

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Alberson, Amos Norris Senator Alberson, Amos Norris - Represented Henry and Washington Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Sept 1849 Orange, Ashland County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Hebron 7 Jan 1874 Washington County Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Temple Building Company;

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Rotary; Elm Grove Cemetery secretary; Board of trustees member of Washington County Hospital

C. Profession Broker; plasterer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 27th General Assembly 1898 - Henry Representative

6. Public Offices 28th General Assembly 1900 - Senate

A. Local City councilman; mayor of Washington Iowa for 2 terms and after age 70 elected mayor again; School Board for 15 years

B. State

C. National

7. Death 17 Aug 1931 Monrovia, California; Buried Elm Grove Cemetery,

8. Children Raymond B.; Vera (Mrs. Faith Duell); Washington, Ia

Nina (Mrs. Harry L. Boyer)

9. Names of parents James and Rachel (Andrews) Alberson

Alberson, Amos Harris

10. Education He attended district schools near Orange, Ohio
until age 15

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He spent much of his boyhood in the vicinity of Orange, Ohio
where he helped on the family farm. His mother died in 1853
and he then lived with his Uncle William
- He taught school, raised livestock and farmed.
- In 1865 he came to Henry County, Iowa with a drove of sheep
- In 1867 he arrived in Cranfordville, Washington County, Iowa where
he was an apprentice in the plastering trade.
- In early 1868 he returned to Cleodans, Ohio and engaged in plastering
until Feb 1872 when he returned to Washington County, Iowa
- In Feb 1872 he again engaged in plastering until 1881 when he
began the grocery trade.
- His wife, Sarah, born 24 Jan 1856, died 9 Jan 1919, also
buried in Elm Grove Cemetery, Washington, Iowa.

WILL ROGERS
says:

Haverly Hills, Cal., Aug. 18.—Farm Board destroying every third row of cotton is the nub of a great idea.

What could give more relief than extinguishing every third senator, every third congressman, every third committee, every third stock broker, every third lawyer.

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WILL.

Will Rogers
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Tennis Entries to Close Friday

Interest in the third annual Y. M. C. A. tennis tournament which will start next Monday is increasing every day, but the committee is anxious that everyone who plans to enter, understand that the entries close Friday evening of this week in order to give plenty of time to arrange the pairings.

The rules were published recently and are also available at the Y. M. C. A. as are the entry blanks. Those who plan to enter should do so immediately. The trophies will be on display soon and there are an unusually large number of them, far better than ever before. Every effort will be made to see that the tournament is conducted satisfactorily.

SEES LITTLE NEW

Former Mayor of Washington Dead



A. N. ALBERSTON.

LINDY PLANS TO FLY AGAIN TODAY

MAY HOP OFF FROM SIBERIAN POINT FOR JAPAN TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(U.P.)—The Lindberghs planned to leave Petropavlovsk, Siberia, some time today, according to a relayed cable message received at the navy communications office here. The message said:

"Cable received from Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka, to naval radio, St. Paul. 'Did not hear you after 3:40 P. M. G. M. T. Will leave Petropavlovsk Aug. 18. Shall call you then. Thank you for your great help.'"

The message was signed "Anne Lindbergh."

Harry Macon Given His Master's Degree

Harry Macon, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Macon, has received his master's degree from Columbia university, New York city. He is the first of the week to visit at the home of his parents before going on to his coaching work at Val-

TO BRING BODY HERE; BURIAL AT ELM GROVE

Services Set for Saturday—Four Times Mayor and Prominent Mason

Funeral services for A. N. Alberston were arranged today for two o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church.

The Masons will have a prominent part in the burial services, and detailed plans will be announced when completed.

Amos N. Alberston, 82 years old, for many years prominent in the life of the Washington community, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Garth Deuel, at Moorovia, Calif., and his body will be brought here for interment in Elm Grove cemetery, beside that of his wife.

Word of his death came to Washington this morning in a telegram to L. A. Jones, notifying him that the body will arrive early Friday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Deuel.

Mr. Jones was asked to meet the train and arrange with the local Masonic bodies for funeral services.

Funeral Plans Indefinite

Plans for the funeral services were incomplete this afternoon, awaiting arrival of his son, Raymond B. Alberston of Des Moines, who left Des Moines for Washington shortly before noon today.

