

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Turner, Thomas E. Senator _____

Represented Delaware and Buchanan Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 May 1841 New London, Connecticut

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha M. Piers 6 Sept 1841 Sherkey, New York

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Schoolmaster

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Buchanan County, notary public; Justice of the Peace

B. State In the legislature he was elected chairman of the committee on public schools because of all his experience in teaching

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Jan 1861 Quasqueton, Iowa; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Liberty, Ia. Buried in Iowa

8. Children Thomas P. (died in infancy); George S.; Martha (died in infancy); William J.; Henry Scott

9. Names of parents Levi and Emma (Callaway) Turner

10. Education

11. Degrees

Attended school at Guilford Academy at Guilford, New York

12. Other applicable information

- In his youth he moved to Butternuts, Otsego County, New York where he lived until age 7.
- He was with a private teacher for one year at Sky Creek, four years at Oneida Institute, Whitesboro, New York, and two years at Andover Theological Institute.
- His health began to fail and after resting a year he began teaching.
- He opened a select school at Dundee in the fall of 1841 until spring 1845.
- He then began teaching in the Turkey Seminary, Turkey, Yates County, New York where he taught 2 years.
- In spring 1848 he moved to Byron, Ogle County, Illinois where he started a select school until spring 1851 when he moved to Jurguton, Iowa.
- During the winter of 1853-1854 he taught at Jurguton.
- He was then elected legislator.
- From 1855-1857 he went back to teaching at Jurguton after his term in the legislature.
- He died of consumption from which he had suffered over 20 years.

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CHAPTER XX.

GENERAL BIOGRAPHY.

HON. THOMAS E. TURNER.

was born in New London, Connecticut, May 17, 1811. When quite young he removed to Butternuts, Otsego county, New York, where he remained until he was seventeen, and from that time till he was twenty-six, he attended school at Guildford academy, Guilford, New York. He was one year with a private teacher at Fly Creek, four years at Oneida institute, Whitesborough, New York, and two years at the Andover Theological institute. Here his health failed, and, after resting over a year, he began teaching. He opened a select school at Dundee in the fall of 1841, continuing until the spring of 1845. He then began teaching in the Starkey seminary, Starkey, Yates county, New York, where he taught two years. In the spring of 1848 he immigrated to Byron, Ogle county, Illinois, where he started a select school, and kept it up until the spring of 1853, when he came to Quasqueton. During the winter of 1853-54 he taught the Quasqueton school, in the west wing of the school-house. In the summer of 1854 he was elected a member of the legislature, representing Buchanan and Delaware counties, being there during the stormy session when a grant was given to the Chicago, Dubuque & Sioux City railroad. During the two winters, from 1855 to 1857, he taught at Quasqueton; was notary public and justice of the peace. September 6, 1841, he was married to Martha Peer, of Starkey, New York, by whom he had five children—Thomas P., born November 29, 1842, died September 17, 1843; George S., born August 17, 1844; Martha, born September, 1847, died May 11, 1848; William J., born November 2, 1849; and Henry Scott, born April 21, 1853. Mr. Turner died on the third day of January, 1861, of consumption, a disease which had been hanging over him for twenty years. Mr. Turner was a gentleman of a very social disposition, who, as a teacher, a scholar, and a legislator, was known only to be respected. The high esteem in which his educational talent was held by the legislature, was evidenced by the position conferred upon him as chairman of the committee on public schools. Mr. Turner was a high-minded, honorable and fearless debater, in whom the cause of freedom and justice always found an eloquent champion.

SIMEON B. CURTIS.

Mr. Curtis, from the time of his settlement in the county, took rank among its leading men. He was born in the State of New York about the year 1811, but early

county, Ohio, where the subject of this brief biography spent the remainder of his youth. Soon after reaching his majority he married Miss Sarah E. Hall, and immigrated to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where he resided until the spring of 1851, when he came to Iowa. Leaving his family in Jones county, Mr. Curtis came into Buchanan, selected and purchased, in Washington township, eighty acres of prairie, and forty of timber lands, of Jacob Minton, entering at the same time three eighty acre lots of Government land, in section five. Here Mr. Curtis made a home for his family, honored among the pioneer homes of Buchanan; here he spent the remaining years of a useful life, dying in February, 1867; and here his wife died in August, 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all now living, (June, 1881), except Orrin G., who died during the war of the Rebellion, in the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky. All the sons and daughters of Mr. Curtis are married and living in Buchanan and Fayette counties, except the oldest and the youngest sons, now in Deadwood, Colorado.

Four of Mr. Curtis' sons were in the army during the late war at one time—Wesley O., Orrin G., Charles G., and Lewis D. F. Marion also enlisted, but was taken sick at Davenport, and was discharged; Simeon G. enlisted, but being under age, and needed by his father, his discharge was procured through the justifiable interference of Mr. Curtis.

Lewis D. now owns and occupies the homestead, having purchased it of his brother, W. O. Curtis, who first purchased it of the estate.

Simeon Curtis was a man of much public spirit, and took a deep interest in the schools of his township, serving many years as a township director.

REV. JOHN M. BOGGS.

Rev. John M. Boggs was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1818; and died at Independence, Iowa, September 1, 1872. He was educated at Washington college, Pennsylvania, at Franklin college, Ohio, and at Princeton Theological seminary. In June, 1843, he was licensed to preach by the Presbyterian church, and was pastor of the churches at Paxton and Derry, Pennsylvania, during the years 1845-6 and 7. From 1848 to 1856 he had charge of the church at Millersburgh, Ohio; and in the fall of 1856 he accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Independence, Iowa, which position he held for thirteen years; and then, on his own motion, because of failing health, he relinquished his charge, greatly to the regret and sorrow of his entire congregation. In April, 1870, the legislature of the State elected him as a member of the board of trustees of the hospital for the insane at Independence, which office he held at the date of his decease. He was, for many years, the stated clerk of the presbytery of which he was a member, and his discriminating mind and excellent judgment prompted his co-presbyters often to seek and follow his counsel.



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Died: 1861
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