

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smyth, P. Henry Senator _____

Represented Des Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Mar 1829 Cedarville, Washington County, Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary A. Crocker 1851 Cleveland, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in Henry County, Tennessee in 1855

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 24th General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local He was appointed judge of the 15th Judicial District of Iowa Apr 1874;
Burlington city solicitor

B. State

C. National

7. Death 21 Mar 1905 Cleveland, Ohio; buried in Cleveland, OH

8. Children James D.; Doris (Mrs. Charles L. Ayer); Grace (died young)

9. Names of parents James Crawford and Ann Peyton (Mrs.) Smyth

Smyth, P. Henry

10. Education He was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood.
He was studied, learned through reading books, wanted to attend
an academy or college, but there were no funds to send him.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- At age 18 he moved to Henry County, Tennessee where he studied law and
was admitted to the bar. He studied under Judge McCampbell
- After being admitted to the bar in 1855 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he
beginned law practice in the office of J. P. C. Ohio, a celebrated lawyer of Ohio.
- In 1857 he moved to Burlington Iowa where he entered practice with David J. Crocker
under the firm name of Crocker and Smyth. He soon succeeded in a large practice
- The firm was dissolved in 1865 when Mr. Crocker moved to Chicago so he practiced
alone until 1867 when he formed a partnership with Henry Strong. This firm was
dissolved in 1869. (For few), 1872 he became partner with Thomas Hedges but
dissolved in 1872.
- In April 1874 he was appointed by Iowa Governor C. C. Campbell to be Judge of the
District Court.
- He continued his law practice until 1 Jan 1880 when he formed a partnership
with his son, James D. Smyth.
- He returned to Cleveland, Ohio in 1900 where he lived until his death.

P. HENRY SMYTH

DEATH ENDS CAREER OF DISTINGUISHED JURIST.

Was a Member of Des Moines County Bar for Almost a Half Century—Died at Home in Cleveland.

Judge P. Henry Smyth, who for almost a half century was a leading member of the Des Moines county bar, passed away yesterday at his home in Cleveland, Ohio. The sad intelligence was received by relatives and friends last evening. For some time past he has been failing in health, so the news of his death was not a surprise, although the information grieved his friends sadly. Since 1900, Judge Smyth had made his home in Cleveland and his courtly presence was missed at the Des Moines county bar. He was a prominent figure in legal circles and during his long years of residence in this city acquired a reputation for a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the law. Personally Judge Smyth was a man of charming disposition and ready wit. He was a pleasant conversationalist and the possessor of decided opinions on the leading topics of the day. In politics he was a democrat and uncompromising in his views. In the practice of his profession, he was respected as a worthy opponent and a hard fighter and won many stubbornly contested cases by his superior insight in legal matters. When he removed to Cleveland his departure was sincerely regretted by his professional associates and citizens in general.

P. Henry Smyth was born March 10, 1829, in Washington county, Virginia. At the age of 18, Mr. Smyth removed to Henry county, Tennessee, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He later took up his residence in Cleveland, Ohio, and soon acquired an extensive law practice. A year afterwards he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Crocker of Cleveland. Mr. Smyth removed to this city in 1857 and soon attained prominence in his profession, not only locally but throughout the state. He established a fine practice and rapidly won the confidence and good will of his fellow practitioners and the public. In April, 1874, he was appointed judge of the First judicial district of Iowa by Gov. C. C. Carpenter, a republican, to fill a vacancy, but resigned the following September. The old Smyth home is now occupied by Mercy hospital and in its day was one of Burlington's most hospitable mansions.

A widow and two children survive the deceased. The latter are Judge James D. Smyth of this city and Mrs. Charles L. Dyer of Seattle, Wash. He also leaves one brother, Capt. John O. Smyth of Burlington, the surviving member of a family of seven sons and two daughters.

Judge Smyth will be laid to rest at Cleveland, as several of the children are buried there and it has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smyth since

WILL CELEBRATE.

