

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Saunders,
Charles George - Representative of Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Apr 1861 Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Flora D. Newkirk 2 July 1890 Delta, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was appointed an aide on the staff of General Sherman
1 July 1895, admitted to the bar in 1888, director of the First National Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Modern Woodmen of America; Elks;
I.O.O.F.; Knights of Pythias; Mason

C. Profession Attorney; Teacher

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 30th 31st 32nd 33rd 34th General Assemblies 1904, 1906, 1907,
1909, 1911

6. Public Offices

A. Local Pottawattamie County attorney 1894-1896, president of the Telephone
Telephone Company

B. State In 1897 he was appointed Judge Advocate General of the Iowa National
Guard

C. National He was elected director of the Modern Woodmen of America in
June 1906, serving for 4 years.

7. Death 2 Mar 1924 Council Bluffs, Iowa; buried Walnut Hill Cemetery Council Bluffs, Iowa

8. Children Vera; Marion; Charles Douglas

9. Names of parents George W. and Mary Elizabeth (Walker) Saunders

Shanders, Charles George

10. Education He was educated in country schools in Adair County and
public school at Vail, Iowa

11. Degrees He entered Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa in fall 1882, graduating
in the classical course in 1886; attended senior year of law at the
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, graduating in June 1888.

12. Other applicable information

- Republican
- He moved with his parents to Iowa in spring 1868, settling in Audubon,
Iowa, where they lived until 1873, when they moved to Adair County, Iowa.
Here they settled on a farm near Stuart, Iowa.
 - After living near Stuart, Iowa for 3 years, they moved to Crawford County,
Iowa, settling on a farm near Vail, Iowa.
 - After graduating from Drake University, he taught school in the southern
part of Des Moines. At the same time he read law with Judge
C. C. Nowra. After studying law with him for 14 months he entered the
senior law course at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. In
1900 he received his Doctor of Laws degree
 - He began practicing law in Council Bluffs, Iowa in October 1888. He
practiced law since that time.



THE IOWA BLUFFS NON-PARTISAN

ESTABLISHED IN 1857.

BLUFFS, IOWA: TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 4, 1924.

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1861—Charles G. Saunders—1924



COL. C. G. SAUNDERS DIES AT HIS HOME

HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH
FOR THE LAST FOUR
YEARS.

PROMINENT IN AFFAIRS

Formerly Senator From Pottawatta-
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ber of National Guard—The
Funeral Wednesday.

JOHNSON TO SEEK A NEW YORK DELEGATION

Denies Thought of Abandoning That
State—Another Hiram John-
son In Michigan.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Senator
Hiram Johnson, of California, has no
thought of abandoning his campaign
for New York delegates to the na-
tional convention but because there
is no primary law in the Empire
state, he will continue "to devote his
time and effort in the main to cam-
paigning in the primary states," a
statement today by Harold L. Ickes,
Johnson's Illinois manager, said.
"The senator has no thought of
abandoning his campaign in New
York, and he has every assurance
that he will go to Cleveland with a
front that state back of him," Ickes
asserted.
"A contest for delegates at large
in New York could not be arranged

CIVIC WEEK BEGINS WITH GREAT MEET AT THE AUDITORIUM

CHURCHES COMBINE TO HEAR
WEIGLE GIVE HIS "SOUL
OF A CITY."
GET BACK TO CHARACTER

This Is Great Need of Every City, the
Speaker Says—Rev. Paul Cal-
houn Makes Address—A
Crowded Hall.

Before a splendid crowd that
filled every seat in the city
Auditorium and stretched
itself out over the standing
room in the rear, Dan E. Weigle
of St. Paul, business expert,
Sunday evening made a fervent
appeal for a revival of civic
pride and loyalty, a renewed
spirit of co-operation between
the church and business and a
return to the good old brand
of character building which we,
as children, received at our
mother's knee in the dim and
misty past.

