Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hardin, George D. Senator _____

Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Feb 1827 Warren County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Elizabeth Hillman (1843 - 1913) 4 July 1859 Iowa City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the First National Bank of Iowa City; he was admitted to the bar in 1852

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Attorney; prosecuting attorney of Johnson County from 1851; Kirkwood County Prosecuting Attorney 1858-1862

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 6th General Assembly 1856

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Iowa City 1855

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Aug 1903 Iowa City; buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Iowa City, Iowa

8. Children Guy D.; Grace (Mrs Hadley); Eliza A. (preceded her father in death)

9. Names of parents David and Porthena (Cott) Hardin

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Woodin, George D.

10. Education He was educated at Waterford Academy and Jamestown Academy in Jamestown, New York

11. Degrees He attended Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania graduating with honors in 1847

12. Other applicable information

- He spent his youth on his family's farm. When he was old enough he worked on the farm in the summer and taught school in the winter. After college he practiced law in 1852.
- In 1853 he moved to Iowa locating at Iowa City.
- In 1857 he moved to Sigourney, Iowa
- After graduating from Allegheny College he studied law in the office of L. D. Kelmer of Huron, Pennsylvania.

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Woodin, George D.

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MR. WOODIN DEAD

HE DIES AT HIS HOME IN SIGOURNEY WEDNESDAY.

He Was Unconscious a Few Days Before the Final Summons Came Family All Present. County Loses Grand Character.

Death claimed Hon. George D. Woodin Wednesday afternoon, August 12, at 4:30 at the age of seventy-six years, five months and fifteen days. Mr. Woodin came home from Colorado twelve days before his death and since his arrival has suffered a great deal. He had several complications that caused him great pain and a great deal of the time he had his physician, Dr. Bamford, with him.

Mr. Woodin was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of February, 1827. His parents were natives of Monroe county, N. Y. Mr. Woodin spent his youth in the summer on his father's farm and taught school in the winter.

Fifty years ago he came to Iowa and located at Iowa City. He was mayor and state legislator from that city. In 1857 he came to Sigourney. In 1859 he was married to Mary E. Skillman. Three children were born to them: Link, who died a few years ago; Guy, who is a resident of Oskaloosa and Grace Hadley who resides in Chicago.

Mr. Woodin was a prominent character in state politics. He was president of the First National Bank of Sigourney.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Keokuk County Bar Meet.

At a meeting of the Keokuk County Bar held in Col. C. H. Mackey's office this Thursday morning the following business was transacted.

Meeting called to order by C. Mackey. C. G. Johnston was chosen as president and W. H. Hamilton secretary.

Moved and seconded that the committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions on the death of the

A MIXED-UP AFFAIR.

Two Men Sent To Jail as a Result of a Fight.

As a result of a fight between three men who were beating their way on a C. M. & St. P. freight train last Tuesday night, James Dorman was fined $25 and Cleveland Lester $20 by Justice Kirkpatrick. In default of payment both parties were sent to jail.

The two men, in company with Marion Overturf, were on the train and when it reached Hedrick the latter left the train with the two others after him. He went to the residence of Mrs. L. R. Fleener and asked for admittance, which was refused by Mrs. Fleener. He then asked her to take care of her pocketbook, which she did. The two men then struck Overturf a few times and left town.

Overturf filed information before Justice Kirkpatrick and Dorman and Lester were arrested in Ottumwa. They were convicted of assault and battery and fined as stated above.

Overturf's story was that they were trying to take his money while the two defendants claimed that Overturf was trying to get away with a pair of shoes belonging to them. It was a mixed-up affair.—Hedrick Journal.

De Witt C. Nyswander Dead.

Special to the News.

South English, August 12—De Witt C. Nyswander, husband of Barbara Nyswander, died at his home south of town on Sunday at 4 p. m., of consumption. He has been in failing health for a number of years but for several weeks past he has failed rapidly until death relieved him. He was born in Virginia October 26, 1848, died August 9, 1903, aged 54 years, 9 months and 14 days. He was married to Barbara C. Grove December 24, 1882. To this union six children were born all of whom are living. Mr. Nyswander has been a member of the Dunkard church for many years. The funeral services were held at the Dunkards church at 3 p. m. Monday. A faithful man has gone to his reward. A dear friend of the deceased writes this to Tu

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CHICAGO AND NEW YORK:
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tion. John Chambers, the fifth of the brothers, born in 1829, is also a member of the firm.

