

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Preston, Isaac Washburn Senator Preston
Isaac Washburn - Represented Linn, Benton and Iowa Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Apr 1813 Cambridge Township Washington
County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary J. Jagers 3 Apr 1837 Senechal Falls, New York

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar 26 Oct 1842 in Marion, Iowa.

B. Civic responsibilities T. O. O. F.

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 3rd General Assembly 1850 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 4th, 5th General Assembly 1852, 1854 - Senate

A. Local Linn County probate judge 1843-1849; appointed prosecuting attorney for
2 years

B. State Appointed District Attorney for 18th District of the Iowa Territory 19 Dec 1845 for
2 years by President Polk

C. National

7. Death 6 Mar 1880 Cedar Rapids, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Joseph Hamilton; Edmund C.

9. Names of parents Ephraim and Sarah (Mapwell) Preston

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He moved with his parents to Onondaga County, New York where he learned the carpenter and joiner's trade. He worked in this trade until 1840 when he decided to study law.
- In 1842 he moved to Iowa, entered the law office of Asa Calkin at Iowa City.
- Military service - Mexican War - 17 Feb 1846 he was commissioned Colonel of the 3rd Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division of the Iowa Militia and assisted in organizing troops for the war, but he was not called to active duty.
- Preston, Iowa was named in his honor.

...e proposed a faithful and rigid enforcement of the ordinances; hoped council would bear with his impositions and shortcomings, and that work harmoniously together interests of our city and citizens as a whole. The mayor then announced the standing committees follows:

Finance—Stewart, Gates and Fulon.

Streets and Alleys—Snouffer, Stewart and Mansfield.

Ordinance—Mansfield, Mullally and Han.

Police Department—Morton, Mansfield and Van Vleck.

Assessors—Gates, Dale and Morton.

Water—Van Vleck, Snouffer and ...

Public Improvements—Meehan, Fulon and Gates.

Amusement—Earl, Jenkins and Snouffer.

Railroads—Mullally, Jenkins and ...

Next order was the election of president of the council. The contest for this office was spirited, most of the members receiving some votes. On the sixth ballot, however, Ald. Mansfield was declared elected.

A committee of three, composed of members Snouffer, Stewart and Morton, was appointed to report rules for government of the council.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands in East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for speedy cure of consumption, phthisis, catarrh, asthma and all other chest and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility, all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has it his duty to make it known to suffering fellows. Actuated by the most humane and patriotic motives, and a desire to relieve suffering, I will send free of

let us hope that each of us may be as ready as he to answer the summons when it comes.

COL. ISAAC M. PRESTON.

Col. Preston complained of indisposition the Saturday previous to his death, but left his home for his office. Before reaching his office his indisposition increased to such a degree that he returned home, and, telling his wife that he felt very badly, went to bed. In a short time he fell into a stupor, partial paralysis ensued and in this condition he remained until the messenger called him home, about ten o'clock Saturday night, just one week after the first attack and twenty-four hours after the death of Capt. Cook.

Col. Preston was born April 25, 1813, in Cambridge township, Washington county, New York, and was, consequently, almost sixty-seven years of age. Leaving New York, he went to Dayton, Ohio, in 1838, where he resided until 1840, when he came to Iowa, settling in Iowa City, where he read law. He was admitted to the bar in Marion, and in November, 1842, he became a resident of that town, and has lived there continuously until about a year ago, when he built a fine home in Cedar Rapids, which he occupied at the time of his death. Thus he has been a resident of Linn county for nearly thirty-eight years. He was elected probate judge of Linn county in 1843 and re-elected in 1846. He was appointed prosecuting attorney of the eighteenth district, comprising Linn, Benton and Tama counties, in 1845, which office he held for two years. In 1846 he was commissioned colonel of the 8d Regiment, 2d Brigade, 2d Division of Militia of the Territory of Iowa. He was the first United States district attorney appointed in the state, receiving his appointment from President Polk, March 3, 1847. This position he held during Polk's administration. In 1848 he was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, and in 1850 to the Senate.

