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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Lehfeldt,
Rudolph C. H. - Represented Crawford, Harrison and Monona Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Dec 1840 Curau by Lubeck, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary Witt 2 Nov 1864

② Mary Schroeder 1880

③ Sophia Leptien 5 Jan 1894

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership German Lutheran

5. Sessions served 25th, 26th General Assemblies 1894, 1896

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Jan 1917 Denison, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Denison, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Ludwig; Herman; Mrs John Schroeder;
by 2nd wife - William; by 3rd wife - Hertha; Eldon;
Martha; Emma; Carl

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Education in the public schools of Germany

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- While yet in Germany he became interested in the sheep industry
- In 1870 he came to America locating at Denison and purchased 213 acres of land in Crawford County.
- For 15 years he operated this farm and in 1885 moved to Montana where he engaged in the sheep business until 1890 when he returned to Crawford County living on his farm for a year.
- He then purchased the 392 acre farm of L. C. Goodrich where he extensively fed sheep until 1901.
- In 1901 he moved to Denison where he lived at death.
- His first wife, Mary, died in 1873.

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wife Miss Sophia Leption, who still survives him. This union was blessed with five children, Hertha, Eldor, Martha, Erma and Carl.

Mr. Lehfeldt was naturally of a retiring disposition, enjoying the quiet of his home and the society of his friends rather than the notoriety

which comes from political preferment. In 1894 he was elected state senator and represented this district

during the four succeeding years when the general assembly was in session. It was his popularity that induced the

republicans to turn to him to make the race against Senator Bolter, who had long held the office of state senator.

Mr. Lehfeldt was reluctant to enter the contest, but finally yielded to his friends and entered the race, which resulted in his election.

His republican friends, no doubt, found more pleasure in his election than he did himself and there is no doubt but what he was gratified when his term expired and he could retire from office, the duties of which had at no time been attractive to him.

His reputation for honesty and integrity was never questioned and his word was as good on any proposition as a bond.

His domestic life was an ideal one and his supreme happiness was in the enjoyment of the society of his devoted wife and children.

In his death the community has suffered a loss of an upright and honored citizen and his family a devoted husband and father.

The funeral services will be held from the residence on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Wm. Frese, pastor of the German Lutheran church, officiating, after which the remains will be laid to rest in Oakland cemetery.

Arion Is Taken into the Circuit

HARLAN, Ia., Jan. 29—Arion is the new town in the Big Eight Circuit of county fairs. It was admitted to the circuit at the meeting at Harlan to which Bert Jack and Carl Hoffman were delegated from the local association.

A purse of \$400 for each of the six races to be given at the fair next season will be offered and there will be the same classes as last year.

The towns now in the circuit with Audubon are Arion, Sac City, Carroll, Harlan, Avoca, Audubon and Guthrie Center. The dates for the fair have been set and the fair will be held on the week of September 3 to 7.

Defiance Union Revival

DEFIANCE, Ia., Jan. 30—All the churches here have united in the big revival meeting conducted by the W. T. McCandless and Zaker party.

Some, who were given notice, took their stand for Christ and the Sabbath schools of all the churches were doubled and two trebled.

Each night reservations in the church have been made for classes at home or delegations from out of town. In all about sixty-one have professed conversion

DEATH OF HON. R. C. H. LEHFELDT

Sudden Death Occurred at Home on West Chestnut Street This City on Sunday Evening Last.

HEART TROUBLE WAS CAUSE

Funeral Services to be Held Thursday Afternoon at 1:30 O'Clock, Rev. Frese Officiating.

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Rudolph C. H. Lehfeldt, which occurred Sunday evening at his home on West Chestnut street, came as a surprise to the residents of Denison and has caused profound sorrow in the community.

Mr. Lehfeldt, up until a week ago, was enjoying his usual good health, being able to come up town each day, but early last week he contracted a bad cold and upon the advice of the attending physician he remained in bed.

Saturday he showed marked improvement and on Sunday he felt so well that he dressed and spent the day visiting with his family and a few friends who called.

Late Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. B. Brodersen called upon him and while conversing with them, Mr. Lehfeldt complained of a severe pain in his chest and gasping, fell back on the lounge dead.

The cause of his death is attributed to heart failure. The deceased was a native of Germany, being born at Curan by Lubeck on the 28th day of December in the year 1840, and thus at the time of his death was slightly over 76 years of age.

He attended the public schools of Germany and later became interested in the sheep industry. In 1870 he came to America, locating at Denison and purchased 213 acres of land in Crawford. For fifteen years he conducted this farm and in 1885 moved to Montana, where he engaged in the sheep business until 1890, when he again returned to Crawford county, living on the old home farm for a year, when he purchased the L. C. Goodrich farm of 392 acres.

On this he engaged extensively in feeding sheep until 1901 when he retired from the farm and moved to Denison, erecting a beautiful modern home on West Chestnut street, where he lived until his death.

On the 2d of November, 1864, Mr. Lehfeldt was married to Miss Mary Witt, who died in 1873, leaving four children, namely, Ludwig, of Billings, Mont., Herman, Mrs. John Schroeder,

and a daughter, Mrs. John Molt, also a resident of Billings. In 1880 Mr. Lehfeldt was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Schroeder, by whom he had one son, William, who resides at Billings, Mont.

On the 5th of January, 1894, Mr. Lehfeldt married for his third

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Perfect Sewer System. The sewer system is connected to a two-compartment septic tank. The pipes are one foot thick hollow

and plastered on the inside with brick backing below grade line and artistic-stone blocks above the grade line on the outside. One of the unique features of the basement is the concrete base or mop board designed and

it in by the pastor and his helpers. Another feature of the building is the chimney, which is 13x17 inches inside measure and towers 50 feet from its base.

The three broad flights of steps lead from sidewalks to auditorium grade through artistic steel railings.

Rev. Adams designed the improvements in every detail even to the placing and installation of the furnace and performed much of the labor.

The Ladies' aid has equipped the kitchen with a large range with a 30 gallon hot water attachment and with racks of dishes and kitchen furniture.

The dining room is equipped with 7 large folding tables designed by the pastor at which 125 may be seated.

The whole basement except kitchen, and the furnace room can be thrown together giving a seating capacity of 100 for lectures or any other seated

dance. The utmost harmony has prevailed in the working out and execution of this epoch making enterprise for the first Methodist Episcopal church of Denison for soon this peer of church services will be dedicated.

SESSIONS THIS WEEK.

The Methodist church of America is setting forth great efforts to inform membership and the public generally to mission work, both at home and abroad.

Just now it is western Iowa which is the storm center, both for snow and wind, and mission enthusiasm. Denison comes in for its share of both Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Three men, who have devoted their lives to missions, will speak at the local church, and what they say will be of profit to all interested. The sessions are Wednesday night and Thursday forenoon, afternoon and evening.

At the head of a speakers comes Dr. Richards, who is a few years in the Methodist church a mission worker. He has spent over twenty-five years in Africa and translated the bible into numerous languages and dialects.

He has been in Denison before and his talks are wonderful. With him are Dr. Vansledright and Dr. Roland, two veterans of the field.

There can well be a large turnout of Denison people interested in mission work to hear them. Dr. W. H. Noble, the district superintendent, will preside. Representatives from Dows and Dunlap are also slated to be present.

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