Vincent Chambers was married on the 5th of November, 1840, to Miss Nancy Peck, of Leesville, Indiana, who died in 1853, leaving two children, a son and a daughter, both since deceased. He was married again in 1854, to Miss Margaret K. Neely, by whom he has eight children, all living.

William Chambers was married in 1840 to Miss Cynthia Long, a native of Muscatine county, Iowa, by whom he has had thirteen children, only six of whom are now living.

Anderson Chambers was married in 1841 to Miss Susan Pace, also of Muscatine county, a Virginian by birth, by whom he has had seven children, all living; she died on the 27th of February, 1874, and on the 28th of June, 1875, he was married to Miss Mary Prosser, of Muscatine.

John Chambers was married in 1854 to Miss Mary Lakin, also of Muscatine, by whom he has had three children, two sons and one daughter, all living; she died on the 26th of December, 1874.

Of the sisters, two are still living; the third died at the age of sixteen by a fall from a horse.

Amanda, the eldest, is the wife of Mr. M. P. Pace, a farmer residing nine miles east of Muscatine.

Nancy Jane is the wife of Mr. Wm. Bagley, a farmer residing near Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa.

The brothers all belong to the Masonic fraternity. Anderson is a Knight Templar, William a Royal Arch Mason, and the others Master Masons.

William and Anderson are members of the Baptist church, Vincent of the Methodist, while John, though a regular attendant, is not united to any denomination.

All were raised in the democratic faith, to which they have adhered through life.

We shall close the sketch of this remarkable family with a few words of more general import.

In every enterprise that has had a tendency to promote the interests of Muscatine they have always been foremost. Their energy and activity have passed into a proverb with their fellow-townsmen. Possessed as they all are of tempers under perfect control, no disaster or reverse has ever dismayed or dispirited them; but always looking forward with a hopeful eye on the future, they have never let their industry or zeal flag for a moment. Their spirit of public enterprise is only equaled by their quiet and unobtrusive private benevolence; their charities are innumerable; neither want nor distress has ever appealed to them in vain, and it is a matter of some notoriety that they have frequently kept in their employment, at their usual wages, men with families, for whom they had no work, rather than see their children suffer for want of bread.

Dickens presents us with the picture of a happy household in the "Cheeryble Brothers." He could have found in the Chambers Brothers living illustrations of the virtues which his fertile pen has given to us in the pages of fiction. Wealthy, as the term is now understood, they are not, for wealth cannot remain with men of such broad and generous natures as the Chambers Brothers.

GEORGE D. WOODIN,

SIGOURNEY.

GEORGE D. WOODIN, attorney and counselor-at-law, was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of February, 1827, and is the eldest of a family of seven children of David Woodin and Parthenia *née* Cobb, natives of Monroe county, New York.

The Woodin family in America are descended from Puritan stock, the original ancestor having come over with the Massachusetts Bay Company in 1628. The family does not seem to have been prolific, nor to have produced many distinguished men. They have been mainly tillers of the soil, of quiet, practical habits, virtuous and law-abiding citizens. The mother of our subject was of Irish ancestry; a smart, intellectual woman, of great energy and force of character, and from whom our subject inherits some of the most valuable traits of his character.

George D. worked on his father's farm, attending the district school in winter, until the autumn of 1844, when he attended one term at the Waterford, Pennsylvania, Academy, and the next winter taught a district school. The next two summers were spent at Jamestown Academy, New York, and the winters were spent in teaching. In 1847 he entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania, with one

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term of studies in the preparatory course yet to complete; that institution very benevolently regulating its curriculum of studies for the convenience of those who had to support themselves by teaching in the winter. The full course of one term in the preparatory department and four years in college was completed in four years, while at the same time he taught school for three months each winter, and made one year in law studies with A. B. Richmond, Esq., of Meadville, Pennsylvania. He was graduated with honors, at the head of his class, in 1851, having defrayed the entire expense of his education by teaching, except ten dollars given him by his mother.

