

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** EARLY, CHARLES LEE **Senator** _____

Represented Sac County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 July 1854; Brown County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

(Sarah) Agnes Waddell, Wis. 15 Oct. 1854 - Iowa 31 Oct. 1949; 28 June 1888 (possibly in Sac County

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Teacher, Banking, Real Estate & Loan; Inventor

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 25th & 26th GA, 1894-97, Sac County; (also in 1893)

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy Co. Treas. 1878-1882; Clerk for District Ct. 1888-1893; Postmaster, Sac City, 1906-); Sac Co. Food Commissioner; on Exec Comm of War Services Administration

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 August 1924, Sac City; bu r. Oakland Cemetery

8. Children (1) Ruth Imogen (Keir); (2) Sarah Esther (23 Nov. 1892 - 26 Mar. 1896)

9. Names of parents David Watson Early (Ky. 1820 - Ohio 1908), farmer Sarah Jane Hook (1824 - Ohio 1885)

Early, Charles Lee

10. Education district school; Ohio Wesleyan University; Bentonville
Normal College

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Taught school in Brown and Adams counties, Ohio, for three years; moved to Sac County, Iowa 1876; taught school there one year. Deputy Co. treasurer 1878-1882; in partnership in Schaller involved with real estate, loans, and banking. Was petitioner for incorporation of Schaller. Clerk of district court, 1888-1892; in legislature in 1893 (apparently to fill vacancy); elected 1894 and 1896 to legislature, where he led fight to do away with railroads' free passes, that was successfully after he left legislature. Appointed postmaster Sac City 1906, and reappointed 1910.

Was director of Sac County State Bank.

Interested in science; amateur astronomer and had privately equipped observatory; originated principle of adding machine, and invented sun clock and locometer, but did not patent them. Owned 320 acre farm in Sac County, and 320 acres in North Dakota.

Spoke at dedication of soldiers' monument in 1892, and at ceremonies regarding death of Senator Dolliver in 1911.

Mason.; past eminent commander Knights Templar lodge.

Sac County marriage records for time of marriage are not in file in DM.

Early, Charles Lee

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
The Sac Sun; Thur. 7 Aug 1924		x	death; obit
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Oakland Cemetery records		x	Charles, wf, daughter
Hart, History of Sac County (1914)		x	bio
House Journal 1923, 1925	x		
Early, The Family of Early (1920)	x		
Sac Co. marriage records	x		
(file does not include period of his marriage)			

**EARLY
G. PRIZES**

C. "JIM"
EEF AT
FAIR.

Sweepstakes

ntest—Lots
nd Fine

imals.

debolt, eleven
his years, was
when he went
r "Jim," his
which he had
and carefully
ary, won the
the greatest
ever held at
e gets a beau-
y the Chicago
ee trip to the
this winter, a
n cash. Ran-
ohnson, seem-
Randall and
e had good

2, 1923 and
ounds when
to is a grade
it in January
lmer Johnson,
ch "Jim" was
get of two
e al, he
is e. all meal
of changed at

ndall tells the
ke him to the
or good luck."
The same age
morning when
e and litter of
and champion-
girls' gill dub
son of Carl
wins a silver
e the Chicago
al considerable
s of his pigs
nd, respective-
ersey boar pigs
on first as the
pig.
club went to a
ted by Robert
Ralph of Sac
rand champion-
class. This is
t Robert, has
s of winning
second last
horn was born
rt bought him
Sons. He is
ubsome animal.
March 1 Rob-
and oil meal
in all corn and
ll put him on
meal with the
nd y the

went to a Here-
r Olsen, son of
Lake. He, too,
for the winner.
thing I can say
three calves
of Farmington.
'And it is a rip-
e way through.

ndall tells the
ke him to the
or good luck."
The same age
morning when
e and litter of
and champion-
girls' gill dub
son of Carl
wins a silver
e the Chicago
al considerable
s of his pigs
nd, respective-
ersey boar pigs
on first as the
pig.
club went to a
ted by Robert
Ralph of Sac
rand champion-
class. This is
t Robert, has
s of winning
second last
horn was born
rt bought him
Sons. He is
ubsome animal.
March 1 Rob-
and oil meal
in all corn and
ll put him on
meal with the
nd y the

went to a Here-
r Olsen, son of
Lake. He, too,
for the winner.
thing I can say
three calves
of Farmington.
'And it is a rip-
e way through.

went to a Here-
r Olsen, son of
Lake. He, too,
for the winner.
thing I can say
three calves
of Farmington.
'And it is a rip-
e way through.

