

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Robb, William Harris Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Union County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Dec 1847 Lycorning Co., Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date, place  
(1) Catherine A. White 12 Apr 1871 Union County Iowa

(2) Isa White 1896

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Elks Lodge; Odd Fellows;

C. Profession Newspaper editor; teacher; farmer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1886, 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local Custom inspector 1914-1915; Custom city councilman;  
Customs clerk

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 19 Sept 1916 Custom, Iowa; buried Grand Central Cemetery, Custom, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Alice (predeceased by father in death); Jessie (Mrs. William M. Highland);  
Cecil (Mrs. Edward X. Milburn); Harry; William Gladstone; by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Richard Pitt

9. Names of parents William Henry and Margaret (Pott) Robb

10. Education He was educated in country schools near Afton, Iowa.

11. Degrees He attended Nebraska City College, Nebraska City, Nebraska; studied law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and graduated from the College of Law at State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Annexed

- He came to Union County, Iowa with his parents in 1856 at age 7.
- In 1877 he purchased the Afton Tribune newspaper and changed the name to Independent American
- In 1880 he moved his paper from Afton to Creston
- He later established the Morning American as a daily edition to the Independent American
- The paper ceased when he sold the publishing plant and retired because of poor health.
- After college he taught school for 5 winter terms
- While studying law he returned home to assist his widowed mother until 1876 when he became identified with the Afton newspaper.
- He graduated from law school, but never practiced.
- His first wife, Katherine, died in 1893.



ley, Mrs. P. D. Bell, Mrs. A. S. Beatty, Mrs. J. C. DeLay, Mrs. E. D. Arnold, Miss Edith Faraday, Mrs. P. E. Sampson, Mrs. Lon Abbott, Mrs. J. A. Franklin, Mrs. Ralph Tallman, Mrs. C. E. Dagr, Afton, Mrs. E. M. Randolph, Cromwell, Mrs. Warren Riggs, Keat.

The above ladies will have full charge of the work. Union county physicians will be asked to make the examinations, take the measurements, etc., and an expert from Des Moines will be here to direct the entire contest. Everything will be in accordance with modern scientific methods, and every possible precaution will be taken by those in charge.

Mothers are urged to bring their babies and have them examined in a scientific way, by experts. This costs nothing. Just telephone or write any member of the committee and entry blanks and full instructions will be furnished. The committee wants a hundred babies entered in this "Better Baby" Contest.

## OSHEL GROCERY

In looking for a place to trade you should look over my stock of Groceries—the place where a dollar will go farther than it ever has before. I am the poor man's friend. Just a few prices, I haven't space to mention all, at this time.

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| Pure Lard 2 lbs. ....          | 35c |
| Sour Pickles 3 dozen .....     | 25c |
| Peanut Butter (fancy) .....    | 16c |
| Pan Cake Flour .....           | 10c |
| Mason Jar Caps, 2 doz. ....    | 35c |
| Can Corn .....                 | 10c |
| Can Peas .....                 | 10c |
| Can Milk (large) .....         | 10c |
| Can Cocoa .....                | 10c |
| Cakes (fresh) .....            | 10c |
| Sweet Pickles ( 3 dozen) ..... | 25c |
| Can Pork and Peas .....        | 10c |
| 1 lb. Oleomarine .....         | 29c |
| Sweet Potatoes 1 lb. ....      | 5c  |
| 3 Bars Swifts Soap .....       | 25c |
| 1 can Milk (small) .....       | 5c  |

I carry at all times a full line of staple and fancy groceries. Everything that can be bought in season, watermelons, celery, oranges, pears, bananas, stationery, gloves and mittens. Call and see me if you buy or not, make my store your stopping place.

Also special attention given to the farmer trade. The best of clerks that money can hire to wait on you. Courteous treatment and prompt delivery to all parts of the city. Also best grades of flour to be bought.

Two Phones 257.

**Jesse I Oshel**  
113 West Union St.      Creston, Ia.

## WM. H. ROBB IS CALLED BY DEATH

Former Editor and Postmaster Passed Away Yesterday.

W. H. Robb died at Unity Hospital at 1:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, as the termination of an illness which extended over a period of about two years. The immediate cause of his death is attributed to pneumonia occasioned by poor circulation of the blood.

