Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator De Wolf, Sherman H. — Represented Black Hawk and Grundy Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Nov 1874 Jones County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna Sloss 25 Nov 1902 Reinbeck, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business At the time he received his law degree he was the youngest practicing attorney; member of Iowa State Bar Association;

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th General Assemblies 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local Reinbeck city attorney; member of school board 20 years; mayor of Reinbeck;

B. State

C. National

7. Death

8. Children Donald S.; Roger R.; Carol; Ellen; Margaret M.

9. Names of parents William H. and Susan (Ashby) De Wolf

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DeWolf, Sherman W.

10. Education Educated in Reinbeck Iowa schools graduating from Reinbeck High School

11. Degrees University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, LLB degree 1895

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He began practicing law in 1895 in Reinbeck
- In 1932 he became partnered with his son Roger R. in DeWolf and DeWolf

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Iowa Press Association of Who's Who in Iowa 1940, p. 491			
- Iowa Official Register 1913-1914, p. 672			
- ancestry.com			

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'TH, HERBERT W: Editor & Publisher; rest Park, Ill June 29, 1909; s of O . uth-Louise Patzwald; ed Forest Park Ill 1923; Business Course in Bookkeeping; m Lydia E Bovers Sept 8, 1936 Waverly; when boy worked with father in printing off while att sch, started to learn printing trade when 5 years old with father, Forest Park Ill; prior to 1937 with farmer in job printing business, Forest Park Ill; 1937 emp by Stewart-Simmons Co, Waterloo; 1937-38 with Shell Rock News, Allison Tribune, & Waverly Independent-Democrat in Butler & Bremer counties, Iowa; 1938-40 managing editor Dike New Era, Dike; 1940- editor & publisher Dike New Era, Dike; Comm Club; Zion German Luth Ch; Indep; hobby: music; off Newspaper; res Dike.

CAKERICE, IRVIN L: Farmer & Stockman; b Marshalltown, Iowa July 11, 1891; s of John H Cakerice-Eliza Slifer; ed Conrad; Morris Sch, Ill; m Alice M Turner Nov 28, 1911 Marshalltown; s John I, Irvin L Jr; d Mildred O (Mrs Raymond Newell), Cecil I (Mrs Dale Button), Gwen R; 1911-16 & 1918- farmer & stockman, Grundy Co; 1916-18 farmer, Hardin Co; corn sealer 2 years, 1937-39 chmn; 1939 corn loan inspector; past dir PCA of Waterloo; past 1st chmn AAA program; past treas sch dist; Comm Club, past chmn; past Melrose twp trustee; past mbr Farm Bur; Ch of Brethren, Melrose twp, trustee; Rep; hobbies: sports, basketball, athletics; res Route 2, Eldora.

CECH, JAMES: Grocer; b Czechoslovakia, Oct 26, 1895; s of John Cech-Antonia Kubalek; ed Czechoslovakia; m Anna Slatinka Sept 8, 1919 Cedar Rapids; s James William; d Martha Ann; 1913 came to US; 1919-20 emp by J F Kubalek in gen store, Clutier; 1920-31 owner gen store, Clutier; 1931- owner & opr groc e, Grundy Center; during World War enl S army May 16, 1917 Fort Logan Colo, d to 2nd US inf Co I Fort Shafter Hawaii after 30 days left Hawaii for Camp Fremont then to Camp Dodge Iowa, advanced to corp on Jan 1, 1919, company clk, 2nd inf Co I formed into 88th inf Co I, disch Jan 24, 1919; Amer Legion, ch mbr, Clutier; Comm Club; ch mbr IOOF; Meth Ch; hobbies: working, gardening, reading; res Grundy Center.

CHANDLER, LEE: Bank Cashier; b Three Lakes, Wis June 30, 1904; s of C G Chandler-Edith L Cannom; ed Hartwick; ed Buffalo Center HS; U of Iowa 1924; m Margaret Meyer June 1, 1926 Iowa Falls; s Richard Lee; 1924-28 bkkpr & asst cash State Bank of Blairsburg; 1928-39 examiner in chg of closed banks in receivership, with Iowa St Banking Dept; 1939- cash Iowa Savings Bank, Dike; VP Grundy Co Bankers Assn; pres Comml Club; Meth Ch; Dem, del to Iowa St Dem conv since 1934, 1938 pres Ida Co Y D Club; hobbies: baseball, reading; off & res Dike.