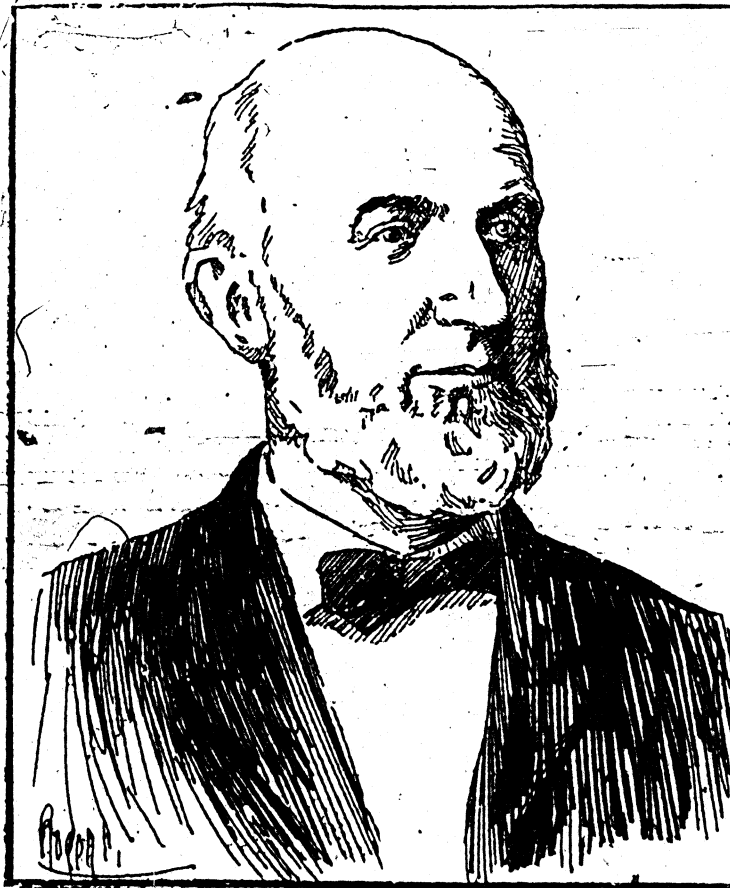
tant date in the history of the army. These celebrations will be held Saturday and Sunday, all over the United States where there is a branch of the church. In the larger cities—these "Week Ends" will be observed on a very elaborate scale. The New York program which has been received includes over 300 officers of the army over the United States and the celebration begins Saturday and ends on the following Wednesday.

THREE DIVORCES.

Trio of Unhappy Wives Beg Court to Break Marital Ties.

Attorney Frank Thompson filed three divorce petitions to-day. The petitioners are women who find marital existence burdensome and seek the assistance of the courts to sever the ties that bind them to alleged cruel and inhuman husbands.

Harriett I. Meyers wants a divorce from Geo. Meyers alleging that he has choked and kicked her repeatedly,



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leaving marks upon her body for days. He has also questioned her chastity and called her foul and blasphemous names. In addition to her divorce she prays for the restoration of her maiden name, Harrietta Shepherd. Myrtle Walters recites that she was married to Jacob Walters, in 1903, but that she finds life with him impossible on account of him using vile and indecent language and treating her in a cruel and inhuman manner. She also wants her maiden name, Myrtle McKee.

Leola Helms accuses Max Helms of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married in March 1901 and shortly after that event, they moved to Minnesota, where the plaintiff alleges

GIRL ATHLETES

PROGRAM FOR Y. W. C. A. CLASS EXHIBITION.

Entertainment Will Be Held at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Next Tuesday Evening.

The Young Women's Christian association gymnasium class, under the direction of Mrs. C. B. Lundgren, will give an exhibition at the Young Men's Christian association "gym" next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. An opportunity will be given the ladies and gentlemen of Burlington to see what line of work the only ladies' gymnasium class in Burlington is taking up.

A fine program has been prepared and one which will be enjoyed. Some

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CITY NEWS

—A daughter was born Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. street.

—Mr. and Mrs. John cy street are the paren who arrived yesterday.

—A son was born la Francis hospital to Mr. Schmieker of 2079 High

—If you want the Company's expert ele your work be sure to Third street.

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Lost—Black French lar; answers Gummy. Tarkington, 265 West

Booth Tarkington, lives in Beverly apart foregoing address, says in the Herald of this was responsible for home in time for lunch

"It was the quickest knew," said Mr. Tarkin feared Gummy was gone it brought joy to us to dashing in."

It was while trying to the Beverly's bellboys, site directions that astray in Amsterdam av afternoon. Mr. Tarkington to the police. Then as elapsed and the ball from the search without dog Mr. Tarkington titement for the Herald

In the lower hall of series of joyful barks w day noon. Gummy had young man, who explai the dog at Eighty-seven Amsterdam avenue Satu and later saw the adve ceived a reward from M. Gummy was brought fr Mr. Tarkington's sister New York Herald.

