

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gen. Senator Hutchins,
Jonathan Evans - Represented Muscatine County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1. January 1806 Stetford, Vermont

2. Marriage (s) date place
Hendrick Vermont

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 4th General Assembly 1852

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State Member of the Convention which framed the State Constitution

C. National In 1846 he was appointed by President Polk as a special
Agent for the transportation of mail between New York

7. Death 6 April 1872 Muscatine Iowa; buried Greenwood Cemetery, Muscatine
Iowa

8. Children Frank

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He moved to Muscatine in 1838 when Iowa was a separate territory. He attended the first land sale in the territory in Nov 1838 at which he purchased land 6 miles west of Muscatine where he resided in fall 1839. He farmed this land but first went back to Vermont and got married.
- He returned to his farm near Muscatine in 1858 where he farmed.
- He moved from Vermont to Ohio at an early age.
- Military service - in Ohio commissioned General of Militia in Iowa in 1839 he commanded the forces of the territory in the campaign known as "The Missouri War".

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

- Obituary - The Muscatine Weekly Journal, Muscatine, Iowa,
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APRIL 13, 1872.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

to the invitation ad- country by the Lib- ns of Missouri, the on, Loyalty and Good Iowa, who are op- tion and military civil administration, to meet in Mass Con- venport, on Tuesday, April, A.D. 1872, gates to the National ican Convention to innati on the First

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REPUBLICAN Gov- et us come together, gates to Cincinnati, Grand Ratification es Moines, and hold any other matters organization and

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- D. C. Cloud,
- M. L. Carpenter,
- Fred Tappe,
- J. H. Williamson,
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and never will.

DEATH OF GEN. J. E. FLETCHER.

Gen. J. E. Fletcher died at his home in this city last Saturday evening, from an illness so brief, that but few of our citizens learned of his danger, until hearing of his death.

The hush that fell upon the city, on Monday, the largely attended memorial meeting of the Old Settlers Association, the throng of mourners that followed the casket to the grave, illustrated better than words can tell, how great was the esteem and affection felt for deceased by all who had partaken of that long and well spent life.

We have scanty materials for furnishing our readers a satisfactory story of Gen. Fletcher's career. He was a native of Vermont, and removed to Ohio at an early age. In this latter state he was commissioned General of Militia. He followed Gov. Lucas to the territory of Iowa in 1838, and in 1839 commanded the forces of the Territory in the campaign known as the "The Missouri War." It was the same year, that he returned East, and married the daughter of Dr. Kendrick of Thetford, Vermont, she who survives as chief mourner in that bereaved home.

Appointed Indian agent for the Winnebagoes in 1846, he remained on the frontier until 1858, when he returned to Muscatine where he has since resided.

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solemnity. All seemed to feel a
personal loss in the death of this
good man. The noble simplicity
of his character, its unblemished
integrity, his warm-hearted, chris-
tian sympathies, the unaffected up-
rightness of his daily walk, the ten-
der solicitude which shone in his
relation of husband and father, the
charity and benevolence that
marked his christian course,—these
were the topics that moved men's
lips on Tuesday, and that were
touchingly dwelt upon by Mr. Hum-
phrey in the funeral service.
Among the many incidents worth
relating, of this life, now closed,
was one which illustrates very
beautifully that sympathy with
children, that consideration for
their wants and pleasures which
belonged to his whole life:—At the
Episcopal Festival last week, as
the evening was going on, the Gen-
eral remarked to a friend that the
Hall was thronged with children
many of whom he feared had not
partaken of the enticing refresh-
ments before them; and, he contin-
ued, you and I my friend, must join
our purses and give them all a
feast. Of course, to say was to do
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ANOTHER PIONEER GONE.—Gen. J. E. Fletcher, one of our pioneer citizens, died Saturday evening, after an illness of only a few days. He attended the Episcopal festival Tuesday evening, and seemed quite well and cheerful, but caught cold going home, as is supposed, and his disease assumed a congestive nature, which baffled all medical skill.

The following sketch of his life and tribute to his worth as a citizen is from the pen of one who knew him long and intimately:

Gen. J. E. Fletcher was a native of Thetford, Vermont. He was an early settler of this city, coming here in the summer of 1838, when Iowa was made a separate Territory. He attended the first land sale in the Territory, in November, 1838, at which he bought lands six miles west of the city, upon which he located in the fall of 1839, and went to farming, having previously returned to Vermont and married his surviving wife. He had resided a few years in Ohio before he came to Iowa.

Gen. Fletcher has held many responsible offices in this Territory and State. He was a member of the Convention which framed the old State Constitution, taking an active and important part in the formation of our fundamental law.

In 1846 he was appointed by President Polk an Indian agent, for the Winnebagoes, and served in that capacity eleven years, having removed the location of the agency twice, making three different places in the Territory of Minnesota, where he resided—Fort Atkinson, on Turkey river, Mankato, on Minnesota river, and high up the Mississippi river above St. Paul. Few agents indeed are ever better calculated to manage a tribe of Indians. The Winnebagoes, Sioux, and Chippewas were frequently at war, and he was often instrumental in saving much bloodshed. With quiet apprehension, decision and firmness, and great courage to face and surmount all difficulties his valuable services in his long career as Indian agent, to the Government, and to the Judiciary, are incalculable.

