

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bigelow, Lafayette Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Clay County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place \_\_\_\_\_ Chenango County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Lucinda Ford June 1849 Albany, New York  
② Mrs. Julia Sears Jan 1867

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Hotel proprietor; farmer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1854 1856

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 29 Oct 1887 Chattanooga, Tennessee; buried

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Stella (Mrs. William G. Sears); Lafayette, Jr.;  
Stella May (Mrs. Sears)

9. Names of parents Levi and Hannah (Gordrich) Bigelow

Bigelow, Lafayette

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

- He moved to Iowa 18 June 1849 and was among the first settlers of Mc Gregor, Iowa
- He opened the first hotel in Mc Gregor, Iowa and operated it 15 months
- In 1851 he purchased a quarter section of land in Grand Township of Clayton County which he improved and on it built a house until 1864 when he moved to Chicago, Illinois and engaged in the grocery business
- His first wife, Lucinda died in Chicago in December 1864 and in 1865 he sold his grocery business, went to visit his father in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania where he remained and took care of his parents until 1867.
- His second wife was the widow of M. C. Swan of Blansburg, Pennsylvania and the daughter of L. B. Smith.
- In Aug 1867, he and his wife came to Elkader, Iowa where he opened the Boardman House. In 1870 he purchased the house of H. D. Evans and Company and carried it successfully 6 years when he sold it to Wade and Day.
- He moved to Mc Gregor in Aug 1874 he purchased the Straw House Hotel, renamed the Bigelow House
- He died at his daughter's home in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source      Non Applicable      Applicable      Information obtained

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THE NORTH IOWA TIMES: MCGREGOR, CLAYTON COUNTY

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and family are about to remove to Minneapolis, which will be their permanent home. Miss Bello A. Scott entertained some of her young friends at her home on Fourth and Kluge Streets on Tuesday eve. Mrs. Doctor Hewett, of Escabel, visited with Mr. E. C. Scott, of this city and Mr. G. W. Hays, of Waukon, joined this old friend during her stay with his daughter here.

3 lbs. of Dets. tea for \$1 at Dawson.

St. Mary's Church.

As announced in this paper last week, the children who had been in preparation for that event, received their first communion on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. High Mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Carroll, the choir singing Mercadante's Royal Mass. There were in procession from the Sisters' school to the church, fourteen boys and twenty-three girls; the former dressed in black with white ribbons attached to the left arm—the latter in white, with long face veils held in position by wreaths and sprays of flowers. As they entered the church preceded by the cross-bearer, and moved slowly up the central aisle, the choir rendered in a faultless manner, the beautiful hymn *O Bone Jesu, Amor Mi*. Dr. Carroll delivered a touching sermon, congratulating the children on this, the happiest day of their lives, and reminding them that they must now be faithful unto the end if they would be saved.

After Mass, the children repaired to the school hall where a sumptuous repast had been spread for them, to which they did ample justice. The good ladies of the parish attended to the wants of the little ones at table.

Photographs of the happy children together with their pastor, were taken after the breakfast. All then remained for the Vesper service, when they returned to their respective homes.

Father Carroll announced to his congregation last Sunday that he would tell his people on the following Sunday the doctrine of their church with Source Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa

Lafayette Bigelow Dead.

Lafayette Bigelow died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sears, at Chattanooga, Tenn., on Saturday last, the 29th. The old settlers of Clayton County will remember Lafayette Bigelow. For years he was proprietor of the Boardman House at Elkader, and owned and run the well known Bigelow farm in Glard township, and but a few years ago kept the Evans House in this city. He represented this county in the 5th and 6th general assemblies. He was about 68 years of age. Mr. Bigelow was a pleasant, genial and courteous gentleman, a friend and companion with whom it was a pleasure to be acquainted. His host of old friends in this county will be sorry to learn of his death.

FARMERSBURG LOCALS.

Farmersburg farmers and business men are doing a rustling business just now. Farmers are busy in their cornfields and with their fall plowing. Johnson & Russell are doing a rustling business in stock and hogs. They ship to-day 116 of the finest hogs ever sent to market from this place; they average 350 pounds each. William Kaiser yesterday sold this firm 17 hogs about 16 months old which averaged 403 lbs., for which he received \$273.40. Good farming pays. Our new U. S. postmaster handles the mail like an expert and does a fine business in his store which he keeps jam full of goods. Hon. J. F. Thompson delivered a good democratic speech to a large and appreciative audience in our city hall last evening. Look out for a good round democratic majority from this town next Tuesday. FELIX.

A Clayton County Organization.

