

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bates, Ellsworth N. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14. Mar 1828 Cumington Hampshire County,  
Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place  
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3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
C. Profession Lawyer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 7<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1859

6. Public Offices  
A. Local \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
B. State In 1860 he was a member and Assistant Secretary of the convention  
which revised the Iowa State Constitution  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Death 5 Nov 1863 Cedar Rapids, Iowa; buried Linn County, Iowa

8. Children \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

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to include place*

## 10. Education

## 11. Degrees

Attended Williams College in Massachusetts for a few terms; he then went to Union College, Schenectady, New York graduating with honors;

## 12. Other applicable information

- He studied law with the Hon. H. L. Dimes
- He then went west first stopping at Davenport, Iowa. There he opened a law office for a few months. He then decided there would be better opportunities in the interior of the state.
- He moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1855. With O. V. Fousley he opened a law office. Soon his partner moved out so he practiced alone.
- His talent was soon discovered and he was elected to the Legislature
- Military service - Civil War - he raised a company accepted as Co. A, 20<sup>th</sup> Regiment, attaining rank of Captain
- He became ill at New Orleans discharged 18 Sept 1863 and reached home 1 Oct 1863. He was very feeble, frail and very ill, dying 5 Nov 1863.



# The Cedar Valley Times.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA:

Thursday Morning, : : : November 12, 1863.

THIS PAPER NOW HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION IN THE CEDAR VALLEY AND ADJOINING COUNTRY, THAN ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS OR IN ANY OTHER STATE.

"IN YOUR HANDS, MY DISSATISFIED COUNTRYMEN, AND NOT IN MINE, IS THE MOMENTOUS ISSUE OF CIVIL WAR. THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ASSAIL YOU; YOU CAN HAVE NO CONFLICT WITHOUT BEING YOURSELVES THE AGGRESSOR; YOU HAVE NO OATH REGISTERED IN HEAVEN TO DESTROY THE GOVERNMENT, WHILE I SHALL HAVE THE MOST SOLEMN ONE TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND IT."—*Lincoln's Inaugural.*

## The Death of Capt. E. N. Bates.

Captain E. N. Bates, of this city, died on Thursday the 5th inst.

Having been intimately acquainted with the deceased for the past three years, and having been closely associated in business with him during the greater part of that time, we feel it to be our duty and privilege to make something more than a mere mention of the fact of his departure from among us.

Ellsworth N. Bates was born in town of Cummington, in Hampshire County, Mass., on the 14th of March, 1828, and was consequently in the 36th year of his age at the time of his death. He entered Williams College in his native State, but after spending a few terms there went to Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., and graduated from that Institution with honor. He studied law with the Hon. H. L. Daws, member of Congress from the State of Massachusetts. After having completed his legal studies, — like the greater number of the most enterprising young men of New England, he pushed out into the "boundless West," to carve out for himself a name and a fortune. He first stopped in Davenport, in this State, and there opened a law office; after remaining in that city a few months he became convinced that there was a better opening in the interior of the State, and he therefore came to this city in 1855, and with O. V. Tousley, Esq., opened a law office in a frame building which then stood on the ground now occupied by the Banking House of S. C. Bever & Son. His partner, Tousley, soon became infected with the spirit of speculation and becoming involved, went East, and since that time Mr. Bates had carried on his law business without a partner.

"knowing the man." We respected him for his intrinsic worth,—and we loved him for his many noble qualities as a man and a friend.

He has gone from us, and his place is left vacant; he has departed in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness; he has left an almost heart-broken widow and a helpless infant; he has gone from a community of which was one of the most valued and esteemed members. He is another victim of the insatiable ambition of those miserable traitors who have made so many homes desolate and so many hearts to mourn.

Let us keep the memory of the deceased fresh and green in our hearts and gird ourselves with new determination to put down this terribly unholy and wicked rebellion!

## Resolutions of the Members of the Linn County Bar on the Death of Capt. E. N. Bates.

STATE OF IOWA, Linn County, ss.