Notice is hereby given that the son of Albert and Catherine Putnam township, Linn county, seventeen years old, left the said parents without cause, and hereby cautioned not to trust Horvorak for any goods or money, or to give him any employment, his work and earnings belong to the parents, and that they will claim same. [24w3]

NOTICE OF SALE

To all whom it may concern: Being found running at large in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, contrary to the ordinance of the said city, one horse, described as follows: One bay horse, with four (4) legs blind, and about nine (9) years old, horse now being in the city pound. Therefore notice is hereby given, that the undersigned will, on the 12th day of August, 1880, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the city pound aforesaid, sell the animal to the highest bidder to pay the penalty, costs and charges accrued, unless all of the same be paid and said animal redeemed. Dated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March, A. D. 1880. SPENCER JACKSON, By JAS. A. PLUMB, Deputy.

INCORPORATION

Public notice is hereby given that a corporation has been organized under the laws of the state of Iowa. The name of the corporation is the Cedar Rapids Coal and Mining Company. The principal place of business of the corporation is at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The general nature of the business of the corporation is to own, lease and hold coal lands and to mine and sell coal and to transact a mining and coal business in the State of Iowa. The amount of the capital stock of the corporation is \$100,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The corporation was organized on the first day of August, 1879, and has since that time been in existence for fifty years, with the right of perpetual succession. The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a board of directors to be elected on the first Wednesday of the month of September, in the year 1880, and thereafter. The highest amount of liability which the corporation shall at any time be liable for shall not exceed two-thirds of its capital stock. The private property of the shareholders is not liable for the debts of the corporation. SAMUEL H. A. FOSTER, Secretary. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 1st, 1880.

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a special execution from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Iowa, on a judgment rendered on the 6th day of January, 1880, against W. W. and M. A. Higley wherein W. W. and M. A. Higley and Joseph Vanous, Mary Skvore and Joseph Vanous, Jr. are defendants for the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Fifty Dollars and Fifty Cents, and upon the following real estate property of said defendant, I do hereby sell said execution to W.

his suffering relief. Admitted by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Shearer, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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DEATH'S HARVEST.

Two Pioneers Called Home.

Rarely is it the misfortune of any community to be called upon to mourn the death of two of its most prominent citizens and oldest inhabitants, within a few hours of each other, as is the case of this community in the death of Capt. C. C. Cook and Col. I. M. Preston, which it becomes our painful duty to record. Both were among the very earliest settlers in this vicinity; both were men noted for the active interest they took in public affairs, and both were men widely and well known throughout the state. The first to respond to the summons of the Master was

CAPT. C. C. COOK,

who died Friday evening, March 5th, at half past nine o'clock. He was in town the preceding Friday in ordinary health, but in the evening he returned home feeling badly, and continued to grow worse, pneumonia supervening, and he continued to sink rapidly until death ended his sufferings.

Capt. Cook was born in Niagara county, New York, in 1822, and was nearly fifty-eight years of age. In 1839 he came to Iowa, arriving in Linn county, and camping upon the ground now the public square in Marion July 14th of that year. The next day they broke camp, and selected a building site near the place where the residence of Mr. Bowers now stands, on the boulevard about a mile and a half north of Cedar Rapids, laying claim upon a quarter section of land, but not

the Iowa State Legislature, and in 1850 to the Senate.

Col. Preston was a true type of a genuine western man. He was a man of great force of character; and has been identified with all the more prominent affairs of our state and county since their organization. As a lawyer, he stood in the front ranks of the attorneys of the state. His indomitable perseverance, untiring energy and diversified and accurate knowledge of the law and a peculiar shrewdness in applying this knowledge made him a power in the court room and before the jury. As a criminal lawyer he was eminently successful, and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, not only in this but in other legal controversies.

Socially, Col. Preston was genial, pleasant, kind-hearted and entertaining. He was of a naturally cheerful disposition, and was the light and life of the social circles in which he mingled or with which he was brought in casual contact. As a neighbor and friend he was beloved by all. In local public affairs he always took an active interest, and the impress of his business sagacity will remain permanent upon the laws and institutions not only of our county but as well upon those of the state.

Col. Preston's death will cause widespread sorrow, as but few men in Iowa were better and more widely known than he and but few have more and warmer friends. His death leaves a vacancy in the Linn county bar, in the active workers in public affairs and in the social circles of Cedar Rapids, Marion and the county at large which will not soon be filled, and, indeed, which will never be filled as Col. Preston filled them.

Five Hundred Thousand Strong.

