

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative GIFFORD, Manly (Manley) Senator _____

Served Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 8 Sept. 1816 (NY or NJ)--census, NY, obit-NJ

2. Marriage (s) date place

(1) Sarah Davis (b. Ohio 18--; dIa 2 Dec 1865), 13 Dec. 1838)

(2) Matilda T. Bain 14 Dec. 1873

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, banker

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership _____ (wife listed as Christian, on census)

5. Sessions served 2 GA 1848; house--Marion, Polk, Jasper, Dallas

6. Public Offices

A. Local Co commissioner, Jasper Co, 1846, 1848; aptd co judge but resgd; held various township offices

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 March 1889; Knoxville Buried Silent City Cemetery, Marion, Iowa

(1) Ellis (Ind. 16 No. v 1839 -); (2) William (c. 1843 -);

8. Children (3) John M. (Ia c. 1844 -); (4) Nancy J. (c. 1846 -); (5) Alfred

(c. 1850 -) *(6) Mary E. (c. 1854 -); (7) Harriett A. (c. 1858 - before 1894);

(8) Sarah E. _____

9. Names of parents Ananias Gifford, bNJ, dInd.; Phoebe A. Wardle, b.NJ

10. Education local schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information ~~Obit says born NJ, mo w parents to NY at~~

age 2, c 1818. Family then moved to Indiana. He lived with parents there until c. 1837. After marriage, lived on ~~small farm in Rush Co, Ind., until 1843. The moved to Des Moines Co, Ia; and later same year to Mahaska Co, where he had claim of 320 acres, which he traded for 320 acre claim near present-day Monroe Ia, Jasper Co. He had 20 cents, when he settled land there. Increased his holdings to over 700 acres.~~

~~In 1846, one of first 3 co commrs, Jasper Co.~~

Appt one of commrs to locate county seat of Dallas Co.

~~Ran for state Senate, unsuccessful.~~

Held various township offices.

~~Later moved to farm near Otley, and then to Knoxville in 1871. Remarried 1873.~~

Involved with various business interests in Knoxville; dir of Marion Co. Nat. Bank.


Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Knoxville Journal, Wed 27 March 1889		x	death/obit
Powr & Bio Record JasperMarshallGrundy Co		x	(1894)--bio in entry for son
Hist Marion Co 1881		x	bio
Hist Jasper Co 1878		x	various listings; twp assessor
1860 census Jasper Co		x	listing
1870 census	x		(listing for 1 ch)
WPA grave Records Marion Co	x		
Marion Co marriages 1873	x		
Jasper Co cems	x		(not in index, either Manly or son)

- *Obituary - The Knoxville Journal, Knoxville, Iowa*
Wed. Mar 27, 1889, p. 3, col. 3



W. C. Jones, 

Ivy. Ia.

Manly Gifford and 2nd wife Matilda Tate Bain
Married in 1873

now resides. The place comprises two hundred and ten acres, upon which general farming and stock-raising are conducted. Mr. Osgood owns twenty-five head of cattle, about one hundred head of hogs and seventeen Norman horses, which he will sell to horse buyers. The success which has crowned his exertions is justly merited, and is the reward of his patient perseverance. While he has been successful as a rule, he has nevertheless had his share of misfortunes, and in the failure of the B. F. Allen Bank at Des Moines he lost \$800.

In Jasper County, Iowa, December 30, 1870, Mr. Osgood married Miss Amanda Martin, who was born in Dane County, Wis., February 2, 1851. She is the youngest of three children comprising the family of Henry M. and Margaret A. (Babcock) Martin, the former having been born and reared in Vermont, whence he removed to Wisconsin in an early day; he now makes his home in Minnesota. Mrs. Martin died when her daughter Amanda was small. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood are the parents of six children, namely: Stella A., Della M., Ora A., John H., Eva P. and Vida C.

In politics Mr. Osgood is a Democrat, and is a firm adherent of temperance principles. He has served as Road Supervisor, and in other positions of trust and honor. His record is that of an honorable, upright man, whose high personal character has made him an influence for good in this county. So closely has he identified himself with the township of Washington, that in acquiring wealth he has furthered its material prosperity and enhanced its progress.



ELLIS GIFFORD. It is not necessary for a visitor to the rural districts to understand agriculture in order that he may know which are the good farmers of the section. The sight of the tumbled down fences, weedy fence corners, machinery exposed to the wind and weather, and inadequate shelter for stock and crops is sufficient to stamp the proprietor of a farm as one lacking in enterprise and judgment.