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"I am very glad," said "that you have decided house in the country. I had any trouble in dispos I wanted it to go to sor would appreciate all points, as I am sure you will find the society of charming. There's some on all the time, and the delightful. Not only that, you have every convenien livery, long distance tel so forth. Old man, I ca

of the Jiu Jitsu exercises will be a feature of the work. The program follows:

- Fancy march.
- Wands.
- Solo—Jessie Rappold.
- Free movements (including Jiu Jitsu exercises).
- Dumb bell race.
- Indian clubs.
- Indian club race.
- Military marching.
- Reading, "Rebecca's Journey" by Kate Douglas Wiggin—Mrs. William Plack.
- Fancy steps.
- Solo—Miss Ruth Clarkson.
- Dumb bells.
- Game of names.

Local Salvation Army to Observe 25th Anniversary of Territorial and State Legislators Council

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Smith, A. Q., insurance agent, cor. Main and Jefferson; res. 100 Clay.

Smith, Cook & Co., tobacco works, 3d cor. of Valley.

Smith, D. N., real estate, 211 and 213 S. 3d

Smith, E. A., photographer, 313 S. Gunnison.

Smith, F. A., 719 Columbia.

Smith, J. A., Principal Montrose high school; res. 908 Valley.

SMITH, J. W., Foreman of Hose Station No. 4; appointed Aug. 11, 1878; appointed Policeman April 2, 1874; served till May, 1875; joined the Fire Department Jan. 18, 1876; served till July; then was placed on the police force; served till 1877; he was born May 28, 1840, in Germany; came to America with his parents, in 1852; to Burlington July 25, 1873. Enlisted Aug. 12, 1861, in Co. E, 49th N. Y. Vols., and served till the close of the war; at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, was wounded quite seriously in the neck and shoulder; was in most of the battles of his regiment; was confined in the hospital about three months; mustered out on the 27th of June, 1865. Married March 18, 1874, Dora Schnittger; they have one child—Fred W. Democrat.

Smith, P. T., dentist, 209 Jefferson; res. 101 S. Augusta.

SMITH, W. B., dealer in groceries and provisions, 116 5th st.; born in England July 10, 1825; came to America 1844, and to Burlington in 1851. Married April 26, 1842, Lettie Brooks; they have one child—Daniel B., born Dec. 29, 1848.

SMITH, W., lodging-house and restaurant, No. 109 S. Main st.; born in Cologne, Germany, in 1843; came to Burlington in 1873; has since been engaged in the hotel business. Married Miss Williams in 1874; she was born in Quincy, Ill., in 1856; they have one child—William, born in 1879. Enlisted in the 53d Ill., in 1863; was in the battles of Atlanta, Marietta, Savannah, and several other smaller ones; held the position of Sergeant in the 53d; mustered out in 1865. Democrat.

SMYTHE, P. HENRY, HON.

Surgeon, State Legislators Collection, Washington Co., Va., March 10,

1829; was admitted to the bar in 1857, at Cleveland, Ohio. He was married to Miss Crocker, of the above-named place, in 1851. The same year of his admittance to the bar he came to Burlington. Of a family of five children, two are now living. Mr. Smythe was appointed Judge of the District Court by the Governor, in April, 1874, which office he resigned in September of the same year. The Judge's only son is Professor of Greek in Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn.

Snyder, G. W., physician, 1003 N. 6th.

SNYDER, T. B., attorney at law; was born August 27, 1845, in Pleasant Grove Tp.; he worked on his father's farm in his youth; received a common-school education, and when 18 years of age taught school in the winter of 1863; then entered Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant; after an interruption of one year in his studies, he re-entered college in the fall of 1865; in June, 1869, he graduated with the degree of A. B.; in the fall of the same year, he began the study of law, in the office of Judge T. W. Newman; in September, 1870, he entered the State Law School at Iowa City, and graduated in June 1871; in October, 1871, he was elected County Superintendent of Schools of Des Moines Co., subsequently re-elected; since Jan. 1, 1876, at which time he left the office above mentioned, he has devoted himself entirely to the practice of law; in 1872, he received the degree of A. M. from Alma Mater; since January, 1864, Mr. Snyder has been a member of the M. E. Church; in politics, he is a Republican, and has stumped different parts of the country during several campaigns, always taking an active interest in political issues.

Southwell, Calvin, 113 Cedar.

Sowden, Chas., blacksmith, 222 Main; res. 912 Valley.

Spaar, Joseph, 1400 S. 12th.