In the past few months there has been more than 500,000 bottles of Shiell's Cure sold. Out of the vast number of people who have used it

upon the following real property of said defendant to satisfy said execution, of out lot fifteen (15) in the lds, Linn County, Iowa, described as follows, to wit: point on the northwest corner of said out lot, the westerly at right angles 300 feet to the south line of the northwest quarter township 23, range 7, then an easterly direction to line intersects the north-west Street, thence south line of Market Street to the highest bidder for cash in day of March, A. D. 1880, House door in Marion, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. and where due attendance was undersigned.

Dated at my office in Marion, Iowa, February 11th, 1880.
A. F. YAMBER
MILLS & KEELER, Attorneys

ORIGINAL

STATE OF IOWA, } ss.
LINN COUNTY, }
In the District Court of
April Term, 1880,

LOUIS FITZGERALD, Plaintiff,

vs.
GEORGE W. WILSON, Defendant.
To George W. Wilson, James Daniels, G. C. Parine & Frederick, D. B. Flrop, Assignee, W. B. Clay & Co., Heath & Milligan Stevens, McKinley, Gilch Boyd & Co., Reed & Buchard & Co., J. W. Carter & Warner, I. M. Elliott, Alexander Campbell, R. D. Stephens, J. Lowry, McLean Manufacturing, Romadka Bros., C. S. Northrup, J. A. Lane, Hibbard & Spencer, C. Field, Benedict & Co., H. Adams, J. G. Graves, G. W. Peck, N. Gay, J. Eastall, The State of Iowa fund and S. J. Lesem & Co.

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, do hereby file in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Linn County, Iowa, Louis Fitzgerald, Trustee of the Linn County Trust Company of New York, the sum of twenty thousand and twelve dollars and thirty and 3/4 cents (20,123.75), with interest thereon as money justly due upon and executed by the said George W. Wilson, and for fifty-thousand dollars on the same, and asking that the mortgage given to secure the same be foreclosed, and for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of said property, and for an allowance of a reasonable sum for general relief. And unless you appear before noon of the second term of said District Court held at Marion, Linn County, Iowa, on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1880,

won high reputation in the General Assembly and in 1873 was nominated by the Republicans for Representative in Congress for the Fourth District. He was elected, serving two terms. Soon after the expiration of his last session he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church and has attained eminence in that profession.

ISAAC M. PRESTON was born in Bennington, Vermont, April 25, 1813. His father was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. The son came to Iowa in 1842, locating at Marion in Linn County, where he began to practice law. In December, 1845, he was appointed District Attorney, serving two years. In February, 1846, he was commissioned colonel to organize troops for the Mexican War. He was probate judge of Linn County for four years. In 1847 he was appointed by President Polk United States District Attorney for Iowa. In 1850 he was elected to the House of the Third General Assembly and after serving one term was elected to the Senate, where for four years, in the Fourth and Fifth General Assemblies, he was a prominent legislator. He took an active part in the enactment of the Code of 1851 and the important legislation of those early sessions. Mr. Preston ranked high, both as a lawyer and lawmaker. He was one of the leaders of the Democratic party of the State.

HIRAM PRICE was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, January 10, 1810. He worked on his father's farm in boyhood, attending school during the winter months. He was a great reader, borrowing books of neighbors and thus acquiring an education. In 1844 he removed to Iowa, locating in Davenport, where he opened a store. In 1847 he was chosen School Fund Commissioner and a year later was elected recorder and treasurer of Scott County, holding the position eight years. Mr. Price was a radical advocate of temperance and was one of the founders of the order of "The Sons of Temperance." He was one of the framers of the first bill for the prohibition of the liquor traffic in the State, which was enacted into law by the Fifth General Assembly in 1854. He was the editor of the *Temperance Organ*, a State paper devoted to prohibition. He had been a Democrat in politics up to the time of the attempt to force slavery into Kansas when he left that party and was one of the organizers and founders of the Republican party of Iowa. Upon the enactment of the State Bank Law, Mr. Price was one of the organizers of the Davenport branch and was the second president of the State Bank officers. When the War of the Rebellion began he assisted in raising the money to enable Governor Kirkwood to equip the first two Iowa regiments. He was the first paymaster of Iowa troops and was untiring in his support and assistance to the Governor in raising men and money to meet the calls of the President. In 1862 he was elected by the Republicans of the Second District to Congress and for six years was one of the ablest members of the

OAKLEY, M. M., manufacturer and dealer in cigars, tobacco, smokers' articles, etc., Marion; born in Schroom, Essex Co., N. Y., March 30, 1827; moved to Tioga Co., Penn., in the Spring of 1848; lived there until he came to Marion, May 16, 1855; engaged in the lumber business here until he enlisted in Co. K, 6th Iowa V. C., in Sept., 1862; was with the regiment until it was mustered out in 1865. He married Susan Morgan; she was born in Bradford Co., Penn.; they have two children—Mary Alice (now Mrs. J. C. Bixby), and George N. Mr. and Mrs. Oakley are members of the M. E. Church.

