

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Penrose,
Emilia G. - Represented Benton and Iowa Counties

1. Birthday and place 22 Aug 1844 Chesterfield, Morgan County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date, place
Cynthia Jennifer Stoddard 10 Mar 1870

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a stockholder and director of the First National Bank, Iowa, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias; Ancient Order of United Workmen

C. Profession Hardware and grocery merchant; owner and operator of a brick factory; bank director

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th General Assemblies 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township councilman; Mayor of Iowa 3 terms; member of the school board

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Nov 1930 Iowa, Iowa; buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Iowa, Iowa

8. Children Frank Blahie (died in 1940)

9. Names of parents Thomas and Maria (Clendinning) Penrose

10. Education Educated in the common schools of
Ohio and Iowa

11. Degrees He attended the University of Iowa, Amity, Iowa
during 1864-1865

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He taught school in his early years.
- In 1860 his parents moved to Keokuk, Iowa.
- In 1868 he moved to Iowa and engaged in clerking for a few months. The following year he moved to Grand Junction, Iowa in Boone County where he was in the hardware business with a man Park, becoming the firm of Park and Rousseau.
- In 1872 he returned to Iowa and opened a hardware store.
- He became also a member of the grocery firm of J. and Rousseau.
- He built a broom factory which he operated for 3 years.



Pearson,

Des Moines, Ia.

OWA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1930.

Community Christmas Planned; First Practice Wednesday

Community Christmas sing is planned for the Christmas season. Anyone interested in the group is urged to attend practice next Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the Library at the library.

Program has not yet been fully planned. Several Christmas numbers included in the program. Anyone interested in singing music, attend the practice Wednesday evening.

Community sing is being sponsored by the Octagon club. Miss North, music instructor of the school, will direct the chorus. Earl Brice will be accompanist.

Uchytel, Benda Wed

Couple Married at Catholic Church

Edith Uchytel and Frank Benda, both of east of Toledo, Ohio, were in marriage at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning at the Catholic church in Tama, with Rev. A. P. Meyer officiating the marriage vows.

The ceremony was attended by Edith's brother, Ed Uchytel, brother of the bride, and Benda, sister of the bride. The bride wore a gown of white with a white veil, and carried bouquets and sweet peas, while the groom was also gowned in white.

Benda is the daughter of Mr. Albert Uchytel of east of Toledo, Ohio, who is graduating from the law school of the county, she has her home of her parents. Mr. Benda is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

E. G. Penrose, Prominent Old Resident, Dies

Death Sudden for Former State Official

Emlin G. Penrose, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Tama, died late Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20, at his home here, at the age of more than 86 years. He had been ill only about three days, suffering from pneumonia. Up until that time he had been in his usual health.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Harrison Funeral Home.

The Rev. W. C. Cleorth of Cedar Rapids, a former pastor and friend of Mr. Penrose, conducted the services, with the assistance of Rev. W. O. Ecklor, pastor of the Methodist church.

Musical selections were duets sung by Mrs. Carl B. Harrison and J. A. McKeen, with Mrs. Frank Fowler accompanying. Friends who acted as pall bearers were C. H. Tanner, Frank Ruch, Rudy Beyers, C. A. Trimble, Floyd Whitten, and S. C. Nelson. Interment was in the Oak Hill cemetery.

Descendant of Pioneers

Emlin G. Penrose was born Aug. 22, 1844, in Chesterfield, Morgan county, Ohio. He was the descendant of a family of colonists who accompanied William Penn on his second voyage to America. His father, Thomas Penrose, was married to Miss Maria Clendennen, of Belmont county, Ohio, and conducted a general store in Keokuk county, dying when 75 years old. Emlin Penrose was one of seven children, of whom only one, Hannah Emmons, now survives.

Mr. Penrose was educated in the common schools of Ohio and Iowa and at the University of Iowa. He taught school and his interest in public matters led to such

LEONARD CHERRY Wins Silver "A"

The following news item was sent out by Culver Military Academy at Culver, Indiana, on Nov. 20—Cadet Leonard Cherry, of Tama, Iowa, was recently awarded a Silver "A" in recognition of his academic achievement at Culver Military Academy. General L. R. Gignilliat awarded the honors at a special assembly. Gold "A's" are awarded students who attain a semester average of 90 or above and maintain a discipline grade of 80 or better, while Silver "A's" are given to cadets who have a semester average of 85 or 90 and also a discipline grade of 80 or above. Culver, in addition to being noted for military training and rated high in athletics, is one of the outstanding and highest ranking preparatory schools in academic work. Cherry is in the Cavalry division from which members of the famous Black Horse Troop are composed. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cherry, of 1412 State Street, Tama, Ia.

