

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator Cook,

John Parsons - Represented Cedar, Linn, Benton and Iowa
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 Aug 1817 Whitestown, Oneida County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1842

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Lawyer; banking

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 2nd, 3rd General Assemblies 1848, 1850

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State Member of the Iowa Territorial Council 1842-1845 5th and 6th
Assemblies of Cedar, Linn and Linn, 2nd Assembly Cedar, Linn and Benton and
3rd Assembly Cedar, Linn, Benton and Iowa

C. National Member of the 9th United States Congress 1853-1855

7. Death 17 Apr 1872 Davenport, Iowa; buried Oakdale Cemetery, Davenport Iowa

8. Children

9. Names of parents

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

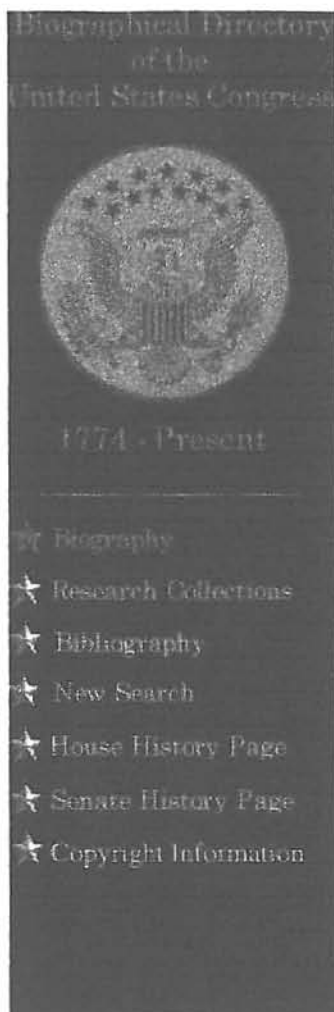
12. Other applicable information Whig/Plater Democrat

- He moved with his father to Davenport, Iowa in 1836
- He studied law in Davenport
- After being admitted to the bar in 1842 he began practicing law at Tipton, Iowa where he remained for several years
- After leaving the U. S. Congress he continued practicing law and also engaged in banking at Davenport until his death. He practiced law with his brother, Ebenezer.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			<i>The Daily Lavenport Democrat, Lavenport, Iowa, This Apr. 19, 1872, p. 1, col. 3, 4</i>
- bioguide.congress.gov			(accessed 2/1/02) ✓
- Recollections and Sketches of Lawyers and Public Men of Iowa by Stiles			1916, p. 745



COOK, John Parsons, 1817-1872

COOK, John Parsons, a Representative from Iowa; born in Whitestown, Oneida County, N.Y., August 31, 1817; moved with his father to Davenport, Iowa, in 1836; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1842 and commenced practice in Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa; member of the Iowa Territorial council 1842-1845; served in the State senate 1848-1851; returned to Davenport, Iowa, in 1851 and continued the practice of law; unsuccessful candidate in 1850 for election to the Thirty-second Congress; elected as a Whig to the Thirty-third Congress (March 4, 1853-March 3, 1855); was not a candidate for renomination in 1854; continued the practice of law and also engaged in banking in Davenport until his death there April 17, 1872; interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

THE LAST TRIBUTES.

Funeral Services of the Late Hon. John P. Cook.

The last earthly services that can be the lot of man, were paid to the remains of John P. Cook, this afternoon and he has gone from us forever: gone to the great city of the dead where we are all tending.

The members of the Pioneer Settlers Association, and of the Scott county bar of both of which he was an active and honored member, met at the house of the deceased, and accompanied the remains to the church. On arriving at the church, the procession was met by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Goodhue, who led the way to the pulpit. The coffin was followed by the mourners, after which came the Pioneers and the members of the bar, who occupied the main body of the church. The choir then performed a solemn chant, the audience standing.

The pastor read an appropriate selection of scripture, after which the hymn, "I would not live always," was sung by the choir.

The pastor then commenced his sermon, taking as a text the 20th verse of the 14th chapter of Job. He said all things pass away, and new spring up and take their places. Continual changes take place in animal as well as vegetable life. We have nothing to boast of here.— We should put our thoughts on things permanent; our affections on higher objects than the earth, for all pass off and fade away in death. The lineaments of the human face become engraved on our memories; we can recall such features of the loved one; we can remember him— he who has left us forever. We are called upon again to look upon the face of the dead. He has passed away, from this busy scene of life and activity, cut down in the prime of his manhood. We all knew him, as a true friend, an earnest patriot and a genial gentleman. He was an unflagging interest in the city and

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BAR.

As we stated yesterday, a committee of five were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the Scott county bar in regard to the death of Hon. John P. Cook. They are as follows:

Resolved, That the members of the Bar of Scott county recognize with deep sensibility in the death of Hon. John P. Cook, the removal of a friend and brother, endeared to them by long association in the walks of professional, civil and social life; whose untimely decease adds another name to the roll of departed pioneers and leaders at the Bar of this county.