**PITCURES BY BOY ARTIST
A FEATURE OF THE FAIR**

Tall corn and fat hogs and plump baby-beeves and fluffy angel food cake are glories of Sac county and may be seen at their best at the Sac County Fair. These are typical of Sac county and just what the visitor from New York or Boston would expect to see.

There is another exhibit at the Fair which deserves just as big headlines as the corn and hogs. It is an exhibit of paintings and sketches by a fourteen-year-old Sac county boy. The New Yorker, taking the "corn and hogs as a matter of course, might be surprised at the art this little farmer's boy displays.

Walter Westrom is the lad's name. His pictures hang on the north wall in the western wing of the art hall. Some of them are earlier and cruder work before he had really "found himself." At least two of his pictures, however, are nothing short of remarkable for a boy of his years and brief training. The one is an oil portrait of a child holding a puppy and the other is a pencil sketch of the statue "Immortalite." There is a simplicity and gracefulness of line and a power of facial expression such as is seldom found in amateur work.

"Walter intends to keep on with his painting," his mother, Mrs. V. E. Westrom of Lake View, tells the Sun. "His aunt, Mrs. T. C. Marsh of Flat River, Mo., has given him some lessons. As soon as he finishes Lake View high school he is a sophomore now he will go either to Chicago or Philadelphia and study art. We intend to give him every opportunity."

SWIMMING POOL ASSURED

**CONTRACT FOR COMPLETING
WORK LET BY BOARD.**

Contract Calls for Expenditure of \$3,818—Work to Begin at Once and to Be Rushed.

All of Sac City's mermaids and mer-men will rejoice to know that the swimming pool in the Sac City gymnasium is soon to be an accomplished fact.

The contract for tiling and completing the pool was let to W. F. Parks Co. of Storm Lake for \$3,818. Over \$3,000 already has been spent on the pool. Work will begin at once and the project will be finished as speedily as possible.

The swimming pool when completed will be up-to-date in every way with an ultra-violet ray sterilizing system and will be a source of much pleasure to Sac City swimmers young and old, especially in the winter months.

The contract was let at a meeting of the school board Monday night.

The Parks Company built the Park hotel in Sac City and is one of the best known contracting firms in the state.

DIES IN BOAT ON WALL LAKE

SON OF FORMER SENATOR C. C. HELMER STRICKEN SUNDAY.

**CHARLES L. EARLY IS
SUMMONED BY DEATH**

LEADER IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND INVENTOR VICTIM
OF ARTERY RUPTURE.

Death Occurred With Practically No
Warning—Funeral This Morning
—Made Distinctive Record
as a Man of Action.

Charles L. Early died suddenly at his home on South Fifth Street Tuesday morning, August 5, 1924, of aortic aneurysm, the rupture of a dilated artery near the heart.

Early in the morning he drove in his car to the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Keir, on the southern edge of the city and took his grandson, Walter Keir, and two little friends, to the school house. Upon his return down town he was troubled with shortness of breath and stopped at a doctor's office. He felt better after lying down a few minutes and was able to go home. Entering the house, he sank into a chair, and death followed quickly and quietly as his wife was ministering to him. He was eight days past his seventieth birthday.

The funeral was held this morning at ten o'clock at the Early residence. The service was in charge of Rose



CHARLES L. EARLY.

Colx Commandery, No. 38, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Early was a charter member and past commander. The Rev. J. Irving Brown, pastor of the Christian church at Lohrville, read the obituary and offered prayer. The pallbearers were George B. Perkins, Dr. J. H. Stafford, F. E. Stouffer, W. F. Habekost, F. W. Loring, and Malcolm Currie. Burial was made in Oakland cemetery.

The death of Charles L. Early marks the passing of one of the most significant and useful figures in the history of Sac county. For nearly half a century he has been identified with every forward movement. His many-aided influence extends far beyond the boundary of his home community. A leader in political life, he distinguished himself in the legislature and ties; a lover of science, he made two inventions which are his living monument. He is the originator of the prin-

CHARLES L. EARLY.