Mr. Robb was stricken with apoplexy two years ago, and since that time he had suffered two succeeding strokes. He was able to be about a large portion of the time, however, until about two months ago, since which time he has been practically helpless.

For over thirty years W. H. Robb had been active in the politics of Union county and southwest Iowa, as a newspaper editor. He came to Union county with his parents, in 1856, when he was seven years of age. In 1873 he married Miss Kate A. White, a teacher in the Creston schools, their marriage, it is said, being the first one in Creston. In 1877 he purchased the Afton Tribune, and changed the name to the Independent American, in 1880 he moved his paper from Afton to Creston, and was prominent in local politics for many years. Later he established the Morning American as a daily edition of the Independent American, and that paper ceased publication when he sold the plant and retired on account of poor health about two years ago. He was appointed postmaster in Creston in March 1914, and served in that position until the appointment of Dr. Barber last fall.

Mr. Robb was the father of five children by his first wife, Alice and Harry, both of whom are dead; Mrs. Jessie Hyland, of Osceola, Iowa; Gladstone, who is with the Iowa troops on the border, and Mrs. Bessie Milmine, of Bridgeport, Neb. About eighteen years ago he married Miss Ida White, daughter of Hon. Fred E. White. There was one daughter by the present wife, Rosalind, who is at home.

The funeral will be held at the Episcopal church Thursday afternoon, Rev. D. Ferguson officiating and interment will be at Graceland cemetery. The hour of the funeral has not as yet been decided upon.

## NEWS NOTES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

The Creston High School Athletic Association held their first meeting yesterday afternoon at the close of school.

The officers for this coming year were elected as follows:

President—Frank Brotherton.  
Vice President—Haleyon Recknor  
Secretary—Donna Kirk.  
Yell Master—Lloyd Perry,  
Advisory Board—Student members, Robert Wright, Gertrude Rose. Faculty members, Miss Jeffry, Miss Cattnach.

The principal and coach are also members.

The treasurer will be appointed by the board at the first meeting.

The association has about three hundred members.

### PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINED AT THE RATH HOME

Members of the Joy De Vee Club Hold a Social Session.

Mrs. William Rath was hostess yesterday afternoon to the members of the Joy De Vee Club, when that popular organization was entertained at her pleasant home on North

The program of the afternoon included a number of contests in which Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Kraik were winners. A particularly lovely luncheon was served by two little girls, Palmetto Rath and Beatrice Abbott. The guest of honor was Mrs. Mooney, of Council Bluffs.

The ladies were quite unanimous in their expressions of appreciation of Mrs. Rath's very successful efforts as hostess of the occasion.

### VOLUNTEER FIREMEN IN REGULAR MEETING

Ten Year Certificates Granted to Three Members.

The members of the Creston Volunteer Fire Department held their regular meeting at the City Engine house last night, and disposed of some routine business before them. Included in the proceedings was the issuance of ten year certificates to the following:

Joe Mudra.  
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It is the understanding that the boys have given up the idea of holding a street carnival in Creston this year.

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# BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL



OF

## Ringgold and Union Counties, Iowa.

CONTAINING PORTRAITS OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM WASHINGTON TO CLEVELAND, WITH ACCOMPANYING BIOGRAPHIES OF EACH; A CONDENSED HISTORY OF THE STATE OF IOWA; PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE TERRITORY AND STATE; ENGRAVINGS OF PROMINENT CITIZENS IN RINGGOLD AND UNION COUNTIES, WITH PERSONAL HISTORIES OF MANY OF THE LEADING FAMILIES, AND A CONCISE HISTORY OF RINGGOLD AND UNION COUNTIES AND THEIR CITIES AND VILLAGES.

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influence and culture; have had good educational advantages. An older brother, William A., came to Iowa in 1879, locating on a farm in Louisa County. In 1883 he disposed of his farm and returned to Ohio. A younger brother, James H., graduated at Monmouth College, Illinois, in 1871, and follows the teacher's profession. He was superintendent of the high school at Connersville for some time. In 1885 he was called to the principalship of the Afton high school. After a successful year at that place he accepted the superintendency of schools at Winfield, Kansas. The other members of the family are residents of Ohio.