Resolved, That though the places to which our departed brother has so long been familiar are unknown to him no more forever, yet his many attractive and endearing qualities, his kindness of spirit, generosity and benevolence of heart, affable courtesy and sparkling humor, as well as his widely recognized ability as an advocate, will long live in the memory of his brethren of the Bar.

Resolved, That in these repeated removals of the earlier and older members of our profession by the hand of death, we are forcibly reminded that those to whom we have been accustomed to look as leaders in our ranks are rapidly passing away; and that a heavier responsibility is every day devolving on those who survive, to maintain the honor and fair fame of their profession as faithfully and worthily as those who have gone who are leaving us.

Resolved, That to the afflicted family and kindred of our deceased brother, thus so soon again called to weep over their dead, we tender our sincerest sympathy and condolence.

Resolved, That these resolutions be communicated to the family of the deceased, and published in the papers of the city; and that copies of them be presented to the Supreme Court of the State and the District Court of this county, at their next session in this city, with the request that they may be entered on the records.

THE Millinery goods at the Revolution Store are now open for inspection. The largest stock of ladies, misses and children's hats in the city. The prices are astonishing. Come at once and look at them.

THE best line of English diagonals and fancy coatings can be found at Rothschild's.

PICTURES and picture frames, in endless variety, at Thompson & Carmichael's.

BARGAINS in Dress Goods, Silks, Poplins, Mohairs, Alpaca and other desirable fabrics for Spring Wear at Streepers.

The Continental Life, of New York. The annual statement of the Continental Life of New York, cannot fail to gratify the policy-holders of that progressive company. The company now possesses aggregate assets to the amount of \$2,150,000 and all liabilities. Under the able and judicious administration of President Lawrence the Continental

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 knew him, as a true friend, an earnest
 patriot and a genial gentleman. He took
 an unflagging interest in the city and
 State of his adoption; his fellow-citizens
 have conferred offices of trust and honor
 upon him, and ever found him faithful.
 In his death we sustain a great loss, and
 his family will miss a loving member. Only
 six short months ago, and the body of
 his brother, the brother he loved so
 well, was committed to the dust; now the
 angel of death has visited again, and the
 mourners go about the streets. He has
 gone to his reward; and we should all be
 deeply impressed by the lesson; that we
 are all mortal, and shall soon follow; may
 all be ready.

The services closed with prayer, and
 the audience remained, while the coffin,
 mourners and societies passed out.

The procession, consisting of about
 seventy carriages, formed, and headed by
 the pastor and the acting President of
 the Pioneers' Association, proceeded to
 Oakdale, where the mortal remains of our
 late fellow citizen, John P. Cook, were
 lowered into their last resting place,
 there to await the rising of the dead at
 the last great day.

Friends of the family are present from
 abroad, as follows: The family of Ira
 Cook, brother of the deceased, from Des
 Moines; the family of Mr. Brown, rela-
 tives of Mrs. Cook, Atchison; the family
 of Mr. Van Tassel, from Newton, and
 several personal friends.

C KNELL if u want upholstering done
SHAWLS in the greatest variety--and
 of the latest pattern at Stewarts, Brady
 Street.

EMBROIDERIES—a large stock and very
 low prices at the Revolution Store.

DIB.—No doubt most of our readers
 have noticed a painting in the store of
 Thompson & Carmichael, of the council of
 the Indians, preparatory to the ceding of
 their lands to the white man. This
 Antoine LeClaire was present. The de-
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mental Life of New York, cannot fail to
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 gressive company. The company now
 possesses aggregate assets to the amount
 of \$915,694 over all liabilities. Under
 the able and judicious administration of
 President Lawrence, the Continental has
 gone forward rapidly and honorably, until
 the company's position is unchallengeably
 in the front rank of leading companies.
 The premium receipts of 1871 were \$2,
 516,873, and the total income \$3,754,053.
 There were issued during the year 10,170
 policies, insuring \$20,515,451. Nearly
 half a million dollars were paid for loss
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 prosperity of this company,—now only
 six years old,—are something quite ex-
 ceptional, and indicate the possibilities
 lying within the reach of energetic, in-
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 the Continental has enjoyed the advantage
 of having, and the results have been such
 as have not only proved creditable and
 profitable to the company, but have also
 redounded to the honor of the system of
 life insurance itself.—*New York Spectator.*

C. H. Frost, Manager; H. E. Metzger,
 Superintendent of Agencies.

WALL paper, new and elegant styles at
 Thompson & Carmichael's.

C KNELL's upholstering establishment
 for anything in his line.

ALL goods whether for dresses, over-
 skirts, sacques, Polonaise's, or suits, pur-
 chased at our counters, will be made up in
 the best of style and in a superior manner,
 at the same price usually paid for making
 similar garments—for prices and styles
 call at Streepers.

THOSE Nottingham Lace curtains at
 Stewart's are a positive delight to look
 upon. They are beautiful in every sense
 of the word.

REURNERATED.—Harry Buckman has
 been busy for the past ten day fixing up
 his cosy billiard hall, and has at last got
 the arrangements completed to his entire
 satisfaction. The hall has been thorowly