

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Heyand, George Sr. Senator

Represented Jefferson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Nov 1806 Somerset County, Pennsylvania & Hitchcock on the summit of the Allegheny Mountains

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Mary Grove 1838

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Reformed Church

5. Sessions served 2nd General Assembly 1848; also Territorial

6. Public Offices Legislator

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State He helped frame the original constitution of Iowa under which Iowa was admitted to the Union.

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 26 May 1885 Brighton, Iowa; buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Brighton, Iowa

8. Children Susanna (died 11 Sept 1881); Martha Ann (Mrs. Nelson); Elizabeth (Mrs. Dunston); James Ford; Daniel; Jacob; George; Lawrence

9. Names of parents Jacob Jr. and Mary "Polly" (Miller) Heyand

Weyand, George Sr.

10. Education He received a common school education in his  
home state in Pennsylvania

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat, later Republican

- Wife, Mary born 9 Oct 1817, died 21 Apr 1877, Currier Hill and Corning, Brighton, Iowa
- In 1839, the year after they married, they came west and settled on  
a farm in Jefferson County, Iowa near Brighton, Iowa. They  
lived here until retirement when they moved into Brighton.
- He took his hand at wood sawing, shoe making and stage driving  
early 1838 when he was married and emigrated to Iowa settling on a  
farm in Washington County, Iowa.
- It is believed he was the last territorial legislator to die.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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to attend.

now ready for you with the best assorted stock of Dry goods & Shoes, Clothing, Caps, Carpets, Notions &c. to be offered in Brighton for years, and at very low prices. G. M. FRIEND.

band festival and ball on Friday night was a success every way as it was financially. The weather was rather cool for ice cream and lemonade, but strawberries were in good demand. The net proceeds were about \$30, not quite enough to pay for their new gold buttons which look nice and make the uniforms all look like major generals.

*Merchants are showing the largest line of all carpets in town and Persian tapestry is to be seen in every house-*

will find everything they need in the way of lumber, doors, windows &c. at D. Yockey's. Everything is kept in the best well arranged for buyers and at all the better grades of lumber being kept under roomy sheds they make low prices on all grades. If you think of building a house, barn, shed or anything else you will pay you to see D. Yockey & Co.

the Birmingham Free Press is for a fight with some secret advocate. We don't belong to either the Free Press might be able to knock a chip off our shoulder. But as an outsider, in a fight, we would like to see the Free Press what some of its argument of all kinds and join one of these secret societies. A universal brotherhood is not a bad thing to con-

C. T. U. women of Brighton will have a basket festival in all next Tuesday evening. They invite everybody and help them and have a good social time with the ladies. They will have all the delicacies of

### Another Old Pioneer Gone.

George Weyand, sr., died at his residence in Brighton at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning May 26th, aged 78 years and 6 months.

George Weyand was born in Somerset Co., Pa., in November 1806, of German parentage. He was married in 1838 to Miss Mary Grove, and the following year came west and settled on a piece of land in Jefferson Co. two miles south of Brighton which has been his home ever since, until recent years, when he moved to town.

Mr. Weyand and his young wife were among the first pioneers who settled in this then wilderness to carve out home and fortune for themselves. They succeeded, and have done a full share in transforming the haunts of wild men and beasts into the great State of Iowa. Mr. Weyand was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, good judgment and decided views. Originally he was a democrat, and attained some prominence politically, before the republicans superseded his party in this state. He was a member of the Territorial legislature, and helped frame the original constitution of Iowa under which she was admitted into the Union. He was also a member of the legislature after Iowa became a state. In 1860 Mr. Weyand retired from politics and active duty, on account of an eye affliction which has been growing worse continually until a short time since when he became entirely blind. Notwithstanding his affliction he has always managed to keep well posted on the topics of the day, and ever ready for a friendly argument.

Of later years he has been politically an advocate of the greenback party, but he could never fully give up his democracy.

He believed in religion of a practical kind and lived up to his professions in this respect. He was a just man.

Seven children survive him, five sons and two daughters, his wife and one child having preceded him to the unknown world. He was buried in the Brighton cemetery Thursday.

### A Summer Drink.

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1 nut grape vines and many other trees and shrubbery were killed by the severe winter.

That the business men who advertise in the Enterprise are the right sort to deal with.

That a great many old rusty houses have been made neat and tidy by new paint this spring.

That if more of Brighton's monied men were public spirited it would be better for the prosperity of the town.

That at least one democratic petitioner for the P. O. is waiting impatiently for the lightning to strike him.

That Brighton will have the boss celebration this year, and that all the surrounding country will visit us on that patriotic day.

That the jug traffic has been somewhat curtailed in Brighton, but that it will be necessary to capture a few more jugs before long.

