

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Mentzel, Charles Senator _____

Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Jul 1831 Dresden, Saxony, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Zahndt 7 Nov 1855 Clayton County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities A.O.U.W.; Mason

C. Profession Mason; farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 16th, 20th General Assemblies 1876, 1884

6. Public Offices

A. Local He filled many township offices; Board of supervisors;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Mar 1895 Cop Creek Township, Clayton County, Iowa; buried East Side Cemetery

8. Children Mrs. Henry Koehn; Martha; Mrs. Fred Dicke; two additional children preceded their father in death Elkader, Iowa

9. Names of parents Charles and Johanna (Leonard) Mentzel

10. Education He was educated in schools of his
native land

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Military service - engaged in Germany in the Revolution of 1849
and afterwards served as a soldier in the Saxon Army
- In 1853 he came to America staying for a short time in Chicago
and then arrived at Garnaville in 1854. He worked as
a mason for 4 years and then purchased a farm
in Cop Creek Township where he died.

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MARTIN LOSCH.

Saturday morning, March 16th, Martin Losch, an old resident of this township, passed peacefully to his rest for this life. He was born in: Rambourg, Luxenberg, Germany in 1826, and came to America in 1853. After working at Pittsburg, Pa., for two years he came to Clayton county and settled in Boardman twp. In 1857 he married Louisa Klett, who survives him. Twelve children were born to them of whom nine are living, of these, three are married, John Losch, Mrs. Michael Cain and Mrs. Peter Miller.

The funeral was held on Monday at St. Joseph's church, Rev. Father Reilly performing the solemn services in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives of the departed, who came to pay their last respects to a good citizen, husband and father.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our grateful thanks to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kind assistance during the sickness, death and burial of our husband and father, Martin Losch.

MRS. MARTIN LOSCH AND CHILDREN.

HON. CHARLES MENTZEL.

It is with a sorrowful feeling that we undertake to communicate to our readers the terrible accident that has shocked the community. Saturday evening Hon. Chas. Mentzel, while enroute to his home from Elkader, when near the second bridge, by his team becoming unmanageable, was thrown from his buggy and received injuries to his back and head that caused his death Monday forenoon. Saturday afternoon he visited our office and while complaining that a recent attack of the grippe had left him poorly, he talked of his age as if the years were creeping on rapidly. Little did we then dream that we should today be called upon to preform this sad duty.

Mr. Mentzel was born in Dresden, Saxony, Germany, July 26, 1831, being the son of Charles and Johanna (Lebnard) Mentzel. He was liberally educated in the schools of his native land, and while yet a student became engaged in the revolution of '49, and afterwards served as a soldier in the Saxon army. In 1853 he came to this country, and after a short stay in Chicago, came to Garnavillo in 1854. Here he worked at his trade as a mason for four years, when he purchased the farm in Cox Creek twp., where he died. In 1855 he married Dinah Zahndt, and to them have come five children. Three, Mrs. Henry Koehn, Martha Mentzel and Mrs. Fred Diers, with the wife and one brother, Gustav Mentzel, of Osborne, survive to ever remember the sad misfortune that has come upon them.

Mr. Mentzel has filled many township offices, was supervisor under the old system and has represented the county and State Legislators Collection. Compiled by Volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

"Mr. Mentzel, whatever your opponents have said, they have never charged you with a willful wrong. They have never questioned your honesty or integrity, nor do I believe that there is a person in Clayton county who thinks that Charles Mentzel is capable of a dishonest act."

He stretched out his hand, with that impulsive manner so familiar to those who knew him, and grasping mine, said, "John, I thank you. I am glad you said it, for I know I have tried to do right and to be honest." I had simply said what I thought to be true, or I should not have said it, and he knew this. The lesson I wish to convey is, that kind words leave pleasant memories, unkind ones a sting. "As you sow, so shall you reap." Which seed shall we sow?

Charles Mentzel was a typical German-American citizen, leaving his Fatherland and cherishing its memories. Proud of its great men and their achievements, yet he had a stronger love for his adopted home, was more proud of being an American citizen.

The people of Clayton county have shown that they appreciate him by placing him in positions of trust and honor only accorded to few. He has filled nearly every township office in his home township. From the first organization of our Insurance Company, many years ago, to the present time, he has been the principal manager, kept the accounts and handled the funds, and during all these years there has been no complaint of a cent squandered or misappropriated. For two terms he represented us in the legislature of our state, has been a member of the Board of Supervisors, both under the township and county organization, and in all of these positions of honor and trust, he has always remained the plain, unassuming, true and trusty man, Charles Mentzel.