In the District Court of Iowa, within and for said County, on Monday the first day of the November term thereof, A. D. 1863, Isaac M. Preston, James J. Child, and Thomas J. Dudley, Jr., Esqrs., a Committee appointed by the Court, reported the following Resolutions:

"The Committee to whom was referred the duty of presenting to the Court and Bar, resolutions on the occasion of the death of Captain Ellsworth N. Bates, report as follows:"

*Resolved*, That we have heard with deep sensibility of the death of Captain Ellsworth N. Bates, a Member of this Bar, who has fallen a victim to disease contracted in the military service of his Country.

*Resolved*, That we mourn this untimely departure of an esteemed Brother, a useful citizen, and brave soldier, and will ever hold his memory in honor. That we refer with pride to the self-sacrificing patriotism of the deceased. Relinquishing a lucrative practice, he volunteered as a private in the military service of the United States, became Captain of his Company by the vote of his comrades, endured the severe and exhausting campaigns under Schofield and Grant in Missouri and Mississippi, sacrificed his strong constitution and vigorous health for his Country's sake, and came home to die; he has died for his Country as certainly as if his life's blood had reddened the battle field.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the widow of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence and sympathy in this her great affliction.

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He had not been long in the county before his merits were discovered, and he was elected a member of the Legislature from this Representative District. He served out his term in Legislature with honor and distinction, and at the next election for State Senators he was a very prominent candidate for nomination, for this Senatorial District.

He took a very active part in getting the railroad through to this city, and in connection with other gentlemen was instrumental in procuring from the Legislature a valuable grant of land for our railroad company. In 1860 he was a member and Assistant Secretary of the Convention which revised our State Constitution.

When the rebellion broke out he was active and zealous in the work of procuring recruits, and if we are not mistaken, went to the headquarters of the State Government, at his own expense, and had the first company which was raised in this county accepted in the Iowa 1st, which afterwards made its name so glorious in the battle of Wilson's Creek.

He often expressed to us that he felt it to be his duty to enter the service of his country, and when the call was made for "600,000 more" in July of '62, he told us that he "must go." The energy with which, aided by the efforts of our citizens, he raised a company and had it accepted as Co. "A," of the 20th Regiment, is well known to us all. We are also, all of us well acquainted with the creditable manner in which he served through that tedious campaign which terminated in the glorious victory at Prairie Grove, and in the capture of Arkansas Post. He came home about the 1st of last February with a recruiting party authorized to obtain recruits in Linn County; he was then ill, and the hardships and fatigues of the campaign had evidently made an inroad upon his strength and general health; after staying sometime, he, however, again returned to his capture of Vicksburg, and in the capture of

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*Resolved*, That we tender to the widow of our deceased brother our sincere condolence and sympathy in this her great affliction.

*Resolved*, That this report be entered of Record and a copy be presented by the Clerk to the widow of the deceased, and that as a further token of respect to the memory of the departed, this Court do now adjourn?

ISAAC M. PRESTON,  
T. J. DUDLEY, JR.,  
JAMES J. CHILD.

Whereupon it was ordered by the Court that a page of the Record thereof be set apart for that purpose and the foregoing resolutions entered therein, and that this Court do now adjourn until to-morrow morning, November 10th, 1863, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

ANDREW J. MCKEAN, Clerk.

#### THE NORTH-WESTERN FAIR.

We attended the great North-western Fair, in Chicago, on Thursday and Friday of last week and our readers will probably expect that we shall make some report of the same, but the fact is, that the halls were so crowded, the jam of people was so great that we really had but a small chance to see anything.

We first went into the Supervisor's Hall in the Court House; here we found displayed the torn and tattered regimental flags of many of our Western regiments, and on these flags were inscribed the names of the battles in which our Western troops have won such glorious victories for the country and eternal honor and glory for themselves; here too were many of the banners of the enemy and trophies of war won by our brave troops on the bloody fields of battle.

In the basement of Bryan Hall were spread the tables, covered with viands of which many thousands partook during the continuance of the Fair. Bryan Hall proper was full of articles of every description; the most notable thing which we noticed here was the President's original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation; \$2,000 was offered for this by a gentleman in the State of Maine on Friday.