Speidel, Geo., carpenter; res. cor. Division and Adams.

Spencer, Richard, Secretary Gas Co., 202 1/2 Jefferson; res. 625 Division.

Spencer, Robert, 515 S. Pond.

Starr, J. W., 101 N. 5th; res. Starr Avenue and Spray.

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BIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW

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Des Moines County, Iowa

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BIOGRAPHICAL *and* GENEALOGICAL SKETCHES *of*

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Territory of Wisconsin was established by Congress, and Mr. Clarke was attracted by the opportunities afforded by this new Territory. With Mr. John B. Russell he joined in the publication of a newspaper (the *Belmont Gazette*) at Belmont, the newly appointed capital of Wisconsin. This was in the fall of 1836, and when the first Legislative Assembly of the Territory met in October, James Clarke was named as the printer for the Territory. When it was decided to remove the capital to Burlington, Iowa, Mr. Clarke hastened to the new seat of government west of the Mississippi, and founded the *Wisconsin Territorial Gazette* and the *Burlington Advertiser*.

Prior to the establishment of the Territory of Iowa, in 1838, Mr. Clarke was appointed Territorial librarian by Governor Dodge. Upon the death of William B. Conway (first secretary of the Territory of Iowa), President Van Buren appointed Mr. Clarke secretary of the Territory of Iowa. In 1844 he became mayor of Burlington, Iowa, and during the same year he served as a delegate to the first constitutional convention, which convened at Iowa City. Upon the removal of Chambers by Governor Polk, Mr. Clarke was appointed to the office of governor of the Territory of Iowa, which position he held from November, 1845, to December, 1846.

In 1840 Mr. Clarke married Miss Christiana H. Dodge, a daughter of Henry Dodge, the first governor of the Territory of Wisconsin. In 1850, at the age of thirty-eight, Mr. Clarke died a victim of the cholera plague. One son and his wife had met a similar fate a few weeks before the death of the ex-governor.

HON. P. HENRY SMYTH.

HON. P. HENRY SMYTH, deceased, an eminent lawyer and early settler of Burlington, Iowa, was a prominent figure in legal circles, and during his long years of residence in Burlington acquired a reputation for a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the law. He was born in Washington county, Virginia, March 10, 1829, and was the son of James Crawford and Ann Ryburn (Orr) Smyth. At the age of eighteen, Mr. Smyth moved to Henry county, Tennessee, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1851 Judge Smyth was married, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Mary A. Crocker, daughter of J. Davis and Deborah (Doane) Crocker. Mrs. Smyth was born in Cleveland, of which place her ancestors were the earliest settlers. The Doanes settled in what is now Cleveland in 1801, when there were but two houses on its present site.

In 1857 Mr. Smyth removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he soon succeeded in establishing a large and lucrative practice, and by his superior legal ability and prompt attention to the business of his clients was soon declared one of the foremost lawyers of the State. In politics he was a Democrat, and uncompromising in his views. He was appointed district judge of the first judicial district of Iowa in April, 1874, by the Republican governor, C. C. Carpenter, to fill a vacancy, but resigned the position in September of the same year.

In 1900 Judge and Mrs. Smyth sold their handsome home, which they erected in 1874 on Fourth and Court Streets, to Mercy Hospital, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they owned a beautiful suburban residence. Here he lived in retirement

for some years, when the failing health of old age came on, and March 21, 1905, ended his earthly career, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his death: Judge James D. Smyth, the respected district judge of the district court of this district, who is a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., of the class of 1874, and is a resident of Burlington; and Dora, who is the wife of Charles L. Dyer, of Seattle, Washington.

He is also survived by one brother, Captain John O. Smyth, a railway builder, and for many years chief of police of Burlington, who is now the last of his father's family, which consisted of seven sons and two daughters. Judge Smyth was a devoted member of the Episcopal church, being one of the early members. He is buried in Cleveland, beside his children, who died many years ago. Personally, Judge Smyth was a man of charming disposition and ready wit, being a pleasant conversationalist and the possessor of decided opinions on the leading topics of the day. In his profession he was respected as a worthy opponent and a hard fighter, and won many stubbornly contested cases by his superior insight in legal matters.

CLARK DUNHAM.

CLARK DUNHAM, at one time editor and proprietor of the *Hawk-Eye*, and also postmaster of Burlington, was descended from an ancestry honorable and distinguished, the line being traced directly back to Elder Brewster, one of the leading members of the Puritan band who came to the shores of New England on the "Mayflower." Na-

thaniel Wales, his great-grandfather, was an ensign, serving with that rank in the Revolutionary War, and later became a captain.