**J**OSEPH HATHAWAY, farmer and stock-raiser, section 19, Douglas Township, postoffice, Cromwell, is a son of William M. and Elmira J. (Sellers) Hathaway, and was born in Cass County, Indiana, in 1838. His father is still living, but his mother died in 1848. He was brought up to the years of manhood upon his father's farm. July 3, 1861, at the age of twenty-three years, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service of his country four years, six months and twenty-four days. In the battle of Pine Grove, December 8, 1862, he was wounded in the left side, from which the ball was never extracted. He also engaged in the battles of Vicksburg, Syerling Plantation, Louisiana, Fort Spanish and other smaller contests. Commencing in life without means other than his physical and mental capacities, all he now possesses he owes only to himself. In his youth he obtained a good common-school education. He now has a good farm, well equipped with buildings and other improvements. He came to this county in 1871. He is now serving as assessor of his township the third year. Before the war he was a Democrat, but since he has been a zealous Republican. He

and his wife are prominent members of the Christian church. They were married March 24, 1864, in Cass County, Indiana. She was Miss Ellen, daughter of Peter and Tena (Fieshaur) Michael, and was born July 25, 1841, in Cass County, Indiana. They have had five children—Bradford, Minnie, Charlie, Lewis and Harry, the last mentioned being the only one living.

**W**H. ROBB was one of the early pioneers of Union County, coming here in the spring of 1856, when seven years of age, with his father's family, who settled two miles southwest of Afton on a farm. His father died in 1864, and William, being the oldest boy, took charge of the farm, which he and his brothers managed successfully for several years. In 1868 he started out in life for himself, leaving the old homestead in charge of his brothers. With \$25 in his pocket he started West, determined to cross the plains, which were then only traversed by wagon trains, under escort of Government troops. He walked to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and from there to Nebraska City. While waiting for a train to start overland, he was offered work on a farm near that place, and concluded to stay there that summer. The next fall he traversed the country west of Nebraska City, then only inhabited by settlers in dug-outs along the streams, in company with a set of threshers. The threshing season closed only when the snow became too deep to move the heavy machinery, which was left in the valley of the Little Blue, some twenty miles west of Lincoln. From here he walked back to Nebraska City, near which place he taught school that winter. The next spring he was offered a situation as teacher of one of the departments of Nebraska College, and while here he pursued his studies, keeping his place with the higher classes, and, at the same time, instructing his classes in the

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intermediate grades. From Nebraska City he went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to engage in the study of law. After a year's study he was compelled on account of his health to come back to Iowa and go on the farm again. In 1873 he married Miss Kate A. White, then a teacher in the public schools of Creston. Their marriage was the first one ever celebrated in Creston. In 1877 he purchased the *Afton Tribune*, then a Republican paper, changed the name of the paper to *Independent American*, and the politics to National Greenback. The paper has gradually grown in circulation and influence, until it is now one of the leading papers in Iowa. Politically, Mr. Robb was a born Abolitionist, his father being a radical anti-slavery man. His first votes were cast for the Republican ticket, but in 1873 he joined in what was known as the Granger movement, and took a strong stand on the anti-monopoly question. His first public speeches were made this year. In 1876 he became a very active supporter of Peter Cooper, then a candidate for President on the National Greenback ticket, and stumped the county for his favorite candidate. The result of the vote surprised the old politicians, who did not expect over 100 votes would be given to Cooper, but the poll showed over 400 Cooper votes, and Sand Creek Township had been carried by a sweeping majority. From this time on "Billy" Robb became an important factor in Union County politics. In 1880 he moved his paper from Afton to Creston. In 1884, after a fierce contest, he was elected alderman from the Second Ward, and in the fall of 1885 he was elected as member of the Twenty-first General Assembly of Iowa, after a political contest that will long be remembered as one of the most bitter and virulent that had ever taken place in Union County. As a member of the Legislature the records show that he took a prominent part in all discussions on bills of importance, and he was the author of several measures which received marked attention from the press and

people. Chief among the measures introduced by him was the bill to prohibit non-resident aliens acquiring title to real estate in Iowa. This was one of the first bills of this character ever discussed in a Western Legislature, and it received prominent mention and discussion in the editorial columns of the metropolitan papers of New York, Chicago and Kansas City. It passed the lower branch of the Assembly by an overwhelming majority, but was defeated in the Senate. Mr. Robb is still the editor and proprietor of *Independent American*.