After leaving college he taught in the academy at Warren, Pennsylvania, for one year, reading law at the same time in the office of L. D. Wetmore. He was admitted to the bar in 1852, and for one year thereafter practiced his profession with his preceptor, developing at the same time rare powers and genius as a practitioner.

In 1853 he resolved to cast his lot with the young State of Iowa, then coming prominently into notice, and offering great inducement as a home to young men of energy and enterprise in every capacity, and after due inquiry he selected the then incipient town of Iowa City as his future home. His entire stock in trade consisted, on arrival, of a few books, a suit of clothes, and four dollars in money. He soon fell into practice, however, and was not long in establishing a reputation. At that time the bar at Iowa City was one of the ablest in the state, with Gilman, Folsom and W. Penn Clark at its head, the supreme court then holding its entire session at that place. Besides questions at issue incident to a new state, there were many preëmption cases tried, the United States land office then being located at Iowa City.

In 1854 he became prosecuting attorney of Johnson county, and in 1855 was elected mayor of Iowa City, and during the period of his mayoralty issued fifty thousand dollars' worth of railroad bonds, levied by an almost unanimous vote of the electors of the city, to aid in constructing the Mississippi and Missouri railroad, now the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.

It is worthy of note that at that time Mr. Woodin had serious doubts as to the validity of the security, and was strongly inclined to refuse to issue the bonds. His views in this regard, however, were shared by but one man in the community, James H. Gower, so merging his own opinions in the all but universal sentiment of the community, he issued the bonds. These were of the same class of securities out of which grew the celebrated conflict between the state and federal courts, the former holding them to be illegally issued, and the latter to be valid. The case was finally decided by the federal courts in favor of the bonds.

In 1856 he was elected to the legislature from Johnson county, and served one term, with distinction. In 1857 he moved to Sigourney, Keokuk county, which has since been his home, and in 1858 was elected district attorney for the old sixth judicial district, and served four years, during which period he earned for himself the reputation of being one of the most skillful, accomplished and successful criminal lawyers of the state. Since his removal to Sigourney he has been engaged on one side or other of almost every case tried in the circuit or district courts of the county; and during a period of over twenty years he has not been absent from the court-house one full hour at any one time during a session of court,—a fact well worthy of record, as indicating his habits of industry and close attention to business.

Mr. Woodin has had great success as an attorney. He throws his whole soul and being, so to speak, into his cases, and stands for the time being in the shoes of his client. His addresses to the jury are quick, pungent and exceedingly earnest, and he rarely fails of success with either judge or jury. He is a man of great penetration, forecasting things almost by intuition, and seeming to know a client's case before it is half stated. As a practitioner, he has long since attained to the highest rank at the bar of his county and district.

In politics, he has always been a republican, and had he consented to serve, would have been in congress years since; but refusing all offices, save those named above (which were mainly in the line of his profession), he has sedulously devoted himself to the duties of his profession, and may be emphatically termed a man of one work.

As a citizen, his word is a synonym of certainty, and he commands the respect of all classes of men with whom he comes in contact. He is somewhat cautious in avoiding misplaced benevolence, but has a most generous heart when the subject is known to be deserving. With strangers he is taciturn at first, and does not open himself freely to new acquaintances until he first discovers either moral worth or mental wealth in them; but when once secured as a

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friend, he is found to be all that the word implies. He loves a dry joke, and knows how to perpetrate one with imperturbable gravity, always keeping the expectation of the listeners at the highest tension of excitement until the climax is reached in the last word.

In July, 1859, he was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of Dr. Skillman, of Keokuk county, Iowa, formerly of Huron county, Ohio. At the date of their marriage her age bore the same proportion to his that eight does to sixteen; now their ages approximate as nearly as six does to nine. They have three children, Link, Guy and Grace.

Mr. Woodin has in many respects a remarkable history. During his whole life he has never been sick enough to refrain from work a single day; and by diligence and success at his profession he has accumulated a competence of this world's goods.

While practicing at Iowa City Mr. Woodin was the partner of W. E. Miller, afterward judge of the supreme court of the state. On the return of Colonel E. S. Sampon from the army in 1864 he formed a law partnership with that gentleman, which continued until his elevation to the bench in 1869. In 1872 his present partnership with E. W. McJunkin, Esq., was formed.

GENERAL WILLIAM VANDEVER,

DUBUQUE.

