

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Rothert,
Henry W. - Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Sept 1840 Cincinnati, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Eliza M. Latta 12 Nov 1862 St. Louis, Missouri

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of a local art building association; chairman of the local board of underwater mines - president of the Keokuk Commercial Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Superintendent of the Home for the Deaf in Council Bluffs, Iowa for 32 years; hardware merchant

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 15th 16th, 19th 20th General Assemblies 1874, 1876, 1882, 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Keokuk 1871-1872; president of Keokuk school board; Keokuk City Alderman 3 terms; Lee County Commissioner

B. State He was elected Grand Master of the Masons in Iowa for 2 terms

C. National He was appointed by President Arthur as register of the land office for Wyoming after his last term in Iowa Senate

7. Death 29 Jan 1920 Council Bluffs, Iowa; buried

8. Children Edwin H. Rothert Jr.

9. Names of parents John W. and Margaret Rothert

Rothert, Henry W.

10. Education He was educated in schools of Cincinnati, Ohio

11. Degrees He attended colleges (not named)

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After serving in the 15th General Assembly he moved from Keokuk, Iowa to Council Bluffs, Iowa where he devoted himself to deaf boys of the state.
- While in Keokuk he was in the hardware business
- He came to Keokuk in the 1850's and was a prominent businessman for 30 years
- He retired in 1919
- His wife died 17 Dec 1915 at Council Bluffs, Iowa
- He lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming after 1885 when he was a register of the land office in Wyoming, living there for 4 years.
- He then was called by the board of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad to investigate and report the entire land system.



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Unsettled. State milk com special, 26@32c; skims com specials, 8@23c.
 Firm. Receipts, 2,581
 ry extras, 62c; dairy tubs, 4
 imitation creamery Ursts, 49

Lower. Receipts, 8,523. Near
 ce fancy, 73@75c; nearby ml
 y, 63@67c; fresh, 60@67c.

Chicago Seed.
 GAGO, Jan. 29.—Timothy—
 o \$14.50.
 r—\$45 to \$38.

Hay and Straw.
 LOUIS, Jan. 29.—Hay—Inspe
 50 cars showed 19 timothy
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 \$23.50; choice, \$34; alfalfa, No.
 No. 1, \$40.
 w—Wheat, \$10.50 per ton.

Horses and Mules.
 LOUIS, Jan. 29.—Horse—
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HENRY W. ROTHERT DIED LAST NIGHT

Former Mayor of Keokuk and One of
 the Early Influential Citizens
 Passed Away in Council
 Bluffs.

AT HEAD OF BIG SCHOOL

He Was in Charge of Deaf and Dumb
 Boys and Always Took Interest
 in Institutions of This
 Sort.

Henry W. Rothert, former mayor
 of Keokuk, for years superintendent
 of the home for the deaf and dumb
 boys at Council Bluffs, prominent
 Mason both in Keokuk and in the
 state, died at his home in Council
 Bluffs last night.

Masons in Keokuk will have charge
 of the funeral services which will be
 held Monday afternoon at 2:30
 o'clock. Eagle lodge No. 12, A. F. &
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 in the hardware business, his store
 being situated on the corner of
 His residence was on Blondeau street
 between Ninth and Tenth streets,

FORTUNE IN OLD CLOTHES CHEST

"DIAMOND DYES" TURN OLD,
 FADED, SHABBY APPAREL
 INTO NEW.

Don't worry about perfect results.
 Use "Diamond Dyes," guaranteed to
 give a new, rich, fadeless color to any
 fabric, whether it be wool, silk, linen,
 cotton or mixed goods,—dresses,
 blouses, stockings, skirts, children's
 coats, feathers, draperies, coverings.

The Direction Book with each pack
 age tells so plainly how to diamond
 dye over any color that you can not
 make a mistake.

To match any material, have drug
 gist show you "Diamond Dye" Color
 Card.

of the school at Council Bluffs, and
 left that position in 1919, when his
 resignation was accepted.

SERVICES FOR U. M. HESBACHER

Funeral Held This Morning at 10:30
 O'clock From Residence With
 the Revs. Bisping and
 Nethercut Officiating.

Funeral services for the late Urban
 Miner Hesbacher were held this
 morning at 10:30 o'clock from the
 residence, 513 North Fourteenth
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 St. Paul's German Evangelical
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 Methodist church.

The pall bearers were R. L. Lof
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 F. Conratt, Hubert Schouten and C.
 C. Klepfer.

Employee of the Standard Oil com
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 tribute.