In his appeal, Mr. Weigle
was most ably assisted by all
the ministers in the city, who
occupied seats on the stage and
gave their moral support, and
physically by Rev. Paul Cal-
houn, pastor of the First Pres-
byterian church, who gave a
strong address on "What
Makes a City Great."

The meeting was the culmination
of the opening day of civic week, all
churches of the city omitting their
regular evening service and joining
in a union meeting at the Auditorium.
At the morning services each pastor
preached a special sermon on some
angle of civic pride or improvement.
The Chamber of Commerce is spon-
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High School Band Great.
At the outset merited commenda-

SINCLAIR ISSUES A STATEMENT

SEEKS TO SHOW RELATION
OF HIS VARIOUS COR-
PORATIONS.

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 3.—
Harry F. Sinclair, chief owner of
Mammoth Oil Co., whose lease on
Teapot Dome oil reservation
the government is being investigated,
today issued a statement to stock-
holders of the Sinclair Consolidated
Oil corporation, explaining the
relationship and responsibility of
companies with which he is con-
nected with regard to the govern-
ment project.

The Sinclair Consolidated Oil
corporation of which Mr. Sinclair
chairman, owns slightly more
25 per cent of the stock of the
Mammoth company, he said, with an
ent market value of approximately
\$5,750,000.

The Sinclair Refining company
Mr. Sinclair continued has com-
pleted a storage installation for
the navy at Portsmouth, N. H.,
representing a total of less than \$5,
000 which cost is to be liquidated
proceeds from royalty oil accruing
the government through Mammoth
Oil company operations.

Pipe line extensions, under con-
tract to transport oil from the govern-
ment lease eastward, he said, would
be available to serve new
which may be developed near
Wyoming but also in Montana,
Colorado, Nebraska and the Dakotas.
Half of the stock in Sinclair
Line company is owned by the
consolidated company, and half by
Standard Oil company, of which
he said.

The Sinclair Crude Oil product
company, also jointly owned by
Consolidated and the Mammoth
Standard Oil company, has a con-
tract to purchase all the govern-
ment royalty oil in the Salt Creek
of Wyoming, but that contract,
he asserted, is not connected with
Mammoth Oil company, in any
way.

DAKOTA OIL INSPECTIVE LAW DECLARED VALID

U. S. Supreme Court Sustains
State Liquor Laws

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—
South Dakota's oil inspection law
today sustained by the supreme
court.
State laws prohibiting the sale
of intoxicating liquors were
sustained by the supreme court today.
The court affirmed the conviction
of Raymond Moore under the law

PROMINENT IN AFFAIRS

Formerly Senator From Pottawattamie County—Was Long a Member of National Guard—The Funeral Wednesday.

Col. Charles G. Saunders, well known attorney, and former state senator and senior member of the law firm of Saunders and Stuart, died Sunday at 2:45 o'clock, at the residence, 308 Oakland avenue. He had been in failing health since a mild stroke Sunday at 2:45 o'clock, at the residence, 308 Oakland avenue. He had been in failing health since a mild stroke Sunday at 2:45 o'clock, at the residence, 308 Oakland avenue. He had been in failing health since a mild stroke Sunday at 2:45 o'clock, at the residence, 308 Oakland avenue.

Col. Saunders was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, N. Y., April 10, 1861. His father, George W. Saunders, was born in England and came to this country when he was about 14 years old. His mother, Mary E. Walker Saunders, also was a native of England, coming to this country when she was about 5 years of age. The parents of Col. Saunders removed with their family to Iowa in the spring of 1858, settled in Iowa City, where they lived until 1873, when they removed to Adair county, Iowa, and settled upon a farm near Stuart. After a years residence at that point they removed to Crawford county, Ia., and settled upon a farm near the town of Vail.

Col. Saunders received such educational advantages as the country school and public school at Vail, Ia., afforded. In the fall of 1882 he entered Drake university, where he graduated in the classical course in 1886. During the year following his graduation he taught school in the south suburbs of Des Moines and read law with Judge C. C. Nourse. After a preliminary reading of fourteen months he entered the senior law class of the State university of Iowa and graduated therefrom in June, 1888. In June 1900, Drake university conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

He began the practice of law at Council Bluffs in the month of October, 1888, and has followed his profession since that time.

