

His career as a lawyer was a marked success from the beginning and political honors were heaped upon him. He was elected county attorney of Louisa county and filled the office successfully for three terms. In November, 1901, he was elected to represent Louisa and Muscatine counties in the State Senate, and served five years in this connection. During his legislative period, he served on many important committees, among them the judiciary. He was particularly interested in railroad legislation and among the important measures which he sponsored was the Molsberry bill, which related to the indebtedness of railroads.

After his retirement from public office, he returned to Columbus Junction, resuming his practice of law. He became actively identified with the affairs of the community, and at the time of the organization of the local Community Club he was elected president. He was again reelected to this position, holding this office at the time of his death. He also served for a number of years on the town council, and was a member of the park board until his demise. He assisted in the organization of the Cotter Savings Bank and was one of the directors of this institution.

Politically he was affiliated with the Republican party, always being an ardent supporter of Republican principles and a leader in party councils.

Fraternally, Senator Molsberry was a member of the Masonic order, having reached the degree of Shrine. He was also an active member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, which organization he served as Grand Chancellor of Iowa in 1903. He was also identified with the Benevolent Order of Elks.

Senator Molsberry was held in high esteem by those with whom he came in contact and in his passing the community has lost a valuable citizen.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-third General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in the death of F. M. Molsberry, the state and community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

RALPH U. THOMPSON,
D. W. KIMBERLY,
GEO. A. WILSON,

Committee.

Senator Thompson spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: The memorial that has just been read is the record of F. M. Molsberry. His work is done. He who guides the destinies of man ordered the final roll call and F. M. Molsberry answered. In his passing the state has lost a valuable and faithful citizen.

"Fred," as he was affectionately known by his friends, took a deep interest in the civic affairs of his community. Any movement to promote and further the improvement of the parks and playground, or to encourage public entertainment received his active, personal leadership and support. The historical records of his community will forever stand as mute witnesses to this and to his everlasting honor and glory.

To eulogize Mr. Molsberry is a difficult thing, but I do not deem it necessary, for F. M. Molsberry inscribed his own eulogy in everlasting script upon the minds and in the hearts of his friends, associates and neighbors by his acts of kindness and public service.

Fred was an advanced progressive thinker as is evidenced by the records of the Senate journal of a quarter of a century ago. Among the measures he fathered in the Thirtieth General Assembly was a bill relating to the regulation and inspection of barber shops, which law was written on our statute books twenty-five years later. He also introduced the measure changing the laws of Iowa so as to comply with the Titus constitutional amendment providing for biennial elections. But Fred has been called to his final reward, he has acquired that which we are all making the worldly struggle for, to-wit: "To be satisfied." He has left a memory of a life of service, of a duty faithfully done.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

GEORGE W. HENDERSON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character and service of the late Hon. George W. Henderson, beg leave to submit the following report, and move its adoption:

Hon. George W. Henderson, venerable pioneer, soldier, farmer, and politician, having put ninety-four and one-half years of life behind him, peacefully went to his final sleep at his home at Highland Farm near Rolfe, on October 22, 1927.

He was born near Springfield, Illinois, April 19, 1833. His parents were John H. and Elizabeth E. (Powell) Henderson. They removed to Ottawa, Illinois, where the son grew to manhood. His education was limited to about three years attendance of common school. In 1855 he removed to Masonic Grove (now Mason City), Iowa, where he ran a sawmill and a gristmill, and became a bridge builder. September 25, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, and was later transferred to Company M, Seventh Iowa Cavalry. After serving over three years he was mustered out. In 1875 he removed to Sac county and engaged in farming. In 1882 he removed to Rolfe where he improved a farm which remained his home the rest of his life. He was for a time while living in Cerro Gordo county a member of the Board of Supervisors; and in Pocahontas county was in 1891 elected Senator from his district and served in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, and Twenty-sixth extra General Assemblies. As early as 1844 he went westward through the Iowa territory to the Missouri River, thence north through the Spirit Lake region into the present Minnesota country and thence back to Iowa City where the territorial legislature was in session considering the boundaries of the proposed new state; and it was partially through information reported by him to the members of the legislature the people of Iowa agreed to the present boundaries of our commonwealth. In the late fifties he was active in warding off the Indian troubles. In the army his skill as a mechanic and bridge builder, and his services as a scout,