

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Davies, William Almy Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Crawford County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Oct 1855 near Pontiac, Livingston County, Kansas

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Mary Elizabeth Kellerton 29 Oct 1876

② Miss Harwood (Painter) Sniffith

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business I was one of the organizers of the Farmers Co-operative Lumber Company and its first president; an organizer of the Kiron Insurance Company Kiron, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; I.O.O.F.; Rebekahs

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock; manager of the Farmers Co-operative Lumber Company; Kiron Insurance Company organizer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1882, 1890

6. Public Offices 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1906, 1907

A. Local Harrison County Board of Supervisors

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

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

7. Death 17 Apr 1929 Dunlap, Iowa; buried Dunlap, Cemetery, Dunlap, Iowa

8. Children Edith (Mrs. John Hunt); Maude (Mrs. Conner Musgrove); Ray; Harry; Maybelle (Mrs. Fred Cook)

9. Names of parents John Turner and Hannah (Hoskins) Davies

Davie, William Alonzo

10. Education Educated in several schools of Boyer Township, and  
also taught at home.

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He came with his parents in 1861
- In 1876 he began farming and specialized in stock raising
- He was also the manager of the Farmers Co-operative  
Lumber Company in Dunlap.
- His first wife, Mary Elizabeth, died 29 Apr 1904.



## KIRON

Kiron, Iowa, April 22, 1929.

Grandpa, S. N. Sandstrom, passed his 84th milestone Friday. He is very spry for his age. He enjoys to be out and spends much time at the home of his two sons, E. N. and M. A., in town. He makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. George Johnson and husband, on the old homestead.

Miss Golden Nelson, who was hurt in an auto accident in Minneapolis, Minn., last week, together with her sister, Mrs. C. L. Sievers, arrived in Denison Thursday, where Golden is staying at the Dr. C. L. Sievers home. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nelson, who were also in Minneapolis, stopped at Fort Dodge to attend a Lutheran conference over the week-end.

Wm. Paulson and family and Miss Margaret Gorton of Kenawha came Sunday morning by car and spent Sunday at the H. L. Ward home and other friends in town. From here they went to the Milton Lindskoog home where they visited until Monday, when they returned to Kenawha.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Nordell of Omaha spent the week-end at Mrs. Nordell's parental, the C. J. Tellgren, home.

The rooms adjoining the post office building are being remodeled and re-decorated for H. F. McConnaha, where he will open up a barber shop as soon as they are ready. Also a Shell service station has been equipped in front of the L. L. Moorehouse restaurant, which will be operated by L. L. Moorehouse.

The P. T. A. meeting was held at the school last Tuesday evening, when the following program was given: Song, America, the Beautiful, Audience; Playlet, Miss Peterson's room; Paper, P. G. Lundell; Accordion Solo, Byron Moeller; Musical Reading, Lorraine Johnson. The serving committee consisted of Mrs. E. G. Johnson, Miss Jeanette Cedergren, Mrs. I. Lundell, Mrs. Will Nelson, Mrs. John Bilsten, Mrs. P. G. Lundell, and Supt. Green.

Mrs. Minnie Larson entertained her children and families at a dinner Sunday, and also Rev. G. Carlson, in honor of her daughter, Edith's, birthday.

Mrs. J. E. Mauritz received a double surprise last Monday evening in honor of her birthday. Mrs. Mauritz folks arrived first and a little later Mr. Mauritz' folks arrived on the scene. The whole company

# HON. W. A. DAVIE, EX-REPRESENTATIVE DIED WEDNESDAY

Was a Member of the 22d, 23d,  
31st and 32d General  
Assemblies

Hon. W. A. Davie, prominent in Crawford and Harrison counties, died Wednesday of last week. Mr. Davie was one of this county's prominent citizens and made this county his home for many years. His integrity, ability and honesty was such that he was called upon to accept many positions of trust at the hands of the people of this community.

He was an able orator and being a leading Democrat he was called upon many times to take the stump in behalf of his party.

His funeral was held Sunday at Dunlap and interment was made in the Dunlap cemetery.

The history of his life, as follows, is taken from the history of Crawford county, published in 1911:

One of the well known citizens of Crawford county is W. A. Davie, farmer, business man and member of the state legislature. He has passed the greater part of his life in this county and few men are better informed as to the resources and possibilities of this part of the state or have a larger acquaintance among its people. He was born near Pontiac, in Livingston county, Illinois, October 13, 1855, a son of John Turner and Hannah (Hoskins) Davie.

He came to Crawford county in 1861 with his parents and received his early education in the district schools of Boyer township and continued at home until he grew to maturity. In 1876 he began farming on his own account, in which he has been highly successful, making a specialty of stock raising. He is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land in Crawford and Shelby counties, which under his management are yielding substantial yearly returns. For two years past he has been the manager of the Farmers Co-Operative Lumber company of Dunlap. He was one of the organizers of this company in 1900 and was its first president and

## LADIES' NIGHT AT C. OF C.

Members Entertain Lady Guests  
Dinner, Program and  
Dance

Tuesday night was ladies' night the Chamber of Commerce and all tending members entertained a guest. The Legion Auxiliary prepared and served the dinner which was most appetizing and satisfactory. The tables were nicely decorated with flowers and lighted candles.

Chairman Powers turned the meeting over to E. A. Raun, chairman of the entertainment committee, who had charge of the program. Anna Belle Thompson gave a delightful clarinet solo, with Miss He Cassaday at the piano and was highly applauded for her offering. Following the dinner the gathering entertained by Miss Maxine Robinson on the harp. Miss Robinson has developed into a finished player and an artist of unusual ability. A part of the program was most enjoyable.