Elected County Attorney.
He was elected county attorney of Pottawattamie county in 1894 and was re-elected in 1896. In the month of June, 1901, he was elected a director of the Modern Woodmen of America and held that position for four years. He was appointed an aide on the staff of General Drake, February 1, 1895, and two years later he was appointed judge advocate general of Iowa National guard by Governor Shaw and reappointed to the same position by Governor Cummins.

Colonel Saunders was elected senator in 1902 from Pottawattamie county to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of A. S. Hazelton. He was re-elected in 1903 and again in 1908, serving ten years in the general assemblies from the Thirtieth to the Thirty-fourth.

He was a member of all the Masonic bodies, the Elks, Modern Woodmen of America and Knights of Pythias. He also was a member of the Broadway Methodist church of this city.

Colonel Saunders was vice president of the Independent Telephone company, a director of the First National bank, member of the Iowa State Bar association and of the American Bar association.

Colonel Saunders was married to Miss Flora D. Newkirk in Delta, Ia., on July 3, 1890. She died in Council Bluffs, Ia., on July 1, 1920. She left four children: Mrs. M. E. Saunders, Mrs. M. E. Saunders, Mrs. M. E. Saunders, Mrs. M. E. Saunders.

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"A contest for delegates at large in New York could not be successfully carried on without a tremendous expenditure of money and effort."

SAGINAW, Mich., March 3.—Hiram Johnston of Saginaw county, does not want to be a candidate for president of the United States. He so declared in a letter to Secretary of State Charles Daland in which he asks that his name be withdrawn as a candidate on the republican ticket to be voted on in the Michigan presidential preference primary election April 7.

Johnston, an aged dirt farmer, was placed in nomination by petitions prepared by friends and neighbors. His name threatened to cause considerable confusion in the minds of voters because it is similar to that of Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator from California, an avowed candidate, who carried Michigan in the 1920 primary.

BISMARCK, N. D., March 3.—Two actions were on the docket of the state supreme court today to drop the name of Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin off the state primary ballot for the presidency.

Attorneys for Senator Hiram Johnson of California, presidential candidate, have made application for an original injunction to prevent LaFollette's name from going to the voters. This application was filed Saturday after Secretary of State Thomas Hall had been prevented from carrying out Senator LaFollette's telegraphic instructions to withdraw his name by an order from Judge F. R. Lembke, to put the Wisconsin solon's name on the ballot.

The other action before the court developed Sunday night when Attorney General George Shaffer announced he would ask the high court to call up for review the order of Judge Lembke.

The reason given in the Johnson application for injunction which was instituted by his campaign manager, H. N. Tucker, was that LaFollette's name on the ballot would favor the candidacy of President Coolidge by splitting the progressive vote and adversely affect Johnson's campaign.

GLASGOW, Scotland.—Neil McLean, labor member of parliament at a labor demonstration, counseled the people to prepare for a general election late in the summer. He expressed doubt that the present government would last through the autumn.

1886 and is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. George A. Peak of Des Moines, and one son, Charles D. Saunders of this city. He also leaves four brothers, Henry A. of Wenatchee, Wash.; Park of Avery, Idaho; Herbert of Prosser, Wash., and Roscoe of Des Moines, and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Farmer of Portland, Odr., and Mrs. Hattie Swanson of Pullman, Wash.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, Rev. R. Burton Sheppard of the Broadway M. E. church officiating. Burial will be in the National cemetery.

At the morning services each pastor preached a special sermon on some angle of civic pride or improvement. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the work of Mr. Weigle during the week.

Mr. Weigle's address at the union meeting was on "The Soul of the City," which won for him great applause and formed the opening wedge for a week of activities that is bound to result in great good for the morale and business of the city.

High School Band Great.