WILLIAM VANDEVER was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 31st of March, 1817, his parents being on a temporary sojourn in that city. Their residence was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to which city they returned a few years afterward. The subject of this sketch was educated in the latter place, at private schools, and there grew to manhood. His father, William Vandever, a native of the State of Delaware, descended from a Holland ancestor, who came with the first emigration to New Netherlands, and removed to the shores of the Delaware about the time of the Swedish emigration in 1635. His mother was a Ten Eyck, of New Jersey. On both the father's and mother's side his ancestors served in the army of the revolution, and his father was a soldier of the war of 1812.

In the spring of 1835, being eighteen years of age, he accompanied his father upon a trip to the west, and spent about six months in Cincinnati, Ohio. The following winter he spent in Baltimore, and then returned to Philadelphia. From this time till his permanent removal to the west he was engaged most of the time in study and teaching. He taught a school for about a year in Chester county, Pennsylvania, within five or six miles of Valley Forge.

His first settlement in the west was at Rock Island, Illinois, in the spring of 1839. Here for a short time he was employed as a clerk in a store; but he soon abandoned that business and commenced reading law, diversifying this occupation with that of land surveying. He executed public land surveys in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin at various times until 1844, when he was appointed clerk of the county court of Rock Island. This office he held for a little more than two years, then, in 1846, he assumed the proprietorship of the Rock Island "Advertiser," and continued its publication for several years. While editing that paper he was an ardent advocate of public improvements, and was the first man to move in organizing a company for building a railroad between Chicago and Rock Island. A charter was first obtained from the legislature to construct a road from Rock Island to La Salle, the southern terminus of the Illinois and Michigan canal. General Vandever became one of the first corporators, and contributed much to the success of the enterprise. The charter was amended at a subsequent session of the legislature, and authorized the road to be extended to Chicago.

In 1847 General Vandever was married to Miss Williams, of Davenport, Iowa, and four years later removed to Dubuque. Here for a year or two he was employed in the surveyor-general's office. He then turned his attention to the law, forming with the Hon. Ben. M. Samuels a partnership, which continued several years. Upon the reorganization of the supreme court of Iowa, in 1855, he assumed the duties of clerk of that court; but finding that attention to the duties of that office interfered with his law practice, he resigned the following year.

In 1858 he was nominated by the republican party of the second congressional district, and elected by about three thousand majority; and in 1860 he was renominated and elected by a greatly increased ma-

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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second Generations, with Anecdotes and Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

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"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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CHAPTER XXIV.

KEOKUK COUNTY.

Sanford Harned, George D. Woodin, Ezekiel S. Sampson, Casius M. Brown, Cyrus H. Mackey, James L. Hogin, John A. Donnell, James H. Sanders, J. Warren Havens, William H. Needham.

Among the early lawyers of Keokuk County, with whom I became acquainted, were: *Sanford Harned, George D. Woodin, Ezekiel S. Sampson* and *Cyrus H. Mackey.* I find upon examination, that I have but little data concerning *Judge Harned,* and as I am writing this distant from any other basis of supplies, I shall be obliged to make my notice of him brief. I know that Mr. Harned was one of the first lawyers, for he was admitted to practice at the first term of his district court held in the County. In speaking of this term of court, the Iowa State Gazetteer, published in Chicago, 1865, states:

> The court did not remain in session over three hours. No juries were empaneled. Four aliens were admitted to citizenship and two law students were admitted to the bar. One of these students was Sanford Harned, late County Judge. This was the first day of July, 1844. He became an influential citizen of the county and State. He was early elected County Judge under the old system of county government. Judge Harned filled the position with great efficiency and was a potent factor in shaping the early affairs of the county.

As a lawyer he succeeded in establishing a desirable clientage. He was verging upon old age when I first became acquainted with him.