OAKLEY, GEORGE N., cigar manufacturer, dealer in domestic and Havana cigars, etc., Marion; born in Tioga, Tioga Co., Penn., July 22, 1851; came to Marion with his parents May 16, 1855. Farmer, Miller, miller.

Wington, T. C., merchant.

Ovington, T. S., merchant.

Owen, N. W., physician and druggist.

OXLEY, J. FAYLECKE, Deputy Sheriff and Township Assessor. Mr. Oxley was born in Marion Tp., Linn Co., Iowa, Oct. 20, 1850; he has been engaged in farming and stock dealing previous to January, 1878. He owns a farm of 170 acres in Sec. 30, Brown Tp., in this county.

PARMENTER, M., teamster.

Parsons, Chester, retired.

PATTERSON, GEORGE A., retired farmer; born in Fayette Co., Penn., Feb. 4, 1811; moved with parents to Knox Co., Ohio, in 1825; resided there until he came to Moscow, Muscatine Co., Iowa, May 10, 1837; engaged in farming there until the Spring of 1840, when he came to Marion; was Deputy Sheriff here in 1841 and 1842; worked at carpenter's trade about five years, then engaged in farming, near Marion (Secs. 31, 32 and 33), about thirty years; came to the city of Marion to reside about four years ago. He has held various district offices, etc.

Pence, E. W., Constable.

Pier, Chris, retired farmer.

Phipps, Albert, retired.

PRESTON, EDWARD C., Deputy County Recorder, Marion; born in Genesee Co., N. Y., March 24, 1852;

removed to Marshall, Mich., in 1869; lived there three years, then came to Rockford, Floyd Co., Iowa; resided there until he came to Marion in 1875; read law with Col. I. M. Preston, and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He has held the position of Deputy Recorder since the Fall of 1875. Mr. Preston married Eva E. Burroughs, Nov. 18, 1875; she was born in Marion, Iowa, May 13, 1854; they have one child—Mary E., born in August, 1876. Mrs. Preston is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

PRESTON & SON, I. M., attorneys and counselors at law, Marion; Edmund C. Preston was born in Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, June 5, 1841; when one year and a half old, he came with his parents to Iowa City; they soon after came to Marion; graduated from Western Union Law College at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1861; was for a short time in mercantile business after he was admitted to the bar; he has been a member of the lawfirm of I. M. Preston & Son about ten years; he was the first City Solicitor for the city of Marion. Married Deborah E. Two-good, March 31, 1863; she was born in Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y.; they have one child—Isaac M., born June 8, 1873.

PRESTON, ISAAC M., EDEN., attorney and counselor at law; born in Cambridge Tp., Washington Co., N. Y., April 25, 1813; while he was an infant, his parents removed to Elbridge, Onondaga Co., N. Y., where he lived until he was 22 years of age; he then went to Seneca Falls to reside, where he married Mary Jane Facer April 3d, 1837; she was born in New York City Aug. 9, 1815; in 1838, they removed to Dayton, Ohio; resided there until Sept., 1840; he then came to Iowa City, where he read law, and Oct. 26, 1842, he was admitted to the bar at Marion, Linn Co.; in November, 1842, he removed to Marion; the first bill in equity was filed in this county by him; he was elected Judge of Probate for this county in October, 1843, and re-elected Aug. 3, 1846; he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the 15th Judicial District, compris-

ing Linn, Benton and Tama counties, Dec. 19, 1845; served in that capacity two years. Feb. 17, 1846, he was commissioned Colonel of the Third Regiment, Second Brigade, Second Division of Militia of the Territory of Iowa; March 3, 1847, he was commissioned by President James K. Polk United States District Attorney; this was the first appointment to that position made in the State; he continued in this position until the close of Polk's administration; in 1848, he was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, and in 1850 he was elected member of the State Senate; the Colonel has taken an active part in public affairs of the State, and is one of the representative men of Iowa; in the practice of his profession he has been eminently successful, and he is regarded as one of the leading members of the bar of our country. He has two sons, both of them able attorneys—Joseph Hamilton, born July 9, 1838; he is engaged in practice at Waterloo, Iowa; Edmund C. is associated with his father in business; he was born June 5, 1841.

