

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Van Hatten, George Hamilton Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Taylor County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Feb 1847 Rock Port, Atchison County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Selina Abigail Jenks 23 Dec 1866 Lenox, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Secretary of the Western Horticultural Society and the Southwestern Society

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, I.O.O.F., G.A.R., Colonel of the Iron Horse of Iowa; Secretary of the State Fair Board;

C. Profession Editor; radio travel lecturer; farmer; nurseryman; trucked dairyman; ordained minister;

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1896, 1898

6. Public Offices 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly 1907

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State He was member of the Board of Trustees, Iowa Agricultural College and Iowa State University; Iowa State University Iowa Farmers' Institute & Progressive; first secretary of the Iowa Department of Agriculture

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

7. Death 17 Oct 1930 Lenox, Iowa; buried West View Cemetery, Lenox, Iowa

8. Children Southall (predeceased her father both in 1914); W.C.; Margie (Mrs. Carrans);

Clara Myrtle (Mrs. Boyer); A. H. M. B. Vernon B.; Mary Bell; Mrs. A. Dawson; Bessie (Mrs. Mackham)  
(Two other children predeceased their father as does)

9. Names of parents John Henry Falkner and Elizabeth Ann (Kent) Van Hatten

Van Houten, George H.

10. Education He had never had a chance to go to school so when a daughter was  
age 12 he attended the same rural school with her. His three  
children became a teacher in Jefferson Bedford Iowa

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his family in 1848, settling on the Middle River  
about 5 miles east of Hartsvort.
- In 1850 they moved 2 miles northwest of Lewis Grove in Cass County  
They then moved into Taylor County Iowa near the town of Trinity in 1855
- Military service - Civil War - Company E, 4th Missouri Cavalry, but was  
rejected several times earlier because of his young age, but successfully accepted  
by Missouri
- He became prominent in his neighborhood, was a great reader of books and  
acquired a great knowledge of world affairs. He became a great  
debater and influential speaker of political affairs of the day.
- He was the Republican nominee in 1891 for Iowa Lieutenant Governor.
- He received an appointment in the U.S. Secret Service in 1893 and toured Hawaii.
- He gave travelogue lectures before schools and other audiences.
- He was a Methodist Church minister at Lewis Grove for a time.
- He traveled to the Holy Land, European countries, Japan, China, India, Africa, Egypt,  
Mexico, Alaska and Canada.
- He contributed his knowledge from his travels to newspapers, magazines  
and writing several of his own books.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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Geo. H. Van Hook  
Rep. 26 S. C. 8<sup>th</sup> Dist. Lerock, Ga.

# DEATH CAME TO LECTURER AT AGE OF 83

HON. G. H. VAN HOUTEN WAS  
KNOWN AS WORLD  
TRAVELER

DIED AT LENOX, IA.

Famous as Radio Speaker in Lat-  
er Years; Early Leader  
In Agriculture

The following article was taken  
from the Hannandoah Sentinel  
under date of Oct. 17:

G. H. Van Houten, 83, world  
traveler, has taken his last earth-  
ly journey. The grand old man  
died at 1:40 o'clock this morning

at the home of his son in Lenox.  
Known better in later years as  
a radio lecturer on travel from  
KPFP and KMA, Van Houten  
was a leader in agriculture in  
Iowa for many years, being the  
first secretary of the state de-  
partment of agriculture. He serv-  
ed two different terms. Mr. Van  
Houten was formerly secretary  
of horticulture and the Iowa  
State Fair Association.

Service in the state legislature  
from Taylor county and republi-  
can nomination for lieutenant  
governor in 1891 were among the  
political honors he received.

It was his ambition to visit all  
nations and he made many trips  
around the globe. His last was  
when he was past eighty, visit-  
ing Palestine, Egypt, and other  
foreign lands, returning to give  
travel experiences over the ra-  
dio with his great memory of  
places and events.

Born, February 24, 1847, in  
Rock Port, Mo., he moved to  
Iowa with his parents a year lat-

er in Madison County, Iowa, Cass  
county was his home in 1852 and  
he came to Taylor county in  
1855. Enlisting from Lexington,  
Ia., in 1863, several times he was  
rejected as unfit for U. S. Army  
service. He later enlisted in Com-  
pany E, 4th Missouri Cavalry and  
was mustered out in 1865, becom-  
ing a plainsman.  
When living in Taylor county



G. H. Van Houten

he was a farmer, gardener, and  
secretary of the Western Horti-  
cultural Society and the South-  
western Society, his services, ex-  
tended twenty-nine elections, fin-  
ally declining the last one. He  
was a member of the board of  
trustees of Iowa Agricultural  
College and secretary and manag-  
er Iowa Farmers (Institute Or-  
ganization) 4 years. The Republi-  
cans nominated him for lieuten-  
ant governor in 1891. He was a  
member of representatives 26th  
General Assembly of Iowa, Can-  
ada, Alaska, India, Egypt, Ha-  
waii (where he was in the sec-  
retary service of the Hawaiian gov-  
ernment in 1893) and Jerusalem  
were among the unusual coun-  
tries he visited.

As a young man he was pas-  
tor of the Methodist church at  
Lenox where his lectures on  
Bible Lands first attracted wide  
attention. Mr. Van Houten made  
thousands of radio friends in  
talks from KMA and KPFP.