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He was very feeble and much emaciated on his arrival here, but he was himself very hopeful and made some preparations to enter again actively into the business of his profession. On the night of the second inst. his disease assumed a more malignant form, inflammation of the bowels set in and it became evident that his condition was extremely critical. He expired at about 30 minutes past 2 on Thursday afternoon the 5th inst.

The deceased leaves a widow, and a child about a year old—who have the heartfelt sympathy of this entire community.

A brave soldier has fallen! he did not expire on the battle field amid the booming of cannon and the rattle of musketry—but he has just as surely fallen in the service of his country! he has given his life as a sacrifice upon the altar of his country; he has done all that man can do—he has given his life—can any one do more?

As a soldier, Captain Bates was undoubtedly one of the best of the many brave and good men who have gone from Linn County; "he was active, prompt and efficient in all the duties which devolved upon him;" such is the testimony of the men under his command.

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In the Hall adjoining Bryan Hall, were displayed the different articles of mechanical ingenuity which had been donated; many of these articles were of great value.

The most attractive feature of the Fair, to us, was the exhibition of paintings—steel engravings and photographs in the "Art Gallery" over McVicker's Theater. Here, as elsewhere, the crowd was so great that we had but little opportunity of seeing what we most desired to see. The collection of paintings was very great and of course, many of them were "mere daubs" and possessed no artistic merit, but many of them were really "gems" and worthy of more than passing notice.

The "Fair" has been an immense success and reflects great credit on those who originated the idea, those who had the management of it, and the liberal and patriotic people who contributed for it. Articles of every kind and description were donated, and many of them were of great value; these articles were disposed of by lottery and the profits accruing from this source were very great. From all that we could learn we conclude that this "Fair" is the greatest thing of the kind ever projected and carried through, East or West. The total amount of receipts had not been ascertained when we left Chicago, but it was estimated that they would be from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The results of this enterprise are peculiarly gratifying from two points of view: 1st, because of the incalculable good which it will do our soldiers and the encouragement which it will give them, and 2d, because it is an evidence that the great Western heart of the nation is loyal and still beats responsive to the calls of patriotism and love of country. All honor to the patriotic ladies of this State who have so nobly and successfully carried through this grand project!

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 He was one who was always ready and wil-  
 ling to take hold of any enterprise, which  
 promised to be beneficial to our county or  
 city, and to push it forward with energy. As  
 an orator, Captain Bates, for readiness upon  
 any subject, and for sound and convincing  
 logic had no superior in Linn County. As a  
 lawyer, the members of the profession will bear  
 testimony to the fact that he stood in the fore-  
 most rank, both as regarded his legal attain-  
 ments and the skill with which he managed  
 his cases.

The deceased was mortal, and like the rest  
 of us to whom a "common humanity" per-  
 tains he had his faults; but those who knew  
 him best, and who had the best opportunity of  
 knowing his many noble and generous quali-  
 ties and his really fine traits of character, loved  
 him best.

We have spoken more at length of our friend  
 who lies beneath the sod, because he was our  
 friend, and because as a student in his office,  
 and as one who has been associated with him  
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THE BREAKING OF THE RUSH STREET BRIDGE  
 IN CHICAGO.—The Chicago Journal of Tuesday  
 gave us some intelligence of the breaking down  
 of the Rush Street Bridge in Chicago. We vis-  
 ited the scene of the disaster on Thursday and  
 saw the most complete wreck of the kind which  
 we ever witnessed. The bridge was entirely  
 broken in pieces and powerful machinery was  
 at work in raising the ruins and rubbish, pre-  
 paratory to building a new bridge. Some six-  
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 fall and two men and one girl were either kill-  
 ed or drowned; their bodies had not been  
 found when we were there. The accident was  
 the more melancholy from the fact, that it was  
 the result of gross carelessness on the part of the  
 bridge tender; while the cattle were on the  
 bridge he swung it for a vessel to pass through,  
 and as any man of ordinary sense might have  
 known, it broke in the middle, on being depriv-  
 ed of its support at the ends. Thousands of  
 people were in attendance on Thursday and  
 Friday watching the work of raising the ruins  
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