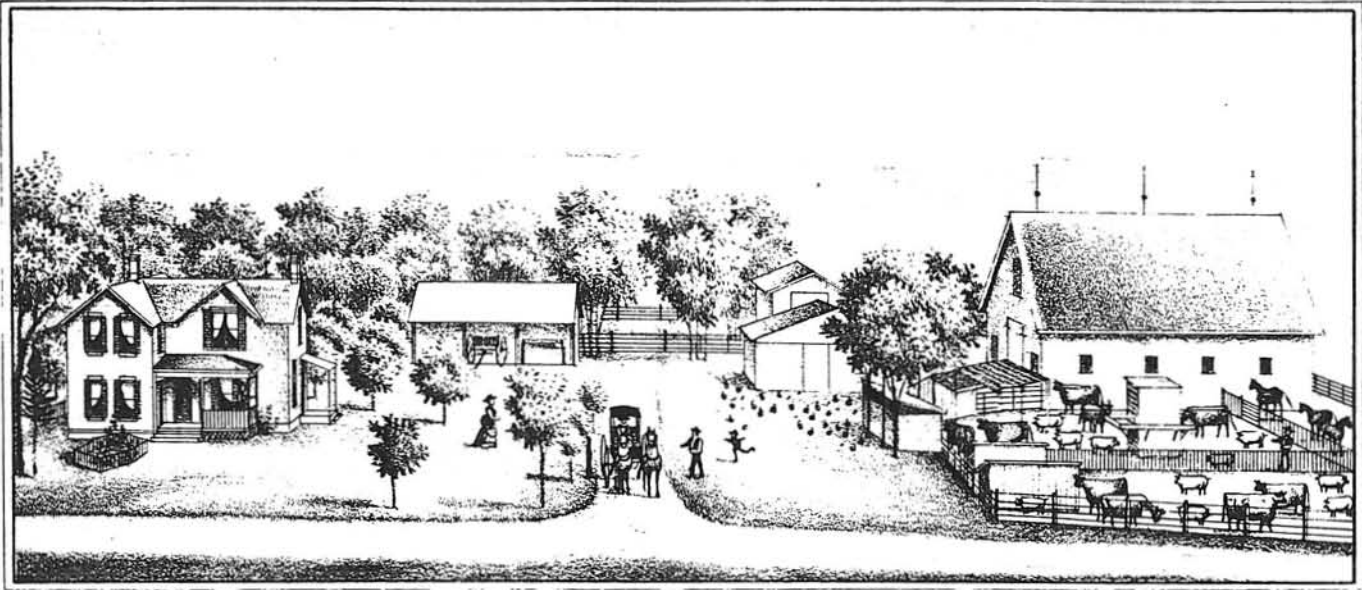
Well built farm structures, neat fences and fields where useful grain has the upper hand of the weeds are equally conclusive proof of the skill and energy of him under whose management this state of things obtains.

The subject of this notice is numbered among the enterprising farmers of Fairview Township, Jasper County. He was born in Rush County, Ind., November 16, 1839. He is a son of the Hon. Manly and Sarah (Davis) Gifford, both natives of the same place as their son. The former was born September 8, 1816, and died March 21, 1889. The paternal grandfather, Ananias, was a native of New Jersey, and located in Indiana in an early day on a farm. His wife was in her maiden days Phœbe A. Wardle, also a native of New Jersey. She died in 1839. Of their union nine children were born: Frelove, John, James, Solomon W., Sarah, Noah, Mary, Manly, and Clark, who died in infancy. The mother died when fifty years old, and the father when eighty-one years of age. He was a Democrat politically.