He had been ill many weeks,  
taking sick while employed here.  
Several places were visited in  
quest of health. Uranenic pois-  
oning was the cause of his death.  
For a number of weeks he was  
in Red Oak under special care  
and more recently was taken to  
the home of his son in Lenox.  
Mr. Van Houten was prominent  
in the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Van Houten is survived by  
his wife who is living in Lenox,  
and by the following sons and  
daughters: M. B. Van Houten, V.  
Van Houten and Mrs. Mary D.  
Bell, all of Bellingham, Wash-  
ington; Mrs. Wm. Barrans, and  
W. C. Van Houten, both of Len-  
ox; A. W. Van Houten of Daven-  
port, Iowa; Mrs. R. H. Dawson  
of Veradale, Wash.; Mrs. Bessie  
McElhern of Maryville, Calif.;  
and Mrs. C. O. Boyer of Creton,  
Iowa. Two daughters and one  
son preceded him in death.

Later—Funeral services were  
held at 2:30 o'clock Sunday af-  
ternoon, October 19, at Lenox.  
Rev. Floyd L. Shepard conducted  
the services. A Masonic service  
was held at the Lenox cemetery.

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who can "introduce the speaker of  
the evening" with polished grace and  
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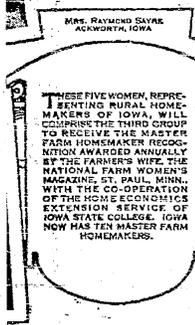
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THESE FIVE WOMEN, REPRESENTING RURAL HOME-MAKERS OF IOWA, WILL COMPETE IN THIRD CONTEST TO RECEIVE THE MASTER FARM HOMEMAKER REGORNTON AWARDED ANNUALLY BY THE FARMER'S WIFE, THE NATIONAL FARM WOMEN'S MAGAZINE, ST. PAUL, MINN., WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION SERVICE OF IOWA STATE COLLEGE. IOWA NOW HAS TEN MASTER FARM HOMEMAKERS.

good herds of cattle. Donald and James Bowman have secured three calves, two being Herefords and one Angus. Virgil Lee bought a good Hereford calf last week. Louis Peterson has two extra good Shorthorns which his father raised. Dwight Carmonick was again fortunate in being able to select three good steers from the calves raised on their own place. There also are several new members among the high school students, most of whom already have secured calves. Prof. Johnson having assisted them in making their selection. Several more members too, other than any of the above, are ready to be accepted. It will have a very keen fight to see if we would have quite a baby beef club in the county again next year, and at least the average number of calves on feed.

Corn husking time is at hand. In a week or two more the bangbeards will be rattling before sun up, and the rattle of the elevator engine be heard after a sun down. All of which reminds us—and we hereby remind our readers, that we have several corn variety tests and comparison plots this year. To get the most good out of these plots people should be present at the husking and weighing of them.

Methods of grading grain, requirements for different grades, grain inspection and the newly developed method of grain inspection in transit are among the subjects which will be explained in a grain grading school to be held in Red Oak on October 23 in the library building.

The meeting is being held through the co-operation of the Federal Grain Inspection Service at Iowa State College, the Montgomery County Farm Bureau and elevators of Montgomery county and surrounding counties co-operating. The meeting will open at 8:30 a. m.

All elevator managers, county agents and farmers who wish to know more of grain grades and how inspection is made are being invited to attend. The Farmer's Grain Dealer's Association and the Western Grain Dealers' Association are notifying elevator managers of the meeting. These men from the Federal Inspection Service and members of the Extension Service Staff will conduct the meeting.

A complete outfit of grain grading equipment, exhibits and movie films will be provided for the meeting by the Federal Inspection men. Opportunity will be given for those attending the meeting to ask any questions they wish concerning the inspection service and grades of grain which they do not clearly understand.

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Iowa Union Farmer: Dennis Ryan of Corning, Iowa, recently chosen as member of the Farmers' Union Board of Directors marketed two cars of Red earlings at Chicago which were sold Monday, September 29th, by the Farmers' Union Live Stock Commission. These cattle were mixed steer and offer Hereford yearlings raised and at on Mr. Ryan's farm which is located about six miles from Corning. The cattle were fattened on corn, oil seed and clover hay. Thirty-five of the steers sold on a special order to Morris Company for slaughter at one of the return seaboard packing houses.

Mr. Ryan operates around six hundred acres of land near Corning and as a reputation as a feeder of high grade beef cattle. At present he is a candidate for member of the State Legislature in Iowa from his district. Adams county and has the support of best wishes of every Farmers' Union member for his success.

The Regular Customer—"I think I'll be some fish."  
The French Waitress—"Pardon, monsieur, the fish—he is not well today."

G. H. VAN HOUTEN DIES AT HOME AT LENOX IOWA

Was Well-Known Traveler, Lecturer, Writer

G. H. Van Houten, 63, writer, traveler and lecturer, familiarly known here because of his talks over the Shenandoah radio stations for the past few years, died at his home in Lenox, Iowa, Friday morning, at 1:40 o'clock, after being bedfast since August last from illness, due to a stroke of paralysis he had several weeks earlier. Leaving the hospital in Shenandoah early in August because of his dislike at being confined in such an institution, he was taken to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Roper, at Creston. Here he refused to be satisfied and expressed a wish to come to Red Oak to the home of Mrs. Laura McCormick, where he had stopped on previous visits here.

Came to Red Oak His wish was granted and he was brought here and remained bedfast in the Mrs. McCormick boarding house under the care of Mrs. George Ashley, as nurse, until three weeks ago when he was taken to his home in Lenox, where he died.

George Hamilton Van Houten was born at Rockport, Mo., February 24, 1847. When one year old, his parents moved to Madison county, Iowa, and he has lived in Iowa since that time. He moved to Cass county with his parents in 1855 and to Taylor county in 1863, locating at Lexington, now an obsolete village in Taylor county. That same year after being rejected several times because of his age for U. S. service in the Civil War, he successfully enlisted in Co. E, Fourth Missouri cavalry and became a platoonman, receiving an honorable discharge in 1865.

