

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative HASSELQUIST, RICHARD ALBERT Senator HASSELQUIST, RICHARD

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Represented Wayne and Lucas Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 December 1850, Eriksburg, Ullernad, Westergotland, Swden

2. Marriage (s) date place

Laura Davis (17 August 1852, Ill. - 22 January 1927), 26 February 1873 ^{Lucas Co. Ia} ~~prob Ill.~~
(she is buried Chariton Cem.)

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business merchant--also postmaster

B. Civic responsibilities Secy Chariton Commercial Club; Chair Lucas Co Victory Loan raising.

C. Profession

4. Church membership originally Luthran; Presbyterian

28 & 29 GA, . 1900-1903, House Lucas Co.

5. Sessions served 30 & 31 GA, 1904-06, SD 4, Wayne & Lucas Co, resigned 1906 to become poastmaster.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster Chariton, 1906-1915.

B. State State Highway Commission, commissioner to condemn land

C. National

7. Death 28 February 1932, at home of son, Chariton, after illness of 1 year. bur Chariton Cem.

8. Children Lawrence A, Mch 1874 -); Elmer H. (July 1876 -)

9. Names of parents S. M. Hasselquist, 27 Feb. 1823 Sweden- 20 Feb. 1907), ~~Wig~~ Johannah Nordstrom (24 June 1825 Sweden - 28 August 1899). Parents came to Lucas Co. Iowa 1872, farmed there, buried Ragtown Cemetery.

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10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

He came to US, landing at NY 17 April 1868 and was in Princeton, Ill, by 24 Apr. 1868. Moved to Burlington, Iowa, 1869. From 1869 to 1872 was bridge carpenter for CG&Q RR. Then when parents came to US, in 1872, he helped on their farm in Lucas Co. Became clerk for merchant in Chariton 10 April 1873. Until 19 May 1881. Then operated his own mercantile store in Russell, Iowa, 16 years. In 1897 opened business of R. A. Hasselquist and Son in Chariton. Sold out his share 1903 when elected to Ia legislature. 1906 he resigned from Senate to become postmaster, and served until 1915. For a short time in 1905 he was agent for Tone Brothers (coffee and spices) for southern Iowa and northern Missouri. In that position again for a time after 1915.

Served as secretary of Chariton Commercial Club, which had charge of most of work to raise money for various war organizations, and was in charge of Lucas Co. work to raise victory loans.

In Senate, promoted creation of state highway commission. For some years was commissioner for condemnation of land for highway purposes.

Raised Lutheran. After marriage he and wife joined Presbyterian Church in Russell, and later in Chariton. Elder 1902-1932. Superintendent of Sunday School several years, treasurer of church many years. Sang in choir until 1930. Taught men's Bible class.

Listed as R. Albert in 1880 census, and as Richard A. in 1900. 1900 census incorrectly lists his birthplace, and gives his parents' names as the same as his wife's parents.

At time of death oldest son was a traveling salesman, living in Omaha, Nebr.