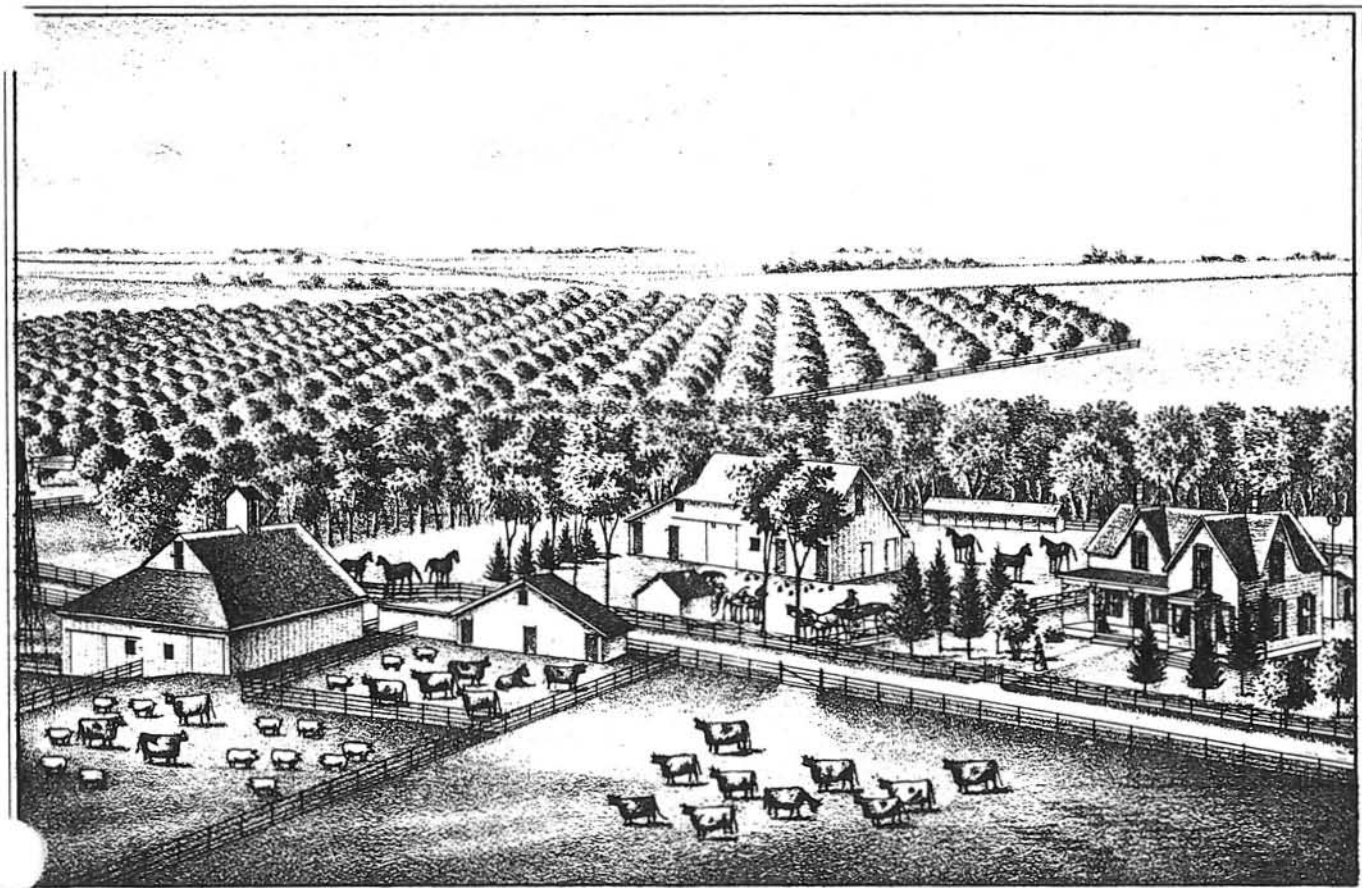
The father of our subject made his home with his parents until twenty-three years of age, attending school in the winter months, and assisting in the farm work in the summers. He was married December 13, 1838, to Sarah Davis, a daughter of William and Nancy (Zumalt) Davis. They became the parents of eight children, viz.: Ellis, William R., John M., Nancy J., Alfred, Mary E., Harriet A. (deceased) and Sarah E. Mrs. Gifford was a member of the Christian Church, and passed from this life in her forty-fifth year.

Manly Gifford soon after his marriage rented a small farm in Rush County, Ind., and remained on it until 1843, when he located in Des Moines County, this state. The fall of the same year he moved to Mahaska County and took up a claim of three hundred and twenty acres, and afterward traded this with John Vance for one near Monroe, Iowa. He immediately located on his new place, which was almost a wilderness, there being but two cabins between Oskaloosa and Monroe, and the former town was thirty miles distant. The post-office was located there, and it took twenty-five cents to get a letter.

The estate consisted of three hundred and twenty



RESIDENCE OF WALTER J. VINALL, SEC. 17., RICHLAND TP., JASPER CO., IA.