**J**AMES RYAN, machinist, residing on section 9, Highland Township, is a native of Scotland, born in Edinburgh, September 17, 1843. His father, James Ryan, was a native of London, England, and in the childhood of our subject returned to his native country. James, Jr., was reared in London, and was well educated, attending the National School of St. Mary's, Southwark District. After leaving school he learned the trade of a machinist, and in 1864 went to Bulgaria and worked at his trade in Rustchuk three years under the railway contractor, De Brasse. He then went to Constantinople, and worked in the Government gun factory two years. In 1869 he went to Smyrna, in Asia Minor, where he was employed in the railway shops six months, and then returned to London, and in the fall of 1870 came to America, and worked for the Grand Trunk & Great Western Railway, in Canada, from 1871 until 1875. In 1876 he was sent to the Centennial Exposition, at Philadelphia, by the Canadian Government, to superintend the agricultural hall of the Canadian department. In 1877 he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and in 1878 to Iowa, and located at Creston, and since then has been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, running the brass lathe in the machine shop. Mr. Ryan has been twice married. His first

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brought ample returns to himself but met the warm approval of those with whom he was associated.

On the 13th of June, 1872, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Hogin, a daughter of John C. and Christiann (Richards) Hogin, who were natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. Mrs. Hutchinson was born in Danville, Indiana. Subsequently the family located at Sigourney, Iowa, where John C. Hogin died at the age of sixty-three years, while his wife passed away in 1903, when seventy-five years old. James L. Hogin, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hutchinson, was a native of Delaware. He removed to Danville, Indiana, where he engaged in the merchandise business, later continuing in the same line at Sigourney, Iowa. He died at the age of seventy-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were born four children as follows: Zel H., a lumber and box manufacturer of St. Paul, Minnesota, who married Miss Sarah Shaw and is the father of two sons, Willis and Harry; Harry H., a lumberman of Kansas City, Missouri, who married Margaret Guthrie and has one son, Harry H., Jr., and one daughter, Marion Francis; Ida, at home; and Julia E., who married Ralph L. Harding, a civil engineer with the Manila Railroad Company in the Philippine Islands, by whom she has a daughter, Julia Elizabeth.

Mr. Hutchinson gave his political allegiance to the republican party and, although not a seeker for official honors, ably served for more than a decade as a member of the city school board. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon and to which his widow also belongs. His interest outside of his business and his home was in religious work. He was president of the Iowa Baptist state convention for several years and acted as superintendent of the Sunday school of his church for sixteen years. A life of such unselfish service could not have been without its reward in the respect and honor of his fellow citizens, and it was therefore that his death came as an irreparable loss not only to his immediate family but to the many who had learned to know and love him.

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**WILLIAM H. ROBB.**

William H. Robb, postmaster of Creston, has long been known as an influential resident of Union county and his section of the state. As a journalist, as an official and as a public-spirited citizen, he has contributed largely to the general good by the efforts he has put forth along the lines of advancement and improvement. He was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1847, a son of Henry Robb, who was of Irish descent, although the family was established in America in colonial days, representatives of the name aiding in winning independence for the nation during the Revolutionary war. Henry Robb was also a native of Pennsylvania and there learned the carpenter's trade in early manhood. He brought his family to Iowa in 1856, settling near Afton in Union township, Union county, where he entered a tract of government land and also purchased other property adjoining. His close attention to his farm work, his intelligently directed efforts and progressive methods made him one of the leading agriculturists of the county. In addition to cultivating

the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he engaged in raising cattle and horses and in feeding sheep. He contributed also to the moral progress of the community, organizing what was probably the first Sunday school in the county at Highland. His religious belief was indicated in his membership in the Episcopal church. His early political support was given to the whig party and upon its dissolution he joined the ranks of the new republican party, which was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery, of which he was a most stalwart opponent. He voted for Fremont and never hesitated to give active aid to the party throughout his remaining days. He died in the spring of 1864, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, passing away in June, 1905. In her maidenhood she was Margaret Ann Harris, a native of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch descent. She, too, held membership in the Episcopal church, but as there was no organization of that denomination in Union county she joined the Methodist church.