Mr. Raun then introduced Rep. C. Finner, who spoke briefly told of some of his experiences representative of Crawford county. He told of some of the demands were made upon the appropriate committee, one being a demand services rendered 60 years ago. He reviewed the principal bills passed the recent legislature and also told of the many measures that were passed. His talk was interesting and well received.

Following this number, Mr. Finner turned the meeting back to Chairman Powers, who stated that it was a regular meeting and that if any one had any business matters to present, they would be heard but that if there were no objections the business meeting would be closed and the guests allowed to enjoy themselves as they saw fit. There were no objections.

The committee rolled back the program and many enjoyed dancing. The Schlumberger's Royal Dragons furnished the music, which was most satisfactory. Those who did not dance enjoyed a social hour and the affair was most successful, if one judge by the many complimentary remarks of the ladies present.

LAFAYETTE BIGGS  
DIED SUDDENLY

Moeller; Musical Reading, Elaine Johnson. The serving committee consisted of Mrs. E. G. Johnson, Miss Jeanette Cedergren, Mrs. I. Dell, Mrs. Will Nelson, Mrs. John ten, Mrs. P. G. Lundell, and Supt. en.

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J. E. Mauritz received a pleasant surprise last Monday evening in honor of her birthday. Mrs. Mauritz' folks arrived first and a little later Mr. Mauritz' folks arrived on the scene. The whole company numbered over thirty. Both parties enjoyed delicious refreshments, which were served at a late hour.

A number of Miss Cedergren's friends went to Denison Friday where they took part in the grade singing contest.

Mrs. A. E. Benson, and LeNora, Edith and Lloyd Benson, were Sioux City shoppers Saturday.

Miss Anna Anderson of Odebolt spent the latter part of the week at the W. A. Garner home doing seamstress work.

Miss Clara Schmadeke of Schleswig spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Schultz and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Larson and daughters, Bernice and Faye, and son, Edward, were Sioux City visitors Friday.

Mrs. Soderberg of Omaha arrived here Saturday and will visit with Mrs. Hannah Carlson and at the Walcott Carlson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clauson of Cherokee made a visit at Raymond's home, the E. E. Clauson home, here Saturday, returning to Cherokee on the evening.

Mrs. C. R. Lundell was in attendance at the Iowa Lutheran conference at Fort Dodge over the week-end.

Myrtle, Ida and Ernest Turin and Mrs. Waggoner drove to Ames Sunday for a visit with Mildred Turin, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, Mrs. P. B. Miller and son, DeWitt, drove to Eagle Grove Sunday, where they visited with Mr. Anderson's folks.

Maynard and Harold Lundell of Marsden spent Sunday with their folks here.

Mrs. Erika Mauritz, who has been in the last two weeks at the home of Bergin in Ida county, returned home Saturday.

Lambert Bergin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skarin and daughter, Edith, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skar, drove to Arthur Sunday, where they were entertained at the Axel Skarin home for dinner.

A. E. and Andrew Anderson and J.

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On October 29, 1876, Mr. Davie was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Fullerton, a native of Ohio, and five children have blessed this union: Edith, who is the wife of John Hunt, of Harrison county; Maude, now Mrs. Omer Musgrove, of Harrison county; Ray, who is engaged in farming, Harry, who assists on the home farm, and Maybelle, now the wife of Fred Cook of Union township. The mother of these children was called April 29, 1904, and Mr. Davie was subsequently married to Mrs. Florence (Painter) Griffith, a lady of many excellent qualifications of mind and heart.

In political affairs Mr. Davie supported the Democratic party and has taken an active part in its campaigns. He served in the twenty-second, twenty-third, thirty-first and thirty-second Iowa state general assemblies, and also was elected to fill a vacancy in the twenty-ninth general assembly, discharging his duties most effectively. In 1885 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors and has also served in all the township offices, being now a member of the board of trustees. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 244, A. F. & A. M., Chapter No. 89, R. A. M., and Lodge No. 178, I. O. O. F., and Golden-Crown lodge of the Rebekahs. Of a genial and kindly temperament, he has many friends and acquaintances and is entirely worthy of the sincere regard in which he is held by all who know him.

BAND BENEFIT ON THURSDAY

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# LAFAYETTE BIGGS DIED SUDDENLY TUESDAY MORNING

## Died Following an Illness of a Week. Heart Trouble Was the Cause

People of this community were shocked and grieved Tuesday morning to learn that Mr. Lafayette Biggs was dead. While he had been confined to his home for a week, his sudden demise was a surprise and came as a shock to his family and friends. He had felt quite badly Monday, and the doctor called Monday evening, but Tuesday morning he told his daughter, Bernice, that he felt much better. Mrs. Biggs raised him up to give him a drink about 8:15 o'clock and he fell back dead.

Mr. Biggs was a long time resident of this county and was a man of industry and trustworthiness. For the last few years he has been employed as an agent for the Des Moines Register and also was a salesman for the L. T. Petersen Sheet Metal company. When the Farmers Union store was organized he was one of the principal promoters and the success of this institution was due largely to his untiring efforts. He became a member of the Methodist church when 20 years of age and has been steadfast in his worship in that organization.

Mr. Lafayette Biggs was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Biggs, and was born in Cook county, Illinois April 27, 1872. He was 56 years, 11 months and 26 days of age at the time of his death. When a boy of ten years of age he came, with his parents, to Crawford county, where the family located on a farm in Milford township. He attended the rural schools and subsequently attended college at Shenandoah, following which he engaged in teaching school in this county.