PUTNAM, CHARLES E., County Recorder. Marion; born in Nashua, N. H., July 10, 1839; came to Cedar Rapids in 1851. Enlisted in Co. G, 13th Iowa I. V., in September, 1861; was commissioned Second Lieutenant immediately after the organization of the Company, April 19, 1862; soon after the battle of Shiloh he was promoted to Second Lieut., and in March, 1863, promoted to Captain; after being commissioned Captain he was on detached service most of the time, doing staff duty on staff of Gen. McPherson and Gen. Giles A. Smith; he was mustered out as Captain in Nov., 1864; came to Mt. Vernon in this county, and engaged in mercantile business there until 1872, when he was elected County Recorder; re-elected in 1874 and 1876. He married Mary E. Fawcett; she was born in Belmont Co., Ohio; they have two children—Frank H. and Carrie E. Mrs. Putnam is a member of the Congregational Church.

RAHN, B. C., livery stable.
Rathbun, N., retired clergyman.

RATHBUN, S. W., editor and publisher of the *Marion Weekly Register*; also Postmaster, Marion.

Reichard, B. R., teacher.

Reichard, J. G., teacher.

Richmond, O. T., retired real estate dealer.

Raiter, A., janitor pub. school building.

Reynolds, Nathan, retired farmer.

ROBINSON, ALFRED C., proprietor of meat market, Marion; born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Oct. 8, 1833; removed with his parents to Jasper Co., Ind., in the Spring of 1838; lived there until he came to Marion, in 1868; he was engaged in farming and mercantile business in Indiana; since he came here he has been engaged in grocery, produce and butchering business, principally. He married Lucinda Goldsberry May 7, 1855; she was born in Boone Co., Ind.; they have three children—Wesley P., George C. and Flora E. Mr. Robinson and family are members of the M. E. Church.

ROSS, JAMES G., boot and shoe maker; born in Ireland, Jan. 23, 1823; came to Ohio in September, 1847; resided there until he came to Marion, in 1855; he has worked at his present business since he was 18 years of age. He married Ann Jane Moles March 7, 1846; she was born in Ireland Feb. 25, 1825; they have had ten children; one son and one daughter died in infancy; the living are Lizzie S., James G., John M., Margaret, Mary, Frank S., Ida B. and William L. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are members of the M. E. Church.

ROWE, BESSIE D., carpenter, contractor and builder, Marion; born in Elizabethtown, Essex Co., N. Y., Nov. 15, 1831; came to Marion in 1869; Mr. R. has been engaged in his present business thirty-one years. He married Mary Anna Storrs Dec. 27, 1854, in Elizabethtown; she was born in Westport, Essex Co., N. Y., June 13, 1828; they have had three children—Ida May, born Sept. 27, 1855, died Nov. 5, 1870; the living are Fred A., born Dec. 16, 1859, and Frank E., born March 9, 1862.

Ryan, Thomas, laborer.

SAMPLE, WM., retired.

SANSON, EDWARD L., watch maker and manufacturing jeweler; born

time he rendered the decision referred to. In a general sense, he was regarded as a very able lawyer and one of the ablest judges that had graced the Supreme Court bench.

For several years in the fifties he was a partner of Nathaniel M. Hubbard.

Isaac M. Preston located at Marion the same year that Judge Isbell came, in 1842. So much has been said concerning him by Theodore S. Parvin and James W. Woods in their respective narratives, which are made a part of the sketches of those gentlemen, that it is unnecessary for me to supplement that, save in a mere outline of Mr. Preston's career.

He was born at Bennington, Vermont, in 1813. He was dowered with the blood of the Revolution. His father was a patriot, and a soldier in that conflict. In 1814 the family removed to Onondaga County, New York. His father was a farmer who, with the aid of some of his children, had cleared a plantation out of the wilderness. He was in moderate circumstances with but few facilities for educating his children. When sixteen years of age, Isaac was given his time to provide for himself. Thrown upon his resources with but little education, he learned the carpenter trade and worked at it until 1840, when he resolved to study law. This resolve, however, was not carried into execution until he came to Iowa, where he stopped for a while at Iowa City and studied law with Asa Calkins, one of the early lawyers of that place, going from there to Marion, where he successfully practiced his profession for more than half a century and became one of the best known and ablest lawyers in the history of the State.