W. J. Fuhlendorf Prominent Citizen of Toledo Dead

Former Mayor, Commercial Club President

Toledo—William J. Fuhlendorf, one of the most prominent citizens of Toledo, died Thursday, Nov. 20, at Iowa City, where he had gone to a hospital some weeks ago. The immediate cause

rd Uchytel, brother of the bride, and Mary Benda, sister of the bridegroom. The bride wore a gown of its satin with a white veil, and carried carnations and sweet peas, while the groom of honor was also gowned in its satin.

Mrs. Benda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Uchytel of east of Toledo. Since graduating from the normal schools of the county, she has been at the home of her parents. Mr. Benda is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benda Sr., and has been doing manual work since finishing his work in rural schools.

For the time being the young couple will make their home with Mr. Benda's parents. They have not yet completed their plans for the future.

E. G. Penrose Did Not Leave a Will

The late Senator E. G. Penrose, who died last week and who was reputed to be one of the richest men in Tama county, did not leave a will.

Papers of administration were filed Saturday by Attorney Wm. S. Gallagher for Cynthia J. Penrose, the widow, and Frank B. Penrose, a son, and these show that the late state senator did not make a will. The statement of assets in these papers say that the goods, chattels, and credits of the estate do not exceed \$10,000. This, however, does not include real estate. The late Mr. Penrose was the owner of considerable real estate. The papers of administration do not require a statement on real estate ownership at this time.

Frank B. Penrose was appointed administrator, and his bond was fixed at \$20,000. It is the practice to fix the bond twice the amount of the value of the personal property.

DOZARK HELD TO GRAND JURY UNDER BOND OF \$500

Wm. Dozark of Tama was held to grand jury by Justice Lew Smith on a charge of maintaining a liquor license. His bond was fixed at \$500, which he could not furnish. He is in county jail.

County Attorney Kepford has been looking up the law to ascertain whether this charge, if proved, can send

William Penrose on his second voyage to America. His father, Thomas Penrose, was married to Miss Maria Clendennen, of Belmont county, Ohio, and conducted a general store in Keokuk county, dying when 75 years old. Emlin Penrose was one of seven children, of whom only one, Hannah Emmons, now survives.

Mr. Penrose was educated in the common schools of Ohio and Iowa and at the University of Iowa. He taught school in his early manhood. His interest in public matters led to such valuable practical service that he was repeatedly honored with election to public office.

He was a member of the city council for a number of years and was mayor of the city of Tama for three terms. He was a member of the school board and was elected and served as state senator from this district for two terms from 1894 to 1901, being elected on the Republican ticket and nominated each time by acclamation. During his term of office he was chosen chairman of important committees and clearly proved his ability as a legislator.

Wife Survives

He was also prominent in social clubs and fraternal life, being Past Master of Hiram Tyre Lodge No. 203 A. F. & A. M. and Knight Templar, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Consistory of Clinton.

He came to Tama in 1868 and has since resided here continuously, a period of sixty-two years. He has made a large number of loyal friends throughout the state and a much larger number in his own town. "His stalwart integrity throughout all the years of his active life is as unquestioned as were his independence and ability; as his energy and industry were always balanced by fine business judgment, honesty, and broad common sense, he was associated in a number of very successful business enterprises, due to his good judgment."

Close relatives who survive are his wife, Cynthia J. Penrose; a great grandson, Ralph Penrose of Belle Plaine; one sister, Hannah Emmons of Pasadena, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

WALTER WILLETT SHOWS WELL IN CAGE PRACTICE AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

A FORTNIGHT CRISIS of Toledo Dea

Former Mayor, Commercial Club President

Toledo - William J. Fuhlendorf, one of the most prominent citizens of Toledo, died Thursday, Nov. 20, at Toledo, where he had gone to a hospital some weeks ago. The immediate cause of his death was a cerebral hemorrhage. He was only 55 years of age.

Mr. Fuhlendorf was born in Toledo, Aug. 2, 1875, son of Jochim and Dorothea Fuhlendorf. He spent his entire life in Toledo, growing up in young manhood and graduating from the local high school in the class of 1902. By the time he was 15 years old he was clerking in the stores of Toledo and for forty years he was a familiar figure in the business life of Toledo, either as clerk or as proprietor and owner.

Mr. Fuhlendorf was always active and interested in the business, civic and fraternal interests of the community. He was a member of the Commercial Club, a member of Woodmen of the World lodge, a member of Woodmen of the World lodge No. 100 A. F. & A. M., Iowa Consistory No. 100 at Cedar Rapids. He was past master of the local Masonic lodge. He was one time mayor of Toledo and president of the commercial club. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and active in church work. He was interested in every good thing which concerned the life of the community.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Christina Danker of Traer and Mrs. Lena Glasfield of Buffalo Center. Besides his sisters he leaves a host of friends and business associates in Toledo who will miss him greatly.