CLARKE, JOHN L: Hybrid Seed Corn Producer; b Conrad, Iowa June 28, 1892; s of Henry Clarke-Margaret A Lister; ed rural sch; m Ruth Hauser Sept 8, 1915 Whitten; s George Howard, Hugh Hauser; d Mary Ellen, Margaret Ann; while att sch worked on farm, 1914-15 farmer with father; 1916- farmer, Grundy Co; 1932- in hybrid seed corn business, one of 1st hybrid seed corn growers of state, has 200 A seed corn, with processing plant & sales organization for handling same; s Hugh & George co-ptrs with father; past county warehouse bd mbr; ch mbr Grundy Co Planning Bd; ofcl judge at State Corn Show, Ames; 1939 & 1940- councilor of agr bd; during World War active in sale of Liberty Bonds; Hybrid Producers Assn of Iowa, dir; past active in AAA work; Meth Ch; Indep; hobbies: photography, corn breeding; off & res Conrad.

CLARKE, MRS RUTH HAUSER: Homemaker; b Whitten, Iowa Sept 6, 1896; d of Nelson Hauser-Barbara Ellen Crider; ed Whitten & Union HSs; m John L Clarke Sept 8, 1915 Whitten; s George Howard, Hugh Hauser; d Mary Ellen, Margaret Ann; 1915- homemaker, Conrad; s Hugh & George att Iowa St Coll, now co-ptrs with father, seed corn dlr; Ch of Christ; res Route 1, Conrad.

CLAUSSEN, RICHARD JOHN: Merchant; b Reinbeck, Iowa May 15, 1879; s of Hans Claussen-Elizabeth Cook; ed Reinbeck HS; m Louella Garland June 23, 1903 Salem Wis; prior to 1912 owner clothing business with E Wood & John E Johnson, 1912-21 ptr of Mr Tschirgi, 1921 inc, 1921- pres, Reinbeck; past dir town band; Retail Clothiers Assn; ch mbr Grundy County Country & Golf Club; Comml Club; AF&AM; Scot Rite 32°; First Congl Ch; Rep; hobbies: travel, reading; off & res Reinbeck.

COFFMAN, LEWIS D: Mortician; b Baileyville, Ill May 14, 1874; s of John D Coffman-Elizabeth Downey; ed Baileyville Ill; Business Coll, Freeport Ill 1891; Barnes Coll of Embalming, Chicago Ill, 1901; recd embalmers lic 1903; m Nellie E Lynn Dec 23, 1896 Grundy Center; 1899 farmer Grundy Co; 1900-07 mortician, ptr of Fred DeSwelhorst; 1907- mortician & furn dlr, Grundy Center; 1924- Grundy Co coroner; builder of smallest church in world, which has nation-wide recognition; Comm Club; Grundy Co Farm Bur; Meth Ch; Rep; hobbies: gardening, flowers, work; off & res Grundy Center.

CONRAD, JOHN W: Farmer & Stockman; b Conrad, Iowa Dec 5, 1883; s of John W Conrad-Emma Marrow; ed Conrad HS 1902; m Blanche Stark June 25, 1908 Cedar Rapids; s William Arthur; d Julia Barbara; while att sch worked with father on farm, near Conrad, 1902-34 farmer & stock raiser, ptr of father, 1934- owner & opr since father's death, 1920- raiser of purebred Poland China hogs; past mbr sch bd, Conrad, mbr when sch was built 1924; past trustee, Felix twp 10 years; ch mbr & pres Farm Bur, Grundy Co, pres 6 years; AF&AM, Conrad; Presby Ch, elder; Rep; hobby: livestock, Poland China hogs; grandfather Justice John W Conrad born 1813, Ind, dec 1902 in Iowa; filled homestead claim 1853 & moved on place 1854, had 2nd file on homestead in county, town of Conrad laid out 1880 & named after him, broke 1st furrow in Grundy Co with oxen, drove 1st spike in new RR; res Route 1, Conrad.

COULTER, FRED E: Farmer & Stockman; b Conrad, Iowa Apr 5, 1886; s of Aren A Coulter-Etta Crecelius; ed Willow Hedge, Grundy Co; m — —; s Fred E Jr; d Doris E; m Lucille E Dutton Aug 29, 1923 Conrad; d Darleen L, Sue Lynne; 1908- farmer, Grundy Co, 1915- cattle raiser; J P, Felix twp; past mbr rural twp bd; mbr Grundy Co Farm Bur; past Woodman; Presby Ch; Indep; hobbies: landscaping, livestock; res Conrad.