In December, 1845, he was appointed by Territorial Governor James Clark, District Attorney for his District, and discharged the duties of that office with credit to both himself and the State. In 1846 he was commissioned by Governor Clark, Colonel of the Third Regiment of Iowa Militia, which was organized for the Mexican War, but was not called into actual service. In 1845 he was elected County Judge of Linn County, and re-elected to the same position in 1846. He discharged the duties of this office for six years with great efficiency and to the general satisfaction of the people. In 1847 he was appointed by President Polk, United States District Attorney for Iowa and discharged the duties of that office with signal ability. In 1850 he was elected to the House of the Third General Assembly, which convened at Iowa City, December 2, 1850. He represented the Counties of Linn, Tama and Benton, and took a prominent part in the proceedings of that body. In 1852 he was elected to the State Senate of the Fourth General Assembly, which convened at Iowa City, December 6, 1852. He represented the same Counties that he had in the House of the Third General Assembly. He served in the same capacity in the Fifth General Assembly, which convened at Iowa City December 4, 1854. He had many able associates in that body, among whom were

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J. M. Love, afterward United States District Judge; John R. Needham, afterward Lieutenant Governor of the State; Maturin L. Fisher, afterward Superintendent of Public Instruction; Milton D. Browning; W. F. Coolbaugh; P. Gad Bryan; Samuel McFarland; Alvin Saunders and other men, who afterward became distinguished in the history of the State. He was one of the most efficient members of that body and took a prominent part in the enactment of the Code of 1851. "He made his impression on the work of the Senate without much oratorical effort."*

He was a Democrat in politics and ranked high as a leader in his party throughout the State. During my connection with the Supreme Court as Reporter of its decisions, I used to meet Colonel Preston frequently. He was not a large man, but rather slim and delicate, but this appearance was deceitful, for he had a wiry physique which had been developed and strengthened by early work and hardships. His long and active practice showed that he was capable of great endurance. I always liked to meet him, for he was one of the most agreeable of men; racy in conversation; full of reminiscent incidents; anecdotes of the early time; and altogether one of the most entertaining men with whom I have ever been acquainted. Colonel Preston was succeeded by two sons, Joseph H. Preston and Edmund C. Preston, both of whom became distinguished lawyers.

Judge William Smyth was born in Tyrone County, Ireland, in 1824. When fifteen years of age he came with his parents to the United States, residing for a while in Pennsylvania, but ultimately, in 1840, settled in Linn County. In 1845 he commenced the study of law in the office of Judge James P. Carleton, of Iowa City. In 1848 he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice at Marion, Linn County, where he continued to reside until the day of his death.

He had been a close student, had a natural legal mind, and soon took high rank in his profession, which advanced with the advancing years. He became known as one of the ablest lawyers of the State. For several years he served with great credit as Prosecuting Attorney. Upon the death of his old preceptor, Judge Carleton, in 1853, he was appointed by the Governor, Judge of the District Court, on the unanimous recommendation of the bar, and was elected by the people at the ensuing election without opposition. In this position he demonstrated the high qualities of a judge and was greatly respected by the bar and the people. His reputation as a jurist caused him to be appointed by the Seventh General Assembly in 1858, one of the three commissioners to revise and codify the laws of the State. The result of this work was known as the Revision of 1860. At the close of this service he was appointed Chairman of the Commission of Legal Inquiry.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil War, in 1861, he was chosen by the Legislature, one of the commissioners to negotiate the bonds issued by the State for the purpose

* Iowa Historical Record, April, 1885, page 87.



You searched for **Isaac M. Preston** in **Iowa**

1850 United States Federal Census

Name: **Isaac M Preston**

Age: **37**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1813**

Birth Place: **Vermont**

Gender: **Male**


Home in 1850 (City,County,State): **Linn, Iowa**

Family Number: **129**

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| | Isaac M Preston | 37 |
| | Mary J Preston | 35 |
| | Joseph H Preston | 12 |
| | Edmond C Preston | 9 |
| | Adaline A Pricer | 26 |

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Event(s)

Birth: 25 Apr 1813
White Creek, Washington, New York
Death: 6 Mar 1880
Cedar Rapids, Linn, Iowa

