

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Morris, James Lindley Senator _____

Represented Sioux County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Oct 1855 Black Hawk County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth Ross 9 Jan 1879 La Porte City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmers; teacher; raised livestock

4. Church membership _____

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local School director 10 years; school treasurer 15 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 6 May 1936 Alameda, California; buried Pasadena, California

8. Children Louis Ross; Harry Ross; Bessie May; Frank Ross;
Anna/Ema; Robert Ross; Myrna (Mrs. Hyndrop)

9. Names of parents Abraham and Mary Jane (Lindley) Morris

Marric, James Franklin

10. Education He received little education, attended two terms in Delaware County at age 20; taught school for a term at Hopkins in Delaware County, Iowa. He then attended high school for 3 years.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- In 1887 he moved to Sioux County where he purchased a farm near Sutton Iowa after leaving Black Hawk County, Iowa.
 - After leaving the legislature he moved to California. There he kept busy with his orchards, flowers and poultry. He moved there in 1918.
 - His parents came to Black Hawk County, Iowa in spring 1855
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Stage Set For Big Spring Celebration

70 Attend Mother's Day Party of Women's Club

The Women's Civic club had the annual Mother's Day party Tuesday at the city hall, with Mrs. M. Chaswell chairman assisted by Mrs. E. Bender, who had charge of the music, and Mrs. G. E. Scheider in charge of the decorations.

After the regular business meeting the following program was given:

President, Mrs. A. Bartlett and Mrs. E. Bender; poetry, Mrs. G. E. Bender; Immigration laws, Mrs. M. McCarty; One act play by Mrs. A. Thillman, Mrs. W. Taylor, Miss Alice Taylor, Mrs. A. Bartlett, Mrs. E. Goodman and Mrs. H. Zilm. Musical rendering, "Mother's Apron" by Della Lee Bendixen accompanied by Mrs. E. Bender on the piano. Trio, "A Flower for Mother," by Miss Bernice Vande Water, Mrs. A. Bartlett and Mrs. O. Mueller, who Mrs. E. Bender at the piano. A delicious buffet luncheon was served with Mrs. R. Herwynen and Mrs. Frank Crane serving. There were about seventy present.

Juniors-Seniors Have Banquet

The annual Junior-Senior banquet of the Iretion High school was held Friday evening in the high school gymnasium.

Using the circus as the theme of the occasion the gymnasium was decorated as a tent. The color scheme, salmon and silver, the Senior's chosen colors, was used in the decorations.

Under the "big top" the tables were arranged in an artistic manner. Small carts served as nut stands, with as programs and a parade of animals as a centerpiece.

Program

The following program was given: Ringmaster, Ellwood Grau; The Packer, Keith Vande Water; The Big's Quartette, "The Man on the Flying Trapeze"; Animal Show, Mr. Landhauser; Veteran Song, Professor, Lyman Karr; "A Rural Folk Song," Mr. Schmitt; The Crystal Gazer, Elinor Schmitt; Class Will and Testament, Elinor Schmitt.

The banquet was prepared by the members of the Junior class and was enjoyed by a group of ten sophomores. The program included fruit cocktail, coffee and cream, washed up

Dances Are Planned for Both Nights

Many Free Circus Acts Scheduled For Event

The Iretion Spring Celebration, sponsored by the Iretion Community Booster club, will be held here this Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16.

The Art B. Thomas "Bomoshell of 1936," a carnival show from Lenoix, S. D., will be featured in the celebration.

Fourteen free circus acts are scheduled for presentation each day.

Flying Performers

The free acts include flying performers, clowns, cyclists, a marimba band, Spanish web, a swinging ladder act, juggling, animal acts, European globe rolling, hoop spinning, slack wire queens, the cycling ace and a dog and monkey act.

Rides scheduled for the celebration by the Thomas shows include a ferris wheel, loop-the-loop, merry-go-round, loop-a-plane, pony ride, miniature auto and a kiddie ride.

Two Dances

Two big dances, one each evening, have been planned for the event. Naomi Geigher's orchestra will play for the dances.

A feature of the final evening dance will be the sale to some person attending one of the dances of a fine new Zenith all-wave radio for one dollar.

The Sioux county board of supervisors will meet next Tuesday, May 19, at the board rooms in the courthouse at Orange City.