RESIDENCE OF ELLIS GIFFORD, SEC. 12., FAIRVIEW TP., JASPER CO., IA.

acres, as did the original one, and he had but twenty cents when he landed thereon. He set about its improvement in good earnest, soon becoming the owner of seven hundred acres of valuable land. He was one of the first County Commissioners of Jasper County, having been elected in 1846, and in 1848, with L. W. Babbitt, he was elected to represent Marion, Jasper and Polk Counties in the State Legislature. He was afterward elected County Judge, but resigned, and later was appointed by the Governor one of the Commissioners to locate the county seat of Dallas County, Iowa. Mr. Gifford also ran for State Senator on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by the opposing party. He was the recipient of various township offices, all of which he held with satisfaction to the people and with credit to himself. Some time later he located on a small farm near Otley, Iowa, and finally made his home in Knoxville, Marion County, until his death, which occurred when seventy-two years of age. Each of his children, as they started out for themselves in life, received from him a gift of \$1,000, and at his death he was worth over \$30,000.

At the age of twenty-six years our subject left the parental roof and made a home for himself. Previous to this time and after he was twenty-one, he clerked in a store for several winters. He was married to Emily J., a daughter of John and Mary (Horton) Woody, both natives of Indiana. Four children came to bless their union, all of whom are living. S. Paulina, the wife of Robert Fleenor, lives in this township and is the mother of two children, Goldie M. and Charles E. M. Estella, who is the wife of Thomas E. Livingston, lives near our subject's estate; they were the parents of one child, who died in infancy. The two sons are George M. and Manly. Mrs. Gifford, when but three years old, came to Iowa with her parents from Lawrence County, Ind., where she was born, and in this state gained her education.

Soon after his marriage, our subject purchased a one-half interest in one hundred and thirty-nine acres of land in Marion County, but in the spring of 1867 he sold out and located on a like number of acres in this township, on which he

yet makes his home. He was compelled to go in debt \$1,600 on this place, and consequently for nine years lived in a small shanty. But by the untiring efforts of both himself and wife he was soon able to purchase more land, making his estate number three hundred and sixty-seven acres of finely improved land. On this may be seen substantial buildings and a comfortable residence, which is graciously presided over by Mrs. Gifford. One of the handsome features of the place is a large orchard, consisting mainly of apple trees, which in 1891 yielded him over eighteen hundred bushels of fine apples. It is considered the finest orchard in the township. The place is now worked by his sons, George M. and Manly, under his sagacious management, and he is thus taking life easy. Mr. Gifford of whom we write is in his political affiliations a strong Democrat, and is a reliable citizen, an intelligent man, and one whose life wins respect from those about him.



ALEXANDER H. BUCHANAN, M. D., is prominent among the physicians of Jasper County, and is the owner of valuable property in Independence Township, where he resides. His father, George Buchanan, was a native of Pennsylvania, and at the age of nineteen was graduated from the Jefferson (Pa.) College. Proceeding to the sunny south, he arrived in Alabama with fifty cents in his pocket, but with an abundance of hopefulness, energy and determination. In that state he secured a position as tutor in a prominent southern family, and spent the following sixteen years in Alabama engaged in teaching. He married Miss Elizabeth Bragg, a native of France and a relative of the famous Captain Bragg. She died when our subject was quite young.

Many years before the opening of the Civil War, the Buchanan family left Alabama, and, proceeding to Ohio, settled upon a farm in Ashland County, where the senior Mr. Buchanan engaged in farming and stock-raising. While still living

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F. P. SEAMBRACH has a full line of wall papers, decoration goods, curtains and fixtures, on southeast corner Square,

40TH IOWA REUNION.

Members of the 40th Iowa Infantry, held a meeting at the Court House on Saturday, March 23d, Capt. W. M. Blain was chosen chairman and B. W. Seaman, Secretary. After discussing the matter it was decided to hold a reunion on August 22, and 23, 1889, which will be on the last two days of the Fair here. A committee of five was appointed on arrangements and to solicit means to make the reunion a success, which consists of Capt. W. M. Blain, Thomas Wilson, W. C. Hira, John Fee and Crete Jarman. A collection was then taken up to defray expenses for postage printing, etc. of \$1.85.

The members have determined to have a good meeting and members of the regiment are requested to notify other members when they know their address so that all comrades of the regiment may know of the time and place of meeting.