Pall bearers at the funeral service Saturday afternoon were E. P. Kupfer, F. C. McClaskey, F. B. McPherrin, Bert Emerson, M. J. Krezek, and P. Crossman. Music for the service was given by a Masonic quartet, composed of Messrs. Fitzgerald, Duncanson, Giger, and Adair. "Jesus, Savior of Sinners," "Crossing the Bar," and "Let the Kindly Light," were the selections. Past Masonic master Charles Bend had charge of the services at 1

HISTORY
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TAMA COUNTY,
IOWA,

TOGETHER WITH SKETCHES OF THEIR TOWNS, VILLAGES AND TOWNSHIPS, EDUCATIONAL
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INENT PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF
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Tama City. They have had one son, Edwin Earl, who died at Tama City, February 25, 1883, aged three years and two months.

The first warehouse was brought here from Chelsea, during the fall of 1862, by C. K. Bodfish, who purchased the first grain bought here. This warehouse was afterwards changed to an elevator, and was burned in 1872. This building stood where the Monarch billiard hall now stands.

The first elevator was built by P. K. Hayden, in 1863, and stood where the present large elevator stands. It was burned at the same time with the other in 1872. There are at present several firms in the grain trade, Bracken & Goodell taking the lead.

The first hardware store was opened by J. L. Wagner in a building now occupied by Jacob Gatjens as a meat market. The hardware business is at present represented by E. G. Penrose and H. F. Carmichael. E. G. Penrose established in the hardware trade in 1872, in the building now occupied by Carmichael. In the spring of 1881, he moved to his present location, where he does a business of \$25,000 annually.

Hall & Carmichael, established in 1879, sold out in 1880. In 1881, H. F. Carmichael opened up a large stock and does a business of about \$25,000 annually.

E. G. Penrose, a hardware and grocery merchant of Tama City, was born in Morgan county, Ohio, in August, 1844. He is a son of Thomas and Maria (Clendenen) Penrose. His early life was spent at home, in his native county, where he received a common school education. In

1860 his parents removed to Keokuk, Iowa, and during 1864-5, the subject of this sketch attended the University at Iowa City. In 1868, he came to Tama City and engaged in clerking for some months. The following year he removed to Grand Junction, Iowa, where he embarked in the hardware trade with a Mr Park, the firm being Park & Penrose. In 1872, Mr. Penrose returned to Tama City, and immediately opened a hardware store, in which business he has since been engaged. He is also a member of the grocery firm of Tims & Penrose. In politics, he is a Republican, and has held the office of Mayor one year, and also has been one of the Town Councilmen for five years. Mr. Penrose has always taken an active part in educational affairs, and is at present a member of the School Board. In March, 1870, he was married to Miss Jennie Stoddard, daughter of Joel Stoddard, a native of Indiana.

One son, Frank B., born July 14, 1871, blesses their union. Mr. Penrose's father died, in March, 1880, his mother on the 1st of May, 1883. He is a member of the Masonic order, Hiram of Tyre Lodge, No. 203, and of the St. Bernard Commandery, No. 14, of Belle Plaine. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., of Tama City.

H. F. Carmichael, hardware dealer, and eldest son of Lewis Carmichael, is a native of the hawkeye State, born in the town of Muscatine, December 9, 1854. A few years after his birth, he came to Tama county with his parents. His educational advantages were the public schools of Tama City, and during 1873-4, he attended the Rivermore Military Academy of

Biographies and Portraits

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Leaders in Business, Politics and the Professions

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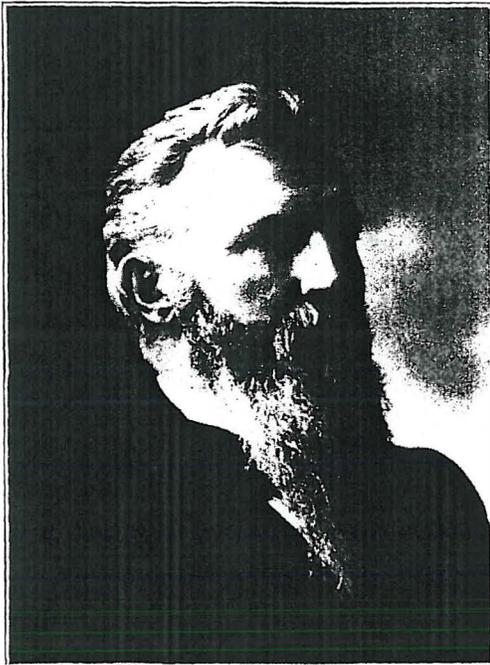
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representing his township and county in county and state conventions, but does not seek or desire a political office. He is a Mason and has occupied several official positions in his local lodge. He belongs to the church organization known as the Disciples of Christ. He was married December 25, 1883, to Kate M. Baker, of Altoona, and four children have been born to them, one of whom is dead.

