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Napoleon B. Stephens

STEPHENS, NAPOLEON B., was born August 25, 1814, in Campbell, now Kenton County, Kentucky, and is the son of Hon. Leonard Stephens and his wife, Catherine Sanford. His father was one of the most worthy and influential of the old pioneers; figured extensively in the early affairs of Kenton County, and was, to a great extent, identified with the early history of Northern Kentucky. He represented Campbell County in the Lower House of the Legislature, in 1824, and was re-elected to the same branch of the Legislature, and, from 1829 to 1833, was a member of the State Senate. N. B. Stephens received a common English education, which he completed at Burlington Academy, Boone County. He commenced merchandising in a general store, in 1828, at Florence, and continued actively engaged in that business until 1841. In that year, he became Clerk of the County and Circuit Court; was also appointed Clerk of the United States District Court, and held the position until 1862. He was elected member of the Legislature in 1839, and, at the expiration of his term, was re-elected. For a number of years he has resided in Covington, and, in January, 1877, was elected President of the City Council. He has accumulated a considerable estate; has reared a worthy and honorable family; has, throughout his life, taken a prominent part in all public affairs, always laboring for the best interests of the community; is a man of great integrity of character; stands deservedly high for his business ability and sound executive skill; has been, from early manhood, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and, for more than twenty years, an elder; and is one of the most substantial, valuable, and widely known citizens of his part of the State. Mr. Stephens was married, October 18, 1848, to Rebecca P. Hughes, of Boone County, Kentucky, and has four living children. His oldest daughter is the wife of Hon. Robert A. Athey, Mayor of Covington. His second daughter is the wife of D. D. Bayless, merchant, of Cincinnati; and his son, John L. Stephens, married Mary C. Cochran, of Lexington, Kentucky.