It was not my pleasure to know so much of him in his family relations, but from my own knowledge of his true worth and manhood and the testimony of others, I know he was a good neighbor, an affectionate husband, and an indulgent parent. Those who knew him best will feel the bereavement most. He is gone, but he has left his mark. And my friends, when it comes our turn to be stricken by the Angel of death, the waving of whose black wings can almost be felt by this stricken family, may it be said of us as we say of him: "The world is better for his having lived." May He who neither slumbers nor sleeps, watch over and comfort the bereaved ones. The Poet Longfellow has said: "Parting with friends is temporary death, as all death is. We see no more their faces, nor hear their voices save in memory, but messages of love give us assurance that we are not forgotten. Who shall say from the world of spirits com es no greeting, no message of remembrance? It may be the thoughts that visit us we know not whence; sudden as inspirations, are the whispers of disembodied spirits speaking to us as friends who wait outside a prison wall, through the barred windows speak to those within." He has also said: "There is no death. What seems so is transition. This life of mortal breath is but the suburb of the life elyastian, whose portal we call Death."

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During his long and eventful residence in Clayton county Mr. Mentzel had formed a large acquaintance and through his proverbial kindness had endeared hundreds to him as friends and those who knew him best were his best friends. His kindly nature, charitable disposition, loyalty to duty, thorough honesty and reliability was a shining type of character. Charles Mentzel was always true and could be depended upon in every position that he was called upon to fill. He will be missed, sadly missed, and the sorrow of hundreds of friends will keep his memory green during future time.

The funeral was held yesterday, consisting of an address in German at the house by Chas. Ruegnitz, after which the procession moved to Elkader, where the services were continued under the auspices of Bismarek lodge No. 110, A. O. U. W. assisted by members of the order from all parts of the county, and the Communia Turnverein, nearly 200 members being in line. The procession to the cemetery was one of the largest ever seen in Elkader. After a song by the Gesang-Vereln, Hon. John Everall made a short address, when the burial service of the A. O. U. W. was rendered in German by the officers of Bismarek lodge.

Mr. Everall spoke as follows: "Leaves have their time to fall, And flowers to wither at the North wind's breath; And stars to set—but all, Thou hast all seasons for thine own, Oh Death."

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This vast gathering of neighbors and friends, assembled here to pay their tribute of respect to his memory, is a more eloquent testimonial to his worth and manhood than any words I or others can say. We all of us know that when the poet asked "Can storied urn or animated bust Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath? Can honor's voice provoke the silent dust, Or flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of death?" that the answer is, No! And yet in these and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, our friend and brother, it is Nature speaking. Planted in our nature is something that with-

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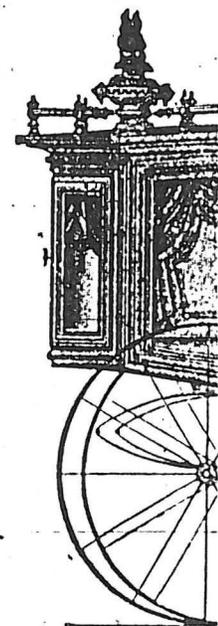
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I think it was Burke who said, "These all show how anxious we are to extend our friendships beyond the grave, and snatch what we can from oblivion." My friends, I do not believe in flattery, even of the dead, nor do I believe that my friend Mentzel did. Often think how much better it would be if we sometimes during life told our friends how we appreciated and valued them, instead of waiting until after they were dead. And in this connection I wish to refer to the last private talk I remember having with our lost friend.

One evening last fall, I met him and Mr. Rogers on the sidewalk. We stopped and talked of county affairs, of business in connection with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Mentzel explained to me many things in regard to his actions as a member. Mr. Rogers was called away by some one, and we remained talking. I thought I saw he felt hurt by criticisms he had heard or read, and I said,

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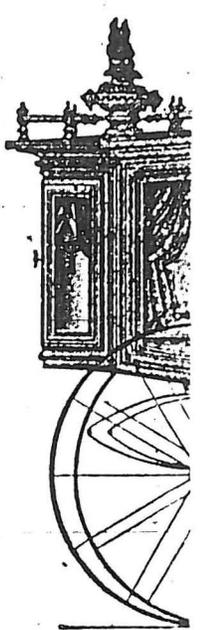
Dan. Clark Seems a Fraud.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 18.—Daniel Clark, who startled the community with an adventurous and thrilling story of his escape from the British ship Yeoman, has left here before daylight, failing to mention his departure as well as to settle his board bill. The sailors think Clark deserted some ship in a small boat, and his silent departure indicates that he is wanted somewhere.