PENROSE, HON. EMLEN G. Senator Penrose, who represented the Forty-fifth senatorial district in the general assembly,



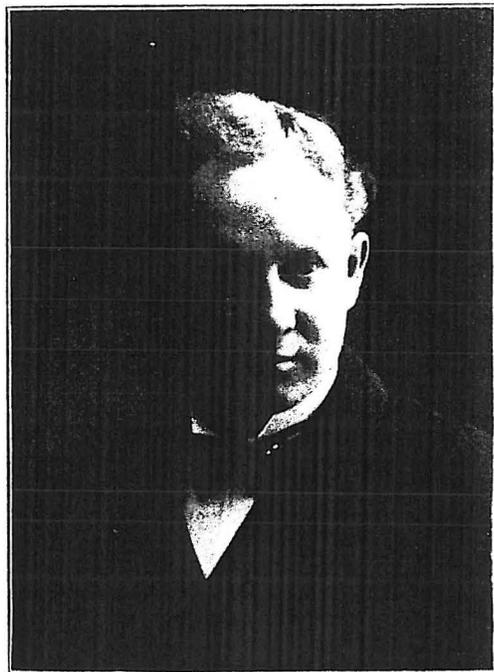
was born at Chesterfield, Ohio, August 22, 1844. His parents, Thomas and Maria Clenden Penrose, were Quakers, their remote ancestors having come to this country with William Penn. The early youth of Senator Penrose was spent in his native state on the farm, where he received a common school education. He came to Iowa in 1860 and has ever since been a resident of this state. As a young man he worked on the farm, clerked and taught school. During the years from 1864 to 1875 he attended several terms in the Iowa State university. In 1868 he located at Tama City and engaged as clerk in a store, but, having an ambition to fill a wider field,

removed to Grand Junction and, in partnership with C. B. Park, opened a hardware, agricultural implement and grain business, where a large and profitable trade was enjoyed until 1872, at which time he returned to Tama City and put in a complete stock of hardware. While he has ever made it a rule to pay close attention to business, he devotes a portion of his time to the wants and needs of the public, and has been prominent in the management of municipal affairs. He has served several terms on the city council and was mayor both before and after the reincorporation of the place into a city of the second class. Under his administration the city put in a system of waterworks unexcelled by any inland town in the state; erected an electric light plant and built an electric railroad. He is prominent in educational affairs and has been elected repeatedly to the presidency of the school board. For several years he has served as trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been active in the Masonic, Knights Templars and Knights of Pythias orders.

In politics Mr. Penrose is a republican, starting almost with the birth of the party, casting his first vote for Wm. Stone for governor in 1865, and all the years of his life he has been its earnest friend and staunch supporter. In the fall of 1893 he received the unanimous nomination of his party as a candidate for state senator to represent the district composing the counties of Benton and Tama. The preceding election had given the district to the democrats, but his great popularity and vigorous canvass resulted in his election by a handsome majority, his own city giving him a highly complimentary vote. He was re-elected in 1897. As a legislator he possesses many fine and unusual qualifications. Being a man of excellent judgment in all matters, he moves carefully, yet courageously, when once he has arrived at a final conclusion. He gives a subject due consideration before talking upon it, and then defends his position with great strength and clearness, though always in a manner courteous to those who hold different views. He is a conspicuous figure in the more important committees, and his services as chairman of the railway committee were generally recognized for their thoroughness and care. By his intelligent course he has the esteem of his contemporaries, irrespective of party, who are always ready to join him in facilitating the work he seeks to do, which accounts in a large measure for the

considerable legislation he has succeeded in having enacted. He is held in high regard by Governor Drake and was one of the chosen guests who accompanied that official to the sea to participate in the launching of the battleship "Iowa." Honorable to a fine degree, in both his public and private life, generous to a fault and public spirited, he has friends and admirers in all the walks of life. In business matters his word is his bond and it never goes to protest. He was married in 1870 to Miss Jennie C. Stoddard. They have one son, Frank, who assists his father in the conduct of the mercantile business at Tama.

HANSSEN, GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS, of Davenport, is of German ancestry, his



parents being pioneers of his native town, Davenport, where he was born November 22, 1869. His father, Louis Hanssen, is one of the wealthy, retired residents of the old river city in which his sons have risen to do him honor, ranking among the first business men of Davenport. Louis Hanssen's Sons is the firm name, and the store occupies the same spot upon which was built the father's store, early in the 50's. The members of this hardware firm are Louis, Jr.; C. E. and B. C. Hanssen, brothers of the subject of this sketch. His mother's name was Marie Hannemann.