George D. Woodin came to Keokuk County the year after I came to Wapello county—in 1857. He came to Sigourney from Iowa City, where he had located in 1853. He was a strong lawyer, and a strong thinker from every point of view. During my time he, Sampson and Mackey were the leaders of the Keokuk county bar, and of them all Woodin was the chief. He was not only a learned, but a keen and skilful lawyer. He was born in Warren County, Pennsylvania, in 1827. He was of Puritan and Irish extraction. His first ancestor on the paternal side came over with the Massachusetts Bay Company, in 1628. The father of George was a farmer; on the farm George was reared. His mother was of Irish ancestry, and George used to say that from her he inherited some of his strongest traits. After receiving his preliminary education he entered Waterford Academy, and later

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Jamestown Academy, New York. Being thus prepared he entered Alleghany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with honors at the head of his class, in 1851. He then taught in an academy for a year, reading law in the meantime. He was admitted to the bar in 1852, and commenced the practice at Warren, Pennsylvania, with his preceptor.

In 1853, following the star of empire he took his way westward and settled as before stated in Iowa City. He at once opened an office and in a comparatively short time made his mark as a young lawyer. His thorough learning and superior professional accomplishments at once attracted attention and introduced him to the public favor. In 1854 the people of Johnson county elected him prosecuting attorney of the county and in 1855 the people of Iowa City elected him its mayor. In 1856 he was elected to the legislature from Johnson county and served in the house of the sixth general assembly.

His career in Johnson County was certainly a successful one, but in 1857 he was induced by prospects that seemed to him flattering to remove to and locate at Sigourney, where his career continued as successfully marked as it was in Johnson County. The next year after going to Keokuk County he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District, in 1858. He held the office for four years and gained a high reputation as a skilful and discriminating prosecutor. He was an untiring worker and could always be found either at the courthouse or his office. Through the course of many years he had one side or the other of almost every important case tried in that county. Nor were his professional efforts confined to the courts of his own county, but frequently extended to those of others and to the State Supreme Court and the Federal Court. He was known as one of the ablest lawyers in the State. He died at his home in Sigourney in 1903.

He was a man of rather slight figure, not above medium in height, with rather dark complexion, black hair, penetrating eyes of a searching character and a nervous, active temperament. He was civil enough in manners, but lacked the bonhomie and free fellowship that make men popular. He had the air of a student and his thoughtful face showed the lines of long and close study.

Ezekiel S. Sampson was born in Huron County, Ohio, in 1831. He was of original English extraction and belonged to a patriotic stock. His grandfather, Isaac Sampson, was a soldier of long service in the Revolutionary War. His father, Ezekiel Sampson, was a soldier in the war of 1812. After that war the family removed from Monroe County, New York, to Huron County, Ohio; thence to Fulton County, Illinois, thence, in 1843, to the Territory of Iowa, settling in Keokuk County. From this it will be seen that Ezekiel, the subject of this sketch, was twelve years of age when he came with the family to Iowa. Here he assisted his father in making and cultivating a farm, and here he received the most part of

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GEORGE D. WOODIN was born February 27, 1827, near Warren, Pa.; he died at Sigourney, Iowa, August 12, 1903. He graduated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., in 1847, after which he studied law in the office of L. D. Wetmore, of Warren. Coming to this State in 1853 he first settled at Iowa City, where he was chosen a representative in the last legislature (1856) held at the old capital. In 1857 he removed to Sigourney, Keokuk county, where he spent his days. In 1858 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the sixth judicial district, which place he held four years. After his term expired he held no public office, but became widely known as one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the State.

J. M. JOHNSTON was born near Findlay, O., August 15, 1855; he died at Waterloo, Iowa, June 9, 1903. He came with his parents to Louisa county, when he was five years of age. After attaining his majority he was for some years an active minister in the United Brethren Church. He held the office of postal clerk and postmaster of the town of Sumner, Bremer county, under the Cleveland administration. He was elected from Bremer county to the Iowa house of representatives of the 23d and 24th General Assemblies. He was one of the influential men of those legislatures, in the last of which he was an important factor in the work of founding the State Historical Department.

D. CARR EARLY was born in Brown county, Ohio, April 21, 1830; he died at Sac City, Iowa, August 4, 1903. After completing his school education, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in Ohio in 1852. Migrating to Iowa in 1856, he settled in Sac county, where he taught its first public school. He was elected to the office of treasurer and recorder, and also to that of county judge, taking a leading part in the political, social and financial development of the county during its first quarter of a century. He was also one of the founders and long a director of the First National Bank of that city. Few men in northwestern Iowa were better known throughout the State.