Asahel Dunham, father of Clark Dunham, was married in Norwich, Conn., Oct. 30, 1814, to Susan Wales, and their son Clark was born at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21, 1816. In 1818 the father, with his family, removed to Hartford, Licking county, Ohio, and in 1826 went to Newark, that State, where he engaged in making brick. There Clark Dunham acquired a common-school education, and with money which he earned met the expenses of a course of study in Granville College. About the same time he learned the printer's trade, and about a year after the completion of his college course, purchased and edited the *Newark Weekly* and a tri-weekly paper called the *Farmers' Journal*. He was thus engaged until 1850, growing in experience and judgment as the years passed by. Selling the paper in 1850, he then engaged in the construction of the Sandusky & Newark Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio system.

Coming to Burlington with his family in 1854, Mr. Dunham, in connection with his brother-in-law, John L. Brown, purchased the *Hawk-Eye*, which was then published three times a week. They continued its publication under the firm style of Dunham & Brown for two years, when Mr. Dunham became sole owner. He had published this paper in the interest of the newly organized Republican party, but was so tactful in the expression of his views that he did not offend those politically opposed to him, and built up a good patronage. In 1857 he bought the *Tri-Weekly Telegraph*, and for a short time the paper was published as the *Hawk-Eye and Telegraph*, but soon

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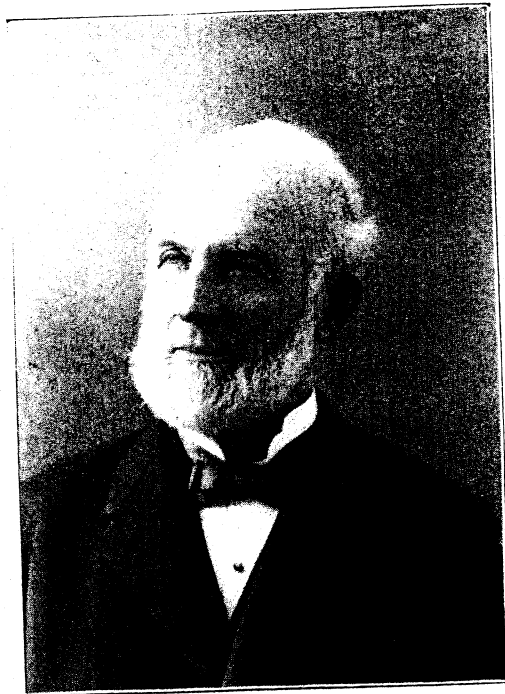
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tained unconsciously many of the English and Quaker traits of his father's predecessors, the Penns, the dignity, the simplicity, the humility and persistency, with a proper blending of true personal esteem, the pride which scorns a mean or unmanly act."

SMYTH, P. HENRY, of Burlington, is one of the most distinguished jurists of the state. He was born at Cedarville, near the town of Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia, March 10, 1829, and is the son of James Crawford and Ann R. Orr Smyth. The family was founded in Virginia during the Revolutionary War by Judge Smyth's



grandfather, who, according to the traditions of the family, came to the colonies as clerk or secretary to Lord Cornwallis. On the mother's side he is descended from the Orr and Reyburn families, both well known and highly respected residents of the Old Dominion. His grandfather on the maternal side of the house was a member of the Hayes family of Pennsylvania.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the common schools of his native district; he was ambitious to obtain a higher education, and desired to attend an academy or college, but his father, who was

a physician and in moderate circumstances, was financially unable to gratify this desire. He was studious during his boyhood and although full of animal vivacity, he preferred the society of such books as he could obtain to the boyish play of his comrades. He was also forced to work during his school vacations and most of the time he was at work he labored on a farm.

At the age of eighteen he determined to leave home and carve a position for himself; he accompanied a party of his neighbors on a prospecting tour to Texas, but being dissatisfied with the prospects, they all determined to return to Virginia. He decided to remain away from home until he had obtained a start in the world and stopped at Paris, in west Tennessee, where he began to study under Judge McCampbell; he worked at a trade while he studied law, paying his expenses and tuition with the money he earned at the bench. In 1855 he was admitted to the bar before Judge Fitzgerald, of the circuit court, and Judge Williams, of the chancery court; he then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he began to practice his profession in the office of W. S. C. Otis, a celebrated lawyer of Ohio.