Parents

Father: [Ephriam Preston](#) Disc #11 Pin #794768
Mother: [Sarah Maxwell](#) Disc #11 Pin #794780

Notes and Sources

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Sources: None

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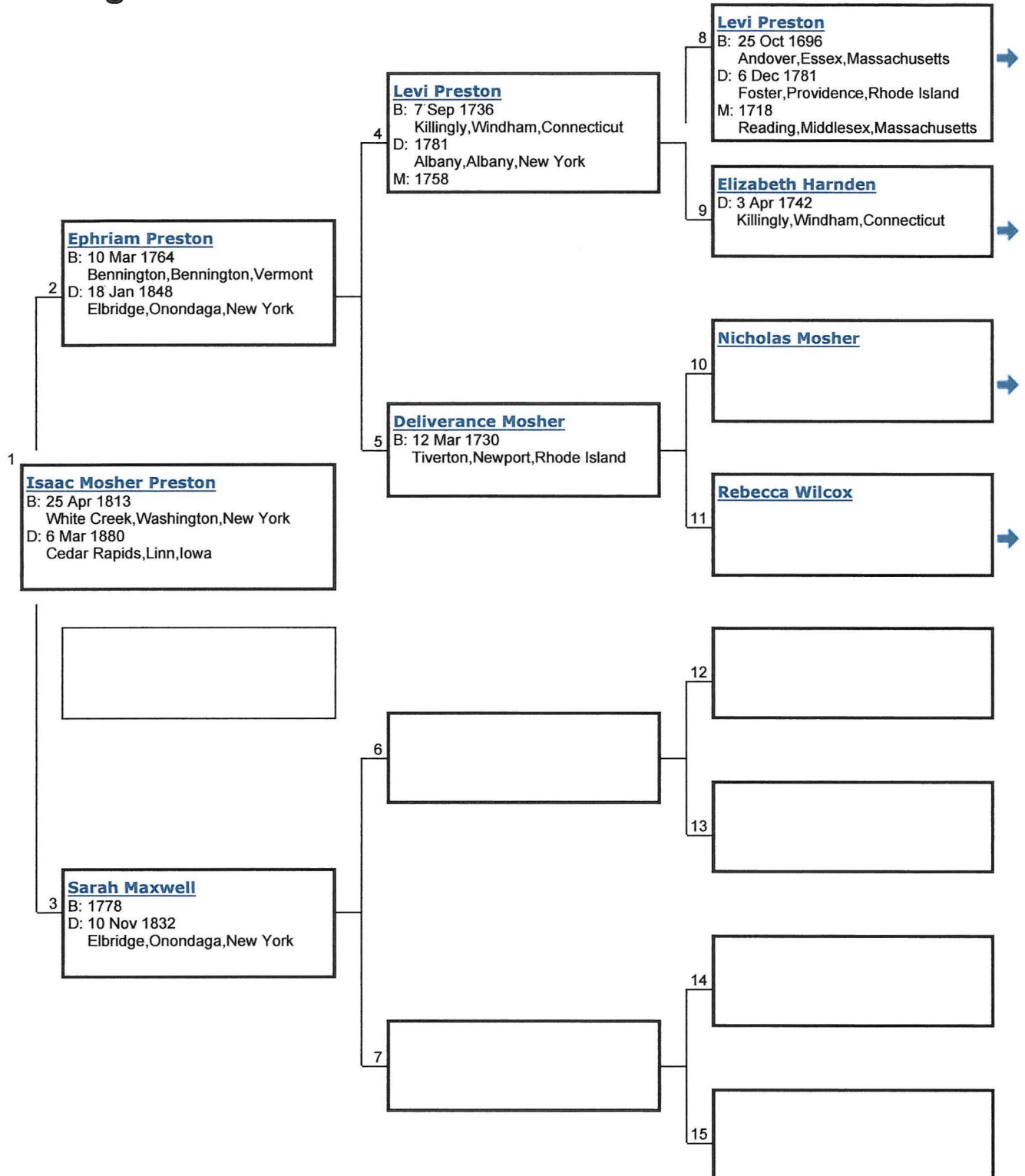
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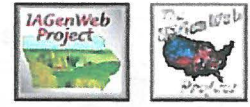
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PRESTON, Isaac M.

Born: 1813
Died: 1880
Cemetery: OAK HILL
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County: LINN CO. - IOWA
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Born: 1815
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