William H. Robb is one of a family of six children and at the age of nine years he came with his parents to Iowa, meeting the usual experiences of farm life, his time being divided between the work of the fields and the acquirement of a country school education. He afterward pursued his studies in the Nebraska City College and through five winter terms followed the profession of teaching. He afterward entered upon the study of law in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but later returned to the home farm in Iowa to assist his widowed mother. His time was thus passed until 1876, when he became identified with newspaper publication and established the Independent American at Afton in the spring of 1877. A year later he removed the plant to Creston and in 1893 he began the publication of the Morning American, of which he is still owner and editor. The business was incorporated in 1893 and is now conducted by the Independent American Publishing Company. A daily and semi-weekly editions are issued from the press, the former being a six column quarto and the latter an eight column folio. The paper is democratic in political complexion and has an extensive circulation and large advertising patronage. Mr. Robb has made the Morning American one of the leading papers of Iowa outside of the larger cities and he has a wide acquaintance among the newspaper publishers of the state. He never hesitates to express his convictions upon any vital problems but is not hasty in forming his judgments, carefully weighing the evidence on each side.

Mr. Robb was united in marriage in 1872 to Miss Catherine A. White, theirs being the first wedding celebrated in Creston. Mrs. Robb was a daughter of Mrs. Minerva White, whose husband died in Pennsylvania, after which she brought her family to Iowa in 1867, establishing her home in Afton. Mr. and Mrs. Robb became the parents of five children: Alice, now deceased; Jessie, the wife of William M. Hyland, a court reporter of Osceola, Iowa; Cecil B., the wife of Edward K. Milmine, who is in the auditor's office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Omaha; Harry, a merchant of Nampa, Idaho; and William Gladstone, who is with his brother Harry. Having lost his first wife in 1893, Mr. Robb was married in 1896 to Miss Ida M. White, who was born near Sigourney, Iowa, in 1867, a daughter of Hon. Fred E. White, former member of congress from the sixth Iowa district, and now a farmer and stock raiser of Keokuk county. To the second marriage has been born a daughter, Rosalind Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robb hold membership in the Episcopal church, in which he has filled the office of trustee, acting as chairman of the board. He has held official

position in the Elks lodge and is a member of the Odd Fellows. His work in behalf of democracy has been beneficially resultant to the party. He has served as a member of the city council at Creston, was for one season first assistant clerk in the lower house and twice has represented his district in the general assembly. While a candidate for congress against Colonel Hepburn he succeeded in greatly reducing the usual republican majority, receiving a large and complimentary vote which indicated how high was his standing with his many friends in his district. He served for three terms as clerk of Creston and on the 10th of March, 1914, he was appointed postmaster, which position he is now acceptably filling. The duties of the office are promptly and systematically discharged and his public and private life alike commend him to the confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen. He is a man of fine personal appearance, genial and jovial in social circles, aggressive and persistent in politics, resourceful and energetic in business.

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CHARLES ENFIELD, M. D.

Beautiful and hallowed is the memory of Dr. Charles Enfield, beloved physician and public-spirited citizen of Jefferson, whose many manly qualities and broad sympathy endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Galway, Ireland, August 21, 1841, and had reached a far point on life's journey when he was called to the home beyond, being then nearly seventy-three years of age. His early educational advantages were somewhat limited, although he attended for a time a sectarian school of the Church of England in Galway and was confirmed in the Episcopal faith. He started in the business world as an apprentice to an apothecary, with whom he remained for some time, but the habits of his employer, who was inclined to drunkenness, caused him to leave that service and he sailed for America, attracted, as were hundreds of other young men, by the reports which he heard concerning the opportunities of the new world. He was not disappointed in conditions which awaited him here and became one of the most loyal and public-spirited citizens.