In 1857 Mr. Smyth removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he entered into partnership with Davis J. Crocker, under the firm name of Crocker & Smyth, and soon succeeded in establishing a large and remunerative practice. In 1865 Mr. Crocker moved to Chicago and the firm was dissolved. Mr. Smyth continued alone until 1867, when a partnership with Henry Strong, afterwards president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, was formed under the style of Strong & Smyth; in 1869, this co-partnership was dissolved. On January 1, 1872, the firm of Smyth & Hedge, consisting of our subject and Thomas Hedge, was formed, but dissolved in April, 1874, when Mr. Smyth was appointed by Governor C. C. Carpenter judge of the district court to fill a vacancy; he resigned after five months' service and practiced his profession without a partner until January 1, 1880, when he formed a partnership with his son, James D. Smyth, known as P. Henry Smyth & Son. In March, 1891, James Smyth was appointed judge of the district court to fill

a vacancy caused by the death of Judge Phelps and the copartnership was therefore dissolved.

Judge Smyth has stood at the head of the legal profession in this section for a great many years, and is recognized as one of the foremost lawyers of the state. From 1874 until a receiver was appointed for the road, Judge Smyth was continuously the attorney for E. B. Ward, lessee of the Burlington and Southwestern Railroad, and afterward attorney for the receiver until its affairs were wound up in 1892. He also in 1882, superintended the reorganization of the company and renamed it the Chicago, Burlington and Kansas City Railroad.

Politically Judge Smyth is a democrat, but is not a rabid partisan; he is positive and independent in his opinions. He has been a devoted student of political economy and in him bi-metallism has one of its strongest advocates and firmest friends; he also favors free trade. He was the candidate of his party for the supreme bench of the state in 1871, and in 1888 was again nominated for the same position without his knowledge and without solicitation. While away from home in 1884, he was nominated for city solicitor without his knowledge or his permission being asked; he was elected and served.

In 1891 he was elected to the state legislature as representative of Des Moines county in the lower house; as a legislator his actions have been characterized by the firmness and independence which have been his through life. He vigorously opposed a measure which was advocated by the press of the city, because he knew that by its passage an injustice would be done to the poorer people; he is fearless in his denunciation of the wrong and strong in his advocacy of the right. As a legislator, he has conscientiously guarded the interests of his constituents, notwithstanding the strong pressure brought to bear to swerve him from the course he felt was right. His worth as a lawyer is shown by the fact that in 1874, when he was appointed to the district bench by Governor Carpenter, it was at the earnest solicitation of the bar of the district and was made contrary to political customs and without any solicitation on his part.

Judge Smyth was married in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1851, to Miss Mary A. Crocker, daughter of J. Davis and Deborah Doane Crocker. Mrs. Smyth was born in Cleveland, of which place her ancestors were the earliest settlers. The Doanes settled at what is now Cleveland in 1801, when there were but two houses on the present site of the city.

Judge and Mrs. Smyth have two children living, a son and a daughter. The son, James D., as heretofore mentioned, is now judge of the district court; he is a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., of the class of 1874. Immediately after his graduation he returned to Burlington and entered upon the study of law with his father; two years later he was admitted to the bar and returned to Trinity College as tutor of Greek; after serving two years in that capacity, he was appointed assistant professor of Greek, which position he filled with ability and fidelity for two years. Returning to Burlington, he formed a law partnership with his father, which continued until he was appointed to the bench in 1891. The daughter, Dora, is now Mrs. Charles L. Dyer.

Judge Smyth and family are members of the Episcopal church of Burlington, and for twenty years he was a warden of the church.

Judge Smyth has gone through life in an honorable, praiseworthy manner. He has attained eminent distinction in his profession and has advanced to the top by steady application, independence and steadfastness of purpose, combined with honesty and integrity; he has built for himself a name that shall live long after him; has been devoted to his profession and has earned the reward which is now his.

He has found no time for clubs or societies, but is devoted to the advancement of his family, his church and the state.

SELLS, CATO, the well known lawyer of Vinton, enjoys a national reputation both as a political leader and for the high character of his services to the government while occupying the important position of United States district attorney for the northern district of Iowa. No democrat in Iowa is bet

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SABRET T. PATTERSON was born in Marion county, Mo., July 4, 1831; he died in Keokuk, April 23, 1905. In 1837 he came with his family to West Point, Iowa; in 1846 they located in Keokuk. Mr. Patterson was a member of the firm of Patterson Bros., which executed large contracts for the government on the upper Mississippi river. He had been a resident of Keokuk for nearly fifty years, and was a son of Col. William Patterson, one of its most distinguished citizens, and a member of the 1st territorial legislature of Iowa, and of the constitutional convention of 1857.