Became School Teacher After his discharge he returned to his home in Taylor county where he married and followed the vocation of farming and the nursery business. He had been married sixty-four years last December. Having never had the opportunity of attending school, when his daughter was twelve years old, he attended the same rural school with her, and later became a teacher in that school near Bedford. He became teacher of his daughter.

Possessed with the faculty of studying and learning details every subject matter that came to his attention, he developed considerable knowledge of the nursery and was successful. He became a great reader of books and acquired an unusual knowledge of world affairs, first coming into prominence in his immediate neighborhood as a debater at literary societies and as an influential speaker of political issues of that day.

Was Active Because of his active life in Taylor county, he became secretary of the Western Iowa Horticultural society and the Southwestern society. He was elected a member of the board of trustees of Iowa Agricultural college and secretary and manager of the Iowa Farmers' Institute organization. Gaining in political prominence in 1891 he became the republican nominee for lieutenant-governor. At this time he was also serving as colonel of the Iowa Division Sons of Veterans. Receiving an appointment in the U. S. secret

service in 1893, he made a tour of the Hawaiian Islands. Returning to his home in Taylor county he gave lectures on Hawaiian affairs and life before schools and other audiences. Being a student of the Bible he was ordained to the ministry and was local minister of the Methodist church in Lenox for a time. He served as a member of the state legislature three terms from Taylor county in the 26th, 27th and 28th General Assemblies.

Traveled Widely Mr. Van Houten also served at one time as secretary of the Iowa State Fair association and was the first secretary of the Iowa Department of Agriculture. Interested in Bible study, he had a desire to visit the lands of Bible history and thus became endowed with the hobby of traveling to gather information for his lectures as well as for the satisfaction of procuring a definite knowledge of the world.

He made three trips to the Holy Lands in Palestine and also visited the most of the European countries. He made trips to Japan, China, India, Africa, Egypt, Mexico, Alaska, through Canada into the Behring Sea country, besides visiting most every state in the United States.

Wrote Books Mr. Van Houten contributed many stories of his travels and the countries through which he traveled to newspapers and magazines, besides writing several good books.

After his many travels and after he became aged, he said: "I am impressed with the thought that America, and especially that part we call the United States, is of all places and countries the best, and most worthy of our inspection and enthusiastic support. I have tried to impress this in addresses to schools and gatherings; trying to stimulate admiration and love of country. The object lesson one gets in travel impress these thoughts on the careful observer. Surely we live in a goodly land. Let us strive to leave it better than we found it."

Had 12 Children When Mr. Van Houten began his travels he was seen very infrequently by his wife and children. He was the father of twelve children, nine of which are living and have married. He has twenty-four grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Realized his widow, who lives at home, is now 85 years of age, and has many years, he is survived by the following children: W. C. Van Houten, an attorney, and Mrs. Marge Barrens, of Lenox; Mrs. Myrtle Roper, of Creston; A. W. Van Houten, of DeWaver; M. B. Van Houten, Vernon B. Van Houten, Mrs. Mary Bell and Mrs. All Dawson of Bellingham, Wash., and Mrs. Beale McElhenn, living in California.

Mr. Van Houten was a Mason, Odd Fellow, Methodist and a member of the G. A. R. post at Bedford, Iowa. Funeral services were held at Lenox Sunday afternoon, Rev. Floyd E. Shepard of the Methodist church there conducting the services. A Masonic service was held at the Lenox cemetery where burial was made.—Red Oak Express.

Read the advertisements in the Free Press.

TURNER FAVORS ADOPTION OF NEW ASSESSMENT BASIS

Declares Old Plan Is Out Of Date

Bloomfield, Iowa, October 21, Special—Tax revision, equalization of assessments of property, and reduction of the cost of government will be among the important issues with which the Iowa Legislature must deal in the coming session. Dan W. Turner, Republican candidate for Governor, declared in an address here today.

"When our present method of taxation was adopted about 70 years ago, the general property tax was then the best measure of ability to pay, for the



DAN TURNER

reason that nearly all wealth was tangible, consisting of lands, flocks, herds, and other personal property but with the passage of time, the measure of tangible wealth has increased to the point where it equals, or exceeds, the intangible property. This intangible property, comprising approximately 50% of the wealth of the state, pays but about 3% of the taxes. No effort is now being made to reach a large part of this intangible wealth, and the intangible property which is now subject to assessment can very conveniently find its way into hiding. Therefore, our present method must be superseded by some form of taxation which is more clearly a measure of the ability of the taxpayer to pay," Mr. Turner declared.

Mr. Turner also declared that a new and more uniform "yardstick of measurement" must be adopted as the basis for our assessment of property. The investigations of the state board of assessment and review have revealed that property is assessed in the state of Iowa from 10% up to 85%, and in some instances, to 100% of its value. This is an intolerable condition, Mr. Turner said, and must be remedied.

"The law creating the state board of assessment and review and its interpretation by the Courts, and the experience of that board, should be carefully analyzed by the next legislature, and the law strengthened, if it must be, to give the board the necessary power to bring about fair and equal assessment of all property for taxation, so that the burden of the property tax shall be fairly and equitably distributed."

"Another question of vital concern to every citizen of Iowa is the question of the ever-mounting cost of government. Unless the wealth of the state is increasing, we cannot view with composure the increase in our governmental expenses. No business could continue to exist with an ever-mounting overhead cost without an increase in its value. We must adopt business methods in government, and secure a greater return for the tax dollar.

