

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bryson, James Senator _____

Represented Allamakee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Aug 1802 Perthshire, Scotland

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Margaret Scott 1824

② Isabel A. Curtis Sept 1875 Allamakee County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

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

C. Profession Woolen mills

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 6th General Assembly 1856

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township judge election Aug 1852; township assessor Apr 1853; assessor; Justice of the Peace; Allamakee County Board of Supervisors

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Nov 1889 Paint Creek Township, Allamakee County, Iowa; buried

8. Children By 1st wife - Elizabeth (predeceased her father in death); Isabel; John S.; Jane; William (predeceased his father in death); James; Alexander M.; Margaret (Mrs. John Henderson); James S.; Alexander M.; stepson - Benjamin Curtis

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He immigrated to Canada in 1836 and after living there four years he moved to Connecticut.
- In Scotland he operated a linen factory, and in Connecticut he was an overseer of woollen mills.
- He came with his family to Mr. Gregory's Landing (now Mr. Guyer) 8 May 1850 and to Paint Creek Township 11 May 1850 where he farmed.
- His first wife, Margaret, died in 1873 at Rossville, Iowa.
- In 1868 he engaged he worked as a missionary with the American Sunday School Union until Nov 1884.
- He moved with his son, John S., where he lived 5 years in retirement.

RESPONDENCE.

Creek Items.

December 2d, 1889.

for this time of year. Fall Wednesday. pro, passing fluely. son and daughter, of Waukon Thanksgiving with her daughter. Mr. Ortheld has been visiting her Mr. Ortheld recently. Mr. Ortheld, who has been visiting her Mrs. C. L. McNamee, left for to visit her sister Mrs. M.

Jacobson is visiting home Mrs. Jacobson has been under the doctor he is now recovering and we hope to see her about again. Mr. Berghler and Miss Mull Hemmings were the guests of Miss Hemmings Sunday. A society met at Mrs. C. L. McNamee's. A dancing party was given at Doehler's hall Sunday, there being about 70 numbers.

is on the sick list. Mr. Clayton is visiting his daughter Mrs. Roeder of this city as a very sick horse but under Dr. Gates' hopes are entering every. OBSERVER.

Winter Items.

Dec. 3d, 1889.

Mr. Deremore of Waukon made a short visit last Monday. Mr. Deremore, returning from the cold bluster last Thursday two loads of lumber to Rossville and partook of a dinner with Jim Briar and the evening were present giving a donation supper in the church of that place. Mr. Deremore, returning from the cold bluster last Thursday two loads of lumber to Rossville and partook of a dinner with Jim Briar and the evening were present giving a donation supper in the church of that place. Mr. Deremore, returning from the cold bluster last Thursday two loads of lumber to Rossville and partook of a dinner with Jim Briar and the evening were present giving a donation supper in the church of that place.

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DIED.

BRYSON.—At the residence of his son John S. Bryson, Paint Creek township, this county, Nov. 30th, 1889, James Bryson, aged 87 years and 3 months.

He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in August, 1802, and was always a prominent man wherever he lived. He immigrated to Canada in 1836, and after four years' residence there removed to Connecticut. In Scotland he run a linen factory, and for nine years he was overseer of woolen mills in Connecticut. He landed with his family at McGregor's Landing, Iowa, now McGregor, May 8th, 1850, and to what is now Paint Creek May 11th, 1850, and located on Sects, 17 18, and broke the first sod on the 15th. Paint Creek township was organized and Mr. Bryson, Geo Watkins and Reuben Sencebaugh were judges of the first township election in Aug., 1852. In April 1853, he was elected one of the township trustees, and also Assessor, and Justice of the Peace. In 1861 he was elected a member of the county Board of Supervisors, and again was elected a member of that body in 1869, from Jefferson township. In 1856-7 he was a member of the Sixth General Assembly of Iowa, being the first member of the House from Allamakee county.

He was a man of firm and just character, and in his prime took an active part in reforms. Was a strong abolitionist, a firm temperance man, being a personal friend of the celebrated John B. Gough, and other leaders of a third of a century ago. For some years he was an esteemed member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Rossville.

In 1824 he was married to Miss Margaret Scott, who died in 1873 at Rossville, a very liberally educated, remarkable woman. When they came to this country they had four children living, Elizabeth [now dead], Isabel, John S, and Jane; and four children were born to them in this country, William, who died before the war; James, of Chicago; Alexander M., of Ackley; and Margaret, who married John Henderson, James S. and Alexander M. were in Co. I, 27th Reg. Io, Vols. during the late rebellion.

He was married a second time to Mrs. Sarah A. Curtis, a sister of Capt. Geo. Miller, of Mason City, in Sept. 1875, who survives him, being with her son Benjamin in Rockwell, and under the efficient care of her brother Dr. Miller of that place.

Mr. Bryson was a thorough christian. In Scotland he was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and also in Connecticut. He brought his Christian character with him to Iowa, and lived a consistent, active Christian life. In 1868 he engaged in Missionary work under the auspices of the American Sunday School Union, devoting his time to the organization and visiting of churches. His infirmities of age at last caused him to cease from active labors, and in November 1884 he

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The funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Rossville Tuesday Dec. 3d, conducted by Rev. J. M. Wedgwood of Waukon assisted by Rev. C. W. C. Ericson of Rossville.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."

DEAL.—At his residence three miles south-