S. H. WATKINS was born in Clark county, Indiana, August 4, 1831; he died in Libertyville, Iowa, April 12, 1905. He came with his father to Jefferson county in 1849. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. H, 30th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and soon became captain of his company. He was a member of the 24th and 25th general assemblies. In 1898 he was elected a trustee of the State Agricultural College and served six years. He was a member of the State commission to locate monuments to Iowa soldiers on the battle fields of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge.

ROBERT B. PARROTT was born in New Brunswick in 1829; he died in Des Moines, Iowa, August 25, 1904. In the fifties he was a prominent member of the bar in Osceola, Clarke county. In 1858 he was elected district attorney for the 3d district and served one term. He removed to Indianola about 1876, where he practiced law. About 30 years ago he went with others to the west prospecting for gold. He discovered valuable deposits, and the famous Parrott mine of Butte, Montana, was named for him. He had resided in Des Moines for some years.

P. HENRY SMYTHE was born in Washington county, Va., March 10, 1829; he died in Cleveland, Ohio, March 21, 1905. He was admitted to the bar in Henry county, Tenn., and practiced for a time in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1857 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he became one of the best known members of the legal profession in the State. In April, 1874, he was appointed by Governor C. C. Carpenter district judge of the first judicial district, to fill a vacancy. In 1900 Judge Smythe returned to Cleveland, where he had since resided.

ISAAC M. CHRISTY was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, April 18, 1844; he died in Phoenix, Arizona, April 1, 1905. He came with his parents to Clarke county in 1854, where they settled on a farm. He served throughout the civil war in Co. I, 15th Iowa Infantry and was in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg and the Atlanta campaign. In 1871 he engaged in business in Burlington. He located in the southwest some years ago and was treasurer of the territory of Arizona at the time of his death.

WILLIAM G. KENT was born in Centre county, Pa., Aug. 10, 1837; he died in Fort Madison, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1905. He came with his parents to Lee county in 1842. For many years he resided in Jefferson township, but in 1898 removed to Fort Madison. He had served as county superintendent of schools, township clerk, and in other minor offices. He was a member of the house of the 21st general assembly, and was in the senate during the 22d, 23d and 24th general assemblies.

ELIZA MILLER was born in Akron, O., Jan. 2, 1834; she died in Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1905. She removed with her husband, John Stover, to Lena, Ill., in 1851. The family came to Tipton, Iowa, in 1875, removing to Des Moines in 1883. She united with the Lutheran Church during her residence in Illinois, and was soon recognized as one of its most active and useful members, especially in the field of missionary effort. She was for many years president of the Ladies' Aid Society.

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law of domestic relations and taxation in the Iowa State University and a lecturer on the law of corporations in the Iowa College of Law in Des Moines. He has been a democrat ever since I knew him, and he was a man of honest convictions, a man of extraordinary ability, a man had he been of the majority political faith I sincerely believe he would have held the highest position within the gift of the people of Iowa, and I even believe that had he lived, and been an adherent of the republican faith he might have been called upon to fill the highest position within the gift of the people of the United States. In his demise the state has lost a true servant, a servant that was ever conscientiously looking to the best welfare, physically and morally of the unfortunate wards under his charge, and we can never hope to repay the debt of gratitude that the state owes him.

His family has lost a devoted husband and a kind father, and the world is better for him having lived in it. And so after a useful life he has gone to his reward, to the other shore, from which no traveler has returned, we know not whether death is the end of life, or whether it is the door into everlasting life, where sorrow shall be no more, but everlasting bliss and joy and happiness shall reign supreme. We hope it may be so, and I am sure, that if there is a hereafter Judge Kinne will surely enter the Kingdom of Heaven, where the angels will meet him, with the joyful greeting, well done thou true and faithful servant, thou has surely earned the reward of everlasting bliss.

May his ashes rest in peace.