"By careful co-operation with the budget department, and by strengthening the budget laws, if necessary, I am positive that material reductions can be made. "All of these questions have had careful study by legislative committees, and I have no doubt we shall see a fair and sound revision of our tax system on a basis that will be equitable to all, and a reduction of governmental costs which will materially benefit the people of our state. "We must bear in mind that when the farmers of the State prosper, every other business in the State prospers with them. We are pledged to do everything within our power to restore that state of independence to the man who tills the soil that he can receive a fair remuneration for his work, can live in some degree of comfort, and can educate his children with the hope that they may achieve financial independence, and own the land they till as the result of their labors."

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ARCH W. MCFARLANE, President of the Senate

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John B. Truax, representative from Buchanan county, was born in Indiana in 1859. In 1864 he moved to Iowa with his parents who settled on a farm in the northern part of Buchanan county. He followed the occupation of farmer until 1884, when he met with an accident which made it impossible for him to continue. He worked in a general store for a number of years, and in 1898 was elected county recorder for Buchanan county and served twenty consecutive years. During that time he purchased a set of abstract books and followed that occupation for a number of years. He was married to Ella O. Lawrence of Hazelton, Iowa, November 7, 1880, and to them was born one daughter who is now the wife of A. J. Schuette, who is the proprietor of the book store in Independence. Mr. Truax was a member of Independence Lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M., and was its secretary for twenty-six years. He was also a member of O. E. S. and of the Methodist Church. He was always a republican in politics. He was elected representative of the Sixty-seventh District in 1924 and re-elected in 1926 and 1928.

Mr. Truax was greatly handicapped physically for a number of years, being unable to walk without the aid of a cane, and in his latter years only with crutches. He always bore his affliction patiently, was ever cordial and pleasant, had many friends who esteemed him highly. Was a kind husband and father and as a legislator was highly regarded and well thought of, always showing a Christian spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GISSEL,  
S. R. TORGESON,  
E. M. LICHTY,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

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#### HON. G. H. VAN HOUTEN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Hon. G. H. Van Houten of Taylor County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

George H. Van Houten was born near Rockport, Missouri, Atchinson county, February 24, 1847, and died at Lenox, Iowa, October 17, 1930. In the year 1848, with his parents, he came to Madison County, Iowa, about five miles east of Winterset, moving to Cass county in 1850 near Lewis, then the county seat of Cass county, again in 1855 moving to Taylor county near Conway.

In the year of 1864 he volunteered his service and was accepted in Company E, 4th Missouri Cavalry, United States Service, at Sedalia, Missouri, and was honorably discharged at St. Louis, July 5, 1865.

In 1866 he was married to Salina A. Jenks, a playmate of his childhood days. They began life together near Lenox, Iowa, where twelve children were born to them who grew to maturity, besides helping to raise eight orphan children. On account of poor school facilities and impaired eyesight caused by measles, his education was neglected until when his

joined the Congregational Church. He was a faithful member of both organizations.

He was a member of the Board of Supervisors for six years. At the expiration of his term he was elected a member of the Thirty-second General Assembly on the republican ticket, where he served with honor and distinction to the people of his county and the state of Iowa.

He died March 10, 1930, after an illness of six years. His age was seventy-two years, ten months, and eight days.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the foregoing memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life and character and public service of the Honorable David D. Webster.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this House, and an enrolled copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.*

THEODORE DRAKE,  
RALPH R. HUNT,  
SAMUEL D. WHITING,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

#### HON. WINFIELD SCOTT WITHROW

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable Winfield Scott Withrow, State Representative, reports as follows:

Mr. Withrow was born at Salem, Henry County, Iowa, September 28, 1855, and died at Mount Pleasant, February 7, 1930. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Mount Pleasant.

He attended public school in Salem and was graduated from Whittier College, Salem, Iowa. In 1880 he was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, admitted to the bar and began practice at Salem. He soon thereafter purchased the Salem News and edited it in connection with his law practice. Two years later he disposed of the News and became assistant cashier of the Salem Savings Bank. In 1883 he went to Mankato, Minnesota, as editorial assistant on the Free Press. However, in 1884 he returned to Salem and resumed his duties in the bank and looked after his law practice. In 1884 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. He served on the town council and was also mayor. In 1887 he removed to Mount Pleasant and devoted himself to the practice of law, first in partnership with William J. Jeffries, later with W. F. Kopp, and finally with W. I. Babb. June 15, 1896, Governor Drake appointed him a judge of the newly created Twentieth Judicial District. By reason of elections he continued in that position until April 19, 1913, when he resigned to accept the appointment by Governor Clarke as justice of the supreme court, in which position he served until January, 1915, when he returned to law practice at Mount Pleasant. July 8, 1916, Governor Clarke appointed him a member of the State Board of Parole. He resigned from

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A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIES, TOWNS, ETC.,

GRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF MANY OF ITS LEADING CITIZENS, WAR RECORD OF  
IS VOLUNTEERS IN THE LATE REBELLION, GENERAL AND LOCAL STATIS-  
TICS, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS AND PROMINENT MEN,  
HISTORY OF IOWA AND THE NORTHWEST, MAP OF  
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OUS MATTERS, ETC.

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myra, Missouri, October 26, 1875, to Miss Jane Doney, a native of the Keystone State. They have three children: Margaretta, Helen and Fanny. The doctor is a member of the A. F. & A. M., also a member of the M. E. Church, and is at present treasurer of that association.