COULTER, GEORGE SAMUEL GUY: Farmer & Dairyman; b Sibley, Iowa May 30, 1882; s of Aren A Coulter-Etta Crecelius; ed Liscomb & Marshall twps schs; m Gurtie Morrison Feb 13, 1907 Conrad; s James R, Floyd A; d Twila A (Mrs G Stoiner); while att sch worked on farm with father; 1903-07 farmer; 1912-27 owner farm with father, 1927- owner & opr farm, Grundy Co, 1921- dairyman; 1939 recd state emblem as master corn raiser, has won the 4-county 10 A corn yield 1932, 1936 & 1939, now holder of Dr Miller trophy; past dir twp sch bd; past trustee, Felix twp; mbr Farm Bur, Grundy Co, past Felix twp chmn; past pres County Cow Testing Assn 14 years; past mbr MWA; Meth Ch, bd mbr; Dem; hobby: cattle, travel; wife's parents James T Morrison-Sarah Frances Brundage, wife mbr RNA; mbr Ladies County Farm Bur; past secy rural twp bd; past mgr 4-H Club; past pres ladies aid soc of Meth Ch; res Route 1, Conrad.

CURRY, MRS JENNIE ARDELLA: Manager Telephone Co; b Chicago, Ill Feb 10, 1886; s of Abraham Foster-Emily McMurray; ed HS Blue Earth Minn 1902; Pillsburg Acad, Minn; m Joseph Cameron Curry Aug 2, 1905 Bricelyn Minn (dec 1921); d Gerold, Winson Doras (Mrs Von Meeker); 1905-21 homemaker; 1921-25 bkkpr Iowa St Telephone Co, 1925- mgr, Grundy Center; Dist Comml Supt Iowa Tele Co; ch mbr B&PW; past mbr Pythian Sisters; past mbr WRC, Minn; Comm Club, past mbr; Music Club; OES; Bapt Ch; Rep; res Grundy Center.

DALZELL, JAMES G: Chiropractor; b Wigtownshire Co, Scotland Feb 13, 1888; s of Andrew Dalzell-Georgina Milby; ed Wigtownshire Scotland; Whithorn Scotland HS; Universal Chiropractic Coll, Davenport 1913; m Ruth R Williams Apr 14, 1915 Grundy Center; s Robert J; d Dorothy R; 1907 came to US; 1907-11 on farm with brother Alex, Traer; 1914- chiropractor, Grundy Center; KP; past mbr AF&AM; Presby Ch; Rep; hobbies: travel, vocal work, philosophy; off & res Grundy Center.

De WOLF, ROGER R: Attorney; b Reinbeck, Iowa Dec 16, 1907; s of Sherman W De Wolf-Anna B Sloss; ed Reinbeck HS 1926; Cornell Coll, BA 1930; U of Iowa, JD 1932; Delta Theta Phi; m Luella C Brandhorse Aug 9, 1934 Reinbeck; d Janet Lou, Mary Ann; 1932- prac law, ptr of father in De Wolf & De Wolf, Reinbeck; city atty; 1935- mbr sch bd, Reinbeck; past trombone player in local band; Iowa St Bar Assn; Comml Club, past secy; mbr Grundy Golf & Country Club; United Presby Ch; Dem; hobbies: fishing, hunting, music; off & res Reinbeck.

DEWOLF, SHERMAN W: Attorney; b Tama Co, Iowa Nov 14, 1874; s of William W DeWolf-Sussan Ashby; ed Reinbeck; U of Iowa, LLB 1895; m Anna B Sloss Mar 25, 1902 Reinbeck; s Donald S, Roger R; d Carol, Ellen, Margaret M; at time recd degree was youngest practicing atty; 1895-prac law, Reinbeck, 1932- ptr of son Roger R in DeWolf & DeWolf; city atty; past mbr sch bd 20 years, past pres; past mayor; Nov 1906 elected to House of Rep 32nd special assembly, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, & 35th gen assemblies; chmn Grundy Co Pub Service Res; mbr Amer & Syrian Relief Drives; mbr com of Retrenchment & Reform; secy legal advisory bd, Grundy Co; during World War chmn Reinbeck YMCA drive June 1917 & Nov 1917, vice-chmn 7th fed res dist Iowa, 3rd Liberty Loan, mbr Grundy Co coun of defense, chmn ARC, assoc dir Christmas mbrship drive Dec 1917, mbr war justice coun, Grundy Co 4th Liberty Loan; Iowa St Bar Assn; past chmn Greater Iowa Assn; ch mbr Grundy Co Golf & Country Club; OES; AF&AM; Scot Rite 32°, Cedar Rapids; hobbies: gardening, outdoors, reading; off & res Reinbeck.