Normal Schools Get State OK

By Charles H. Tye
County Supt. of Schools

Miss Clara M. Wallace, state inspector of normal training schools, visited and inspected the normal training schools of the county recently. This official indicates that our normal training schools are meeting the State requirements and during a year high

Drake U. Graduate Is New Iretion Music Head

At a special meeting of the Board of Education held Saturday evening, Miss Merle Carpenter was elected music instructor for next year, and she accepted and signed the contract.

She comes highly recommended. Miss Carpenter had three years of college work at State Teachers college, Cedar Falls, and graduated from Drake University, Des Moines. She taught successfully for two years at Humeston, and two years at Nemaha, at which place she had been re-elected.

Charles H. Tye Retains Soo Job

Charles H. Tye of Orange City this week was re-elected Sioux county superintendent of schools at the annual meeting of school district presidents at Orange City.

Tye received 31 votes, while Cleveringa received five votes.

The new term begins next September and continues for one year.

Named on Board

Two Iretion persons were elected to the county board of education. They were J. A. Lindenman, secretary of the Iretion board of education, and Mrs. Randall Karr. Both were elected directors for six year terms.

Other directors named were Gertrude De Motts of Sioux Center for six years and Tony Rozeboom of Plato township for three years.

Dunlop Presides

George Dunlop, president of the Orange City Independent school district, presided over the session, and Auditor M. J. Van Wyk acted as secretary.

Thirty-nine school district presidents of Sioux county attended the meeting.

Mrs. E. Coonrod Dies in Soo City

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Coonrod of Sioux City were held Monday afternoon at a Sioux City funeral home. Burial was in Grace-land Park cemetery.

Mrs. Coonrod died Friday morning at a Sioux City hospital after a brief illness. For the last eight years she had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. N. J. Nathan.

Mrs. Coonrod is quite well known to Iretion people, as she was a visitor here often while her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Kettle, was residing here, and her many friends are sorry to hear of her passing. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. N. J. Nathan of Sioux City, and Mrs. J. A. Kettle, wife

J. F. Morris Was Widely Known Here

Was Widely Known As Farmer, Lawmaker In Iretion

The many friends of J. F. Morris, former Iretion resident, were sorry to learn of his death in Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Morris died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Myrna Wynkoop, of Pasadena, on the morning of May 6.

Mr. Morris had gotten up, eaten his breakfast and done chores around the house, then returned to the house to read the morning paper.

His daughter, after serving breakfast, lay down again for a while. When she returned to the room where her father was she found him slumped in his chair.

Died in an Hour

A physician was called but nothing could be done, and in a little more than an hour he had passed away.

Mr. Morris had gone through a serious illness and operation a few years ago, and at different times he was in serious condition but was able to rally each time.

Only two days before his death Mr. and Mrs. John Chenhall bade him goodbye, as they were returning to Iretion.

Mrs. Morris preceded him in death several years ago.

Born in La Porte

J. F. Morris was born in LaPorte, Black Hawk county, Iowa, in the fall of 1855. In 1881 he came to Sioux county and purchased a farm 2 miles southeast of Iretion, now the M. O. Simons farm. Here his family grew to young manhood and womanhood.

He held many responsible positions in township and school offices. He was sent to the state legislature as a representative of Sioux county and was re-elected.

He then sold his farm and moved to California where he was always busy with his orchards, flowers and poultry.

Four Sons

He leaves to mourn his passing 4 sons, Louis and Harry in North Dakota, Frank of Sioux City and Bob of Los Angeles; three daughters, Bessie of Pomona, Calif., Irma of San Diego, and Myrna of Pasadena.

Funeral services were held May 8th. F. F. Morris of Sioux City left at once for Pasadena, upon receiving the message of his fathers

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A Proud Heritage

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time as hired man on the Henry Dittmer farm NE of Ireton, besides digging and reconditioning cisterns. He was a "drifter" and claimed he came from Hoboken, N.J.

He was a beautiful writer and made the diplomas for Ireton High School many years. He is mostly remembered for his stories and he was seen being followed by the "neighborhood children". Ducks migrated heavily through here in those days, and Buffalo Bill said it reminded him when he stood in the midst of the flocks, picking them out of the air with both hands, as they flew by. He said he would move a post hole and build a cistern for you. He'd finish shocking bundles **before** the binder made its last round.