THOMPSON, C. H., agriculturist, Lenox, a native of Ripley county, Indiana, was born April 25, 1849, and spent his youth in agricultural pursuits and in acquiring an education. At the age of fourteen, he, with his parents, moved to Buchanan county, Iowa, where young Thompson grew to manhood. In the fall of 1875 he came to Taylor county, and has since made it his home. Subject was married in Scott county, Iowa, in April, 1873, to Miss M. E. Vanwinkle, a native of Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one child, William P., born July 16, 1875. Mr. T., although comparatively young, is a number one business man, and commands the confidence and respect of all who know him. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and at present holds the worthy position of N. G. of Lenox Lodge.

VAN HOUTEN, GEO., farmer and stock-raiser, section nineteen, Lenox, whose portrait will be found with this work, is a native of Atchison county, Missouri; was born February 24, 1847. While yet a child his father, John H. W. Van Houten, moved to Madison county, Iowa. From there he went to Cass county in the spring of 1853, and two years later became a resident of Taylor county. His father died in Adams county in 1863. His mother is yet living and resides in Fremont county, this State. He was married December 23, 1866 to Miss Salina A. Jineks, a native of Pennsylvania. They are the parents of seven children: Darthula, Orzo, Marge, Martel, Vernon, Ahi J, and Arthur. January 4, 1864, he enlisted in company E, Fourth Missouri cavalry, and served until the close of the war. He now resides about two and a half miles south of the flourishing village of Lenox, and is engaged in agricultural and horticultural pursuits. His nursery contains a general variety of all the fruits adapted to this climate, and presents a tasty and systematic appearance. He has a large farm well improved with good buildings, fences, etc. Mr. V. is district deputy of P. of H., and is also a member of the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. fraternities. He has always taken great interest in the schools and churches of the county and is also an earnest worker in the cause of temperance.

WALLS, DAVID, farmer, post-office Lenox, was born on Prince Edwards Island in 1824, and there grew to manhood and cultivated his intellectual powers in the common schools. Emigrated to the United States in 1850, locating in Wisconsin where he remained for a quarter of a century. He came to Taylor county in 1875, purchased 160 acres of land which he has improved and made into a valuable farm. In 1852 he married Miss Mar-

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## NOTABLE DEATHS

FREDERICK MARION HUBBELL was born at Huntington, Fairfield County, Connecticut, January 17, 1839, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, November 11, 1930. The body was laid away in the family tomb in Woodland Cemetery. His parents were Francis Burritt and Augusta (Church) Hubbell. He was educated in their near-by district school, supplemented by three years in Birmingham, now Derby, High School. In 1855 he came to Des Moines and the next day after he arrived secured a clerical position in the office of P. M. Casady, receiver of the United States land office. In 1856 he went to Sioux City, taking a similar position in the land office there. Later he acted as deputy clerk of court, read law and on April 24, 1858, was admitted to the bar in Sioux City. In 1860 he helped organize Sioux County, but in 1861 returned to Des Moines and took employment in the law firm of P. M. Casady and Jefferson S. Polk and the next year became the junior member of the firm. When Judge Casady retired in 1865 the firm became Polk & Hubbell, and so remained until 1887, during which time it devoted its attention chiefly to financial enterprises and the industrial development of Des Moines. They took over and extended the first street railway in the city, they promoted the building of the railroad from Des Moines to Ames, and the building of the railroad to Adel and Fonda, they led in getting the Wabash Railroad into Des Moines, they built the Des Moines Union Railroad, and the Des Moines Water Works, as well as handled many other large enterprises. In 1867 Mr. Hubbell led in organizing the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa. He served the first year as its secretary, was its president from 1888 to 1907, and from that time until his death, was chairman of its board of trustees. After the dissolution of the firm of Polk & Hubbell in 1887 Mr. Hubbell confined his activities principally to real estate investments in Des Moines, and to their development, being the head of the firm of F. M. Hubbell, Son & Co., Inc., Real Estate. Mr. Hubbell was a great business man, having judgment, foresight, and confidence in Des Moines. He did more for Des Moines in a business way than any other man, and is reputed to have built the greatest personal fortune in Iowa. He was the moving spirit in the building and maintaining of the Home for the Aged in Des Moines and was its president from the time of its organization in 1894 until his death.

GEORGE HAMILTON VAN HOUTEN was born at Rockport, Missouri, February 24, 1847, and died at Lenox, Iowa, October 17, 1930. Burial was in the cemetery at Lenox. His parents removed with their family to Madison County, Iowa, in 1848, to Cass County in 1852 and to Lexington, now an abandoned place about four miles northeast of Bedford, in Taylor County, Iowa, in 1855. He attempted to enlist in the Union Army several times in 1863, but was rejected because of his youth, but

on January 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, and was mustered out July 5, 1865. He had but limited opportunities for securing an education, but improved them to advantage. He taught school, preached some, but early engaged in farming, gardening and stock raising, and later became a nurseryman at Lenox. Horticulture greatly occupied his attention. For twenty-five years he was secretary of the Southwestern Iowa Horticultural Society, and was secretary of the Iowa State Horticultural Society from 1887 to 1890, and from 1896 to 1899 inclusively. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Iowa State Agricultural College from 1889 to 1892. In 1891 he was nominated by the Republican party for lieutenant governor, along with Hiram C. Wheeler for governor, but they were defeated by Horace Boies and S. L. Bestow. In 1893 he was in the United States revenue service, his duties taking him to the Hawaiian Islands and to Alaska. In 1895 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1897, serving in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh general assemblies. In 1906 he was again elected representative and served in the Thirty-second General Assembly. In his later years he became a world traveler, circumnavigating the globe and visiting many nations and countries of the world. He visited Palestine and Egypt at different times, making his last visit there when over eighty years of age. He had been farmer, soldier, school-teacher, preacher, nurseryman, editor, real estate dealer, politician, federal revenue officer, legislator, traveler and lecturer. His radio lectures from the Shenandoah stations on his travels made his voice familiar to many thousands.