### A Fishing Party.

Four of our M. D.'s joined teams and went to Coppock fishing last Saturday. They had a very exciting time and caught the usual amount of fish for experts. Dr. Parsons made the first waterhaul. It was a mud cat and had swallowed the hook. In attempting to free his horned captive from the hook the Dr. was severely stabbed in the hand. He called a council of war and wanted to send a prescription over to the depot for a narrow gauge jug for sacramental purposes, but the other M. D.'s told him it was no use, for the depot was just out. The sufferer said never mind his hand if that was the case; but help him get that hook out of that fish.

A council was held over the case to consider how best to extract the hook. Terry suggested pills, but was overruled as having the wrong end in view, and Prizer's motion to administer an emetic was likewise laid on the table. After due deliberation Cushman's idea prevailed, and preparations were made to amputate the horns of the fish as a precautionary measure before cutting him open to hunt for the hook, but when this procedure was being carried out surrounded with four doctors he laid over and died without a struggle.

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**DEATH OF HON. GEORGE WEYAND.**

Mr. J. W. Weyand was unexpectedly called to his old home at Brighton, Iowa, yesterday, by a telegram announcing the death of his father at that place on Tuesday morning. By the death of Hon. Geo. Weyand, Iowa has lost one of her old and respected citizens, and, if we are correctly informed, he was the only surviving member of the old territorial legislature. He was born in obscurity and indigence at White Horse on the summit of the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania, in 1805, and after receiving a common school education he tried his young hand at wood sawing, shoe making and stage driving, etc., until 1838 when he was married and immediately emigrated by stage and water to Iowa, and settled on a farm in Washington county while his older and only brother Daniel who had been studying for the legal profession, became a partner of Jeremiah S. Black, then a young attorney at Summer-set, Pa. Mr. Weyand was allied to and took a prominent part in all of the political, educational and general industrial interests of Iowa. In 1860 he was elected to the territorial legislature and he was afterwards a representative of the State legislature and a member of the constitutional convention of 1844; also was appointed a member of the capitol commission. He was a competitor of James F. Wilson for the State senate in 1860, but declined the nomination on account of being afflicted with an eye malady from which he never recovered but which caused total blindness at that time and which has continued since. Mr. Weyand was a German by birth, and a life long but anti-slavery democrat and was radically opposed to the rebellion. He has lived to see fulfilled the long cherished hope, namely the inauguration of a democratic president, after which, as he expressed it, he would resign all further desire to live which in his latter days had become burdensome owing to pain, anxiety and discomfort occasioned by the loss of his eye sight. It is not a little strange that his death occurred so soon after his hope had been fulfilled. Mr. Weyand leaves five sons and two daughters to mourn his loss, one of whom is our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. W. Weyand, who departed for his old home as above mentioned to attend the funeral of his father.

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deceased. The two oldest sons are now clerking in their father's store. E. Terry has attended one course of medical lectures at the medical department of the State University, and after completing the full course, intends to engage in the practice of medicine.

Mr. Wickham remained in business in Sussex County, N. J., until the fall of 1871, when, believing it would be for his best interests, he came to Iowa and located in Ainsworth, where he soon afterward commenced the mercantile business, in which he is still engaged. Since coming to Washington County he has been fairly successful in business, and now carries a stock valued at \$10,000, and does a business of \$20,000 annually, giving employment regularly to three salesmen. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of which body his wife is also a member. In politics, he is a Republican. In educational matters he has at all times taken special interest, and for some years was a member of the School Board, giving much of his time to advance the interests of the public schools. He is a man of strong convictions, yet is ever willing to listen to the presentation of argument by another. In his private life he is generous and charitable, and is devoted to his family and business. A man of good judgment and a wise financier, success should crown his efforts.

**E**LIAS GRIFFITH, residing on section 34, Franklin Township, came with his parents to Washington County in 1848. He is a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, born in 1833, and is the son of Robert W. and Eleanor (Long) Griffith. (See sketch of Robert W. Griffith elsewhere in this volume.)

Like many others of the leading citizens of Washington County, Elias Griffith was reared upon a farm, and was early acquainted with hard work. His educational advantages were somewhat better than the majority of farm boys. In addition to attendance in the common schools, he spent several terms in Washington College, Washington, and on leaving school was engaged in teaching in Clay and Franklin Townships. In 1864 he went to California, where he engaged in mining and

lumbering until 1866, since which time he has been engaged in farming in this county. His first farm consisted of 240 acres of land to which he has since added 310 acres, making a farm of 550 acres, all of which is under cultivation.

Mr. Griffith was united in marriage, April 29, 1867, to Henrietta A. Humphrey, daughter of Eli and Lucia (Snow) Humphrey, born Oct. 30, 1836, in Huntington, Lorain Co., Ohio. She died in Franklin Township, May 16, 1872, leaving two children—John, who is making his home with his uncle, George W., and Charles, who resides with his grandfather, Eli Humphrey, in Clay Township. Her body is interred in Grace Hill Cemetery, three miles from the old home. For several years Mr. Griffith has been in poor health, being afflicted with asthma. In order to afford relief he has been spending some of the winters in a warmer climate. The winter of 1882-83 he spent in Colorado, the following winter in Smith County, Kan., and the winter of 1885-86 in Southern California. Notwithstanding poor health, he has been able to give personal attention to his farming operations, meeting with success as can only be acquired by industry and economy. The home farm is one of the best improved in Franklin Township, having on it superior farm buildings, including a good, two-story frame dwelling, large and commodious barn, and sheds sufficient to shelter his stock. In addition to general farming he makes a specialty of stock-raising.