BERNARD H. GARRETT was born in the state of Kentucky in 1825; he died near Letts, Iowa, May 21, 1903. He came to Iowa in 1852, settling in Muscatine county. About ten years ago he removed to Letts, which was thereafter his home. He served in the Mexican war as second lieutenant 16th U. S. Infantry. He was once a member of the Kentucky legislature. Removing to Iowa he was elected a member of the house of the 21st general assembly.

ALFRED D. ARTHUR was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., March 7, 1831; he died at Webster City, Iowa, Jan. 28, 1903. He came with his parents to Fond du Lac county, Wis., in 1847. In 1858 he crossed the Mississippi, settling at Spirit Lake. In 1863 he removed to Webster City, where he resided until his death. He was for many years a leading business man, and one of the founders of the Congregational Church in Hamilton county.

DANIEL BREWER died at Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 29, 1902. at the advanced age of 88 years. He came to Iowa at the age of 23, and the following year was chosen to the house of representatives of the second legislative assembly for the counties of Louisa and Washington. He was conspicuous for his advocacy of Iowa City as the site for the State capitol. He removed to Waukegan, Ill., in 1846, where he afterwards resided until his death.

WALTER BURKHOLDER, was born in Holmes county, O., in 1847; he died at Fort Dodge, Iowa, June 15, 1903. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Fort Dodge and had seen its growth from a small frontier village to a thriving city of several thousand inhabitants. He was a brother of Mrs. Gov. C. C. Carpenter, and William E. Burkholder, who was lost on the Spirit Lake expedition of 1857.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	**George D. Woodin**
Home in 1880:	**Sigourney, Keokuk, Iowa**
Age:	**52**
Estimated Birth Year:	**abt 1828**
Birthplace:	**Pennsylvania**
Relation to Head of Household:	**Self** *(Head)*
Spouse's Name:	**Elizabeth**
Father's birthplace:	**New York**
Mother's birthplace:	**New York**
Neighbors:	View others on page
Occupation:	**Lawyer**
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
George D. Woodin	52
Elizabeth Woodin	37
Eliza A. Woodin	19
Guy G. Woodin	9
Gracie Woodin	5

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David Woodin
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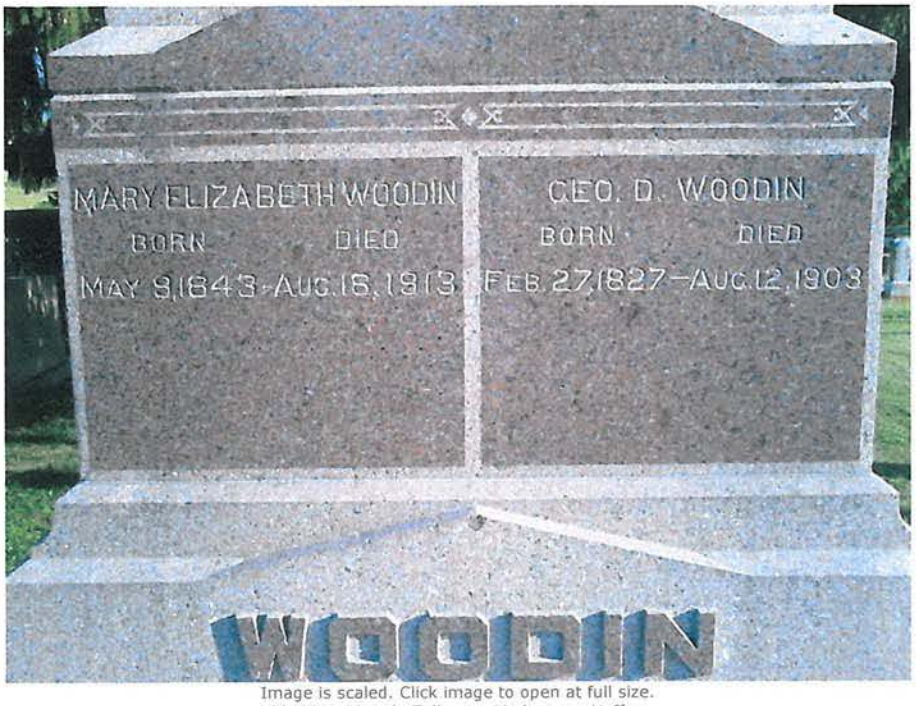

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