Cofix Commandery, No. 38, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Early was a charter member and past commander. The Rev. J. Irving Brown, pastor of the Christian church at Lohrville, read the obituary and offered prayer. The pallbearers were George B. Perkins, Dr. J. H. Stafford, F. E. Stouffer, W. F. Habekost, F. W. Loring, and Malcolm Currie. Burial was made in Oakland cemetery.

The death of Charles L. Early marks the passing of one of the most significant and useful figures in the history of Sac county. For nearly half a century he has been identified with every forward movement. His many-sided influence extends far beyond the boundary of his home community. A leader in political life, he distinguished himself in the legislature and was active in state Republican politics; a lover of science, he made two inventions which are his living monument. He is the originator of the principle of the adding-machine and also of a sun clock and locometer.

Charles Lee Early was born in Brown county, Ohio July 27, 1854, the son of a race of pioneers who had an active part in the Revolutionary War and in the building of an empire beyond the Alleghanies. His great-great-grandfather emigrated from Ireland in 1740. Charles was the son of David Watson Early and Sarah Jane Hook. He had three brothers, only the oldest of whom, John Quincy Early, survives. His mother passed away nearly forty years ago and his father followed in death in 1908.

The boy Charles was brought up on the Ohio farm and attended district school not far from the old homestead. Too ambitious to stop with a common school education, he studied at Bentonville Normal College and at Ohio Wesleyan University. He taught school for three years in Brown and Adams counties, Ohio.

As a school teacher Mr. Early first came to Sac county, in the year 1876. That was forty-eight years ago. Ever since, he has made Sac county his home and has made for himself a place in its history which is important and, in many respects, unique.

After teaching school one term in Clinton township, he entered the employ of the Sac County Bank. From 1878 to 1882 he served as deputy county treasurer. Retiring from the courthouse, he went into partnership with Phil Schaller and conducted a real estate and loan business for a period of six years.

Then began his political career. He served as clerk of the district court for four years and in 1893 was sent to the legislature as representative from this district. He was reelected for a second term and sat in the sessions of 1894 and 1896 and also during the extra session of 1897. These were stormy days of Iowa politics and the representative from Sac county was an active and influential figure. He led the fight for abolishing the free pass on the railroads, a form of bribery which had helped the railroads to graft successfully. It was a terrific fight and Mr. Early had powerful opposition. With a few of his

Continued on page seven.

men will rejoice to know that the swimming pool in the Sac City gymnasium is soon to be an accomplished fact.

The contract for filling and completing the pool was let to W. F. Parks Co. of Storm Lake for \$3,818. Over \$3,000 already has been spent on the pool. Work will begin at once and the project will be finished as speedily as possible.

The swimming pool when completed will be up-to-date in every way with an ultra-violet ray sterilizing system and will be a source of much pleasure to Sac City swimmers young and old, especially in the winter months.

The contract was let at a meeting of the school board Monday night.

The Parks Company built the Park hotel in Sac City and is one of the best known contracting firms in the state.

DIES IN BOAT ON WALL LAKE

SON OF FORMER SENATOR C. C. HELMER STRICKEN SUNDAY.

Was Subject to Epilepsy But the Cause of Death is in Doubt —Body Taken to Carroll.

LAKE VIEW, August 5.—Charles Helmer, the eighteen-year-old son of C. C. Helmer, an attorney at Carroll, Iowa, met death at Wall Lake Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock while on the lake in a boat. Since the young man was subject to epilepsy it is believed that a sudden mental attack was the cause of his death rather than drowning for but little water was found in his lungs.

He was noticed to stand up in his boat, give a sudden cry for help and then fall in such a manner as to tip the boat, which started filling with water. Aid reached him before the boat went down and he was taken to Lake View, where the pulmotor was used, but life was extinct.

His body was taken to the home in Carroll Sunday night.

Hurt in Fall From Horse.

Miss Winnibel Winterberg, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winterberg, was seriously injured at the home of her uncle, Derwood Birt, near Terrill last Thursday afternoon, when her foot caught in the stirrup of the saddle of the horse she was riding and she was thrown and dragged a considerable distance. She was unconscious when picked up and it was thought that her skull was fractured but a later examination showed that there had been a concussion of the brain.

