

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Nichols, John R. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Nebraska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Nov 1832 West Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Mitchell 1 Nov 1859 Burgate Bluff Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

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

C. Profession Farmer; mercantile business

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices

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

B. State He served in the Nebraska Legislature 1885, 1887

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

7. Death 5 July 1920 Antelope County, NEBRASKA Buried: Laurel Hill Cemetery, Neligh, Antelope, Nebraska County

8. Children Margt.; Sarah Ann; Martha O. Thomas; Margt. J.; Kate H.; Esther B.; J. Albert; Edith H. Anne

9. Names of parents Thomas and Sarah (Sibley) Patterson

Nichols, John F.

10. Education He attended school in Ash Grove, Iowa and in Garney  
Co., Ohio.

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

- ? Military service - Civil War - 39<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry
- In 1851 he moved from Melrose Co., Iowa to Neligh, Nebraska  
where he was a farmer
- He moved with his parents to Antwerp, Quincy Co., Ohio where he was a  
school until age 16 when he moved to Ash Grove, Melrose Co., Iowa  
There he worked as a store clerk
- In 1871 he moved to Ash Grove Co., Nebraska where he farmed and  
raised livestock.
- In Jan 1886 they moved to Norfolk, Nebraska. There he became a hospital  
business manager of a hospital
- In 1891 they returned to Ash Grove Co., Nebraska

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<i>Records of Nebraska 1843-1950, p. 318</i>		344, 506, 511, 629	
<i>Biographical Manual of the Members and Officers of the Territorial Legislature of Nebraska 1857, p. 79</i>			
<i>History of Nebraska 1914, p. 741</i>			
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the progress and prosperity of the commonwealth and the nation.

**HON. JOHN R. NICHOL**, Willowdale, Antelope county, was born in West V., Nov. 10, 1832. When he was a child his parents settled in Antrim, Guernsey county, Ohio. He lived there until he was 16 years old, when he came to Oskaloosa, Iowa; there he attended school, clerked in a store, and in 1878 was a member of the Iowa legislature. He was a farmer in that state, and in 1871 he came to Nebraska, took up land in Antelope county, and has since devoted his time to farming and stock raising. He was a member of the House in 1885, and is a Republican in politics. His section is coming on rapidly, and the northern part of the state is looming up in material development.

**HON. C. H. NORRIS**, Table Rock, Pawnee county, was born in Canton, Fulton county, Ill., Jan. 17, 1836. His father was a farmer, and the subject of this sketch was taught to till the soil and pull weeds. In 1858 he pulled out and came to Nebraska and located at Falls City. Subsequently he became a member of the second Neb. Cav., and operated in Dakota. He was finally appointed Indian agent for the Iowas, Sacs, and Foxes, and held that position for the period of three years. In 1869 he located in Table Rock, and has since followed merchandising. Mr. Norris was a member of the State Senate the session of 1885, elected on the Republican ticket, and made a good record. He is a conservative and trustworthy member and will guard well the interests of his district and the state.

**HON. NELSON OVERTON**, Nebraska City, Otoe county, was born in Bradford county, Pa., April 16, 1840. He remained in his native place until 22 years of age, farmed, attended the common schools and seminary, and in the spring of 1863 landed in Nebraska City, freighted on the

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of this institution must be given to Mr. Roberts, through whose efforts the institution's coffers have been popularized among the people of Ada county. Possessing abilities far above the ordinary, he has encouraged ventures of a commercial and industrial nature, thus building up confidence in the section's resources, and among his associates he is known as a man of good judgment and broad foresight. He has demonstrated his own faith in the future of his adopted state by investing in realty in the county, and is the owner of a well cultivated and productive farm near Star.

On July 16, 1896, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage at Oskaloosa, Iowa, with Miss Laura Lewis, who was born in Iowa, daughter of Alistus W. and Nancy Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were school-day sweethearts, attended the same school and both graduated with master's degrees, and, like her husband, Mrs. Roberts was for some years engaged in educational work. They have four children: Ardis, born February 22, 1901, at Esterwood, Louisiana; Winston, born August 5, 1903, at Newton, Iowa; Bessie, born January 3, 1905, also at Newton, Iowa; and Esther, born January 31, 1910, at Star, Idaho. Politically a Republican, Mr. Roberts has been active in his support of his party's candidates and policies, but does not find time to enter the public arena as a seeker of political preferment. His fraternal connection is with Crescent Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F., and he and Mrs. Roberts are members of the Friends church. Both have numerous friends in Ada county, and their pleasant home is a center of culture and social refinement.