The services will be largely Masonic in character. It is expected, because of his prominence in that order, officers of the state Masonic organizations will be here.

Judge Charles A. Dewey of Des Moines, long Mr. Alberston's associate in Iowa Masonry, is notifying other Iowa Masons of Mr. Alberston's death and will assist with funeral arrangements.

Death Not Unexpected

While a shock to his hundreds of friends in this community, Mr. Alberston's death was not altogether unexpected, as he had been failing for several months. His poor health prevented him from attending the dedication of the new Masonic temple in May, and Washington

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...Harry Mason son of Mr. and
...Mrs. D. F. Mason, has received
...his master's degree from Colum-
...bia university, New York city.
...He arrived in Washington the
...first of the week to visit at the
...home of his parents before going
...on to his coaching work at Val-
...ley Junction high school.

...Harry has made an enviable
...name for himself as physical
...training instructor and coach.
...This is his second year at Valley
...Junction, a suburb of Des Moines,
...and last year he had one of the
...best winning teams in the state.
...Before his Valley Junction pos-
...tion he was at Bedford, Iowa,
...where he placed football and
...athletics on a new high level in
...that community.

...The Macon home is the scene
...of much activity this week, as
...Mr. and Mrs. Guy Staunbury of
...Los Angeles, California, are also
...here but will leave for Phoenix,
...Arizona where Guy has accepted
...an advanced position with the
...Studebaker company at that
...place.

...Picnics, family dinners and a
...general good time are in order
...this week and everyone is enjoy-
...ing the family get-together in

FUNERAL OF MRS. KERR

...Funeral services for Mrs. W. E.
...Kerr, who died at Carthage, Mo.,
...will be held at ten o'clock Wed-
...nesday morning at the Dr. W. E.
...Anderson home on East Main
...street, in charge of Rev. A. A.
...Vinz, assisted by Walter East-
...wood. Burial will be at Elm
...Grove. The casket will be open
...this evening at the L. A. Jones
...funeral home, where friends may
...pay their respects.

COUNCIL MEETING

...Routine business took up the
...time of the city council meeting
...yesterday evening. Today City
...Clerk Howard Fulton, Superin-
...tendent Perry Jordan of the water
...and light plant and Councilman
...George Pauls went to Council
...Bluffs to attend the Iowa League
...of Municipalities convention.

ESTELLE TAYLOR ASKS FOR DIVORCE

...LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18—(AP)—
...—Answering a similar suit filed
...by Jack Dempsey in Reno, his
...wife, Estelle Taylor, today sued
...the former heavyweight champion
...for divorce here.

...The actress, in her complaint,
...accused Dempsey of extreme
...cruelty. His Nevada suit filed
...yesterday charged her with men-
...tal cruelty.

...Some of the business visitors
...here yesterday were Charles
...Brooker of South English, Mrs.
...H. S. Morehouse of Noble, and
...Rufus H. Hoffman of Sargoyney.

...Mr. Albersson's death was not at
...together unexpected, as he had
...been ill for several months.
...His poor health prevented him
...from coming to Iowa to attend
...the dedication of the new Maso-
...nic temple in May, and Washing-
...ton people who saw Mr. Albersson at
...the Iowa picnic in southern Cal-
...ifornia a few weeks ago said that
...he had failed considerably.

...When he left here for Califor-
...nia five years ago, he was in fine
...health for a man of his age, en-
...joying life to the full, and on his
...several visits to Washington he
...seemed to have all the old time
...vigor and spirits that character-
...ized his years of activity in the
...community. He had been back ev-
...ery year since going to California
...until this year.

Mayor Four Times

...Few men who ever lived in
...Washington achieved such popu-
...larity as that enjoyed by Amos
...Albersson. He was full of good
...works, always ready to serve his
...town and the people in it, and
...they delighted to give him all the
...honors in their power. He was
...known to nearly everyone, and
...known to most of them as merely
..."Amos."

...He served the county in the
...state legislature years ago and
...then was state senator. Previous
...to that he had been on the city
...council and was mayor for two
...terms. When past 70 years of age
...he was again elected mayor and
...then re-elected, serving four
...years. It was soon after complet-
...ing his last term in the mayor's
...chair that he went to California
...to spend the greater part of each
...year.