Mr. and Mrs. Winterberg, her parents, were sent for but did not arrive until Friday night. Mrs. Winterberg was out on the road with her work and could not be located until that time. Winnibel was taken Saturday to the Estherville hospital where an X-ray examination was made.

Little hopes were given her at first but she has rallied and is now semi-conscious. Sunday she took some nourishment and, although she is still in a very critical condition, it is hoped by all that she will soon recover for Miss Winnibel is a favorite among those who know her.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and

Continued on page ten.

**CHARLES L. EARLY IS
SUMMONED BY DEATH**

Continued from page one.

colleagues in the house he forced the issue and, though only a partial victory was won while he was a member, the way which the legislature eventually followed, was mapped out, and the free pass is used no more.

Returning to private life, Mr. Early prospered in his real estate and loan business, all the while taking an active interest in state and national politics as well as in community affairs. His appointment by President Roosevelt as postmaster of Sac City in 1906 met with general satisfaction. He was reappointed in 1910 by President Taft.

The remaining years of Mr. Early's life have been given almost wholly to the service of his community and his fellow men. After his retirement from the post-office he took on his sun clock and locometer, an invention which enables a person with the aid of a chronometer to determine the latitude and longitude of any place on the earth's surface without mathematical calculations of any kind. With it one can calculate accurately the sun time and the standard time and can calculate time at night from the stars. After several years of patient effort, Mr. Early obtained a patent. The most practical value of the sun clock and locometer is to ships at sea. Although the patent was obtained nine years ago, Mr. Early did not attempt to commercialize the invention. Making money was his least incentive. About two weeks ago, a professor from the University of Iowa who came to address the summer school, called at the Early home and inspected the instrument. "I believe you have something here with great possibilities," he told the inventor. "I wish that I could take this down to my laboratory at Iowa City. I want to study it further." Mr. Early agreed to loan his invention to the professor.

This was not the only invention of Mr. Early. All through his life he has been interested in scientific things. To him belongs the credit of inventing the principle of the adding machine. About forty years ago he developed an adding machine and employed some expert mechanics in Chicago to prepare a suitable model for filing in the patent office. Several months dragged by and the model was not delivered. Finally Mr. Early heard that an adding machine had been patented, and upon investigation he found that his idea had been stolen. The machine was put on the market and of course made a fortune for its promoters. Mr. Early received not a penny for his part in its develop-

ment.

Astronomy always has been dear to Mr. Early's heart. His library is filled with astronomical books. He subscribed to astronomical journals published in England, France, and America, and studied French grammar after he was sixty-five years of age that he might read the French scientific magazines. His residence is equipped with a valuable telescope with which he has generously provided delightful evenings for his friends. Mr. Early has traveled thousands of miles to view astronomical phenomena.

Not alone with scientific interests has Mr. Early spent the last years of his life. He has been active in civic affairs. Nobody has been more willing to spend his money or his time for what he conceived to be the best thing for Sac City than Charles L. Early. As in the legislature he fought openly and fearlessly against the abuses of the railroads, so in Sac City he dared to take an open and fearless stand irrespective of its popularity.

The war brought responsibility to Mr. Early. He was food commissioner of Sac county after March 1918 and was a member of the executive committee of the War Service Association. He laid aside most of his scientific interests and, as anyone who knew him would expect, threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of helping organize the war work in this county.

His home life has been singularly happy. On June 28, 1888 he was married to Miss Agnes Waddell, the daughter of Christopher Waddell. To them were born two daughters, Ruth Imogen, now Mrs. Claude B. Kejr. of Sac City, and Janet Estelle, who died in childhood. He is survived by his wife and daughter and by four grandchildren, Walter Early, Collin, Agnes Imogen, and Esther, in whom he took an affectionate pride.

The entire community mourns the passing of this good citizen, faithful public servant, ardent student, and benefactor of his fellow men.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Sac County The W. Ross Company, Plaintiff, vs E. H. Brawner, Defendant.

To the Above Named Defendant

You are hereby notified that the petition of the Plaintiff in the above and foregoing cause is now on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Sac county,

at Sac City, Iowa, asking for a writ of replevin of the following described personal property, to-wit:

325 Hoopsters, adjustable 8 ft to 14 ft each, 2 Book jacking devices, light type each, and further asking for judgment for possession of the above described property or the reasonable value thereof in the sum of \$1,475.00, and damages in the sum of \$244.75 for wrongful detention of same. Plaintiff further alleges that it is the owner of said property, that demand for possession has been made and that you have failed and refused to deliver and surrender possession of same. For further particulars, see plaintiff's petition now on file.