The Clayton County Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance company is one of the important links in our county institutions that has come to stay and scatter seeds of contentment where the growth is to the best advantage. The secretary's list of assessments for the past year has just been printed, and the reports for the current year are in preparation for the annual meeting to be held at Elkader, January 21, 1892.

DIED.

In McGregor, Sunday morning, Oct. 30th, at 2 o'clock, HENRY W. HURLINGAME, aged 67 years, 6 months and 10 days.

The deceased was born in Cortland county, New York; his parents were Gorton and Mary (Fanning) Burlingame, who were married in 1815, and had a family of eight children, but one now living. They died at Cortland after a long and useful life. The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm and received a common school education. In the fall of 1841 he married Jane S. Roundswell, who was born in Tompkins county, New York, in February, 1821. The young people immediately commenced farming, having purchased a farm in Cortland county. In 1853 he sold the farm and came west, making Chicago his home, engaging in railroading, contracting for the construction of parts of the road-bed of the C. & N. W. the Wabash, and the Detroit and Milwaukee roads, employing between four and five hundred men. On the completion of these contracts he returned to Cortland county, N. Y., and embarked in buying and shipping stock, until 1857, when he again came west, stopping for a short period at Broadhead, Wis., when he came to McGregor. His first business venture here was in a contract for building the McGregor, St. Peters and Missouri River Railroad. The company failing in their contemplated project, Mr. Burlingame with his brother A. O. Azo embarked in the lumber business, which the firm prosecuted until 1870, when the firm dissolved. In 1871 Henry W. built ten miles of the river road, between North McGregor and Harpers' Ferry. Of late years he has engaged in surveying and held the agency of the Glard land company, and attended the interests of other non-resident property holders. He has held, during his residence in McGregor local offices, Justice of the Peace and Assessor. Politically he was a republican, a strong type of the original organization. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, in which order he held places of great importance in the home lodge.

The aged companion and two children, Walter F. and Emeline R. survive him, mourning the loss of a fond parent and a devoted husband.

He had been sick for a long time, and the past year was upon the brink of the grave; with no possible hope of relief. A complication of diseases, with dropsy the paramount disease. The best of medical skill, the earnest, loving and devoted family constantly at his bedside could accomplish no more than smooth the pillow of death down to the final end.

The funeral occurred at the family residence Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, Rev. National Pve officiating in the religious service. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

The following resolutions were passed by Bezer lodge A. F., A. M., No. 135 on Monday last, immediately after the funeral: WHEREAS, Our esteemed brother H. W. Burlingame has been removed from earth by DEATH; It is not only right and proper, but also an obligation, and a duty to place upon record some testimonies of the high esteem in which our departed brother was held among us, therefore be it

MCGREGOR MARKET.

THURSDAY

Times Office, McGregor, I.

The changes in our local market have scarcely perceptible for the past month we continue to review and correct every

Wheat, No. 1	.....
Wheat, No. 2	.....
Oats, white	.....
Oats, mixed	.....
Barley	.....
Corn old	.....
New	.....
Flax seed	.....
Timothy seed	.....
Clover seed	.....
Hay, ton	.....
Cattle, live fat cows	.....
..... steers	.....
Hogs live	.....
Lamb live	.....
Calves	.....
Mess pork	.....
Lard	.....
Tallow	.....
Hides green	.....
Hams cured	.....
Kerosene oil	.....
Potatoes	.....
Beans, navy	.....
Common	.....
Cheese	.....
Butter	.....
Eggs per doz	.....
Coffee, green, 4 to 15 lbs	.....
Roasted 35 to 4 lbs	.....
Sugar white 16 to 17 lbs	.....
Granulated 14 to 15 lbs	.....
C 18 to 20 lbs	.....
Tea, Japan	.....
Tea, Oolong	.....
Syrup, per gal	.....
Salt, per bbl	.....
Cod fish	.....
White fish, kits	.....
Crackered, kits	.....
Crackers	.....
Raisins, firm	.....
Candy, mixed, per lb	.....
Rice	.....
Soap	.....
Oranges, box	.....
Lemons, box	.....
Canned fruits 25 per cent. advan	.....
Flour, per 100 lbs	.....
Iron, per 100 lbs	.....
Barb wire, black	.....
Barb wire, galvanized	.....
Nails, steel, keg	.....
Green apples bu	.....
Green apples, bbl	.....

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO,

Cash wheat moderate demand. Prices but no changes worthy of note from last

Butter dull for all grades. Fancy Elg series 23 to 25c. Choice to fancy dairy Lads packed 13 to 16c. Offcreameries

No. 2 in store	.....
No. 2 free on board 25 per cent. advan	.....
No. 2 Red winter, in store	.....
No. 3 Red winter	.....
Corn, No. 2 in store	.....
No. 2, yellow	.....
Oats, No. 2, white	.....
No. 2 white in store	.....
Eye No. 2	.....
October	.....
Nov	.....
Barley, firm	.....
No. 2	.....
1040	.....
Potatoes	.....
May No. 2, in store, on track	.....
May No. 2, timothy	.....
Live stock, market steady, shipping	.....
steers	.....
Stockers and feeders	.....