Mr. Hanssen's uncles are successful business men in Hamburg, Germany, one of them, Bernhard Hanssen, being one of the official architects of that European city. The artistic gift of this uncle descended upon the young Gustavus, who early evinced his talent for architectural drawing. He was educated in the public schools, his work in drawing being so creditable that it was sent in the Iowa exhibit to the New Orleans exposition. In the fall of 1885 he was anxious to attend an architectural school, and his parents favored his hope, sending him to the Illinois State university. There he entered the department of the school of architecture, graduating in the class of '90, with second honors. He also took first medal in military and artillery drill.

In the spring of 1891 he took charge of the architectural office of J. W. Taylor, at Middlesborough, Ky. He remained there until October, when he started in business for himself. Since then he has met with marked success, his business improving every year. Many of the finest public buildings, as well as residences, in Davenport are from his plans. He was appointed plumbing inspector in 1893, but, after serving a year, was obliged to resign on account of pressure of business duties.

He is a member of the Unitarian church. He was married in June, 1894, to Lillie May Stibolt. They have one child: Daphne Louise, born in June, 1896.

WILCOX, VINTON S., practicing physician of Malcom, was born in Homer, Ohio, October 11, 1848. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, being brought up at Wilkesbarre. Dr. Wilcox came to Iowa in 1855 and attended the common schools of the state. He afterwards taught for a number of terms, and in 1868 he entered the collegiate department of the Iowa State university. In 1871 he began the study of medicine in the office of Drs. Shrader & Price. During the time that he remained with them, which was for a period of three years, he took a graded course in the medical department of the Iowa State university, under the supervision of Professor Shrader, and graduated March 4, 1874. The following May he removed to Malcom, where he has remained ever since, following the practice of his profession, in which he has been eminently successful, and enjoys the confidence of the people of Malcom and vicinity.

tributions of early Iowa newspapers, legislative journals and session laws, long out of print and other rare publications to the State and Historical libraries have been continuous and exceedingly valuable. He was one of the most valued members of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association and his historical contributions to that organization have been of great value. His writings and addresses on historical subjects relating to Iowa for half a century would fill several volumes. No citizen of Iowa has done so much to collect and preserve its early records and history as Theodore S. Parvin. He died at his home at Cedar Rapids, June 28, 1901.

WILLIAM PATTERSON was born in Wythe County, Virginia, March 9, 1802, and when four years of age his father removed into the forest of Adair County, Kentucky. With no schools in the vicinity the son had little chance to acquire an education. In 1836 he took up his residence at West Point in Lee County, two years before the organization of Iowa Territory. In 1838 he was elected a member of the First Legislative Assembly and reelected repeatedly, serving in the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Territorial Legislatures; four terms in the House and two in the Council. He was appointed by Governor Lucas colonel of a regiment raised to defend the territory in the Missouri boundary war and was one of the commissioners chosen by the Legislature to secure a peaceable settlement of that controversy. He removed to Keokuk in an early day where he served as postmaster and mayor of the city. In 1857 he was a member of the convention which framed the present Constitution of the State. In 1864 he was one of the Vice-Presidents of the National Democratic Convention which nominated General McClellan for President. Colonel Patterson was for more than fifty years a citizen of Lee County. As a pioneer lawmaker he served in six legislatures and one Constitutional Convention. He was a Democrat and although not a public speaker, had great influence in the councils of his party, as he also had as a legislator. He died on the 23d of October, 1889.

EMLÉN G. PENROSE was born at Chesterfield, Ohio, August 22, 1844, and was educated in the district schools of his native State. He came to Iowa in 1860 where he worked on a farm and taught school. He attended the State University several terms and in 1868 located at Tama City where he engaged in the mercantile business. He was for several years a resident of Grand Junction where he carried on the hardware, agricultural implement and grain trade. In 1872 he returned to Tama City and opened a hardware store, and has been member of the city council and mayor of the city. In 1893 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Senate from the district consisting of the counties of Benton and Tama, where he served in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies, and was chairman of the

committee on railroads. In 1900 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia.

CHARLES E. PERKINS is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was born November 24, 1840. Receiving his early education in his native city, at the age of sixteen he came to Burlington, Iowa, and in 1859 secured a clerkship in the office of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company. He was soon promoted to paymaster, holding that position until 1860 when he became assistant treasurer of the company. In 1865 he became superintendent and during the construction of the road to the Missouri River, he also served as vice-president. He continued to act as director of the Nebraska and Iowa division and as vice-president of the former company until the consolidation with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. In 1875 Mr. Perkins was chosen director of the Burlington road and the following year became vice-president, still retaining the vice-presidency and general management of the road west of the Missouri. In May he was elected president of the Burlington & Missouri River in Iowa. The road in Nebraska being consolidated with the C. B. & Q. in 1880, Mr. Perkins remained vice-president of the entire system until 1881 when he was chosen president. He has been reelected each term until he is now serving his twenty-second year in that capacity. Mr. Perkins is also a director and president of the Hannibal & St. Joseph, and the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroads.

