man, but the children were drowned. The story of the disaster traveled rapidly throughout the town and neighborhood, and crowds of people lined the river banks for a long distance, while the search was progressing for the missing bodies, which were recovered in about two hours.

A WOMAN STRANGLED TO DEATH.

During the search for the bodies a Mr. Ranier assisted, leaving his sick wife at home with her sister, Miss Head. After the recovery of the bodies he returned home and was startled to find a great crowd of people there, on account of the sudden death of his wife. Her sister had administered to her a dose of medicine, and in swallowing it she was strangled and died in a few minutes. The screams of the almost distracted husband were described as heartrending, being heard a distance of more than a mile.

ALMOST CLUBBED TO DEATH.

While these exciting events were transpiring a party of young men were enjoying an orgie in the woods, not far from town. Having provided themselves with refreshments, they went out to enjoy a sort of picnic. Some of them were

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TAYLOR COUNTY,

IOWA,

PL 2

CONTAINING

A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIES, TOWNS, ETC.,

GRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF MANY OF ITS LEADING CITIZENS, WAR RECORD OF
IS VOLUNTEERS IN THE LATE REBELLION, GENERAL AND LOCAL STATIS-
TICS, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS AND PROMINENT MEN,
HISTORY OF IOWA AND THE NORTHWEST, MAP OF
TAYLOR COUNTY, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED
STATES, REMINISCENCES, MISCELLANE-
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years, and was subsequently employed as instructor in the third department Bedford high school. His next employment was the arduous task of compiling a set of abstracts for Taylor county, for which he realized one thousand three hundred dollars. After completing these, he engaged in the real estate business and remained in that occupation until February, 1878. He then commenced the study of law with Lyman Evans and one year later was admitted to the bar and has since practiced his profession in connection with the real estate business. Mr. Mohler is one of the rising young men of Taylor county, is far seeing, energetic and possesses extraordinary talent as a member of the bar. By his industry and economy he has accumulated considerable wealth since coming to this county, and by his courtesy and obliging disposition has won the confidence and respect of the people.

MOHLER, L., retired farmer, Bedford, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 13th, 1813. When about twelve years of age his parents, Jno. A. and Catherine Mohler, moved to Richland county, Ohio, and in 1831 became residents of Morgan county, same State, and engaged in farming six years. He then went to Muskingum county, located at Zanesville, and engaged in the manufacture of furniture about two years, after which he embarked in the grocery and confectionery business for a time. Tried wholesale peddling for two years, then engaged in the marble and tombstone business; came to Taylor county in 1855, locating in Clayton township and tilled the soil for nearly a decade. Came to his present location in 1863 and has since made this city his home. Was married April 12th, 1837, to Miss Lucinda Pletcher of Morgan county, Ohio. She was born in 1819. They are the parents of fourteen children. Nine are living, Christopher C., Sarah Ann, Henry, Lucinda, George S., Charles M., Jno. F., William Alexander and Douglas C. Mr. Mohler has a farm of two hundred acres well improved with comfortable house, large barn, good orchard, and has ample means to enjoy the comforts of life during his declining years. His experience with the Indians when a pioneer, together with his connection with the development of Taylor county, will be found elsewhere. He and Mrs. Mohler are members of the Lutheran Church.

MOSER, Hon. R. A., Bedford, is one of the pioneer settlers of this county. He was born near Bethlehem, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1825. He there remained until his fifteenth year when he removed with his parents to Pike county, Ohio. In 1849 he was married in Scioto county of that State, to Miss Rebecca Reynolds. Having a strong desire to visit the West and believing that Iowa offered superior inducements to men of industry, he came to Wapello county in the spring

of 1850 and located near Eddyville. There he remained conducting a farm until 1852, when he moved to Marion county. In the autumn of 1854 he came to Taylor county and located near Lexington, where he purchased and improved a farm. In 1868 he commenced the mercantile business. Mr. M. has witnessed almost the entire growth of Taylor county, has filled many positions of public trust, always preserving the strictest integrity. At the election of 1859 he was chosen to represent his district in the legislature, and was reelected and served in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies. He has ever been closely identified with measures for public improvement. He aided materially in the construction of the railroad in this county, being associated with E. T. Smith in several grading contracts. In 1877, owing to physical disabilities, Mr. Moser retired from active life. Although afflicted physically he yet retains his intellectual powers, and has for several years given his attention to the literary field. He is now engaged in writing a novel which doubtless will possess rare literary merit. His family consists of five children: Dorus C., Elmer E., Ulysses Grant, Mary F., and Eddie Sherman.