Prominent Mason

...It is doubtful if any member of
...Masonry in Iowa ever had more
...honors heaped upon him than Mr.
...Albersson. After serving the Wash-
...ington bodies in every capacity
...he was elevated to offices by the
...state Masonic organizations and
...in turn held the highest office in
...each of them.

...For a long period he was tyler
...of the Iowa grand lodge of Ma-
...sons and in that capacity came to
...know members of the order from
...every town in Iowa. Within the
...past ten years he was grand mast-
...er, filling that post when past 70
...years of age.

Came to Iowa When 16

...Amos Norris Albersson was
...born at Orange, Ashland county,
...Ohio, Sept. 4, 1849. His father,
...James Albersson, a county judge,
...was able to give him a common
...school education.

...At the age of sixteen, moved
...by a rather restless disposition,
...he prevailed on his father to ad-
...vance him the money required to

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SOCIETY NEWS

ANOR FAMILY

JOHN SUNDAY
 The annual reunion of the Anor family was held at the park at Iowa City Sunday with nearly forty present. A dinner was served at noon, the afternoon was spent visiting and getting acquainted with the new members present. The session resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. M. O'Connor; secretary, Mrs. O'Connor of Iowa City. The reunion will be held next year at Cat Den near Muscatine. Those present Sunday were: Mr. John O'Connor, Mrs. Bruce Gibson and family, John Moriarty, Mrs. Bradley, all of Iowa City; Mrs. Will O'Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Connor, all of Des Moines; Mrs. Merle Steele, Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Myrtle O'Connor of Hacking; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor and son and Mrs. Lloyd Hopping, all of Washington.

RIVERSIDE

RIVERSIDE, Aug. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. William Griffin, Robert and Gertrude Griffin spent the day in Fairfax with Mr. Griffin's mother, Mrs. Thomas Griffin.

Miss Shalla is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. Wood and family near Cedar Rapids. Bernard Yansky of Davenport was a weekend visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Yansky.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knittel of Huddle, Texas, who arrived here last week for a visit, returned from Dewitt, Sunday. They visited relatives since day. In company with Mr. Mrs. Joseph Knittel of Okla. they motored to Solon that evening for a night Monday with Mrs. Agnew.

Miss Evelyn Shradel, student at the Grey hospital in Davenport, is visiting at the home of Joseph Shradel. Sister M. Clotilde and Sister Clarricoma arrived here Sunday from Dubuque for a day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wald.

To Bring Alberson Body to Old Home for Burial Services

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became a sheep herd raiser in Iowa. He and a partner accordingly bought and drove 1,350 sheep to southeastern Iowa and the next year he owned and herded 1,700 sheep. Disease wiped out his flock and he turned to a trade to recoup his losses.

To Washington in 1872

Returning to Ohio, he took an apprenticeship as a plasterer and in 1872 he came back to Iowa, settling in Washington, which was his home until he went to California to be with his daughters a few years ago. He was a plasterer and building contractor for a number of years.

In 1881 he gave up his trade for the grocery business, owning and managing a store in Washington until 1920, when he sold his business and retired.

Prominent in Masons

He held high rank in Iowa masonry and held all the important positions in the various state bodies of that order. He was high priest of the Grand Chapter in 1894, commander of the Knights Templar in 1909, and grand master of the Iowa grand lodge in 1921. For 30 years he was president of the Temple building company, in which is lodged the title to the Masonic building in Washington.

He was mayor of Washington from 1901 to 1905 and again at the age of seventy years was elected mayor in 1921 and re-elected in 1923. He has also served on the city council. He was a member of the official board of the Methodist church for 35 years and church chorister for seventeen years. For fifteen years he served on the school board and was secretary of the Elm Grove cemetery association in Washington for forty years.

For several years he was a member of the Washington Rotary club.

Served in Legislature

Although a democrat living in a strong republican district, he was elected to the lower house of the state legislature in 1898, and to the state senate in 1900, succeeding Col. D. J. Palmer when the latter was appointed a member of the state railway commission.

On January 7, 1874, he married Sarah Hehner, who died in

1919. There are three children, Raymond, Alberson, of Des Moines; Mrs. Harry Boyer and Mrs. G. H. Denel, both of Montevita, Calif.

SEVENTY-SIX

Miss W. M. Shaffer
 Correspondent

SEVENTY-SIX, Aug. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and daughter Betty Jean are visiting at the parental John Powell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Birney Gretter and son spent Sunday at Earl Feckleys.