JOHN R. PRIME was born in Utica, New York, July 4, 1847, and died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 24, 1923. His burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa. In 1855 he was with his parents in their removal to Jonesville, Wisconsin, and in 1857 to Mitchell County, Iowa. Here he grew to manhood, being educated in public school and in Cedar Valley Seminary, Osage. He enlisted from the town of Mitchell, Mitchell County, February 15, 1864, in Company K, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry. July 15, 1865, he was transferred to Company K, Twelfth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out January 20, 1866. He returned to Mitchell County and was appointed deputy county recorder. In 1875 he was elected county auditor, and by re-elections served until 1887. In 1878 he joined the Iowa National Guard and was rapidly promoted until he became a major, and in 1884 was assistant inspector general. From February 1, 1894, to February 1, 1896, during Governor Jackson's administration, he was adjutant general. He was largely accredited with the management of state authority in handling the so-called Kelly's Army in Council Bluffs and on across the state. September 14, 1899, he was commissioned major of the Forty-second Regiment U. S. Volunteers, and commanded companies E, F, G and H. He was in the Philippines from December 1, 1899, to June 27, 1901, and commanded the regiment part of the time, being mustered out and honorably discharged on this latter date. In 1918 he removed to Minneapolis.

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Van Houten, George H  
Residence  
Occupation  
Date birth 24 Feb 1847 Place 5 mi East of Rockport, Mo.  
Date death 17 Oct 1930 Place Fairview cem. W Place burial Lenox, Ia.  
War record Prvt. E 4 Missouri St. Cav.  
Rank Company Regiment State Organization  
Enlisted Co E (later Co B Consol Detachment) Date Place  
4 Missouri Cav must into U. S. service at Sedalia, Mo Jan 5, 1864; hon. disch at St. Louis, Mo J1 5, 1865. (All officers killed at Battle of the Blue, near Kas City)  
Discharged Date Place

War  
Battles, etc.  
Nearest relatives  
Father John Henry William Nativity Holland  
Mother Elizabeth Kent Nativity  
Wife Selina A. Jenks m. Dec 23, 1866  
Children  
M B Bellingham, Wash  
V " "  
W C Lenox, Iowa  
Marge Barrans  
Abi L. Dawson Veradale, Wash  
Sources Bessie McElhern Marysville, Calif  
Clara Myrtle Boyer, Creston, Ia  
C. G. Hale, Lenox, Ia 16 Je 1941  
Ex-Soldiers Living Iowa 1886: Van Houten Geo. - Lenox/

Department of Iowa  
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Van Houten, George H

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Candidate for Dept Commander 1916

Was known as "Dick" to relatives as a youth.

Children: Mary D. Bell, Bellingham, Wash.  
One son, 2 daus preceded him in death.

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount
Was first Secretary of Iowa Dept Agriculture. Editor for several years. Traveled extensively, visiting all continents except So America. spent some years in Alaska. Was member of 26th, 27th, 32d Gen Assemblies Iowa.		

Suspended Died

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Sedgwick	10	Bedford	30 Je 1883
Tr 25 Ap 1885			rejd 2d term 1918
Lenox	316(67)	Lenox	0. 16, 1886
Sus. 1st Term 1901, Reinst. 2nd Tr. 1902; Sus. 2nd Term 1902;			

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Post No. 316 Endorsement for Dept. Commander: Born Mo in 1847, moved with parents in 1848 to Madison County, Iowa, later to Cass Co., and to Taylor early in 1855, where he has resided since. Early in 1863 enl in Co F 29 Iowa but was rejected. Later enl in Capt John Flick's co for the 8th Iowa Cavalry, but being an over-flow company, it was mustered into the 9th regiment. Again rejected on account of his youth, waited until Dec 1863 when with furloughed soldiers who were returning to duty went to central Mo and enl in Co E, 4th Mo State Militia Cavalry, Capt Joe Parks company, the co. orginally made up at Bedford, Ia, all the commissioned officers & many of co from Taylor County. Saw much active service.					



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**(Writer, Traveler, Lecturer)**

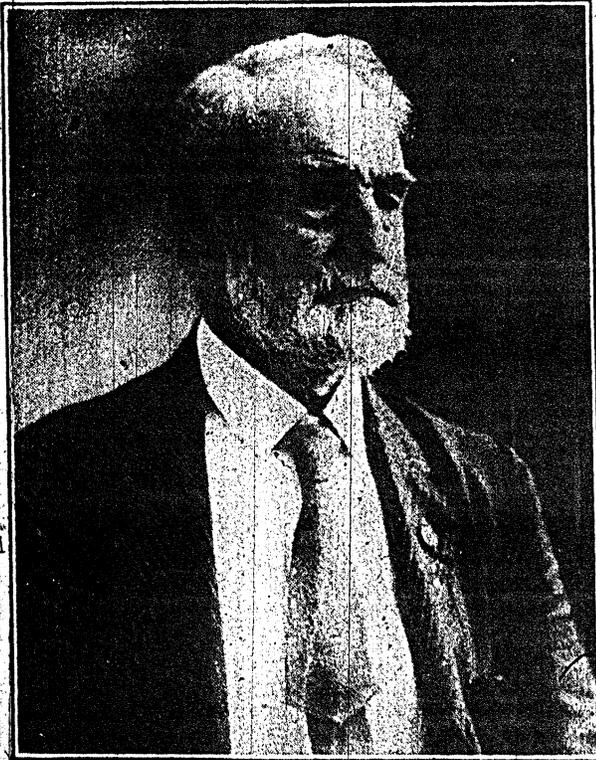
**Shenandoah, Iowa**

1923-24, visited Hawaii and other countries; visited Shenandoah, Iowa, and appeared before the microphone of KFNF Radio Station October 10, 1925. Soon after joined KMA staff and talked on many subjects over radio, and met engagements elsewhere for talks and lectures on various subjects.