GEORGE D. PERKINS was born at Holly, Orleans County, New York, February 29, 1840. His education was acquired in the common schools and printing office. In 1860 he came to Iowa locating at Cedar Falls, where with a brother he established the *Cedar Falls Gazette*, which soon became one of the best weekly papers in the State. In 1866 he sold the *Gazette* and removed to Chicago, but returning to Iowa the brothers located at Sioux City where they established the *Sioux City Journal*. Under their management it soon acquired a wide circulation in north-western Iowa, eastern Nebraska and Dakota; and as soon as the community demanded a daily, a morning edition was issued which kept pace with the development of that part of the country. Mr. Perkins was an active Republican, generally attending the State conventions of the party and often writing the platforms. He was a delegate from Iowa to the National Republican Conventions of 1876, 1880 and 1888. Under the administration of Governor Gear, he held the position of Commissioner of Immigration for Iowa. In 1873 he was elected to the State Senate, representing nine counties in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth General Assemblies. Under the administration of President Arthur, Mr. Perkins served as United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa. In 1890 he was elected Representative in Congress for the Eleventh District



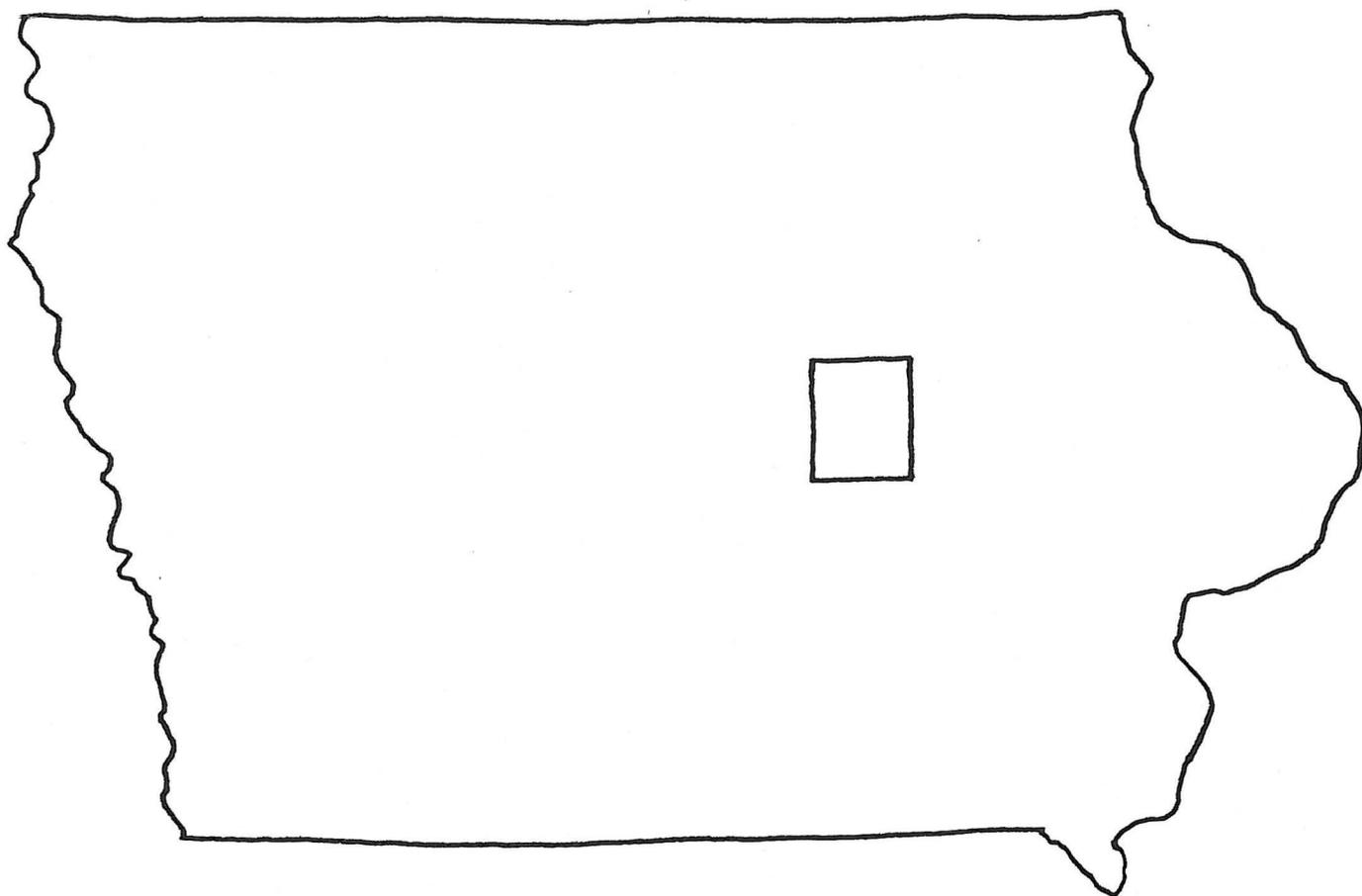
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**THE HISTORY
OF
TAMA COUNTY, IOWA
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Mahlon attended Tama Schools until graduation in 1943. He then enlisted in the Air Force and served as a flight engineer on a A-26 attack bomber in the European Theater during World War II. After the war, Mahlon returned to Tama and entered into partnership with his father at Pelham's Garage. He also served as a part-time police officer and served on the Tama Fire Department, where he was chairman of the committee which built Tama's first Emergency Rescue Unit.