Mrs. Henry Henderson spent a few days last week at Arthur Romines, and Stanleigh Henderson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Redlinger and son were at John Henderson's Sunday.

Every one in the neighborhood is sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Sadie Powell.

Mrs. Arthur Romine and daughters Wilma, Mrs. W. M. Shaffer spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Leo Graff.

Mrs. John Gretter and granddaughters Betty Mae and Dollie spent the week end in Fairfield with her daughter, Frances and Gertrude.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mayer and family of Des Moines were visiting in the Edd Hotle and Earl Mayer homes last week.

Mrs. Everette Green and daughter Helen, Waldon Henderson were visitors at Arthur Romines Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dill and daughter Margaret spent Sunday at Dale Moodys.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Summit spent Sunday at Verne Singleton's.

John Powell is staying with his sister at Iowa City where she is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. August Pasch and family spent Sunday at Paul Paschs.

Ladies Aid of Gracehill are giving an ice cream social on the Grace Hill church lawn Friday eve. Homemade ice cream and cake. Everybody welcome. 15St3

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Margaret and Miss Fricilla Mead this morning for Ham where they will spend visiting. Miss Livingst the guest of her host Mrs. Hoxy of Scripps California, and Miss Me visit a sorority sister. —AUCTIONEER, D. Washington, Iowa. red.

—Mr. and Mrs. Or left early today for Mich., where they will spend a few days attending at the Rall family. Day who is returning from work and a six week Fort Ethan Allen, Ver T. C. camp, expects to with his folks for a vacation.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ja and daughters, Dorothy line, returned to their Atlanta, Ill., yesterday. They had been guest home of Mr. and Mrs. Hutt for several days. is a brother of Mrs. H

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and when Henry Mayer returned to Ohio, Adam Mayer purchased his interest in the property. At the time of his demise he was the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and forty-eight acres and as the years passed his careful conduct of his farming interests brought to him a substantial return. A stalwart advocate of democratic principles, his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to serve in several local offices which he did from a sense of duty although he had little ambition along political lines. Both he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Her death occurred in 1884 when she was sixty-six years of age, while Mr. Mayer passed away in 1892 when he was seventy-six years of age.

The common schools afforded William J. Mayer his educational privileges, his time being divided between the work of the school room, the pleasures of the play ground and the duties assigned him in connection with the development of the home farm. He remained with his father until about thirty years of age, but prior to this time had acquired the ownership of a farm in Seventy-Six township, which he bought in his father's name. The purchase was made some time in the '70s and secured one hundred and sixty acres of land. William J. Mayer cultivated that farm from the time of the purchase and in 1885 was married and took up his abode thereon.

As his financial resources increased he made other investments and in 1889 acquired his present farm of four hundred acres in Seventy-Six township, to which he removed, making it his home until this date—1909. He is very successful in his business affairs and is numbered among the substantial citizens of Seventy-Six township. He displays careful management in all of his business interests and his discernment is keen and his judgment reliable.

Mr. Mayer wedded Miss Ella E. Skinner, of Dutch Creek township, and unto them were born four children, Margaret, Edith, John and George, all at home. Mrs. Mayer, who was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church, died on the 18th of February, 1902, and was buried in Keota cemetery. Mr. Mayer belongs to the Evangelical church. He is widely known in his locality and enjoys the warm regard of an extensive circle of friends. His political views accord with the principles of the democracy. As the years have passed he has made continuous progress on the high road to success and is now numbered among the men of affluence in Seventy-Six township, while his life record is another proof of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

HON. AMOS NORRIS ALBERSON.

The life record of Hon. Amos Norris Alberson is an illustration of the fact that circumstances of birth, education or early environment have little to do with shaping the career of an individual in this country where labor opportunity are unhampered by caste or class. While coming of a family of the highest respectability, financial conditions gave him but few oppor-

tunities in youth and yet he has long occupied a prominent position in the business and public life of Washington and the state. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to positions of trust and responsibility and at all times his course has reflected honor upon the community that has honored him. In business relations he is well known as a successful grocer of Washington. He was born September 4, 1849, in Orange, Ohio, and in the paternal line comes of Holland-Dutch and Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was the younger of two children born unto James and Rachael (Andrews) Alberson, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The grandfather, Thomas Alberson, who was of Holland-Dutch lineage, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio at an early date, locating in Ashland county, where he long followed the occupation of farming. He died at an advanced age, but for many years before had suffered from shaking palsy. He married Fannie Campbell, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage and who lived to be over eighty years of age. Their family numbered seven children: James, William, Robert, Thomas, Ann, Mary and Elizabeth.