CITY NEWS

Dance at Carthage Saturday

... No. 1, \$30 to \$30.50; light mixed to \$32; heavy mixed, \$31.50; unthreshed, \$23 to \$25; part straw \$25; No. 3, \$26; No. 2, \$28.50; standard, \$31 to \$31.50; No. 1 to \$33.50; choice, \$34; alfalfa, No. 1, \$40.
 -Wheat, \$10.50 per ton.

Horses and Mules.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 29.—Horsemen here is a fairly good demand for western, tippy kinds as usual being the center of activity. On the other side choice southerners, valued about in line with last week's average. In all departments of the market, however, selling has inclined to be uneven. Horse quotations: Choice draft horses \$150-175
 Western chunks 140-150
 Choice southern horses 130-140
 Grade southern horses 75-100
 Southern horses 25-35
 Mules 20-30

Mules—Demand for cotton mules is growing smaller each day as the season is nearing a close of the year. Prevailing demand is for smooth animal 15 or preferred hands and over. Outlet is for good miners and pitters. Market quotations:
 Choice hands \$200-250
 Good hands 110-130
 Poor hands 50-70
 14 1/2 hands 90-110
 13 1/2 hands 50-70

Liberty Bond Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Liberty bonds were quoted today as follows: 5, 98.70; 1st 4s, 91.48; 2nd 4s, 91.52; 2nd 4 1/2s, 93.10; 4th 4 1/2s, 93.04; Victory 3 1/2s, 98.04; Victory 5s, 98.08.

Winter Rescue. On the Illinois side of the bridge killed up and shot over the bridge carrying the huge stones in the ice carrying them along in the current. Just above the bridge were mounds thirty to forty feet high above and below the bridge and ice varying in thickness from ten to twenty feet. It was a narrow escape for the bridge. Just above the distillery ice piled up on the road making it temporarily impassable for miles.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Physicians refund money if PAINFUL TREATMENT fails to cure. Relieves itching, bleeding or protruding piles. Irritation; Soothes and Relieves. You can get restful sleep after...

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While in Keokuk he was engaged in the hardware business, his store being situated at 822 Main street. His residence was on Blondeau street between Ninth and Tenth streets, on the lot now occupied by the home of Rev. Frederick W. Long.

Mr. Rother's wife died December 7, 1915, at Council Bluffs.

Prominent Local Figure.

Mr. Rothert came to Keokuk in the late fifties. For the next thirty years he was one of the prominent men of his community. To him is due much of the credit for the excellence of the Keokuk schools. He served as president of the board for a time and was always interested in the schools.

He was married here, and his two sons were born and grew to manhood in this city. Their home is in Omaha at present.

In 1868 Mr. Rothert was elected alderman from the third ward and served three terms. In 1871 he was elected mayor. He served in three general assemblies.

In fraternal organizations Mr. Rothert stands high, and is known as one of the oldest Masons in the state. He was a member of Eagle lodge, A. F. & A. M. since 1865, and had been made life member of the order. He was grand master of Masons in Iowa, and was one time grand commander of the Knights Templar. He served as worshipful master of Eagle lodge, and was high priest of the Royal Arch Masons, Gate City chapter. He was the second eminent commander of the Commandery. His brother organized the first of the Odd Fellows lodges here, and he himself was a charter member of the lodge. For thirty-two years he was head

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CITY NEWS

—Dance at Carthage Saturday night. Music by Happy Six.

—A number of the employes of the Keokuk postoffice are ill with the grippe.

—James M. Fulton, executive secretary of the Keokuk Industrial association, is ill at his home.

—The body of the late Mrs. Lee Goddard arrived in Keokuk this morning from Chicago and was placed in a vault in Oakland cemetery. There were no funeral services.

—Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Edgar Lakey of Kansas City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Boyce, 227 North Fifth street.

—Thomas Moore, the old man eighty-six years old, who attempted suicide last week by cutting his throat and wrists, was taken to his home at Alexandria, Mo., yesterday. He has been at St. Joseph's hospital for the past week recovering from his injuries and they were sufficiently healed to allow him to go to his home.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Anna Dean of Quincy, Ill., eldest daughter of G. W. Campfield, attended her father's funeral yesterday afternoon. The other two daughters live in California and were unable to arrive in time for the service.

NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF

HISTORY
of
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA

FROM THE EARLIEST HISTORIC TIMES TO 1907

BY

HOMER H. FIELD AND HON. JOSEPH R. REED

ALSO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF
SOME PROMINENT CITIZENS
OF THE COUNTY

ILLUSTRATED

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schools. He pursued a special course and afterward became a pupil in the Valparaiso (Indiana) Business College. After completing his course he returned to Walnut and entered his father's store, where he was employed until the 1st of July, 1893.

The German Savings Bank of Walnut was organized at that time and Otto Ronna was offered and accepted, the position of assistant cashier. A year later, this institution was consolidated with, and merged into, the Exchange State Bank, and Mr. Ronna went to Clinton, Iowa, where he secured a position in a mercantile establishment, where he was employed for four months. In November, 1894, he returned to Walnut and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Exchange State Bank. In July, 1901, he resigned that position and for four months traveled through the west, looking for a favorable location in which to engage in the banking business. Finding nothing to suit him, he returned to Walnut in November of the same year, and in partnership with his father purchased the German Bank of Walnut, with which he has since been identified as junior partner of the firm of J. F. & Otto Ronna. This has become a strong moneyed concern, having secured a liberal patronage in the general banking business, and a large clientage in the loan, insurance and realty business.

On the 4th of April, 1900, Otto Ronna was married to Miss Mabel Bruce, a daughter of O. M. Bruce, a prominent business man and one of the old settlers of Walnut. This marriage has been blessed with a daughter, Maxine. Mr. and Mrs. Ronna are prominent socially, having the warm regard of many friends, while the hospitality of the best homes of the locality is freely accorded them.

Mr. Ronna is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to Morro lodge, No. 559, A. F. & A. M., of Walnut, of which he has served as master for four years. He likewise belongs to Raboni chapter, No. 85, R. A. M., of Avoca; Kedron commandery, No. 42, K. T., of Atlantic, Iowa; Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines; Diamond lodge, No. 374, K. P.; Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorasan of Council Bluffs; Walnut lodge, No. 294, A. O. U. W.; and Excelsior camp, No. 6986, M. W. A., of Walnut. Mr. Ronna belongs to the Lutheran church, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. While never an aspirant for political preferment, he is an influential factor in his party's counsels and has always been foremost in any movement for the advancement of the town of Walnut, being a leading and representative citizen of this thriving little village.

HENRY W. ROTHERT.

The subject of this sketch was born in the city of Cincinnati, September 11, 1840. His father, John H. Rotherth, and mother, Margaret Rotherth, were early pioneers of the Queen city, having settled there in 1832. After his high school and college education Mr. Rotherth engaged in commercial pursuits, becoming a member of the firm of J. H. Rotherth & Sons, doing a large hard-

ware, iron and stove business. Recognizing the western tendency of the star of empire, the business was extended by establishing a branch house in the city of Keokuk, Iowa. The firm by the retirement of the senior member and founder was changed to Rothert Brothers, and in 1863 Henry W. Rothert assumed entire control of the Iowa branch, managing its extended interests in a large territory comprised of western counties of Illinois, northern counties of Missouri and one-half of Iowa.

Mr. Rothert was married in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 12, 1862, to Miss Eliza Tebbe, of that city, who at his side now enjoys the happy reflections of a well spent life. The union has been blessed with two sons: Edwin H. Rothert, engaged in railroad business in Omaha, Nebraska; and Waldo H. Rothert, following agricultural pursuits near Carthage, Missouri. The former was married in Des Moines, Iowa, to Miss Mary Francis, of that city, and the latter at Carthage, Missouri, to Miss Florence Phelps.

Mr. Rothert's residence in Iowa was soon marked by the preference of his neighbors and his public-spirited interests were soon called into active service. His first entrance into public life was as one of the county commissioners of Lee county. He was elected alderman for three successive terms, followed by large majorities for mayor of the city for two terms. His deep interest in educational matters was recognized by retaining him as a member of the board of education for nine years, the latter part of which he acted as president, and severed his connection by resignation, owing to a change of residence. Mr. Rothert was elected as senator from the first senatorial district and served for eight years, thus establishing his popularity inasmuch as the district returned overwhelming democratic majorities but recognized Mr. Rothert on the republican ticket. During his last term he was selected as president pro tem of the senate and became lieutenant governor of the state by succession, the incumbent, Lieutenant Governor Newbold, filling the vacancy of governor created by the resignation of Governor Kirkwood, who took his seat as United States senator.

Mr. Rothert, having retired from business, was appointed by President Arthur and confirmed by the United States senate as register of the land office for Wyoming. After a residence of nearly four years at Cheyenne, he resigned as an "offensive partisan" at the commencement of President Cleveland's administration.