At the outset merited commendation must be given the Council Bluffs high school band, which furnished the instrumental numbers of the evening. Never was the band heard to better advantage and probably never did it meet with a more hearty reception. Under the skillful direction of Director Leo Lockhart the members seemed to have reached the peak of their efficiency and their numbers, mostly verging on the classical, were played with the abandon and finesse of the old professional.

The spirit of the band was so infectious that it reached even Mr. Weigle, who forthwith made an appeal for Council Bluffs people to vote the music tax at the coming election for the benefit of an organization of such value and importance to the city.

Other musical contributions to the program were made by Walter L. Jenkins, local baritone, and Mrs. Ed Evans, soprano. Mr. Jenkins sang "The Trumpeter" with pleasing effect, and Mrs. Evans gave a special selection which was excellently rendered. Mrs. Jenkins was the accompanist for her husband and Miss Bess Batty served in like capacity for Mrs. Evans. Their work was commendable.

Church Likes the Move.

In opening the meeting, Rev. C. O. Stuckenbruck of the First Christian church, who presided, gave approval to the civic week activities and declared that the church is back of such programs. The church appreciates any move that makes for the upbuilding of character, the support of the church and the aid of business in a worthy and logical manner, he said.

The invocation was offered by Rt. Rev. Mgr. F. P. McManus of St. Francis Catholic church, who asked divine blessing upon the things to be undertaken this week in Council Bluffs and prayed for their success.

Rev. Paul Calhoun, in his address, cited religion as the basis of all that makes for good in the world.

"We are to think in a civic vein this week," he said, "and I will try and bring out what really makes a city great. What is it? Character. Religion is the mother that gives birth to character. What we need in the world today is more religion.

Church and state should be kept separate, the speaker said. That has been decided. But state and religion must be united.

"That which God has joined together, let no man put asunder," he said.

"This is practical religion." Rev. Calhoun said, "not sectarianism. Just forget about the latter."

Knocks Some Patriots.
Rev. Calhoun took some hard knocks at the men who think he is patriotic but really does not know the true sensation.

"The man who uncovers when the flag goes by and who rises when the national anthem is played, may think he is patriotic but that is not always the case. The truly patriotic man is the one who goes out into the walks of life and dedicates himself to the principles that make our country great. He is the man who is willing to sacrifice his life for the good of the nation."

ute—State Liquor Laws Also Held Valid.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—South Dakota's oil inspection law today sustained by the supreme court.

State laws prohibiting the possession of intoxicating liquors before national prohibition were sustained by the supreme court today.

The court affirmed the conviction of Raymond Moore under the law of Idaho for having in his possession intoxicating liquor. He asserted the liquor was obtained prior to national prohibition and denied the state could prohibit him from what the federal laws permitted.

The supreme court today held that United States deposits in banks are not entitled to preferential payment.

The question was raised in United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. after failure of the Bank of Commerce of Okmulgee, Okmulgee. The supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court.

THE PUBLIC DEBT IS CUT \$4,800,000.

Great Reduction In National Indebtedness Is Made Since the World War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—The public debt has been reduced by more than \$4,800,000,000 in the four and a half years since the great war. The indebtedness was at its peak in 1919.

Figures made public today by the treasury show that at the opening of the business Saturday the public debt was \$21,781,966,850. It had been reduced \$337,000,000 in the last week.

PROBE CHARGE SERVICE MEN IN POOR FINANCIAL CONDITION

Rehabilitation Officer Comin Omaha From St. Louis on Request of Legion.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 3.—Following the report from Omaha that several world war veterans had been found in the county poor without work or funds, Frank J. Nell, state adjutant of the American Legion, here, today announced Charles Taylor, state commander, wired for George Ratzlaff, St. Louis, sectional rehabilitation officer, and that the latter would come to Omaha to investigate the cause.

In expressing the thought that the actions count most in determining character, the speaker likened the lamplighter making his rounds. He goes from one lamp to another and for a time you can follow him with your eye, but eventually he disappears, only to be followed by a brilliant line of light he has left behind.