On the day that Fort Sumter was fired upon Dr. Enfield landed at New York. At that time he had less than fifteen dollars in his pocket and determined to enlist in the army, joining the First New York Infantry Regiment, which soon afterward left for Virginia. In one of the early engagements in which he participated he was captured and sent to Libby prison. A Confederate surgeon in charge there soon learned of Dr. Enfield's experience with the apothecary and the study that he had made of medicine and he was assigned to duty as assistant to the surgeon in care of the Union prisoners. He was in the prison at the time when a considerable number dug a tunnel through which they effected their escape. He knew of this plan and, in fact, carried messages from man to man concerned in the effort. Because of his work with the Confederate surgeon, however, he was granted large privileges and declined to join the party seeking their liberty, believing that he had a better opportunity of being liberated in another manner. When an exchange of prisoners was made not long afterward he was released and returned to his regiment, but almost immediately was detailed to act as steward in an army hospital at Baltimore. While thus engaged he acquired wide knowledge of surgery

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which has meant so much in placing this state in the front rank of the sisterhood of this republic. It was but fitting that one so endowed and thus identified should honor and be honored by his county with a seat in the Iowa legislature.

His was the honor and his the privilege to contribute to the twenty-seventh general assembly in his unassuming dignity the impress of his character and ability upon the state.

He was learned, evidenced not by diplomas from academic halls but evidenced rather by that legible handwriting of his Maker stamped upon his countenance and proclaimed naturally and unintentionally through his speech and every day intercourse with his fellow-men. His education limited to the opportunities afforded by the schools of pioneer days bears testimony to the efficiency of that school system which has for its object as the word itself implies the leading out and development of that which is best in man. He was a student of nature, a student of history, an honored and honorable lover of both.

In private life and public service he was honored and loved by all who knew him best. His life and labors rank among the lasting contributions to his county, his state and his nation.

*Resolved*, That in his death we have lost a worthy citizen, an honorable former member of this House, one whose life is worthy of exemplification by us whose duty it is to faithfully discharge the responsibility of citizenship; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions in memoriam be printed in the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

W. E. GILTNER,  
S. W. KLAUS,  
Geo. W. CROZIER,

*Chairman.*

Adopted March 6, 1917.

HON. W. H. ROBB.

MR. SPEAKER—Hon. W. H. Robb, was born on December 25, 1847, in Union county. He was reared on a farm in that county. He later taught school there.

He graduated from the college of law at the Iowa State University, but never practiced his profession. He became interested in the paper business and published what was known as the "Daily Morning American." This was a leading democratic paper in the state.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage to Ida White, daughter of Hon. Fred White. To this union six children were born.

He was called to many offices of trust. He served as member of the twenty-first and twenty-second general assemblies of the state of Iowa.

He was appointed postmaster under the Wilson administration, which position he held for two years. His health failed following a stroke of paralysis and he was forced to resign.

His every day home life was such that his children rise up and call him blessed. On September 19, 1916, he passed to his reward on the other shore.

He was honored and loved and respected by his neighbors and had the confidence and admiration of all who knew him.

Whereas, in his death the county and state have lost a worthy and honorable citizen,

*Be It Resolved*, That we hereby extend to the relatives and friends our tribute of respect; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions of respect be printed in the journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

J. W. COAKLEY,

WM. BECKER.

GEO. W. CROZIER,

*Committee.*

Adopted March 19, 1917.

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HON. LEMUEL DWELLE.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and work of the Hon. Lemuel Dwelle, late of Worth county, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Lemuel Dwelle was born in Washington county, New York, August 16, 1824 and passed away at his home in Northwood Iowa, February 8, 1917. He was married to Miss Hattie Edwards of East Troy, Wis., the 30th of December 1875, who is now left to sorrow for the one loved and "not lost but gone before."

The only child born to this union died in infancy.

Mr. Dwelle settled in Worth county in 1856, purchasing several hundred acres of land and platting the town of Northwood, now the county seat of Worth county.

He was elected to membership in the House of Representatives in the 11th general assembly and to the Senate in the 16th and 17th general assemblies.

The deceased became a member of the Masonic order in Osage, Iowa, in 1865 and was at the time of his death the third oldest Mason in the state of Iowa.

Although he had lived 22 years past the allotted time of man, he continued to manage his large financial interests to the very last.