And that unless you appear thereto in said court and defend before noon of the second day of the October, 1924, term of said court, the said term commencing at Sac City, Iowa, on the 13th day of October, 1924, default will be entered against you and judgment will be rendered thereon as prayed.

R. L. McCORD and
SAM ABRAHAMSON,
Attorneys for Plaintiff

6-4

! fear

Are you self-conscious about the impression you make on people?

FEAR is probably the greatest handicap anyone can have in life. It keeps you from being your own real self—from doing your downright best and from getting on in life as you should.

Personal appearance has a lot to do with the way you feel. Clothes count, of course. But still there is **nothing so many people dread**

something that at once brands them as either fastidious or careless—the **teeth.**

Notice today how you, yourself, watch another person's teeth when he or she is talking. If the teeth are not well kept they at once become a liability.

Listerine Tooth Paste cleans teeth a new way. At last our chemists have discovered a polishing ingredient that really cleans without scratching the enamel—a difficult problem finally solved.

You will notice the improvement even in the first few days. And you know it is cleaning safely.

So the makers of Listerine, the safe antiseptic, have found for you also the really safe dentifrice.

What are your teeth saying about you today?—**LAMBERT PHARMACAL CO., Saint Louis, U. S. A.**

**LISTERINE
TOOTH PASTE
Large Tube—25 cents**

**Delightfully
Refreshing**



**Annual August
Factory
to
You**

**Take a Book
on Your**

the pioneer grain dealer of Odebolt. He began as manager of the Swedish Farmers' Elevator Company and soon bought out the business, which was the second grain buying establishment in the city. Since 1883 he has devoted his time to looking after his Crawford and Sac county agricultural interests and his business affairs.

Mr. Hanson is a large stockholder and vice-president of the First National Bank of Odebolt. He has a large modern residence on Lincoln avenue. He is a Republican in politics and devotes a considerable portion of his time to civic affairs, being a member of the school board and having served on the city council. His family attend the Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and has taken the degrees in Masonry in the Sac City chapter and commandery.

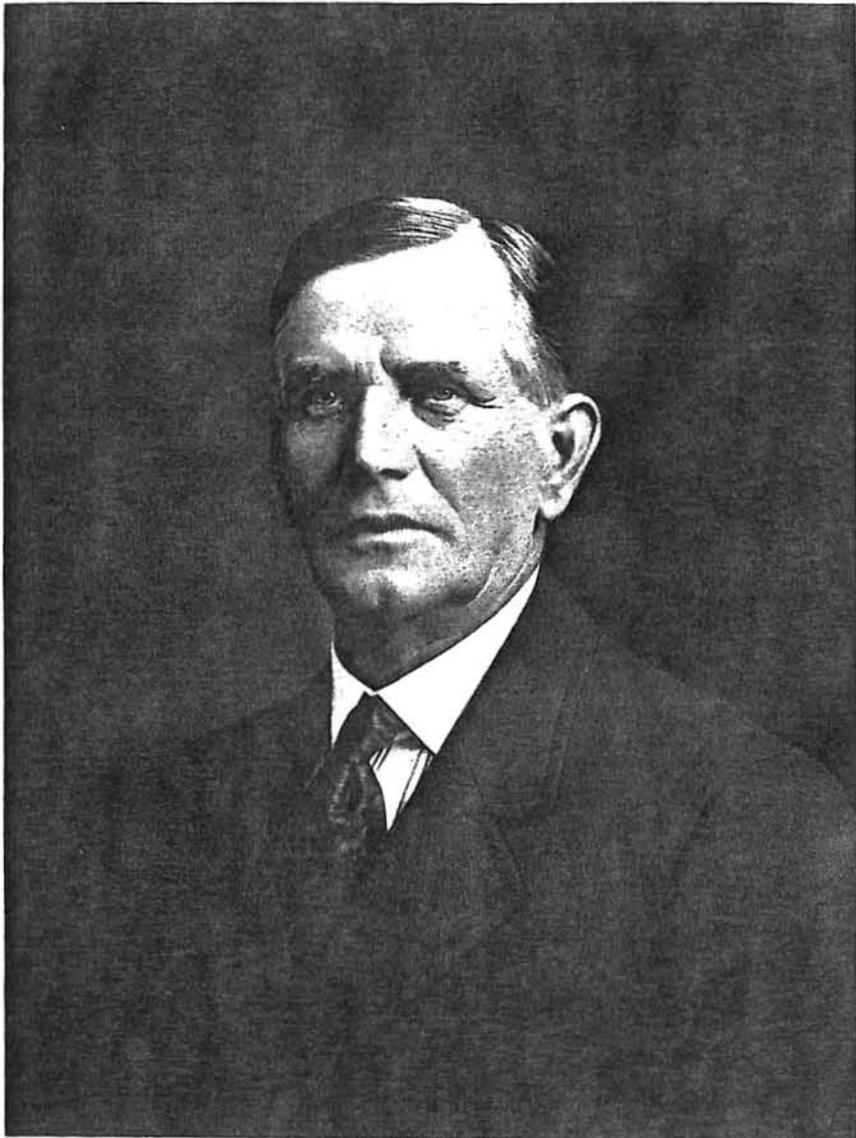
Mr. Hanson's marriage occurred in 1872 to Augusta Eckblom, a native of Sweden. They are the parents of four children, as follows: Mrs. Robertina Von Marell, of Phoenix, Arizona; Lillian, the efficient librarian of the Odebolt public library; George, on the home farm in Wheeler township; Grace, at home.