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NEW YORK, 1-3.—With the ig the way the Pacific fleet River today to at visit

with the further stimulus of owning the property he resolutely set to work to bring it under a high state of cultivation and make it very productive. For years he has been largely engaged in raising Hereford cattle and has produced some of the finest specimens ever seen in western Iowa. Both his farming and stock-raising interests have brought him a good return, making him a leading agriculturist of his community.

In 1877 Mr. Gross was married to Miss Josephine Wiseman, of Pleasant township, a daughter of John Wiseman, who came to Pottawattamie county from Saxony, Germany. Nine children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Gross: Mary E., now the wife of John Doll, of Pleasant township; George A., whose home is in Harrison county, Iowa; Charles, deceased; Josephine, the wife of Harry Sarvis, of Shelby county, Iowa; William, Margaret, Frank, Clarence and Bessie, all at home.

Mr. Gross votes with the democracy and is recognized as one of the leaders in his party in this locality. He has served repeatedly as a delegate to county conventions and has filled the office of township clerk for ten years, while for the past eight years he has been treasurer of the school board. He is a communicant of the Catholic church, is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is justly regarded as one of the leading and representative farmers of the county.

CHARLES G. SAUNDERS.

One of the most prominent attorneys practicing at the bar of Pottawattamie county is Charles G. Saunders, who has been a resident of Council Bluffs since October, 1888, and has since been identified with many of the most important cases tried in this section of the state. A native of New York, he was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, on the 10th of April, 1861, and is of English descent, his parents, George W. and Mary E. (Walker) Saunders, both being natives of England. The father was born in Cranbrook, Kent, and in early life accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, the family locating in Oneida county, New York. Throughout the greater part of his life he followed agricultural pursuits and died in Crawford county, Iowa, in May, 1893. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Thomas Walker, brought his family to the United States when Mrs. Saunders was in her girlhood and they, too, settled in Oneida county, New York. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children who grew to maturity, Charles G. being the eldest, and seven of the number are still living.

Charles G. Saunders was only seven years of age when the family came to Iowa and took up their residence in Iowa City. In 1873 they removed to Adair county and three years later located in Crawford county, where our subject grew to manhood upon his father's farm, his primary education being acquired in the public schools of this state. In the fall of 1882 he entered Drake University at Des Moines, where he pursued a classical course and was

graduated in 1886. He then studied law and in 1888 was graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa at Iowa City and was admitted to the bar by the supreme court. In October of the same year he came to Council Bluffs and hung out his shingle. In 1900 Drake University conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. As a lawyer he is sound, clear-minded and well trained and he well merits the success that has attended his efforts in his chosen profession. His ability was soon recognized by his fellow citizens and in January, 1895, he was elected county attorney of Pottawattamie county and creditably filled that position for two terms or four years. Other positions of honor and trust have been conferred upon him and he has faithfully performed the duties of every office in which he has served. In February, 1896, he was appointed an aide on the staff of Governor F. M. Drake, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and in 1898 was appointed judge advocate general of the Iowa National Guard, serving as such until November, 1903, when he resigned. His political support is given the republican party and he has taken a very active and influential part in public affairs along political lines. In 1902 he was elected to the state senate to fill a vacancy and in the fall of the following year was elected for a full term, being a member of the thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second sessions of the Iowa senate, where he served on the judiciary, appropriation, railroads and cities and towns committees.

On the 2d of July, 1890, Mr. Saunders was united in marriage to Miss Flora D. Newkirk, of Delta, Iowa, a daughter of John O. Newkirk, and to them have been born three children, as follows: Vera, Marion and Charles D.

Mr. Saunders is equally prominent in fraternal as well as professional and political circles, and was one of the five national directors of the Modern Woodmen of America from July, 1901, to July, 1905, during which time over twenty-six million dollars were paid out in death benefits. Besides this order he also belongs to the Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Highlanders, the Ancient Order of United Woodmen and is a chapter Mason. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church.

NELSON D. SANFORD.