Mr. Dwelle was a charter member of the Northwood Baptist church and was what the name Christian implies in its highest and noblest sense.

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party. Mr. Witmer was of the character and quality of a statesman. He was truly a successful man of affairs. He had an extensive and favorable acquaintance among public men, including those in political, business and financial circles.

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WILLIAM CRAIG WILCOX was born at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, January 16, 1867, and died at Iowa City, Iowa, October 5, 1916. He received his elementary education at Pittsfield, attended high school at Batavia, New York, the University of Rochester, and won a two years' fellowship in political science at the University of Chicago. He was professor in Mount Beacon Academy, Fishkill, and at Mount Pleasant Academy, Sing Sing. In 1894 he came to the State University of Iowa as professor of history, became head of the department in 1904 and dean of the College of Liberal Arts in 1909, which position he still occupied at the time of his death. He received the degree of A. B. at Rochester, New York, in 1888 and A. M. in 1891, LL. D. from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1910 and the same degree from Rochester in 1913. Dean Wilcox was a prominent member of the American Historical Association, the American Geographic Society, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and the Iowa State Historical Society. He was an active worker in the Congregational church and closely associated with the development of extension work in the University, for some years acting as secretary of the Extension Division. He was an important factor in the growth and administration of the University.

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WILLIAM H. ROBB was born in Union County, Iowa, December 25, 1847, and died at his home at Creston, September 19, 1916. He spent his boyhood on a farm and attended common school. He taught several terms of school in early life. He studied law but never entered active practice. In 1877 he purchased the *Afton Tribune*, then a Republican paper, changed its name to *Independent American*, and its politics to Greenback. In 1880 he moved his paper to Creston. His first wife having died he married Miss Kate A. White, then a teacher in the Creston schools and a daughter of Hon. Fred White of Keokuk County. In 1884 he was elected member of the city council and in 1885, after a remarkably bitter campaign, was elected representative and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies. While in the legislature he was the author of a bill to prohibit non-resident aliens from acquiring title to land in Iowa, which attracted attention all over the country. He was appointed postmaster at Creston in 1914. He was a newspaper man and politician of prominence and influence.

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**William H. ROBB (AFN: 1M0R-L4F)****Sex:** M[Pedigree](#)  
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**Event(s)****Birth:** 25 Dec 1847

, , Pennsylvania

**Death:** 19 Sep 1916

Creston, Union, Iowa

**Burial:**

Graceland Cem, Creston, Union, Iowa

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**Parents****Father:** [W. H. ROBB \(AFN: 1M0R-L21\)](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Margaret POTT \(AFN: 1M0R-L37\)](#)

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**Marriage(s)****Spouse:** [Katherine A. \(Kate\) WHITE \(AFN: 1M0R-L0L\)](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 12 Apr 1871

, Union, Iowa

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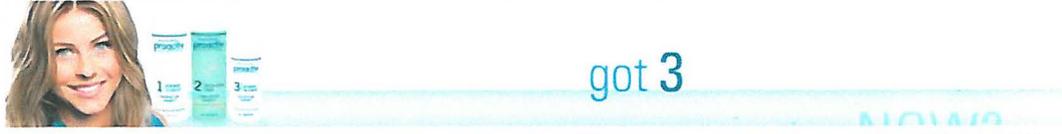
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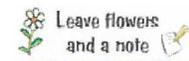


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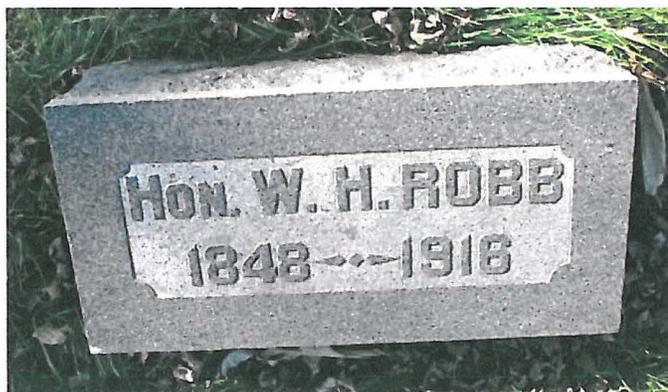
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