By a life of persevering industry and fair and honest dealings Mr. Hanson has acquired a fair share of this world's goods, and, what is of more value, the respect and esteem of every one with whom he has come in contact. He and his family occupy an enviable social standing in their community, in which they are among the pioneers, and possess in a marked degree that happy faculty of making steadfast friendships.

CHARLES L. EARLY.

The annals of the West teem with stories of young men of ability and energy who have come from eastern points and been successful in many lines of endeavor. Some have succeeded in commerce and as agriculturists, while others have made marked progress in the useful line of endeavor as public officials. The name of Early is one that is well and favorably known in Sac county. The name attaches to itself a significance that the bearer has achieved marked success along his chosen path of endeavor.

Charles L. Early, postmaster of Sac City, is ranked among the pioneers of the county, who came here and seized the opportunity which presented itself and has succeeded, not only in a worldly way, but enjoys the respect and esteem of a large concourse of friends and well wishers. Public spirited to a



Eng. by R. G. Williams & Co. 1914

Chas R Early
1914

high degree, he has served the people in many capacities for a long period of years, as a county official, in the halls of the state Legislature, and lastly as an accommodating and conscientious postmaster.

Mr. Early is a native son of the Buckeye state and was born on a farm in Brown county, Ohio, July 27, 1854. He is the son of David Watson Early, a native of Kentucky, and was of Irish ancestry. The ancestors of Charles L. Early came from Ireland in 1740 and settled in the Old Dominion (Virginia). Here they figured in the colonial and revolutionary period as became natural to members of a race who became Americans easily. David Watson Early was the son of David Early, son of Thomas, who was son of William Early, who is said to have emigrated from Ireland about the middle of the eighteenth century.

David was the youngest son of William Early, of Virginia, who migrated to Kentucky in about 1784 and took an active part in the stirring scenes incidental to the settlement of the state. Further research determines the fact that the original progenitors of the Early family in America were Jeremiah and William. From these two brothers have sprung the different members of the family, many of whom have achieved fame, not only in civic affairs but in the pursuit of war. Gen. Jubal Early, of Civil-war fame, was a direct descendant of Jeremiah Early.

The father of Charles L. Early was fifteen years of age when the family removed from Kentucky to Ohio, in the year 1835, and became one of the pioneer families of the state which has contributed her sons and daughters to the upbuilding of many of the greatest western commonwealths. David W. lived to a good old age and died in 1908 at his Brown county home. His wife was Sarah Jane Hook, a native of Adams county, Ohio, and who was reared on the farm adjoining that of the Early's. She was born in the year 1824 and was deceased in 1885. They reared a family of four children: John Quincy, who resides on the old homestead in Brown county, Ohio; Walter David, deceased; Charles Lee, of whom we are writing; George Andrew, an agriculturist in Brown county, Ohio.

