

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

By the
Legislature
of the
State of Iowa
in 1850
Further
amended
in 1857
1874

Name of Representative Ericson Charles John Alfred Senator Ericson,
Charles John Alfred - Represented Boone and Story Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 8 Mars 1840 Ludlow, Sweden

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Matilda Nelson 1858
② Nellie Lindelwood 1873

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1871 he assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Boone and
became the vice-president and later cashier; in 1878 it became the City Bank and later
became the President.

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 14th General Assembly 1872 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 26th, 27th General Assemblies 1896, 1898 - Senate
32nd General Assembly 1907 - Senate

A. Local Postmaster at Mineral Ridge Iowa; local supervisor; school director;
township treasurer; township clerk.

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Aug 1910 Boone, Iowa; buried Linwood Cemetery, Boone, Iowa

8. Children Alice; Lorena

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Educated in common schools first in Sweden and his neighborhood in Illinois and Iowa.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to America in 1852 settling near Mahan, Illinois where his father farmed and fished.
- The family later moved to Webster County, Iowa.
- He first worked for an older brother on a farm and later operated a ferry boat across the Rock River. Later he worked in a general store with 2 other brothers at Altoona, Illinois.
- In spring 1859, at age 19, he arrived in Boone County, Iowa where he first opened a small store in Mineral Ridge, Iowa which he operated for some years. At the same time he engaged in buying and selling stock.
- He was quickly successful in all his undertakings.
- In 1857 he moved to the town of Boone, Iowa where he purchased the general store from Jackson Ours which he operated for 5 years.
- In 1875 he sold his store to work as a cashier of the bank.
- Monuments in his honor is Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois by endowing the college 280 acres of valuable real lands; the other is the Ericson Library in Boone which he built for the City of Boone.
- His second wife, Nellie, died in 1890.

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Mr. Ericson returned home the previous Saturday evening from his trip around the world, seemingly in the best of health and to friends he stated that he never felt better, had not been ill a moment on the trip and had never missed a meal. Sunday evening he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the stockholders of the City Bank at the Hotel Holst and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Monday he spent some time in his office at the bank and talking with his friends and his genial smile and handshake was enjoyed by all. That evening after retiring, he was taken suddenly very ill and doctors were summoned and relieved him. The next day he was no better and he was removed to the hospital. A consultation was held and it was decided that an operation was necessary. At first he demurred, but the doctors convinced him that it was best and he submitted. When the incision was made a gangrenous condition of the appendix was discovered and in spite of his generally rugged constitution and apparent good health, he was unable to rally from the ordeal. He became gradually weaker and it was generally understood that he could not recover. About 4:00 o'clock Sunday morning he took a marked change for the worse

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In 1871 he was induced to enter politics and was elected a member of the fourteenth general assembly of Iowa, running on the republican ticket against the late Judge Ramsey. He served during the regular session and a special session called to revise the code in 1873. Twenty-five years later, in 1895, he was returned to the legislature as senator for the Boone and Story district, and again in 1903, thus serving during four regular and one special session in the senate. He was the author of and succeeded in passing a bill to tax corporations and one for the reduction of interest on state warrants from six to five per cent. He always took a keen interest in the work of the assembly and assisted materially in the passage of many good laws.

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During his later life especially he was liberal in his donations to educational and other institutions. He took an especial interest in Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, endow- ing it with two hundred and eighty acres of valuable coal lands, and also donated thirteen thousand dollars in cash. This was the same amount fur- nished by the faculty of the school, was used in the purchase of a valu- able tract of land, which has been named Ericson Park in his honor.

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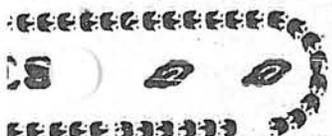


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The funeral services were held from the home, 410 Tama street, at 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning, conducted by his former pastor, the Rev. O. H. I. Mason, who came all the way

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In the spring of 1859, at the age of
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that time he has been one of the most
prominent and progressive residents
of the county. He first opened a
small store in Mineral Ridge, which
he operated for some years and at the
same time engaged in buying and
selling stock. Starting with scarcely
any capital he was eminently success-
ful in all his undertakings and was
soon on his way toward the acquiring
of the comfortable competence which
he possessed at the time of his death.
For ten years he was postmaster of
Mineral Ridge. He also filled the po-
sition of road supervisor, school di-
rector, treasurer and township clerk,
always enjoying the fullest confi-
dence and esteem of his fellow men.

In 1870 he came to Boone and pur-
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Many Resolutions.

Resolutions of condolence were ad-
opted by the stockholders of the City
Bank, the Board of Ericson Library
the Commercial Association and Au-
gustana college.

The Council Bluffs team came to
Boone Sunday, but were unable to
do anything with the J. C. Petersen
team, the score being 12 to 1 in favor
of the former. One of the Council
Bluffs players was struck on the tem-
ple with a pitched ball and badly
stunned. He was unconscious for
some time but was able to return
home in the evening. The Farmers'
Elevator team played the Morrissey
team from Ames at Pitcher's Park
and was defeated by the score of
seven to eight. The Invincibles
played at Moingona and won by the
score of 9 to 7. Another Boone team
went to Beaver and defeated a team
of that place 14 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moriarity re-
turned home to Dean, Appanoose
county, Iowa, this morning after a
pleasant three weeks' visit with rel-
atives and friends in Boone and vi-
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