HON. HENRY P. SMYTHE.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draw and present resolutions relative to the death of Hon. P. Henry Smythe of Burlington, Iowa beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, Death has removed from among us Hon. P. Henry Smythe, late of Des Moines county, Iowa, an honored, active and useful member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, During his long residence in Iowa he was one of the most distinguished lawyers in the state, a fearless, impartial and able Judge, of rare judicial capacity, a useful and honored citizen of unquestioned integrity and unrightness and a legislator whose sole thought was the preservation of the rights of the people; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death the state has lost one of its most honored and valued citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the family and friends our hearty sympathy for them in their loss and our sincere sorrow for his demise; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the chief clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of deceased.

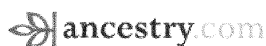
HENRY RITTER,
E. L. McCLURKIN,
WM. CARDEN,
Committee.

REMARKS BY MR. RITTER.

P. Henry Smythe of Burlington was one of the adopted sons of this state who has won honor for himself and made the world better for having lived in it. Born at Cedarville near the town of Abnigton, Washington county, Virginia, March 10, 1829 his early education was obtained in the rural schools of his district under circumstances that would have discouraged one of less determination. Naturally of a strong ambitious nature he prosecuted his studies while laboring on the farm until he arrived at the age of eighteen. Then he left his home and went out in the world single handed and alone to make his future. He began the study of law, working at a trade to earn enough money for his support. He succeeded in being admitted to the bar in 1855 when he located in Cleveland, Ohio. After remaining there two years he moved still further west, across the Father of Waters and located in Burlington. Here his life's work began and here for almost half a century he made his home. He engaged in his profession and followed it with marked success, attaining an eminence that has only been equaled by a few of the eminent men of our state.

He was ardently attached to the profession of law and to it he devoted a life of energy and work. Naturally of a social and genial disposition he found his greatest happiness with his family and in the church and with them he devoted his spare time, never taking part or belonging to societies or clubs. He was a man respected and honored by all, but too busy to indulge in party politics. A Democrat in principle but, by no means a partisan. He was appointed by Governor C. C. Carpenter to the bench to fill a vacancy but resigned after a few months service to resume his profession which, was much more pleasant to him. During the years Mr. Smythe had lived in Iowa he had raised a family and in 1880 his son having completed a law course he formed a partnership with him. Judge Smythe by his ability, his integrity and his manly worth carved for himself a professional standing that placed him at the head of the legal profession in the state for many years.

In 1891, Judge Smythe was elected to the state legislature from Des Moines county and represented his constituency in the lower house for one session. In the capacity of a lawmaker he discharged his duty with that characteristic firmness and independence that won for him the respect and admiration of all. In all the walks of life,



You searched for **P. Henry Smyth** in Iowa

1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	P Henry Smyth	
Birth Year:	abt 1829	
Age in 1870:	41	
Birthplace:	Vermont	
Home in 1870:	Burlington Ward 2, Des Moines, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Burlington	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	P Henry Smyth	41
	Mary A Smyth	43
	Jas D Smyth	18
	Dora A Smyth	16
	Grace Smyth	10
	Anna Boeck	19

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- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
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You searched for **P. Henry Smyth** in **Iowa**

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	P. Henry Smyth																
Home in 1880:	Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa																
Age:	50																
Estimated birth year:	abt 1830																
Birthplace:	Virginia																
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)																
Spouse's name:	Mary A.																
Father's birthplace:	Virginia																
Mother's birthplace:	Pennsylvania																
Neighbors:	View others on page																
Occupation:	Lawyer																
Marital Status:	Married																
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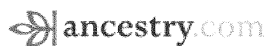


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Iowa State Census, 1895

Name:	P. Henry Smyth
Age:	68
Race:	White
Birthplace:	Ohio
Residence:	Thir Ward Burlington, Des Moines

Source Information:
Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census, 1895* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003.
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You searched for **P. Henry Smyth** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	P Henry Smyth [P Henry Smith]	
Home in 1900:	Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa	
Age:	71	
Birth Date:	Mar 1829	
Birthplace:	Virginia	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Virginia	
Mother's Birthplace:	Virginia	
Marriage Year:	1851	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	49	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	P Henry Smyth	71

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa; Roll T623_429; Page: 7A; Enumeration District: 9.

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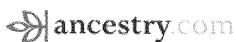
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Birth **10 Mar 1829** in Glade Springs Abingdon, Washington, Virginia, USA
Death

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Age: 51 Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa, United States
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Age: 71 Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa

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Parents

- James Crawford Smyth**
1790 - 1855
- Ann R Orr**
1802 - 1855

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Spouse & Children

- Mary A Crocker**
1826 -
- James D Smyth**
1851 -
- Dora Ann Smyth**
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