Mahlon married Maxine Corns on August 5, 1948. They have five children: Larry, Kathy, Craig, Mahlon Jr., and Steven. In 1956, Mahlon joined the Iowa Highway Patrol and was stationed in Northwood, Iowa, where they continue to live.

by M.A. Pelham

PENROSE, EMLEN G.

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E.G. Penrose

Mr. Penrose was a native of Chesterfield, Ohio, born August 22, 1844, and died 1930. He descended from a family of colonists who came from England with William Penn on his second voyage to America.

E.G. was educated in schools in Ohio and Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa. In 1868 he came to Tama and was employed by a lumber and implement dealer. One year later he went to Grand Junction, Iowa, where he bought a hardware store. He ran this for three years, returning to Tama where he bought a hardware store. He had a partner at first, then going on his own, he made it the leading hardware store in Tama County. For a time he was also a partner in a grocery store. He erected a broom factory which he ran for three years. He was a stockholder and director for The First National Bank of Tama for many years.

E.G. was very active in public affairs. He served as a city council member, was mayor of Tama for three terms, and served on the school board. In 1893 he was elected State

Senator of Iowa for four years. He was elected for another four years and was also chairman of the committee on Commerce and a member of other important committees.

In 1870, E.G. married Jennie Stoddard. They had one son, Frank B. Penrose, who was born at Grand Junction, Iowa, July 14, 1871, and died in 1940.

Frank B. Penrose attended Tama schools and was a student at Western and Cornell Colleges. He was associated in business with his father, E.G. Penrose. Frank married Ella Mae Comte of Chelsea. They had one son, Ralph Comte Penrose, born July 1, 1902.

Ralph Comte Penrose married Ada Marie Wright of Belle Plaine, Iowa, on April 12, 1925. He died September 14, 1925, before their son, Ralph Emlen Penrose, was born.

Ralph Emlen Penrose was born March 14, 1926 in Belle Plaine, Iowa. He married Margaret Drahos of Belle Plaine on April 10, 1947. They have one son, Steven B. Penrose. They moved to Tama in February, 1969, to make their home. Ralph has been employed by Central Iowa Telephone Co. and General Telephone Co. of Midwest for forty years.

Steven B. Penrose was born July 8, 1949, in Belle Plaine, Iowa. He married Linda Curl of Montour, Iowa, on August 19, 1972. They reside in Marshalltown, Iowa.

by Ralph Penrose

PETERSEN, CHRISTIAN AND LORENZ

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Christian Ludwig Petersen (August 15, 1841 to March 19, 1918) was born at Drelsdorf in northern Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He married Johanna Christiansen (January 31, 1841 to October 8, 1889) on August 15, 1867. Christian served in the war between Denmark and Germany under the Danish flag and later received a pension from Denmark of about \$50 a year which was sent to America to him. However, Denmark lost this war and the area became subject to Prussian rule. Christian tried to get out of Germany with his family to evade further military duty but was caught trying to board ship so then served in the German army in the war of 1870-71 against France.

The family did come to the U.S. June 1881 and located in Columbia Township of Tama County just east of St. John's Lutheran Church. The family consisted of Catherine Margaret (died in Germany of brain fever at age 6), Carl Christian (later lived in South Dakota), Peter Christian (died in 1896 of blood poisoning after being scratched while building fence), Lorenz (later story), Carsten (married Margaretha Bahrenfeus in Tama county and eventually lived in South Dakota — parents of Mrs. Paul Wulff of Toledo), Catherine Margaret (married John Appel Jr. and lived in Strasborg, Saskatchewan Canada), and Johannes — only child born in America and died at the age of 4½. Johanna died two months before the child and Christian kept his family together as well as he could. He died March 19, 1918 and was buried beside his wife at St. Johns Cemetery.

Lorenz (October 11, 1874 to February 5,

1920) married Johanna Elizabeth Hink (July 12, 1881 to February 23, 1920) on July 14, 1899. They lived in Marshalltown three years, and then lived on several farms in Sheridan, near Gilman, and near Tama. Lorenz and Ella had these children: Marie Augusta Caroline (married William Miller), Lillian Mathilda (married Clifford Maiden), Loren Christian, Viola Dortha, Leroy Robert (married Marguet Moore), Arthur Paul (married Mildred Lacina), and Eldon Carl "Sammy" (married Aline Lidtkka).

