

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Geneva, Thomas Senator _____
Represented Hookah County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place .. 1855 Leicester, England

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ella Sheffer 1888

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 30th, 31st and 32nd General Assemblies 1904, 1906, 1907

6. Public Offices

A. Local Wheat Checkmaster - appointed in 1913, serving 9 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 15 Aug. 1936 Wheat Chew, Iowa; buried Highland Cemetery, Washington Imp.

8. Children Jessie (died in 1921); Jeanne (died in infancy); Ruth (Mrs. Engelmann); Ella (Mrs. Anderson) Wheat Chew, Iowa

9. Names of parents Albert and Sarah Geneva

10. Education Educated in the Whit Chew, Iowa
public schools

11. Degrees Attended Oskaloosa Business College, Oskaloosa,
Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- At the age of 2 years he came with his parents to Amerasia
settling in the area of Whit Chew, Iowa.
- As young as age 9 he hauled coal to Sigourney for sale
and brought back store goods for his family.
- In 1880 with his father he started in the meat and
grocery business, also buying cattle and making
weekly shipments to Chicago.

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PIONEER RESIDENT ANSWERS FINAL SUMMONS FRIDAY

Thomas Geneva, Former Legislator
And What Cheer Business Man
Died Friday

Death entered one of What Cheer's highly respected homes Friday evening when it took Thomas Geneva. Mr. Geneva, age 80 years, 7 months and 24 days, had been in failing health for some time. During the seventy-eight years spent in Keokuk county he held office in the state legislature and served as postmaster at What Cheer during the World war. While holding these offices and through other connections he gained a wide circle of friends who will greatly miss him. He was a faithful member of the local M. E. church.

Thomas Geneva, son of Albert and Sarah Geneva was born in Leicester, England, and at the age of two years came with his parents to this country and settled in and around What Cheer seventy-eight years ago. Undoubtedly Mr. Geneva is one of the oldest residents of Keokuk county.

His education was received in the What Cheer Schools and in the Oskaloosa Business College.

As young as nine years of age he hauled coal to Sigourney for sale, and often brought back store goods for the few merchants.

In 1880, with his father, he started in the meat and grocery business; also buying cattle and making weekly shipments to Chicago.

In 1888 he was united in marriage to miss Ella Shepfer, who survives. To this union four children were born: One son Jullan, who preceded him in death in 1921; one daughter, Jeanne, who died in infancy; Ruth Engelmann and family, and Ella

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mourn his departure. Six grandchildren survive him: Mary Jane Cas-

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and Mrs. George Paull and entertained, with a picnic supper in the garden of their home Sunday evening, July 19th, celebrating the anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. Paull, also Mrs. Paull's birthday and other birthdays which occurred during the month. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Leasingham, Dr. and Mrs. C. Lightfoot, Mrs. Lightfoot, Miss Annette Lightfoot, Mrs. Lightfoot, Miss Mary Thompson, Miss Mary Thompson, Los Angeles; Mrs. E. Woodhead and daughters, Lillian and Jane, of What Cheer, and granddaughter, Miss Shay, of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Dachsteiner, of Rose Meade; Mrs. E. M. Moore, of Venice; Mrs. T. L. Downs, Mr. and Mrs. L. Crowe and Jimmy, of Elmer. Mr. and Mrs. Paull received gifts, cards and flowers.

CO BUYS PRIZE

BABY BEEVES

Food Stores, and other merchants, to assure a fair bid up for the exhibitors, bid up at auction thirteen prize calves at the Tri-State Fair on Monday, August 12th. The champion exhibited by James of Sperry, Iowa, brought the breaking price of \$17.75 a hundred. The champion weighed 1150

of the thirteen prize winners bought by Benteco Food Stores. It was a Shorthorn, owned and bred by Walter Swank, of Oakville. It weighed 950 pounds. The second was a Hereford, exhibited by J. Schulte, of Sperry, Iowa. It weighed 960 pounds.

meat will be offered for sale at the Meats Markets during the week ending August 24th to 29th.

LS TO OPEN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

of the school board last evening, children must be five years old as of June 1 to enroll in school this year. Parents are to go to their regular schools where they will enroll

ler, Jeanne, who died in infancy; Ruth Engelmann and family, and Ella Anderson and family who survive and mourn his departure. Six grandchildren survive him: Mary Jane Casady, daughter of Julian; Mrs. Harlow Howell, Andrew and Julia, children of Dr. and Mrs. Engelmann, and David and Clair, children of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Sioux City. He also leaves to mourn his loss, one brother, Alfred Geneva, of What Cheer and a sister, Anna Collard of Oskaloosa; and leaves a number of cousins from Des Moines; neieces and nephews to mourn his departure.

In 1904 Mr. Geneva was elected to the State Legislature, as Representative of Keokuk County, serving in that capacity three regular terms and an extra session for the purpose of electing a U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Johnathan P. Dolliver.

In 1913 he was appointed What Cheer Postmaster by Woodrow Wilson, serving nine years, all through the World War.

Ever since early manhood Mr. Geneva has been a faithful member of the M. E. church and Sunday School, helping in building the church on the hill and the new church on its present site.

He will be greatly missed in the home and in What Cheer, for he was a most loyal citizen of this community.

His labors are over and we read in God's word "That if our Earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—"

Funeral services were held in the What Cheer Methodist church with Rev. John C. Porath officiating. Interment was made in Highland Cemetery. Two lovely hymns were sung by the Misses Louise Baxter and Ruth Lash accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Leslie Wilson. Byron Wallace, of Sac City, nephew of Mr. Geneva sang "Only Remembered By What I Have Done."

INFANT DIES

Elmer Eugene Wagner, infant son of Rozale and Elmer Wagner, was born August 14th at 4 o'clock in the