Charles Lee Early was reared to young manhood on the farm. His primary schooling was obtained in the district school not far from the old homestead. Being ambitious, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and also studied in the Bentonville Normal College. For a period of three years he followed the profession of teaching in Brown and Adams counties, Ohio. Believing that the West offered a better and more prolific field for the exercise of his talents, in the year 1876 he came to Iowa, first locating in Sac City, where he taught school for one term in Clinton

township in the winter of 1876. The following year he was employed in the Sac County Bank, one of the pioneer banking institutions of the city. He served as deputy county treasurer from 1878 to 1882, inclusive. He then formed a partnership with Phil Schaller for the purpose of conducting a real estate and loan business, the firm being known for a period of six years as Schaller & Early. It is said that this firm accomplished a great deal in the promotion of the settlement of Sac county and assisted many farmers in various ways through the troublesome times incident to the settlement of the county.

Mr. Early turned his attention to civic affairs and, in the fall of 1888, was elected clerk of the district court, in which office he served the people ably and well for four years. This did not seem to be sufficient reward for his attainments, and in the fall of 1893 the people of Sac county sent him to the state capital to sit in the halls of the state Legislature. He was re-elected to this important office for the second term and served in the sessions of 1894 and 1896, and also during the extra session of 1897. It is to Mr. Early's credit that while in the legislative body as a member he carefully looked to the interests of the people and his constituents.

After serving in the Legislature he again turned his attention to the real estate and loan business, being rewarded with his usual success until his appointment as postmaster of Sac City in 1906 under President Roosevelt. He was reappointed in 1910, and at this writing is serving his second term. His career in his official capacity has justified the confidence reposed in him by the government and his friends and fellow citizens. At no time in the history of the postoffice in Sac City has the office received greater undivided attention and been more ably conducted than during Mr. Early's regime. Mindful of the fact that land is the basis of all values and that nothing is more valuable than real estate ownership, Mr. Early has acquired three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in his home county, and is also the owner of a half section of land in North Dakota. He has one of the finest homes in the city which he has recently remodeled and provided with accessories for the indulgence of his hobby, if it can be called such. For, be it known, like many other successful men, he has never neglected to follow up the development of mind commenced in his younger days. Mr. Early is an amateur astronomer of known ability and attainments. For years he has studied the heavens from a scientific point of view. He has probably the only privately equipped observatory in western Iowa, and it is said that he loves nothing better than to ensconce himself in the glass enclosed chamber erected on the roof of his dwelling and spend hours in gazing through his telescope and making observations of the heavenly bodies.

Mr. Early is a man of considerable inventive ability and the present-day adding machines are constructed along lines originally designed by him about 1882. At that time he perfected a model embodying the essential features of the machine and filed a caveat in the patent office, but unfortunately permitted this to lapse, and thus lost the recognition deserved, though it is quite generally known among those directly interested that his genius conceived the primary idea. He claims to be the original inventor of the adding feature of all the modern adding machines. His invention provided for a bank of eighty-one keys and the adding was automatic the same as the comptometer. He makes no claim to inventing the printing and listing features of the present day adding machines.

Mr. Early is a director in the Sac County State Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions in western Iowa. He has had considerable banking experience during his career, having at one time, from 1882 to 1884, operated a bank in the town of Schaller, Iowa, in partnership with Phil Schaller and which was known as the Schaller & Early Bank. During his residence in Schaller he had considerable to do in the upbuilding of the new municipality, taking an active part in the incorporation of the town and being one of the prime movers in planning the town and arranging the perspective of the beautiful city park of which every resident of Schaller is exceedingly proud. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the Sac City Blue Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holding a membership in the chapter and commandery in Sac City, and valuing very highly his membership in the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines.

Mr. Early's home life has been a happy one in many ways. In June, 1888, he was wedded to Agnes Waddell, a native of Wisconsin and the daughter of Christopher Waddell. To them were born two children: Ruth I., a graduate of St. Catherine's College of Davenport, Iowa, and Esther Early, who is deceased.

ASA PLATT.

To the mind of the historian and biographer the term "pioneer" appeals with an irresistible force and entices investigation which latter-day annals do not require. Such investigation is productive of a wealth of historical material which appeals to the general reader as no other inscribed records present. To his mind, to have been a pioneer and one of the great and noble army of men who have created a wealthy and prosperous neighborhood out of