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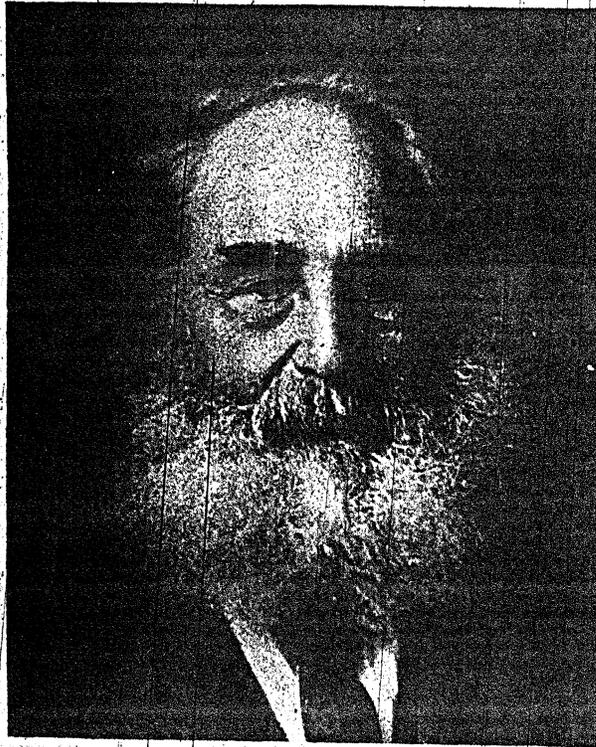
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Departed November 1927, visited most of the countries of Europe, several countries of Asia, and different countries of Africa, returning again to the Holy Land, as in former visits more than a third of a century before. Ready for engagements for talks on the many countries visited. Some of those countries will be heard from in the future; and conditions there menace the peace of the world. I studied peoples, conditions, resources, physical features and have mental pictures of a vast number of places, including cities, towns, villages and countries—that is the country.

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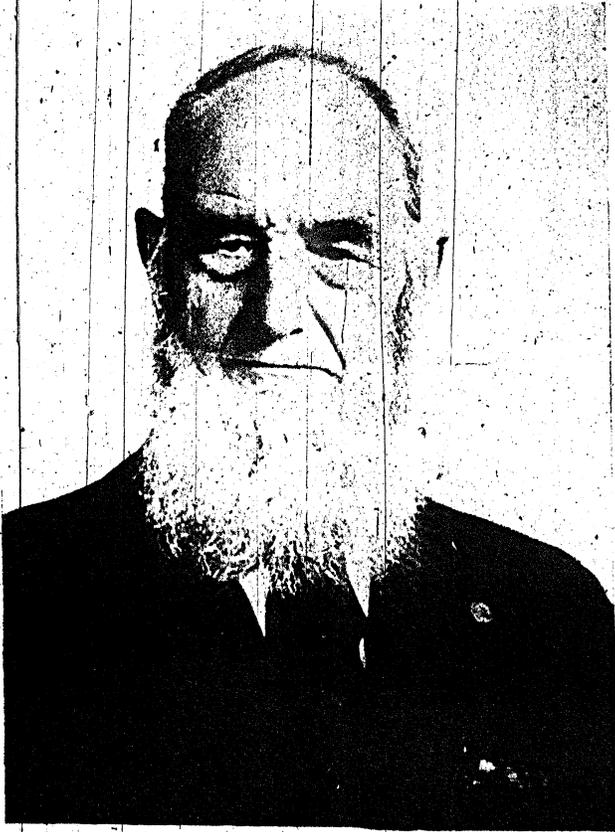
(Writer, Traveler, Lecturer)

Shenandoah, Iowa

On return from the Orient, and to tell people of Travels and other things. Much of suffering from hunger was seen, and many refugees, also many devastated places. Visited Battle Fields; many cemeteries, and especially where American world-war soldiers were buried. In places the ruins of war were as at the signing of the Armistice. Also visited the place of signing of the Armistice, which is preserved as a National Park or reserve, with statues and monuments commemorating events. Some places, scenes and events are only talked about by request, and only thought about when impossible to banish from mind.

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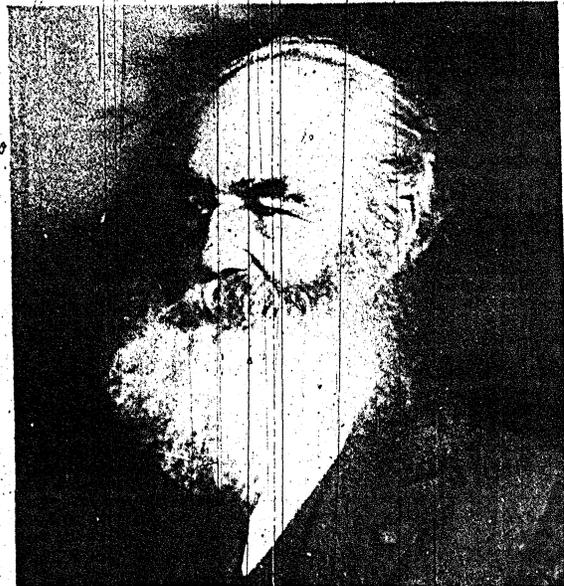