He was then called by the board of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad to investigate and report on the entire land system of said railroad, which having accomplished, he was offered and accepted the position of superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs, which he has held for twenty years. Mr. Rothert is by family relationship especially interested in the cause of the education of the deaf and considers the position he has held so long as a mission of life.

At his former home, Keokuk, Mr. Rothert was not less prominent in social and business circles. He was president of a loan and building association, chairman of local board of underwriters and vice president of the Commercial Bank. He was the executive head of a social organization and noble grand of the Odd Fellows. He was master of his lodge twelve years and eminent

commander of his commandery six years. He was grand treasurer of the grand lodge and the grand chapter, was elected as grand master of Masons of Iowa and unanimously re-elected for the second term. He was elected as grand commander of the Knights Templar and led the pilgrimage to San Francisco at the session of the grand encampment, at which he served as chairman of one of the prominent committees. Mr. Rothert enjoys the friendship of prominent men of the state and nation but prefers the retirement of his chosen work to the glare of further public prominence.

WILLIAM FREDERICK RICHARD.

Among the citizens of foreign birth residing in this county is numbered William Frederick Richard, whose home is on section 27, Lewis township. He was born at Sernerta, Prussia, Germany, on the 4th of February, 1837, a son of John and Sophia (Wholrabe) Richard, who were likewise natives of Germany. In 1844 the parents with their family emigrated to the United States, settling in Wayne county, Michigan, near Detroit, where the father bought timber land which he cleared and improved. He also made potash. His death occurred in the year 1855 and his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1878. Their son William was the fourth of five children, two of whom are now living, his sister Ricca being the wife of Henry Scheorader.

William F. Richard was about seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on the voyage to the new world and in the common schools of Michigan he acquired his education, while in the work of the home farm he received ample training. In 1859, attracted by the discovery of gold, he started westward for Pike's Peak and at St. Joseph, Missouri, purchased an ox-team, which he drove across the country. On the way it was decided that the party should go to California instead of to Colorado, which they did. Mr. Richard lost one of his oxen on the way and at Salt Lake bought a yoke of steers. For some time he was engaged in mining in California and at one time he had the opportunity of trading his ox-team and wagon for a part of what has since been known as the famous Comstock mine, but not realizing its worth he refused to make the bargain. In his search for precious metal, however, he was fairly successful and in 1867 he again engaged in mining—this time in Montana. In 1868 he rode across the country to Iowa on horseback and then went to Michigan, where he spent the winter. The following spring he returned to Pottawattamie county and bought forty acres of land upon which his residence now stands. Immediately he erected a frame dwelling, which is now a part of his present home and as his financial resources have increased and opportunity has offered he has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of a valuable farming property of two hundred and twenty acres. In addition to tilling the soil Mr. Richard has a fine apiary and annually sells large quantities of honey. He also keeps a trotting stallion, Willard, eligible to registry. It is of the Morgan Hambletonian breed. He has twenty horses, all of which are of high grade, and he



You searched for **Henry W. Rothert** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: Henry W Rothert

Birth Year: abt 1841

Birth Place: Ohio

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Census Date: 1885

Residence State: Iowa

Residence County: Lee

Locality: Keokuk

Roll: IA1885_218

Line: 2

Family Number: 97

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Henry W Rothert	44
	Eliza Rothert	44
	Edwin Rothert	20
	Waldo Rothert	13
	John Tebbe	73

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Description:
 This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

STATE OF IOWA,

Office of Secretary of State,

Des Moines, October 20, 1875.

Hon.

Dear Sir: It has been the custom of each House of the General Assembly to cause to be prepared and published a table showing certain statistics in connection with the names of the members thereof. To make this historical data **CORRECT** is the object of furnishing you this blank, and it is hoped that you will aid me in making it as complete as possible by making a full return of the items below to this office as early as practicable.

PLEASE GIVE FIRST NAME IN FULL.

Name *Henry M. Pollock*

P. O. *Kearuk Iowa*

County *Lee*

Occupation *Merchant*

Nativity *Cincinnati Ohio*

Married or Single *Married*

If in the Service: Regiment and Rank

Years in Iowa *15*

Age *35*

Weight *165 lbs*

Herewith please find copy of Rules of the last Session, which, it is requested, you will preserve, owing to the scarcity of the edition.

Yours, very respectfully,

JOSIAH T. YOUNG,
Secretary of State.

Please reserve my seat as in the 15th
Pollock