

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Winkhouse Rufus W. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Cedar County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1850 Maryland

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Anna Smiley 1875  
② Mrs. Flora Milnes 1926 Fairfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Helped organize four banks - two in Illinois, one in Indiana and one in Iowa; Iowa; director of the White Pigeon Mutual Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 26<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1896

6. Public Offices

A. Local Cedar County Board of Supervisors 6 years

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

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

7. Death 2 Dec. 1933 West Liberty, Iowa; Lewis & Oakridge Cemetery

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - George W.; A. J.; Verda (Mrs. Mountain); Myrtle J.; Fred W.; Nell (Mrs. Albrecht); Clarence (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education Educated by his parents

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He came to America with his parents in 1853 settling on a farm in Sugar Creek Township of Cedar County, Iowa
- He taught school, farmed and worked in his father's lime kiln



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Age seemed to make little differ-  
ence to her and she was active in the  
work of the church until the very  
last week of her earthly life. She  
was president of the Ladies Aid  
Society when they took over the pro-  
ject of the dining hall at the fair  
grounds. She was past president  
of Floriculture Society, was a char-  
ter member of the Pythian Sisters.

Her husband preceded her in  
death March 21st, 1920. Mrs. Wag-  
ner passed to her eternal reward,  
Dec. 1st, 1933 aged 75 years, 7  
months and 4 days. She leaves to  
mourn her departure besides her  
two daughters, one grandson, Ray  
and his wife, Oneta Hazlett; two  
sisters Mrs. Fannie Leabhart of Tip-  
ton, and Mrs. Susie Gibson, of Win-  
terset; one brother Harry Barnes of  
Vallie Falls, Kansas.

### R. W. Hinkhouse

Early Saturday evening death  
came to Rufus W. Hinkhouse, one  
of the best known citizens of this  
vicinity, who had been in failing  
health for some time, though it was  
not until a few weeks ago that his  
condition became alarming.

Funeral services were held Mon-  
day morning at 10 o'clock, from the  
Presbyterian church. Mr. Hink-  
house's cousin, Rev. A. E. Kiser, of  
Creston, conducted the services, as-  
sisted by Rev. C. E. Burdine, local  
pastor. Burial was made at Oak-  
ridge cemetery. Six of the grand-  
sons were pall bearers.

The following appreciative sketch  
of Mr. Hinkhouse was used in the  
service:

R. W. Hinkhouse was born in the  
State of Maryland about six miles  
south of the war-torn Gettysburg,  
Pennsylvania, in the year 1850. His  
parents were of German nativity,  
with strict Lutheran religious affil-

the Downey Savings Bank. Al-  
though being an independent voter  
and preferring personalities to par-  
ties, he was a life-long Democrat,  
and as such served six years as a  
member of the Board of Supervisors  
of Cedar County, during four years  
of which he was chairman of that  
Board. He was his party's candi-  
date as representative and duly elec-  
ted as a member of the 26th Gener-  
al Assembly of the State of Iowa.  
He was a pioneer patron of the  
White Pigeon Mutual Insurance  
Company, and served as a director  
of that institution.

Few people outside of his immed-  
iate family were given to under-  
stand the affection, tenderness and  
generosity of him whose charities  
were unknown and preferably un-  
sung.

Although he has known for sever-  
al weeks that his summons (in the  
form of an incurable malady) were  
written, waiting but for delivery,  
by the strength of his faith in the  
Deity he did not allow this know-  
ledge, in health nor even in illness,  
to cast a pall of gloom over his per-  
sonality. To those who understood  
him, there is left an indelible mem-  
ory of the gentleness and resigna-  
tion that marked the last days of R.  
W. Hinkhouse.

He died at his home in West Lib-  
erty, Iowa, December 2, 1933, aged  
eighty-three years, three months,  
fifteen days.

When funeral plans were complet-  
ed, about 10 o'clock Saturday even-  
ing, Mrs. Olbrich dispatched a cable-  
gram to the sister in China, advis-  
ing the fact of their father's death  
and the date and hour of the ser-  
vices. Seven hours and 40 minutes  
later a reply was received from Dr.  
Hinkhouse.

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custom and language, to become  
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munity of his adoption. After he  
migrated to Iowa with his parents in  
1853, and under their tutelage, he  
learned the English language to the  
exclusion of the Old World tongue,  
and became allied in membership  
with the Sugar Creek Presbyterian  
Church in Cedar County, Iowa, and  
maintained his membership in that  
religious institution to the day of  
his death.

The story of his life is not only  
parallel with, but is essentially a  
part of, the story of the advance-  
ment of Eastern Iowa. With axe  
and plow, he assisted in the trans-  
formation of prairie and forest to  
modern hamlet and homesteads.

Unusually active as a young man,  
his major agricultural pursuits were  
varied with the teaching of school  
during a period of physical disabili-  
ty and with the burning of lime in  
his father's pioneer lime kiln in  
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- Mrs. R. W. Hinkhouse,  
George Hinkhouse and family,  
Jay Hinkhouse and family,  
Verda Mountain and family,  
Myrtle Hinkhouse,  
Fred Hinkhouse and family,  
Nell Olbrich and family.

**James A. Westfall.**

After a long illness, James West-  
fall died Saturday at his home on  
Calhoun street, where funeral ser-  
vices were held Tuesday afternoon,  
in charge of Rev. C. E. Burdine of  
the Presbyterian church. The burial  
was in Oakridge cemetery.

James A. Westfall, son of Joseph  
and Ann Gray Westfall, was born  
near Gray's Ford in Cedar county,  
Jan. 1, 1859.

In early childhood he and an old-  
er sister were bereft of the care of  
a mother, and a few years later the  
word came from the battlefield of  
the south of the death of the father,  
who was one among the first to re-  
spond to the call of President Lin-  
coln for volunteers at the outbreak  
of the Civil War.

The grandparents of these two  
children, Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer  
Gray, took the children into their  
home where they grew to maturity,  
sharing the comforts and privileges  
of the home and always regarding  
the grandmother as mother, for in  
reality she was the only mother they  
knew.

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they came to Iowa from Ohio in  
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as Gray's Homestead in Cedar Co.

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He was married a second time in 1926 at Fairfield, Iowa, to Mrs. Flora Milnes, who also survives.

Being a man of great vigor, unquestioned purpose, and splendid judgment, in his mature years he was essentially a part of the commercial and political life of his community, as well as being typical of its advancement in agriculture. He assisted in the organization of four banks, two in Wilton, one in Atalissa, and one in Downey, and rendered signal service on the directorates. He was for a time vice-president and in turn president of

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Always he was ready to lend a helping hand to a neighbor or friend, or to anyone in distress. Because he was blessed with an unusually cheerful disposition, throughout his long years of affliction he never complained, and had a smile always for family or the friends who called.

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 30, 1882, he was united in marriage with Hannah B. Crew, and in this Thanksgiving Day of 1933, also Nov. 30, he and his wife celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

To this union three children were born, Mrs. Fern Birkett and Roy A. Westfall of West Liberty, and Floyd S. Westfall of Pasadena, Calif, who with their mother, and the three grand children, Bevelyn Westfall, Lindley and Susannah Birkett are left to mourn.

The greater part of his life was spent near the place of his birth, but for seven years he was engaged in business in Tipton. Six years also were spent in Downey, before he re-

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