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Estate of Roenna Reddick, deceased. State of Iowa, Clayton county—ss. To all whom these presents shall come, I, J. M. McCabe, Mrs. Mabel McCabe, Emily King, Dolly Ross, Jasen Tremain, Cilas C. Tremain, Celestine Feay, Clerk of the

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Event(s):**Birth:** 26 JUL 1832 , , Germany**Christening:****Death:** 18 MAR 1895 Cox Creek, , Clayton, Iowa**Burial:**

Marriages:**Spouse:** [Dinah Zahrndt](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 07 NOV 1855 , Clayton, Iowa

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You searched for **Charles Mentzel** in Iowa

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **Charles Mentzel**

Age in 1860: **27**

Birth Year: **abt 1833**

Birthplace: **Hannover / Hanover**

Home in 1860: **Garnavillo, Clayton, Iowa**

Gender: **Male**

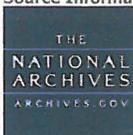
Post Office: **Garnavillo**

Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles Mentzel	27
	Dena Mentzel	22
	Julia Mentzel	4

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Charles Mentzel**
 Home in 1880: **Cox Creek, Clayton, Iowa**
 Age: **49**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1831**
 Birthplace: **Sax**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's Name: **Dina Mentzel**
 Father's birthplace: **Sax**
 Mother's birthplace: **Sax**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Farmer**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
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 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles Mentzel	49
	Dina Mentzel	43
	Julia Mentzel	23
	Martha Mentzel	17
	Alma Mentzel	14
	John Zahrndt	78
	Rudolf Kuhrts	15

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Cox Creek, Clayton, Iowa; Roll: 333; Family History Film: 1254333; Page: 316D; Enumeration District: 130; Image: 0276.

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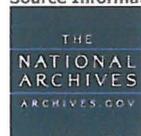
1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **Charles Mentzel**
 Birth Year: **abt 1867**
 Age in 1870: **3**
 Birthplace: **Sachsen (Kgr. /Land in Bundesrepublik) / Saxony (Kingdom/State)**
 Home in 1870: **Cox Creek, Clayton, Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
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	Julia Mentzel	13
	Martha Mentzel	7
	Alina Mentzel	4

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- *ID:* I19859
- *Name:* **Charles Mentzel**
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 26 JUL 1832 in Saxony, Germany
- *Death:* 18 MAR 1895 in Home in Cox Creek Twp., Clayton Co., Iowa of Result of an horse & buggy accident in which he injured his head
- *Event:* Politics AFT 1853 Republican, Legislative Representative, two years
- *Occupation:* BET 1854 AND 1858 Worked as a mason
- *Military Service:* BEF 1853 Saxony Army, Germany
- *Education:* BET 1837 AND 1853 Liberal German
- *Residence:* 1854 Garnavillo, Clayton Co., Iowa
- *Emigration:* 1853 To Chicago, Illinois
- *PROP:* BET 1858 AND 1859 Purchased a farm Cox Creek Twp.
- *Burial:* 1895 Eastside Cemetery, Elkader, Iowa
- *Census:* 1870 Farming in Cox Creek Township, Clayton County, Iowa
- *Event:* Note AFT 1853 Member of the board of supervisors, Secretary, Farmer's Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Communia, Iowa
- *Reference Number:* 19859

Father: [Charles Mentzel](#) b: in Germany

Mother: [Johanna Leonard](#) b: in Germany

Marriage 1 [Dinah Zahrndt](#) b: 1837 in Prussia, Germany

- *Married:* 1855

Children

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1.  [Julia Mentzel](#) b: 15 SEP 1856 in Garnavillo, Clayton County, Iowa
2. [Martha Mentzel](#) b: 15 JUL 1864
3.  [Alma Mentzel](#) b: 4 JUL 1867

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Sex	Birth
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F	4 Jul 1867

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Birth: Mar. 18, 1832
Saxony (Sachsen), Germany
Death: 1895

Charles MENTZEL

..Died of head injuries suffered in a horse & buggy accident.

..State Representative 2 years.
..Member of the board of supervisors,
Secretary, Farmer's Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,
Communia, Iowa

Husband of Diana ZHRNDT(1837.Prussia-
192? d/o John Daniel ZHRNDT & Wilhelmina
CLAPMAN)

Parents of:
-1 Julia Mentzel b: 15 SEP 1856 in Garnavillo,
Clayton County, Iowa
-2 Martha Mentzel b: 15 JUL 1864
-3 Alma Mentzel b: 4 JUL 1867

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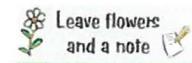
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