**THOMAS M. NICHOL.** It is the purpose of this work to take account of those men who have been contributors to the progress and development of Idaho, one of whom is Thomas M. Nichol, conspicuous among the leading business men of Caldwell and a member of the widely known real estate firm styled Madden, Nichol & Badley. He has been identified with Idaho interests but a few years and can make no claims to pioneer citizenship, but for energy, enterprise and resourcefulness he ranks among the foremost men of the state.

Born in Mahaska county, Iowa, July 15, 1867, he is a son of John R. Nichol, a native of Ohio who went from that state to Iowa as early as 1844. The senior Mr. Nichol became a pioneer in Mahaska county and followed the mercantile business there very successfully for twenty-five years. In 1881 he removed to Neligh, Nebraska, and since residing there has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a veteran of the Civil war and received his honorable discharge after having served eighteen months in defense of the Union as a private in the Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He has always been a staunch Republican and very prominent and active in political affairs in both Iowa and Nebraska. He has the distinction of having served in the state legislature of both Iowa and Nebraska, his service in the foremost instance having been in 1876. In Nebraska he served two terms in 1885 and 1887. At Winterset, Iowa, in 1859, John R. Nichol wedded Sarah Mitchell, also a native of Ohio and a granddaughter of one of that state's early executives, Governor Morrow. She is a daughter of David Mitchell and at the age of ten came westward to Iowa, with an elder sister who first settled at Council Bluffs in 1844. Her people took a very prominent part in establishing the present county seat of Woodbury county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Nichol have now traveled life's journey together fifty-four years and are residents of Neligh, Nebraska. Of the nine

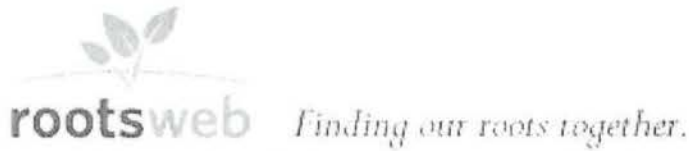
children that blessed their union all are living and Thomas M. is fourth in order of birth.

His preliminary education was acquired in the common and high schools of New Sharon, Iowa, and his college training was received in Gates College at Neligh, Nebraska, from which institution he was graduated in 1893. He earned his own way through college for after his graduation he worked two years to repay the money he had borrowed to defray his expenses as a student. Until his marriage in 1895 he was associated with his father in farm work and in stock raising and after that event he took up farming in Nebraska independently and became well known in that state as a breeder and raiser of fine blooded stock, especially of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle. He exhibited stock at different of the county fairs in that state and was almost invariably a high prize winner. In December, 1908, he sold his farming interests in Nebraska and moved to Caldwell, Idaho, where he shortly entered into the real estate business. He put energy and enterprise into every move and so effectively that in the very short period of four years he has won the reputation of having brought more people into this state than has any other person engaged in a like enterprise. He is not only considered one of the state's most forceful promoters of immigration but he as earnestly urges and encourages development of the country by those who make Idaho their home. In 1911 Mr. Nichol became a member of the real estate and immigration firm of Madden & Badley, a copartnership that is now styled Madden, Nichol, & Badley and which is considered one of the strongest firms of its kind in this section of the state. They hold large landed interests in different cities and sections of the state. Mr. Nichol takes an active interest in both political and civic affairs and at all times is ready to assist any laudable enterprise which has for its purpose the development of the immediate community or the state. He is a member of the Caldwell board of education, the Commercial Club of that city, and is a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian church there. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its branches, the Encampment and the Chevaliers of Patriarchs Militant, and also affiliates with the Yeomen of America and the Modern Woodmen of America.

At Neligh, Nebraska, on January 5, 1895, he was joined in marriage to Miss Emma Foreman, a daughter of J. Foreman and a native of Ohio. Mr. Foreman was one of those who responded to Lincoln's first call for troops at the opening of the Civil war and at the expiration of his first term of service promptly reenlisted, giving the Union three years in all of loyal devotion as a soldier. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Nichol has been blessed with five children: Gladys, Viola, Gertrude, Kenneth and Evelyn.