15196.15 Lucy<sup>7</sup> Bigelow, daughter of William<sup>6</sup> (William<sup>5</sup>, Jotham<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and Lucretia (Ashcroft) Bigelow, was born at Guilford, Windham, VT 25 February 1823. She married on 01 January 1852 H. O. Eaton. They resided at Hinsdale, NH.

Children of H. O. and Lucy (Bigelow) Eaton:

15196.151 Eva O., b 28 April 1853 Lyndon, VT; d 24 Dec 1874.

15196.152 Ida A., b 29 May 1855 Milton, IL; res. Hinsdale.

SOURCES: Howe, *Bigelow Family of America*; vital records of VT.

15196.25 LaFayette<sup>7</sup> Bigelow, son of Levi<sup>6</sup> (William<sup>5</sup>, Gotham<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah G. (Goodrich) Bigelow, was born at Bainbridge, Chenango, NY 18 November 1822 and married at Ithaca, NY \_\_\_\_\_ June 1849 (1) Lucinda Ford, b \_\_\_\_\_ July 1828. They moved to McGregor, Clayton, IA. Lucinda died \_\_\_\_\_ December 1864. He was a member of the Iowa Legislature: 1855, '56, '57 and '58. He married (2) Mrs. Julia Smith. LaFayette died in Chattanooga, TN 29 October 1887.

Children of LaFayette and Lucinda (Ford) Bigelow, born at McGregor, IA:

15196.251+ LaFayette, jr., b 09 Oct 1850 McGregor, Clayton, IA; d 31 Oct 1925 Waukon, Allamakee, IA; m 31 Oct 1882 Estelle Townsend; 6 children.

15196.252 Stella May, b 12 May 1854; d \_\_\_\_\_; m 15 Feb 1872 Elkada, IA William Goff Sears, b 1843 (1848?), d 1928; had children.

SOURCES: Howe, *Bigelow Family of America*; correspondence between a descendant and Bigelow Society historian/genealogist.

15196.26 William Levi<sup>7</sup> Bigelow, son of Levi<sup>6</sup> (William<sup>5</sup>, Jotham<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and Hannah (Goodrich) Bigelow, was born at Bainbridge, Chenango, NY 26 August 1826 and married 18 October 1854 Harriet M. Mallory. He was Secretary of the Home Insurance Co., NY. This family resided at Englewood, NJ in 1889.

Children of William Levi and Harriet M. (Mallory) Bigelow:

15196.261 William Levi, jr., b 25 Dec 1859 Corning, NY; d 15 Feb 1869.

15196.262 Charles Thompson, b 24 June 1862 Corning; d 19 Feb 1869.

15196.263 Carrie Adele, b 04 Nov 1878 Englewood, NJ.

SOURCES: Howe, *Bigelow Family of America*.

15196.51 Edwin Hapgood<sup>7</sup> Bigelow, son of Asa Edwin<sup>6</sup> (William<sup>5</sup>, Jotham<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) and Eliza (Browning) Bigelow, was born ca 1818 - one source says at Guilford, VT. He married Adeline Lawrence the daughter of Samuel, on 12 November 1845 at Bennington, VT. She was born ca 1817. In 1850 this family lived at Bennington and census states he was born in MA; 1880 census states born in VT and age 61 - her age given as 63. They were in Cambridge, Washington NY at that time. Son Charles, divorced, at home, also grandson John L., age 8, born NY.

Children of Edwin and Adeline (Lawrence) Bigelow:

15196.511 Samuel, b ca 1847 VT.

15196.512+ Charles E., b ca 1849 VT; m Emma Lisetta Willet; 1 child.

15196.513 Emma M., b ca 1852 Bennington, VT; single in 1880.

15196.514 Carrie, b ca 1861 VT.

SOURCES: *The Bigelow Family Genealogy, Vol. I*; 1850 and 1880 censuses.



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- **Name:** Lafayette BIGELOW
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 18 NOV 1822 in , Chenango, New York <sup>1</sup>
- **Death:** 29 OCT 1887 in Chattanooga, , Tennessee <sup>1</sup>

**Father:** [Levi BIGELOW](#) b: 25 FEB 1785 in Guilford, Windham, Vermont**Mother:** [Hannah GOODRICH](#)**Sugg**

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