As a citizen of Washington County for a period of about forty years, Mr. Griffith has lived to witness the changes that have been wrought in turning what was almost a wilderness into one of the most productive regions in the fair State of Iowa. That he has done his part in its transformation is well known to every citizen of the county. On an accompanying page is an excellent portrait of Mr. Griffith.

**H**ON. GEORGE WEYAND, deceased, was born at White Horse, on the summit of the Alleghany Mountains, in Pennsylvania, in 1805. After receiving a common-school education he engaged at various times in wood-sawing, shoemaking and stage driving until 1838,

when he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Grove, and immediately emigrated by stage and water to Iowa, and settled on a farm in Jefferson County. His only brother, Daniel, studied law, and became a partner of Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, then a young attorney of Somerset, Pa. Mr. Weyand took a prominent part in all political, educational and general industrial interests of Iowa, and in 1840 was elected to the Territorial Legislature. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1844, and served as a member of the Capitol commission. He subsequently served as a member of the State Legislature, and in 1860 was nominated to the State Senate, in opposition to James F. Wilson, but declined on account of a disease of the eye, which finally caused his total blindness. He was of German birth, but fully imbued with American ideas. Although a life-long Democrat he was yet an anti-slavery man and radically opposed to the Rebellion. He lived to see his long-cherished hope realized in the inauguration of a Democratic President. Mr. Weyand died in June, 1885.

Mrs. Mary Weyand died Nov. 22, 1877. She was born in Somerset County, Pa., Oct. 9, 1817. Her life was passed in the conscientious discharge of duty, in devoted attachment to her family and friends, and in deep, sincere and unobtrusive piety. Since 1838 she had been a resident of Iowa, and was well known to many of the older settlers who held her in high esteem.



**I**RA G. RHODES, of Brighton, Iowa, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, on the 29th of August, 1814. His father, Joseph Rhodes, was born in Great Barrington, Mass., in 1779, and was married, Feb. 15, 1801, to Polly Waterhouse, who was born in 1774. They were the parents of eight children: Asa W. and Elizabeth, deceased; Sophronia, of Illinois; Polly, of Twinsburg, Ohio; Electa, of Trumbull County, Ohio; Ira G., of this sketch; William and Sarah, both deceased. Joseph Rhodes was a pioneer in Trumbull County, Ohio, settling there just previous to the birth of our subject. He there made a home in what was little

better than a wilderness, and there died Dec. 30, 1853.

Ira G. Rhodes received his education in the old log school-house, with its puncheon floor and slab seats, attending school during the winter months and working on the farm during the summer. Notwithstanding the poor advantages, he yet obtained a liberal education, and for some years was employed as a teacher in the common schools. In 1837 he moved to Hancock County, Ill., where he engaged in teaching. On the 15th of January, 1843, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann E. Botts, a daughter of Rev. Joseph and Sabra (Wilkes) Botts, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. Joseph Botts was an ordained minister in the Baptist Church, and served as such for more than forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Botts were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are now living: Matilda, the widow of Nathan Jonathan, of Quincy, Ill.; William, of Hancock County, Ill.; Absalom and James, twins, also residing in Hancock County, Ill.; Jane, the wife of John Logan, of McDonough County, Ill.; Louisa, the wife of Daniel Barricklow, of Republic County, Kan. The family were among the early settlers of Hancock County, Ill., and there the parents died.

In the spring of 1843 Mr. Rhodes and his wife came to Iowa and located in Walnut Township, Jefferson County, where they remained until 1877, and then moved to Brighton, where they now live a retired life. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are the parents of eight living children: Lucilla, wife of Lee Barricklow, of Jefferson County, Iowa; Eugene, of Boone County, Ark.; Luther, of Woodland, Cal.; William, of Marengo County, Ala.; Mary, wife of A. S. Bailey, of Page County, Iowa; Myrtle, wife of G. G. Sampson, of Waverly, Bremer Co., Iowa; Florence, the wife of Nathan Heacock, of Burlington, Iowa; Homer, of Jefferson County, Iowa.

In early life, and during the days when slavery existed in this country, Mr. Rhodes was a strong anti-slavery man, and naturally, when the Republican party was organized, he became an advocate of its principles. The war ended and slavery abolished throughout the length and breadth of the land, other issues naturally arose. For many years the manufacturers of this country, whose interests

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**George Weyand**[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Event(s):****Birth:** 26 NOV 1806 , Somerset, Pennsylvania**Christening:****Death:** 1885 Brighton, Washington, Iowa**Burial:****Parents:****Father:** [Jacob Weyand](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Mary or Polly MILLER](#)**Messages:**

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