The country was swept with the influenza epidemic from 1918 to 1920 and an estimated 20,000,000 perished throughout the world. Lorenz and Loren both helped drive the doctor on his rounds to visit sick people. Eventually several members of the family were ill and no one could come to their aid because of the danger. Lorenz died first after an illness of a few days and was buried without funeral services because of the nature of the illness and the fact every other member of the family was sick or threatened with the illness. Ella watched as her children Viola and Loren died and then Ella, too, died — the fourth of the family in a three week period of February 1920.

Marie was already married; Lillian lived with her Grandmother Hink; Arthur was moved around between his grandmother, foster homes, and with Marie; Leroy and Eldon lived with an aunt Frances Deedrick in Sheridan. All three boys went out to work on their own at a very early age.

How does a family recover from the tragedy the Petersen family suffered? You never do completely. Each member of the family could tell you a different story as to how their lives were affected. The remaining children grew to adulthood, married and raised families of their own. Each has been successful in his own right and made a life for himself.

by Karen Petersen Groves

PETRA, CHARLES MARTIN AND MARY HELEN (PODHAJSKY)

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Mary was born January 15, 1900 to John and Anna (Kunch) Podhajsky. Her hobbies were taking movies and still pictures. She had a large flower garden and loved to do carpenter's work, also mason work. She made a chimney in a summer house 47 years ago and it is still standing today. She was known for her masquerade costumes, winning first prize every time at the masquerade dances. She baked and decorated wedding cakes and also decorated many brides' tables and shower tables. She and Charlie loved to dance and entered 3 different waltz contests and won first each time. Mary went to Carroll #1 school. She walked a mile through tall corn fields and weeds, over fences and across ditches before she got to the road, last mile. They had to carry drinking water from a farm close by for the school. Water standing in a pail from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. didn't taste very good.

Mary belongs to Z.C.B.J. lodge since 1933 and was treasurer since 1952, 34 years! At home, there were 6 kids. John, Mary, George



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Emlen G. Penrose**
 Home in 1880: **Tama, Tama, Iowa**
 Age: **35**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1845**
 Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's Name: **Jennie C. Penrose**
 Father's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Mother's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Hardware Deal**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind: [View image](#)
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:
 Household Members:

Name	Age
Emlen G. Penrose	35
Jennie C. Penrose	32
Frank B. Penrose	8
Ella Reed	23

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: *Tama, Tama, Iowa*; Roll: 365; Family History Film: 1254365; Page: 621A; Enumeration District: 335; Image: 0706.

Source Information:

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Emlen G Penrose**
[Emlen G Pennise]

Home in 1900: **Tama, Tama, Iowa**

Age: **55**

Birth Date: **Aug 1844**

Birthplace: **Ohio**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Ohio**

Mother's Birthplace: **Ohio**

Spouse's Name: **Cynthia J Penrose**

Marriage year: **1870**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years married: **30**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Emlen G Penrose	55
	Cynthia J Penrose	52
	Frank B Penrose	29

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Tama, Tama, Iowa; Roll: T623_460; Page: 13A; Enumeration District: 146.

Source Information:

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Selected U.S. Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

Name: **E G Penrose**
 Locality: **Tama**
 County: **Tama**
 State: **Iowa**
 Enumeration Date: **31 May 1880**
 Schedule Type: **Industry**

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Name:	Emlen G Penrose										
Home in 1930:	Tama, Tama, Iowa View Map										
Age:	85										
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1845										
Birthplace:	Ohio										
Relation to Head of House:	Head										
Spouse's Name:	Cyntha J Penrose										
Race:	White										
Occupation:											
Education:											
Military Service:	View image										
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Age at first marriage:											
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Emlen G Penrose
Born: 22 Aug 1844
 Chesterfield, Athens, Ohio, USA
Died: 1930
 Tama, Iowa, USA
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Family Groups

Spouse 1

[Jennie C](#)

Born: 1848

Died:

Marriage: Feb 1868 in Coal Creek, Iowa, USA

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Children

Sex

Birth

[Frank B Penrose](#)

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Jul 1871 in Iowa, USA

Spouse 2

[Jennie Stoddard](#)

Born:

Died:

Marriage: 1870

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Children

Sex

Birth

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PENROSE, Emlin G.

Born: 1844
Died: 1930
Cemetery: OAK HILL
Location: TAMA TWP.
County: TAMA CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: AGE 86

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PENROSE, Cynthia J.

Born: 1847
Died: 1931
Cemetery: OAK HILL
Location: TAMA TWP.
County: TAMA CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: AGE 84

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