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- 3.62 BUCKNER  
 3.63 father William A. 1862-1946 (metal marker Women's Relief Corp)?  
 3.64 mother Darthula 1867-1914  
 3.65 Mayo H. Buckner 1890-1965  
 3.66 Genevieve Hans dau of N.B. & Mary Shoemaker 1902-1921  
 3.67 Noah B. Shoemaker 1856-1934  
 3.68 Mary Jenks wife of N.B. Shoemaker 1862-1928  
 3.69 Infant son of C.O. & C.M. Boyer Sep 1, 1911  
 3.70 Infant son of C.O. & C.M. Boyer Jun 17, 1923  
 3.71 W.C. VanHouten 1878-1936  
 3.72 Selina A. 1849-1934  
     George H. 1847-1930 Co E 4th Mo Cav 63-65 mason  
     (metal markers- FLT, GAR # 316, & Women's Relief Corp)  
 3.73 Bertha M. VanHouten wife of H.W. Peak 1883-1910  
 3.74 Mary V.H. Bell mother of Francis 1893-19  
 3.75 Francis G. son of Geo. & Mary D. VanHouten Bell 1914-1928  
 3.76 mother July 21, 1907  
 3.77 William E. Inft son of E.C. & F.G. Higgins -1910-  
 3.78 Francis G. wife of E.C. Higgins Jan 30, 1878 - Jan 25, 1921  
 3.79 Edward C. Higgins 1868-1931  
 3.80 Ida May Ross born Nov 23, 1882 died Jan 17, 1906  
 3.81 Albert E. Franklin Mar 23, 1849 - Aug 30, 1904 mason  
     Elizabeth 1847-1937  
 3.82 Clyde Franklin died Mar 8, 1957 ae 73y 11m 29d metal marker  
 3.83 A.R. Franklin Apr 25, 1876 - Jul 6, 1912  
 3.84 Julia wife of A.R. Franklin 1883-1905  
 3.85 Lewis E. son of A.R. & F.E. Franklin Oct 29, 1907 - Nov 2, 1907  
 3.86 Lorenz Gundermann died May 2, 1900 ae 70y 11m 15d  
     Dora his wife died Feb 15, 1912 ae 8ly 5m 12d  
 3.87 father John 1861-1943 mason  
 3.88 GUNDERMAN  
 3.89 mother Annie 1866-1944  
 3.90 William B. son of J. & A. Gunderman died Nov 24, 1899 ae 6y 1m 28d  
 3.91 BOLTINGHOUSE, Floyd E. 1894-1956 (metal marker Am Leg)  
     Ruth N. 1895-19  
 3.92 Betsy A. Brenner 1840-1927  
 3.93 PULLMAN, Lillie M. 1875-1963  
     Eugene H. 1872-1939  
 3.94 PULLMAN, Ralph W. 1909-1973  
     Ruby M. 1912-  
 3.95 George Pullman Mar 8-14, 1934  
 3.96 Henry Hugh infant son of E.H. & L.M. Pullman died Mar 4, 1901 4m 2d  
 3.97 Lempton L. son of L. & N. Wick Apr 25, 1901 - Aug 10, 1901  
 3.98 ARMSTRONG, Eva M. Feb 21, 1887 -  
     Clarence B. Sep 4, 1875 - Aug 31, 1969  
 3.99 ARMSTRONG, Eva M. 1887-19  
     Clarence B. 1875-1969  
     BOLTINGHOUSE, Sarah S. 1860-1938  
     Lewis C. 1854-1951  
 3.100 Harry Jo son of Harlan & Louise Nov 6, 1938  
 3.101 BOLTINGHOUSE

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### Husband

George Hamilton Van HoutenPedigree

**Birth:** 24 FEB 1847 Rock Port, Atchison, Missouri  
**Christening:**  
**Marriage:** 23 DEC 1866 Lenox, Taylor, Iowa  
**Death:** 17 OCT 1930 Lenox, Taylor, Iowa  
**Burial:**

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### Wife

Selina Abigail JenksPedigree

**Birth:** 17 DEC 1849 Meadville, Crawford, Pennsylvania  
**Christening:**  
**Marriage:** 23 DEC 1866 Lenox, Taylor, Iowa  
**Death:** 29 NOV 1934 Lenox, Taylor, Iowa  
**Burial:**

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### Children

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1. Darthula Van HoutenPedigree

Female

**Birth:** 24 NOV 1867 Lenox, Taylor, Iowa  
**Christening:**  
**Death:** 08 SEP 1914  
**Burial:**

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**Parents:****Father:** John Henry William Van Houten

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**Mother:** Elizabeth Ann Kent

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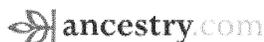
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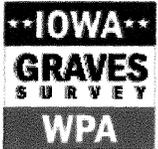
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Home in 1900:	<b>Platte, Taylor, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>53</b>	
Birth Date:	<b>Feb 1847</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Missouri</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Ethnicity:	<b>American</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Relationship to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Spouse's Name:	<b>Selina A</b>	
Marriage year:	<b>1867</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Years Married:	<b>33</b>	
Residence :	<b>Lenox Town, Taylor, Iowa</b>	
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**Born:** 1847  
**Died:** 10-17-1930  
**Cemetery:** OLD FAIRVIEW  
**Location:** LENOX  
**County:** TAYLOR CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:**

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