Every Sat. afternoon he could be seen on the street selling The Chicago Herald and Examiner, the local "funny paper" of the time. His 10-gallon hat, large mustache and plaid flannel shirt were part of the Ireton scene for many years.

In spite of his flamboyant appearance, he was a precise, meticulous workman and very neat in his personal habits and in the care of his humble living quarters (behind Wm. Colwell's carpenter shop), a paradox no one quite understood. We accepted him as he was, which is the way he wished. At the time of his death in the early 1930's, his body was taken to the Iowa City Hospital.

James F. "Jimmy" Morris



James F. Morris served three terms in the Iowa Legislature.

Born in Black Hawk Co. in 1854, James F. Morris later moved with his parents to Sioux Co. They settled the SW quarter of Sec. #17 in Reading Twp. in 1881 and later purchased the SE quarter as well (the current

Lloyd Simons farm).

Shortly after settling there, Morris was stricken with typhoid fever, which he survived; about the time of his recovery, his neighbors were struggling with the dreaded smallpox disease. Fortunately, Mr. Morris had earlier been through the ordeal of having smallpox and having conquered it, had immunity to it. Because of that, he was able to respond to many "emergency calls" from others. He administered to the burial needs of many victims and did fumigating on many contaminated premises. He was an eager and much needed helper at a critical time.

Mr. Morris served three terms in the Iowa Legislature, being elected to the 30th, 31st and 32nd General Assemblies.

He moved to Calif. in 1908, settling at Riverside. Always noted as a pioneer in many fields, he was using solar energy in his home in Riverside as early as 1920.

C.F. Bailey

C.F. Bailey of Ireton represented Sioux Co. in the Iowa House of Representatives for two terms; he served in the 26th General Assembly which convened on Jan. 13, 1896 and the 27th General Assembly that convened on Jan. 10, 1898.

He served as State Department Commander of the Iowa G.A.R. in 1899.

In the early 1900's, he and his family moved to N. Dak.

Lorenzo D. Sherman

Lorenzo Dow Sherman was named after Lorenzo Dow, a fiery evangelist in the early Methodist Church. The Shermans lived in Reading Twp. on the farm now occupied by Gerrit Fedders.

He represented Sioux, Lyon and Osceola Co. in the Iowa House of Representatives, serving in the 20th General Assembly that convened on Jan. 14, 1884.

Sherman's son, Lorenzo, Jr., planted Horseshoe Grove, a long-time Community landmark.

Dan Montgomery

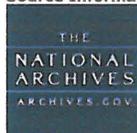
Dan Montgomery of Ireton was elected in an "off year" election to fill the unexpired term of C.W. Carter, who had resigned. The Legislature however, did not meet that year so Montgomery never actually served. During the next election, he was defeated by another Ireton man, J.F. Morris. After the defeat, he and his family moved to S. Dak.

1860 United States Federal Census

Name: **James F Morris**
 Age in 1860: 6
 Birth Year: **abt 1854**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Home in 1860: **Spring Creek, Black Hawk, Iowa**
 Gender: **Male**
 Post Office: **Cedar Falls**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Absalom Morris	60
	Mary J Morris	42
	Elizabeth Morris	10
	Martha Morris	8
	James F Morris	6
	Mary Morris	3
	Cynthia Finley	20

Source Citation: Year: 1860; Census Place: *Spring Creek, Black Hawk, Iowa*; Roll: *M653_312*; Page: 175; Image: 175; Family History Library Film: 803312.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1860 United States Federal Census, the Eighth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color; birthplace, occupation of males over age fifteen, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1860 Federal Census.