B. W. SEAMAN, Secretary.
 S. HESTWOOD, President.

CALL and see the immense new stock of books, stationary, blank books, wall paper, decoration goods and window shades at H. Spaid's, which he is offering at bargain prices.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Knoxville Postoffice, Monday, March 25, 1889. To obtain any of these letters the applicant must call for "advertised letters," and give the date of this list. If not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office:

LADIES' LIST.

Mrs. G. Black,	Mrs. Richardson,
Mrs. Lizzie Brooks,	Florence Storts,
Rebecca Garber,	Mary Stroud,
Mollie Hettiger,	Mary Smithson,
Lenie Miller,	Meliss Whuse,
	Annie Parks.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Dornenice Berry	C. A. Garnet,
Will Crave,	W. P. Longley,
C. E. Chandler,	Henry Soltou,
Frank Drew,	Frank H. Smith,
H. L. Dickerson,	B. C. Smith,
Thomas Elliott,	Ernie W. Stone,
Erael Freberg,	Chandler Teall,
Jas. B. McCarty,	Johnie Walker.

goods than before, and will sell them lower than ever.

OBITUARY.

Manly Gifford was born in New Jersey, September 8, 1816, and removed with his parents when two years old to New York. From thence he moved to Indiana, where he was married December 13, 1838 to Miss Sarah Davis. In 1843 he moved to the then territory of Iowa, and after residing during the summer in Des Moines county, he moved in the fall to Oskaloosa, and from there went to and settled at Toole's Point, now known as Monroe, when there were but three or four settlers in Jasper county. He was for sometime a member of the Legislature and was at one time elected to the office of County Judge, but refused to qualify. He acted as agent in settling affairs and transacting business for a number of families, and filled many positions of local importance in the community.

Death entered his family in December 1865 and left him to mourn the loss of his affectionate and cherished wife. After remaining a widower for eight years, he was married to Mrs. M. S. Bain in 1873. He removed to Knoxville in 1874 where he has since resided. He had been for a long time feeble in body, and about three weeks ago went to Colfax for the improvement of his health, but after remaining there about two weeks, came home more feeble than before, and continued to decline until he quietly, without a struggle, passed into the sleep of death at ten minutes of six o'clock on Thursday morning, March 21, 1889. He was taken to Monroe for interment in the cemetery at that place on Saturday, where he for so many years lived a prominent and useful life. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. W. Evans of this city.

He was the father of eight children, four sons and four daughters, seven of whom are still living and they with the afflicted wife are left to mourn the loss of a kind father and affectionate husband. Mr. Gifford has been a highly respected citizen of every community in which he has lived and many friends in all these communities will be saddened by his death. He has been identified with some of the leading business interests of the city, being one of the Board of Directors of the Marion County National Bank of the time of its death.

bers of the M. P. church at Coe and some of them are getting a unruly so that they can not as to where to build their church. March 25.

You will find everything in a eral line of goods at Bonebra Call and see him and get his price

NEWBERN.

Nathan Graves has just put snag granery.

The G. A. R. festival at Lacona 19th was attended by several here.

Henry Fry, of Crete, Nebraska visiting his parents and other lives here.

G. H. Howard has repaired house a half mile south of town is moving into it.

A literary and debating society been organized here. Those who part in it will doubtless be fitted thereby.

J. Riggs and Henry Laidier had a lively little runaway race. They were using the fanning Grandfather Graves' barn thought they had the team secured, but the horses pushed the down and then shook things up. The best of it is that the horses were not hurt and a few cents will pair the wagon.

March 25.

A nice line of new satteens, style gingham and calico, and spring goods are coming in at Bonebrake's, east side of Square.

DUNREATH.

Literary closed last Friday night. Mr. C. W. Harp made a trip to Moines last Wednesday on bus.

Mr. Dell Blodgett made a visit his mother, in Runnells, last Sun

House cleaning and garden making is the order of the day among ladies.

Mrs. Dearth, of Des Moines, with her son and daughter, Mr. and G. M. Dearth, at this place last w

A great many of the farmers putting in their small grain. ground is very tillable for so early the season.

Mr. George Buttrey and wife their sister, Mrs. Littelle, visited Robinson near Galesburg last Saturday and Sunday.

The elite of this vicinity gath at Mr. Harps last Friday night for purpose of giving his daughter, D surprise, as it was her sixteenth birthday. A room was prepared and they all tripped the light fantastic toe to their hearts content. Della received several nice presents from various ones. All seemed enjoyed themselves and reported splendid time.

March 25.

PANSY BLOSSO