DIEKEN, ARTHUR V: Bank Cashier; b Grundy Co, Iowa May 13, 1905; s of John Dieken-Mary E Lingelbach; ed Grundy Co; Dike consolidated sch & Grundy Center HS; active in group study courses of Amer Inst of Banking, sponsored by Amer Banking Assn; m Betty G Paul June 5, 1937 Wau-Kee; d Judy Marie; 1923-27 farmer, Grundy Co; 1927 agt Amer Express Co, Grundy Center; 1928-29 bkkpr Farmers Savings Bank, Dike; 1929-35 teller & asst casn Dike Savings Bank; 1935- cash Farmers Savings Bank, Grundy Center; treas pub schs, Grundy Center; past town clk, Dike 5 years; past secy & treas Grundy Co Bankers Assn; past secy Comml Club, Dike 4 years; Grundy Center Comm Club, pres;

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1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	**Sherman W Dewolf**
Home in 1920:	Black Hawk, Grundy, Iowa
Age:	45 years
Estimated birth year:	abt 1875
Birthplace:	Iowa
Relation to Head of House:	Head
Spouse's name:	Anna B
Father's Birth Place:	New York
Mother's Birth Place:	England
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Home owned:	Own
Able to read:	Yes
Able to Write:	Yes
Image:	345
Neighbors:	
Household Members:	Name Sherman W Dewolf Anna B Dewolf Donald Dewolf Carol Dewolf Roger Dewolf Ellen Dewolf Margaret Dewolf

Source Citation: Year: *1920*;Census Place: *Black Hawk, Grundy, Iowa*; Roll: *T625_489*; Page: *14A*; Enumeration District: *48*; Image: *345*.

Source Information:
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The people in this district who have kept in touch with the work of Sherman De Wolf in the state senate have not thought that Mr. DeWolf is a nonentity and they do not think so now.

Any attempts that are made to belittle the record and to besmirch the character and standing of the senator from Reinbeck will be resented by people of rGundy county, by the people of Grundy county. They may not agree with him on all matters from a political standpoint, but there is not one among them who does not know and admit that Sherman De Wolf has ability equal to the duties of his office and sufficient energy, inclination and ambition to apply them. If they were looking for a nonentity Sherman De Wolf would be one of the last men in the county in whom they would expect to find the qualifications to play such a part.

It is not necessary for the voters of this district to base their faith in the young senator from Reinbec' from general observation alone. His record bears inspection and an honest examination of it sustains the opinion that the people of the dist[illegible] have of him and that is that he has made an honest and capable senator.

Following is some of the evidence Mr. De Wolf's friends submit to substantiate the opinion they all have of him:

As to General Standing.

Code Supplement.

Lieut.-Governor Garst recognized his legal ability and industry by appointing him as one of a committee of six, of whom only three were from the Senate, who had entire charge of the revising, indexing and publishing of the 1907 supplement to the Code. This committee was appointed on February 25th, 1907 and on April 1st, 1909 Senator De Wolf, on behalf of the committee, presented the report of the committee. The Code Supplement issued under the supervision of this committee is a credit to the state of Iowa in every respect. The Committee served without pay and had entire charge of the spending of about $35,000.

Hambelton-Beam Contest.

Lieut.-oGvernor Clarke recognized his legal ability and fairness of mind by appointing him one of the committee to act as judges in the c[illegible] contest which occured in the [illegible] during the last four years. The decision was unanimous and was accepted by all as a fair decision of the case.

Siftings Committee.

Senator Sherman W. DeWolf

introduced and had charge of what was known as the "Assumption of Risk" bill for the benefit of the the law that when an employee on a been the law that when an employee on a railroad or in a factory learned of any defect in the machinery or equipment, even although he notified the foreman in charge and asked to have it repaired, if it was not repaired and the employee was injured he could not recover damages. This was unfair to the working man as it put him up against the proposition that he must either give up his position if he did not, he was held to have assumed all risks of injury. The bill introduced by Senator De Wolf was passed and the law was so modified in favor of the working man that if he saw any defect in the machinery or appliances he could give written notice to his employer of such defect and then he had a right to continue in the employment without giving up his right to recover damages in case he was injured. This bill was considered by the labor leaders to be the most important measure passed for their benefit during the session.