Of this family James Alberson, father of our subject, was a young lad at the time of the removal of the family to Ohio. Preparing for the bar, he continued in the practice of law for a long period and for six years served as probate judge of Ashland county. He also invested in farm property, to which he gave his attention as opportunity offered. He married Rachael Andrews, a daughter of William Andrews, and her death occurred in 1853. Subsequently he wedded Susan C. Bowlby, who still survives him. There were two children of that marriage, Alice Carey, the wife of U. S. Shelly, of Ashland, Ohio; and John Kelsey, who died in 1899. There were also two children of the first marriage, the elder being William T., publisher of the Coshocton Daily Times, at Coshocton, Ohio. The father's death occurred in 1892 when he was seventy years old.

Amos N. Alberson spent his boyhood days in the vicinity of Orange, Ohio, much of his time being passed on farms. Following his mother's death he made his home on a farm with his Uncle William and in his youthful days attended the district schools. He engaged in teaching one winter, but in the earlier part of his life his energies were largely given to farming and stock raising. In 1865 he came west to Iowa with a drove of sheep, making his way to Henry county. The following year he herded his sheep but was unfortunate in the venture, for disease broke out among them and nearly all died. In 1867 he arrived in Crawfordsville, Washington county, where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the plasterer's trade. Early in 1868 he returned to Ohio and established his home in Cleveland, where he followed plastering in connection with Milton N. Campbell, his father's cousin, until February, 1872. In that year he returned to Washington, Iowa, and again worked at his trade until 1881 when he became identified with commercial interests as a grocer of this city, continuing in that line of activity to the present time. He has gradually built up an extensive trade and has one of the attractively arranged and well appointed stores of the city while many of his patrons have given him their support since he started in this line of business.

On the 7th of January, 1874, Mr. Alberson was married to Miss Sarah Hebener, a daughter of Edward T. and Sarah (Haines) Hebener. Mrs. Alberson was born in Muscatine, Iowa. Her father, a native of Pennsylvania, removed to Cadiz, Ohio, where he was married and immediately afterward came to Iowa, settling in Washington about 1860. Here he conducted business as a marble cutter. He displayed considerable ability as a fifer and acted as escort to every body of soldiers that left Washington county from 1861 until 1898, including Company D that went to the front for service in the Philippines in the latter year. He died in August, 1905, at the age of eighty-seven years and four months while his wife passed away in 1886, when more than fifty-eight years of age. They were the parents of four children: Hiram, Charles, Nora and Sarah, the last named becoming Mrs. Alberson. Unto our subject and his wife have been born a son and two daughters. Raymond B., the eldest, pursued a two-years' course in the Iowa State University and also spent two years in the University of Michigan in completing his literary education while for three years he was a student in the law department of that institution. He is now successfully practicing law in Des Moines as a member of the firm of Bowen, Bremner & Alberson. He married Louise Kellogg of Washington and they have three children: Richard Norris, John and Sarah. The daughters of the family are Nina and Vera, the former a graduate of the Washington high school and Mt. St. Joseph Academy, while the latter was graduated with class honors at Columbian College in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Alberson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as steward. He is today one of the most prominent and honored Masons in Iowa, standing as a splendid representative of the craft. He belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 26, A. F. & A. M.; Cyrus Chapter, No. 13, R. A. M.; Bethlehem Commandery, No. 45, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Davenport. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his fitness for political service, have called him to various positions of prominence. For four years he served as mayor of Washington, giving to the city a businesslike administration characterized by reform and progress. His labors in behalf of the city were of the most practical character. It was during his incumbency that the subject of paving the streets was agitated and carried to completion and now Washington has every reason to be proud of her well paved thoroughfares, Mr. Alberson giving much time and money to the promotion of this project. In 1898 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, where he served for two years, when higher honors were conferred upon him in his election to the state senate for the term extending from 1900 to 1904. While a democrat in his political views and affiliation he was elected in a strong republican district, a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence and trust reposed in him. He served as a member of important committees including the one appointed to form a board of control bill, being favored in his appointments by reason of his recognized ability and unswerving loyalty to the public good. Since his retirement from office he has devoted his energies to his grocery business

