

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Holmes, Robert Senator _____

Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 May 1819 Shelby County, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ely's Keyes 3 Oct 1849 Linn County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Merchant; newspaperman

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clerk of board of county commissioners; school commissioner for sale of public lands while Iowa was still a territory

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Nov 1906 Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Buried Oak Shade Cemetery, Marion, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Andrew and ? (McCormick) Holmes

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Whig - later Republican*
- Moved to Marion, Iowa in Linn County in 1841 where he opened a dry goods store in partnership with an older brother
 - After two years he bought out his brother and continued in the mercantile business until 1857.
 - He then took over the Linn County Register and published it until 1863 when he sold out
 - Moved to Cedar Rapids in 1875 joined the Daily Republican of which he was political editor.
 - In 1864, appointed commissary of subsistence with rank of Captain being sent to Cape Girardeau, MO until May 1865, then sent to Denver, CO for some position.
 - In 1850 was the Whig candidate for Iowa state treasurer.