McCONVILL, H., lumber merchant, Bedford, is an Eastern man; was born in New York City in 1843. When about ten years of age he went to Woolworth county, Wisconsin, thence to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he resided until the breaking out of the war. In May, 1861, he enlisted in company C, Twelfth United States, regular army, and participated with his company in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, among which were the battles of Antietam, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Laurel Hill, North-Anna, Bethesda Church etc. Was taken prisoner at Cold Harbor and was held in Libby, Andersonville and other prisons until near the close of hostilities in 1865. He was paroled, returned to his home in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and shortly after went to the pineries of Wisconsin, and engaged in the lumber business. He came to this county in the spring of 1871, established a lumber trade and is now doing an extensive business. In 1869 he took unto himself Miss Kate Riley of Fillmore county, Minnesota. This union has brought them four children. Mr. McConville has been eminently successful as a business man and now enjoys the comforts of an elegantly arranged home.

McCUTCHEON, E. G., teacher of music in the Bedford public schools, is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Adams county, December 25, 1847. While yet a child his parents moved to western Indiana, remained there about three years then moved to Illinois and settled in Mercer county. While there our subject engaged in farming and in the meantime received

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **R A Moser**
 Age in 1860: **35**
 Birth Year: **abt 1825**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Home in 1860: **Clayton, Taylor, Iowa**
 Gender: **Male**
 Post Office: **Lexington**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)
 Household Members:

Name	Age
R A Moser	35
K A Moser	30
D C Moser	4
S E Moser	2
Lucinda Galaway	10

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: Clayton, Taylor, Iowa; Roll: M653_342; Page: 72; Image: 72; Family History Library Film: 803342.

Source Information:



Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **R A Moser**
 Age in 1870: **44**
 Birth Year: **abt 1826**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Home in 1870: **Benton, Taylor, Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Post Office: **Bedford**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	R A Moser	44
	Rebecca Moser	40
	Lucinda Golloway	18
	Davis C Moser	13
	Elmer E Moser	9
	Ulysses G Moser	6
	May F Moser	4
	Sherman Moser	1

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census
 Place: *Benton, Taylor, Iowa*; Roll: *M593_421*; Page: *7B*; Image: *18*; Family History Library Film: *545920*.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data:

- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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You searched for **Reuben A. Moser** in **Iowa**


1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Reuben A. Moser**
Home in 1880: **Bedford, Taylor, Iowa**
Age: **54**
Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1826**
Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
Spouse's Name: **Rebecca Moser**
Father's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
Mother's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
Occupation: **Retired Merchant**
Marital Status: **Married**
Race: **White**
Gender: **Male**
Cannot read/write:
Blind: [View image](#)
Deaf and dumb:
Otherwise disabled:
Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Reuben A. Moser	54
	Rebecca Moser	50
	Elmer Moser	19
	Grant Moser	16
	May F. Moser	14
	Eddis S. Moser	11
	Lucinda Galaway	30
	James Walters	67

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Bedford, Taylor, Iowa; Roll: 366; Family History Film: 1254366; Page: 116D; Enumeration District: 217; Image: 0234.

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 Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site.

Original data: Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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Reuben Alexander Moser

Birth **1825** in [Pennsylvania, USA](#)
 Death **May 9, 1884** in [Taylor County, Iowa, USA](#)

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Timeline ([View details](#))

- 1825 **Birth** [4 source citations](#)
[Pennsylvania, USA](#)
- 1849 **Marriage to Rebecca Ann Raynolds**
22 Feb
Age: 24
- 1856 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)
Age: 31
[Dallas](#)
- 1870 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)
Age: 45
[Benton, Taylor, Iowa, United States](#)
- 1880 **Residence** [1 source citation](#)
Age: 55
[Bedford, Taylor, Iowa, United States](#)
- 1884 **Death** [1 source citation](#)
9 May
Age: 59
[Taylor County, Iowa, USA](#)

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Family Members

Parents

- Peter -P?- Moser**
1796 - 1853
 - Magdalena Horlocker/Horlocher**
1800 - 1852
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Spouse & Children

- Rebecca Ann Raynolds**
1830 - 1906
- Lucinda J Galoway**
1851 - 1908
- Elorrey F. Moser**
1852 - 1852
- Isaac Millar Moser**
1854 - 1855
- Dorus C Moser**
1855 - 1913
- Elmer E. Moser**
1861 -
- Ulysses Grant Moser**
1864 - 1931
- May Florence Moser**
1866 - 1924
- Eddis Sherman Moser**
1869 -

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