and his Masonic interests. He has served as senior grand warden of the grand lodge of Iowa and was grand high priest of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He was likewise grand master of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons and at the present writing is deputy grand commander of the grand commandery, Knights Templar. This organization, with the basic principles of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, finds a most worthy exemplar in Mr. Alberson and his efforts have been effective and far-reaching in promoting its interests. His varied activity and the worth of his life work entitle him without invidious distinction to be ranked with the foremost citizens of his adopted county.

JOHN E. GRIFFITH.

Among those who are following the occupation of farming in Franklin township, Washington county, and who through their untiring energy and perseverance have tilled the soil to their advantage and are now blessed with a full measure of prosperity is John E. Griffith. He was born in Franklin township, May 2, 1868, a son of Elias and Henrietta E. (Humphrey) Griffith, and a grandson of Robert W. and Elenor (Long) Griffith. The father was born in Pickering county, Ohio, in 1833 and located in this county in 1848. He taught school and pursued a course of study in Washington Academy, remaining here until 1864, when he went to California and engaged in mining there until 1866, returning to Washington county during that year, and settling down to the life of a farmer, which occupation he followed until he departed this life September 1, 1888. He was well known as an enterprising man who from time to time added to his possessions until at his death he left six hundred and ten acres of excellent farm land. He was united in marriage, April 29, 1867, to Henrietta Humphrey, a daughter of Eli and Lucia (Snow) Humphrey. She entered into rest May 16, 1872, leaving two children: John E.; and Charles O., who is now living in San Diego, California.

In the district schools of his native township John E. Griffith acquired his preliminary education, subsequently pursuing a course of study at Washington, this state. Naturally taking to agricultural life and desiring to adopt farming as his occupation, upon completing his studies, he settled on a farm and now operates six hundred and fifty-five acres, upon which he has made all improvements, his premises being provided with a magnificent dwelling house and supplied with all modern conveniences. While he produces all kinds of crops he pays particular attention to stock-raising and has won an enviable reputation throughout the state as a breeder of Angus cattle.

On the 3d of March, 1891, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Barbara A. Neiswanger, a native of this county. Her father, Samuel Neiswanger, was born near Toledo, Ohio, and her mother's birth occurred near Steubenville, that state. They were married, however, in Iowa in 1864. Mrs. Neiswanger passed away on the 17th of January, 1909, and was buried in Washington, Iowa. Mr. Neiswanger is now living at Harvey, this state.



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Amos N. Alberson**
 Home in 1880: **Washington, Washington, Iowa**
 Age: **30**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1850**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's Name: **Sarah**
 Father's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Mother's birthplace: **Ohio**
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: **Plasterer**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:
 Household Members:

Name	Age
Amos N. Alberson	30
Sarah Alberson	24
Raymond B. Alberson	4

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Washington, Washington, Iowa; Roll: T9_368; Family History Film: 1254368; Page: 120.3000; Enumeration District: 140; Image: 0843.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Generations Network, Inc., 2005. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 LDS Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1964. 1,454 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to 50 million individuals enumerated in the 1880 United States Federal Census. Census takers recorded many de



Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Amos N Alberson**
 Census Date: **1895**
 Residence County: **Washington**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Locality: **Washington Ward 2**
 Birth Location: **Ohio**
 Family Number: **4**
 Gender: **Male**
 Birth Year: **abt 1850**
 Race: **White**
 Line: **16**
 Roll: **IA1885_408**

Neighbors:

Household
Members:

Name	
Amos N Alberson	45
Sarah Alberson	39
Raymond B Alberson	20
Nina Alberson	13
Vera Alberson	4

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Origin of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

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1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Amos N Alberson**
 Home in 1930: **Washington, Washington, Iowa**
 Age: **80**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1850**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Race: **White**
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Military service:
 Rent/home value:
 Age at first marriage:
 Parents' birthplace:
 Neighbors:
 Household Members:

	Name
Amos N Alberson	80

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Washington, Washington, Iowa; Roll: 687; Page: 14B; Enumeration District: 25; Image: 377.0.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2002. Original data of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. 2,667 rolls.

Description:

Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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