Nelson D. Sanford is now living retired in Avoca in the enjoyment of a rest which he has well earned, for during a long period he was actively associated with business interests. He was born in Litchfield county, Connecticut, on the 28th of February, 1830, his parents being Daniel and Phoebe (Burnham) Sanford, who were likewise natives of the Charter Oak state and died in New Haven, Connecticut. Their family numbered three children, of whom two are living, the daughter being Fanny, now the widow of D. P. Calhoun and a resident of New Haven, Connecticut.

Nelson D. Sanford completed his education in the high school of New Haven and when seventeen years of age began teaching, which profession he

Biographies and Portraits

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Progressive Men of Iowa

Leaders in Business, Politics and the Professions

TOGETHER WITH
AN ORIGINAL AND AUTHENTIC

History of the State

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member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 315, and in 1895 was one of a committee of three selected by the Jefferson Improvement company who visited the grand lodge at Marshalltown and aided in securing the location of the I. O. O. F. orphans' home at Jefferson. He belongs to the Methodist church.

Mr. Forbes was married October 31, 1889, to Miss Ida A. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Williams, old settlers of Jefferson. Mrs. Williams died of peritonitis the 6th of December, 1897, at the age of 67 years. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have no children.

SAUNDERS, CHARLES GEORGE, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, is a man who by hard study, natural business ability, energy and willingness to work, has won for himself a place among the most successful lawyers of the state.

His parents, George W. and Mary E. (Walker) Saunders, were born in England, the father coming to this country at the age of 14 and the mother at the age of 5 years. They with their parents settled in Oneida county, N. Y., and were married at Westmoreland, in that county, April 21, 1860, and here Charles G. was born April 10, 1861. After his marriage, George W. Saunders followed the occupation of a farmer until the spring of 1868, when he removed to Iowa City, Iowa, and entered the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company as the foreman of a large gang of construction men. Having a family of five sons and two daughters and not wishing to rear his boys in town and about a railroad, he resigned his position and moved upon a farm near Stuart. In the fall of 1875 he removed to Vail, Crawford county, and in the fall of 1879, bought a half-section of land near the town of Manilla. To this tract he made additions and at the time of his death, which occurred May 19, 1896, he was regarded as one of the leading citizens, most prominent and wealthy farmers of his county. He was a member of the Methodist church and lived a consistent and charitable Christian life and died universally mourned in the community where he lived. Mrs. Saunders, a devout Christian woman, whose chief object in life was to hold the love of her husband and children, now resides in Manilla.

Charles G. attended the village school at Westmoreland, N. Y., one year before his parents came west, and after that attended the ordinary country schools for some time. From a mere child he was consumed with a desire for books and before he was ten years old had read Harriet Beecher Stowe's work, "Dred, a Tale of the Dismal Swamp," Greeley's "American Conflict" and several other works of a similar character. While his parents were residents of Vail, he had access to the carefully selected private library of Mr. James P. Fitch, and there obtained a stock of information that has always been of great benefit to him. He attended the public schools of Vail from two to three months during the winters of 1878, 1879 and 1880, riding on horseback a distance of three to four and one-half miles. During the win-

ter of 1880-81, he took care of a team of horses and taught country school three miles away. When he received his order for \$35, his first month's wages, he felt richer, he says, than he ever can again. That winter he saved \$100 and the next winter taught again and saved another \$100. The next spring, 1882, he was 21 years of age and September 15th, of that year, he entered Drake university, at Des Moines. He had \$350 and one suit of clothes. He remained in that school four years, partly working his way through and graduating in the classical course, June 15th, 1886. During his senior year he was editor of "The Delphic," the organ of the university and was one of the active members of the Philomathean society while in school. In his sophomore year he was chosen by the faculty as chairman of the oratorical delegation that went to the state oratorical contest, and acted in the same capacity the following year. After leaving school, and in the summer of 1886, he commenced to read law with Judge C. C. Nourse, of Des Moines, and in the fall of that year became principal of one of the schools in south Des Moines, but kept up his law work, reading nights and Saturdays. He taught school nine months, and in September, 1887, entered the law department of the State university and graduated in June, 1888. The committee appointed by the supreme court to examine the class, said he passed the best examination of any member of the class. He entered upon the practice of law in Council Bluffs in October, 1888. In December of the same year he entered