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You searched for **James F. Morris** in **Iowa**

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **James F Morris**
 Age in 1870: **15**
 Birth Year: **abt 1855**
 Birthplace: **Ill**
 Home in 1870: **Spring Creek, Black Hawk, Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Post Office: **Waterloo**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	A Morris	70
	Mary J Morris	52
	James F Morris	15
	Mary Morris	13

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: Spring Creek, Black Hawk, Iowa; Roll: M593_377; Page: 504B; Image: 418; Family History Library Film: 545876.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1870 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data:

- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
- Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

Description:

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You searched for **James F. Morris** in **Iowa**

Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **James F Morris**
 Birth Year: **abt 1855**
 Birth Place: **Illinois**
 Gender: **Male**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1885**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Sioux**
 Locality: **Reading**
 Roll: **IA1885_263**
 Line: **7**
 Family Number: **25**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James F Morris	30
	Lizzie A Morris	27
	Luis F Morris	4
	Harry F Morris	3
	Frank F Morris	1
	John O Ross	24

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.
 Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **James Findley Morris**
[Jam findley Morris]

Age: 45

Birth Date: Oct 1854

Birthplace: Illinois

Home in 1900: Reading, Sioux, Iowa
 [Sioux]

Race: White

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Lizzie Adelia Morris

Marriage Year: 1879

Years Married: 21

Father's Birthplace: Virginia

Mother's Birthplace: Indiana

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Findley Morris	45
	Lizzie Adelia Morris	42
	Lewis Foss Morris	20
	Harry Foss Morris	18
	Frank Foss Morris	16
	Bessie Mea Morris	15
	Erma Zella Morris	10
	Robert Foss Morris	9
	Mary Jane Morris	2

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Reading, Sioux, Iowa; Roll: 459; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 141; FHL microfilm: 1240459.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, relationship to the head of household, color or race, sex, month and year of birth, age at last birthday, marital status, number of years married, the total number of children born of the mother, the number of those children living, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, if the individual was foreign born, the year of immigration and the number of years in the United States, the citizenship status of foreign-born individuals over age twenty-one, occupation, and more. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1900 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **James F Morris**
 Age in 1910: 55
 Birth Year: 1855
 Birthplace: Illinois
 Home in 1910: Pasadena Ward 1, Los Angeles, California
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Relation to Head of House: Head
 Marital Status: Married
 Spouse's Name: Lizzie A Morris
 Father's Birthplace: Virginia
 Mother's Birthplace: Indiana
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James F Morris	55
	Lizzie A Morris	52
	Bessie M Morris	25
	Erma Z Morris	20
	Robert F Morris	18
	Mary J Morris	12

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Pasadena Ward 1, Los Angeles, California; Roll: T624_86; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 0309; Image: 274; FHL microfilm: 1374099.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

Description:

This database is an index to the head of households enumerated in the 1910 United States Federal Census, the Thirteenth Census of the United States. In addition, each indexed name is linked to actual images of the 1910 Federal Census. The information recorded in the census includes: name, relationship to head of family, age at last birthday, sex, color or race, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, and more. [Learn more...](#)

1920 United States Federal Census

Name: J F Morris
Age: 65
Birth Year: abt 1855
Birthplace: Illinois
Home in 1920: Riverside Ward 6, Riverside, California
Race: White
Gender: Male
Relation to Head of House: Head
Marital Status: Married
Spouse's Name: Lizzie A Morris
Father's Birthplace: West Virginia
Mother's Birthplace: Indiana
Home Owned: Own
Able to Read: Yes
Able to Write: Yes
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	J F Morris	65
	Lizzie A Morris	62
	Fred N Howell	31
	Bessie Howell	34
	Allen James Howell	2
	Henry M Howell	0
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Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Riverside Ward 6, Riverside, California; Roll: T625_125; Page: 3A; Enumeration District: 128; Image: 906.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#). Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

You searched for **James F. Morris** in **California**
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1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **James F Morris**
 Gender: **Male**
 Birth Year: **abt 1855**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Race: **White**
 Home in 1930: **Pasadena, Los Angeles, California**
[View Map](#)
 Marital Status: **Widowed**
 Relation to Head of House: **Father-in-law**
 Father's Birthplace: **Virginia**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Indiana**
 Occupation:
 Education:
 Military Service: [View image](#)
 Rent/home value:
 Age at first marriage:
 Parents' birthplace:
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Frank J Wynkoop	35
	Merna J Wynkoop	33
	Betty E Wynkoop	9
	James F Wynkoop	4
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	James F Morris	75

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: *Pasadena, Los Angeles, California*; Roll: 169; Page: 9A; Enumeration District: 1271; Image: 1082.0; FHL microfilm: 2339904.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.
 Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

Description:

The 1930 Census contains records for approximately 123 million Americans. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)