In all these arduous duties, General

Work on the Atchison Branch
the Chicago and Southwestern R.
road is rapidly progressing.

ACCIDENT.—Jacob Sha'nt, y
master in this city for the C., R. I
P. R. R., while employed near
depot, Saturday evening, made a r
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brought the cars in such close prox
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crushed to death. Besides the inj
mentioned, he was painfully bru
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In all these arduous duties, General
Fletcher was accompanied by his faith-
ful wife, who rendered him great as-
sistance; besides she spent much time
in teaching the Indians the English
language from books. Dr. Frank
Fletcher, their oldest son, was, when
they went among the Indians, quite a
young boy. He played and frolicked
with the Indian boys, and soon learned
their language so well that he became
his father's interpreter.

Gen. Fletcher returned to his farm,
one mile west of this city, in 1858,
where he has ever since engaged in
farming. He leaves his dutiful and
afflicted wife and eight children—five
sons, and three daughters, his oldest
son having studied medicine, and set-
tled in that practice, a few years ago
at Detroit, Mich.

Gen. Fletcher was a man of marked
and noted character, —a man of talent,
energy and industry, actuated at all
times by truth, right and justice; af-
fection, benevolence and kindness,
which, based upon the foundation of
Christianity, enabled him to accom-
plish much good in this life, and to
gain in a high degree, the esteem
friendship and love of a wide circle of
acquaintance, who find that in him
they have lost a great and good friend.
To the poor he was indeed a friend in
time of need,—they will not soon find
one to fill his place.

As a citizen of the city and county,
we have lost a great and good man, in
whose counsils we have so often found
wisdom, goodness and benefit, and we
mourn his loss.

The community are moved with
compassion and sympathy for his
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Oak Grove Farmers' Club.

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GEORGE C. SHIPMAN.

Old Settlers' Meeting.

A meeting of the Old Settlers'
society was called at the office
Cloud & Broomhall, Monday, Apr
1872, at 10 a. m. for memorial acti
reference to the death of Gen. J
Fletcher, President of the Associa
On motion of Mr. Suel Foster,
John A. Parvin was called to
chair.

On motion of Fred. Stone, Geo

Bishop Lee passed through our city on Monday, en route to Burlington, the object of his trip being to remove his wife from that place to Davenport.

GONE ON A FARM.—Frank Stampel, the man found floating in the river on a trunk on Tuesday, has gone to work on a farm in Illinois, a few miles from this city.

SALE.—Some days ago, James S. Price, of Cedar township, purchased a jack of Tobias Brown for \$600—and the animal is said to have been cheap at the price.

The weather is propitious for farming operations, but the frost is not yet out of the ground in shady places. However, farmers are quite busy plowing and planting.

GEN. FLETCHER'S FUNERAL, Tuesday afternoon, was one of the largest ever seen at this place. Members of the Old Settlers' Society accompanied the remains to the City Cemetery, in procession.

SORRY TO HEAR IT.—Mr. Barnard thinks the strawberry crop will be slim this season, owing to the scarcity of snow during the winter. By the way, they are having this fruit down south and it costs only \$12.00 per quart.

SCARCE.—We understand that brick for building purposes are scarcer in our city at present than during any season known, the cause of which is attributed to an unusual foreign demand. The ruling price, where they can be had, is \$8.00 per thousand.

Everywhere. — The Charter Oak Stove is on sale in all the principal towns and cities throughout the South and West, from St. Paul to Galveston, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.— All live dealers have them and consider them their most staple article.

Just received at Burnett's, a large

INKLINGS.—Thermometer at 11 to-day, 85 in the shade—thus saith Walton.....The hat chasing season is at hand; watch your plugs.....Beautiful exhibition of Northern lights last night. Look out for some weather..... Several "prairie schooners" filed through the streets to-day bound west.....Since the street corps succeeded in bringing the cobble stones to light our streets present a very respectable appearance..... Eastern runners are swarming the city again, and you can't shie a stone across the street without hitting half a dozen of them.....The Court House square and other spots have "jined the Finnigans" and commenced "wearing of the green."..... Homer Spencer's old stand has been rented for a millinery store.... A youthful minstrel band, from sunny Italy, were torturing a harp and two fiddles on our streets to-day.—*Daily 11th.*

ON THE "MAKE."—The wife of a farmer residing about four miles from Muscatine was in the city, shopping, Monday. In her rounds she called at Barney Fuller's grocery, as she had frequently done, and there being a large crowd in the room, took advantage of the opportunity offered to help herself, in a sly way. Barney had been her victim before, it appears, and consequently kept an eye on her.— Several articles in close proximity to her digits had disappeared as if by magic, when a handsome roll of butter was noticed following her delicate hand to the capacious carpet bag.— Barney's feelings overcame him. He thought the "joke" had gone far enough, and made his grievance known to the Marshal, who accompanied him to the store, and the contents of the satchel were revealed. A blacking brush, glass spoon-holder and three pounds of butter had been feloniously "gobbled" at Fuller's and several bars of soap at Bishop & McDonald's grocery. The thief-ess

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