**BARRETT WILLIAMS.** One of the finest types of the pioneer citizen was the late Barrett Williams, whose death occurred at Boise in 1899. Mr. Williams had lived in Idaho since 1863, and for a number of years was actively identified with the ranching and business interests of this state. He had no ambition for the conspicuous activities of the world, and the honors of public position; his part was in the quiet unostentatious performance of daily duties and in an ever honorable relationship with his fellow men. The esteem in which he was held is indicated by the kindly title of "Uncle Barrett" by which he was known to nearly every man, woman and child in the city of Boise. While his career is notable in this history for his early settle-

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- *ID:* I208
- *Name:* John R. NICHOL
- *Given Name:* John R.
- *Surname:* Nichol <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 11 Nov 1832 in West Liberty, Ohio County, [West] Virginia <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>
- *Death:* 5 Jul 1920 in Willow Township, Antelope County, Nebraska <sup>2</sup>
- *Burial:* 1920 Laurel Hill Cemetery, Neligh, Antelope County, Nebraska <sup>2</sup>
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- *Note:* (Research):John R. Nichol, son of Thomas & Sarah Finley (Patterson) Nichol, was born at West Liberty, [West] Virginia on 11 Nov 1832 and was taken by his parents to Oskaloosa, Iowa in 1847. He taught school for four erms in Henry County, Iowa ( where he met his future wife) before returning to farming. He was married at



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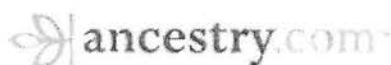
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Sargents Bluff, Iowa on 1 Nov 1859 to Sarah Rebecca Mitchell, daughter of David & Mary (Morrow) Mitchell. She was born in Shelby County, Ohio on 4 Dec 1836, and attended Mainesville Academy at Mainesville, Ohio. She was orphaned at the age of fifteen and went to Iowa to reside with her older sister. She taught school in Henry County. After marriage John and Sarah Nichol resided for five years at Winterset, Iowa and then seventeen years in Mahaska County part of the time at Oskaloosa and part of the time on a farm near Oskaloosa. He was a state legislator for two terms in Iowa. Their older children were born Oskaloosa and their son John at New Sharon in 1876. Mr. Nichol read considerably of the Willow community in Antelope County in northeastern Nebraska, and traveled there to inquire about homestead land. He chose a homestead and built a one room sod house in preparation for the arrival of his family. In February 1882 his wife and seven children joined him, and their next child was born three months later in May 1882. The house, though one room, has a sleeping loft for the children. In extreme hot or cold weather it was unfit for sleeping and the children slept on quilts on the floor. The family underwent the usual pioneer adversities of drought, prairie fire and grasshoppers and were visited by deer, antelope and an occasional wolf. They were among the few professing Christians during the homesteading years and were gratified to find the community experience a revival during that time. In January 1888 they moved to Norfolk where it was easier for the children to attend school. Soon after their arrival at Norfolk they experienced the blizzard of 1888. The weight of the snow caused the roof to collapse and they carried quilts to the basement to spend the night in safety. John Nichol served two terms in the Nebraska legislature and aided in the selection of Norfolk as the site for a state hospital. He became business manager of the hospital and superintended the erection of the first buildings. In the spring of 1891 they returned to farm on the Willow in Antelope County near Neligh, this time in a house built of lumber. They

resided there continuously except for five years in Neligh while their children John and Edith attended Gates Academy. All their surviving children received a college education. John R. and Sarah Nichol were active in civil and school affairs and in the Congregational Church to which they belonged. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1919. John R. Nichol died at the age of eighty-seven years on 5 Jul 1920. Sarah Nichol continued to reside on Green Acres farm in Willow Toenship together with her children Mary and John. Sarah Rebecca (Mitchell) Nichol died on 25 Jun 1926. John and Sarah Nichol were buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery, Neligh.<sup>2</sup>

### Ancestry Hints for John R. NICHOL




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*Father:* Thomas NICHOL b: 6 May 1805 in Colerain Township, Belmont County, Ohio  
*Mother:* Sarah Finley PATTERSON b: 18 Apr 1808 in Unionville, Chester County, Pennsylvania

*Marriage 1* Sarah Rebecca MITCHELL b: 4 Dec 1836 in Shelby County, Ohio

- *Married:* 1 Nov 1859 in Sargent Bluff, Woodbury County, Iowa<sup>3</sup>
- *Change Date:* 18 Apr 2009

### Children

1. Mary L. NICHOL b: 27 Sep 1860 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
2. Sarah Ann NICHOL b: 22 Sep 1862 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
3. Martha O. NICHOL b: 5 Jan 1865 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
4.  Thomas M. NICHOL b: 15 Jul 1867 in

- Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
5. Margaret F. NICHOL b: 10 Oct 1869 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
  6. Kate G. NICHOL b: 25 Dec 1871 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
  7. Esther B. NICHOL b: 9 Jul 1873 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
  8. John Elbert NICHOL b: 3 Oct 1876 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa
  9. Edith H. NICHOL b: 13 May 1882 in Willow Township, Antelope County, Nebraska
  10. Anna NICHOL

*Sources:*

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