At the same session Senator DeWolf introduced for the benefit of the railway employee a bill regulating the stringing of wires across the railway tracks. Many trainmen have been injured by being dragged from the tops of cars by wires hanging loose and this law was desired for their safety. It was passed and is now part of the law of the state.

Senator De Wolf also introduced what was known as the Boiler Inspection bill, which provided that all boilers should be regularly inspected for the purpose of avoiding accidents and saving the lives of the employees. Although he worked faithfully, he could not succeed in getting this measure adopted.

Senator De Wolf was in sincere sympathy with the working men and he was often seen in consultation with the labor leaders who often asked his advise in regard to the legal effect of pending measures.

His friendly relations with the working men is most clearly shown by the following extracts from a statement signed by President Crick of the State Federation of Labor, and by Mr. Lucas, who represented the Railway Trainmen.

"As in the former session DeWolf was looked upon as one of our particular friends. He was always

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See also the following:

Waterloo, Iowa, Mar. 19th, 07.

Mr. S. W. De Wolf, Senator.

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir: —

Our representative at the legislature, Mr. Strouse, having informed us that you were doing all in your power to further the interests of the railroad men, I wish, in behalf of Lodge No. 341, Brotherhood of 150 men, to thank you for your efforts in our behalf, and to assure you that it will not be forgotten by the members of our organization, fo we certainly appreciate any favor shown us, as we realize fully that in legislation is our only hope of obtaining just and equitable laws to properly protect our interests, and again I wish to assure you that your work in our behalf will be remembered in the future.

Yours truly,

F. E. Lucas, Chairman B. R. T., Illinois Central System."

Senator De Wolf stood for home rule for the cities and towns and both spoke and voted against this bill.

Direct Election of U. S. Senators.

Senator De Wolf believed in the direct election of United States senators and he not only believed in doing it at some future time, but believed in doing it right now. He and Senator Moon together prepared a couple of bills, providing a plan whereby the people of the state of Iowa could elect their United States senators by direct vote and with practically no further expense. The plan proposed was to amend the present law so that the name of the candidate of each party for United States senator, who had been elected at the regular primary, as is already provided, should be placed upon the official ballot and this man voted for at the general election and a record kept of the vote.

In this way the people could express their preference regardless of party. Then a method was provided whereby the candidates for the legislature might pledge themselves in writing to vote for that man for United States senator who received the most votes at the general election regardless of party, and in this way the legislature would carry out the wish of the people and we would substantially elect our senators by direct vote without waiting for any amendment

[illegible] vices. We will not forget you and when ever I can personally be of any service to you or can bring to bear any influence that will help you in anything you may have up do not forget my address.

With kindest regards and appreciation of you and the personal acquaintance it has been my privilege to form with you in recent weeks, I am,

Very truly,

Legislative Committee, Iowa State Dairy Association, E. R. Shoemaker, chairman.

He Stood for the State Normal School.

The only state institution in this district is the State Normal school, or what is now called the Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. Under the management of President H. H. Seerley, this school has grown until it now stands with the very highest institutions of its kind in the United States. Its welfare depends greatly upon the securing of proper appropriations and Senator De Wolf was always working faithfully and successfully toward this end. It seems that a great many minor institutions were springing up all over the country and calling themselves normal schools and the better class of such institutions throughout the United States were being designated as teachers' colleges in order to distinguish them from the smaller schools. This was done to such an extent that the graduates of the school at Cedar Falls were being seriously hampered in their work by reason of the old name and at their request Senator De Wolf at last managed to change the name of the school to the state teachers' college. This was bitterly opposed by a great many who all seemed to be jealous of the success of the school, but, after a long contest, the legislature adopted the change. The school is now officially known as the Iowa State Teachers' College and is free to stand both in name and in rank as one of the best institutions of its kind in the United States.

Testimony of President Seerley.

The following letter, written at the close of the 32nd General Assembly shows what President Seerley thought of the work of Senator DeWolf:

April 10th, 1907.

"Hon. S. W. De Wolf,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir: I want to say to you that I fully appreciate your co-operation during the past General Assembly. I want to thank you for your interest and assistance. You have done well by us and we fully appreciate it. I am sorry I did not secure the amount of money that I asked for the salaries of the librarians, but I have no complaint to make as the General Assembly must decide the degree of efficiency that is to be allowed at these institutions.

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.