

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Barker, Joseph Senator _____

Represented Van Buren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Nov 1799 Washington County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna Manchester

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Saddles and harness maker

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Van Buren County sheriff

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Nov 1882 Washington Township, Van Buren County, Iowa; buried Miller's Chapel Cemetery

8. Children _____
Washington Township
Van Buren County, Iowa

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He moved to Ohio in 1819 where he lived until fall 1839 when he moved to Van Buren County, Iowa
- His wife, Anna, born 1808, died 23 Oct 1880, also buried in Miller's Chapel Cemetery, Washington Township, Van Buren County, Iowa

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Zink. We have had three tracking snows and according to the old Dutch sign we are to have nine more. Some of our farmers are now hunking corn but a good many are not. Wm. Hoffman had the misfortune to get his leg broken about ten days ago. He was loading a log on a wagon when the skid broke and let it back against his leg with the result mentioned. Born,

recently, to George Bylert and wife, a daughter; also to Lamar Martin and wife, a son. The fathers have a pleasant smile for everybody now.

Died, November 29, 1882, Hon. Joseph Barker, at his residence in Washington township, aged 83 years and 8 days. He was confined to his bed about seven months and was not able to feed himself for four months preceding his death. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1799 and moved to Ohio in 1819 where he lived until the fall of 1839 when he moved to this county, where he resided until his death. In 1854 he represented this county in the Legislature, at which time our law makers met at Iowa City. When about twenty years of age he attached himself to the Presbyterian Church and continued a faithful member during the remainder of his life, being an elder for forty years of that time. In Mr. Barker's death, the family lose a kind father, the neighbors a respected citizen and the church a faithful and zealous member. He died as he had lived, a true christian. C.

Des Moines.—Corn gathering is the order of the day on High Street, followed by oyster suppers at night. The farmers in this vicinity have the bulk of their corn in the crib and a number have finished. Corn has turned out better than expected but there is considerable soft mixed in with it, caused by so much re-planting. The yield is from 25 to 60 bushels to the acre. Is there any street in Van Buren county that can beat that turn out in corn? Lorin Prall's wife and mother have returned from

a good reason that they could not have learned in any other way and that will ultimately do it good.

The Christian church building in Cedar township has been papered and repainted on the inside recently and now presents a cozy and inviting appearance. Robert Bailey has been employed to clerk for W. T. Dow in his store at McVeigh. Wilsonville P. O. fails to get the Republican until Wednesday of the week following its publication. Ye editors should send it by the way of Birmingham and then we could get it Saturday. If the post master at Mt. Zion would use a little care and send it by Birmingham it would be all right. John Ruby has rented the Alexander Martin farm of T. E. Taylor but we think he does not intend to move until spring. Eld. Derry will commence his year's labor with the Christian church in this township the last Sunday in December and we understand he will hold a protracted meeting beginning at that time.

R. A. DIX.

It annoys us that the REPUBLICAN does not reach Wilsonville at least by Saturday of the week of its publication. It never goes into the mail here later than Friday morning and should reach Bentonsport the same day and be sent out from there to Wilsonville the day following. Our readers at Wilsonville can see that if it leaves here as late as Friday that it should reach Wilsonville Saturday, for two days is all that is necessary to take it through to its destination, and the fault is with the postmasters or mail agent on the railroad. We hope that the mail that now leaves Bentonsport about an hour before the down train and that stops for noon about a mile and a half from there, will soon be required to wait for the down mail and take it out the day it reaches there. This would facilitate mail matters considerably for the offices north of Bentonsport.

EDS.

GREAT STORM PREDICTED.—Those who have holes should have them mended to go into at once. That is if Professor E. Wiggins, astronomer of the Canadian Finance Department.

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