the law office of Stone & Sims, a firm composed of Jacob Sims and John Y. Stone, one of the leading firms in the city. In August, 1890, he formed a partnership with Jacob Sims. The firm dissolved in 1892, since which time he has been alone. In November, 1894, he was elected county attorney of Pottawattamie county, and was re-elected in 1896, running several hundred votes ahead of his ticket

both times. In 1898 he was tendered the nomination for a third term, but declined. He has been very successful as a prosecutor and has lost very few cases. He is the attorney for the Burlington & Missouri Railway company and represents several other very important interests.

Mr. Saunders has been a very enthusiastic republican all his life, and an active campaigner. He has the reputation of being one of the best public speakers and orators in the western part of the state, having been very active in convention work and having presided over several county conventions and also over the congressional convention in that district, in 1894. February 1, 1896, he was appointed by Governor Drake as a member of his personal staff with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He also received the appointment of judge advocate general from Governor Shaw. He has twice been elected a trustee of Drake university by the alumni of that school.

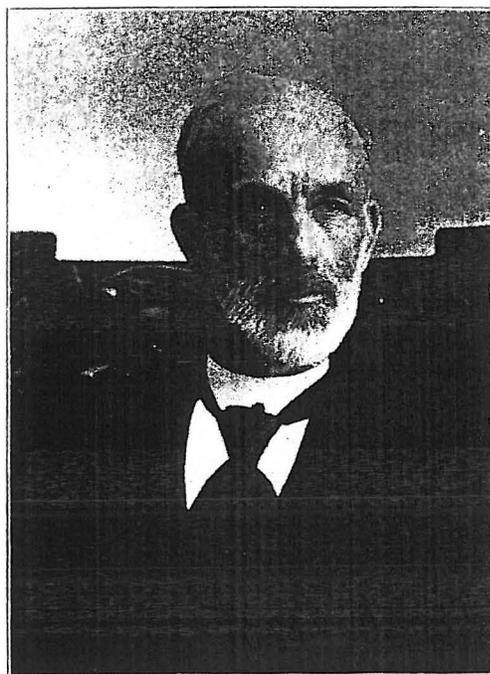
Mr. Saunders is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows lodge, is a Knight of Pythias and chancellor commander of the local lodge, a Mason and a very active member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been delegate to the head camps of that order for several years, serving as state consul and a member of the board of auditors of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an active member of the Methodist church. Mr. Saunders was united in marriage to Miss Flora Newkirk, at Delta, Iowa, July 2, 1890. The marriage was the result of an acquaintance formed when both were students at Drake university. They have two daughters, Vera, born September 25, 1891, and Marian, born September 24, 1894.

LEWIS, JUDGE W. R., of Montezuma, is a man of very genial and affable manners, and one of the leading lawyers of the state. He is of Welsh and German descent, and was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, October 12, 1835. In 1849 he removed with his parents to Coshocton county, Ohio. In 1856 he went to central Illinois, remaining in Peoria, Marshall and Stark counties for about one year, teaching in the winter and working at the carpenter trade during the summer. In April, 1857, he removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa, which has since been, and is now, his home. Utilizing the evenings and time not employed otherwise, he had substantially fitted himself for admission to the bar before coming to Montezuma, but chose not to be admitted until he thought it possible to make the practice of law his only business.

He worked at his trade and taught school until 1861, when he was elected superintendent of county schools. He resigned in 1862 to take the position of clerk of courts.

In 1865 he was married to Miss Mary E. Cutts, a sister of the brilliant lawyer and congressman, M. E. Cutts, of Oskaloosa. Their married life was a singularly happy and devoted one until her death, which oc-

curred in 1893. They had no children. He was admitted to the bar in December, 1866. In 1867-8 he was a member of the board of supervisors, and was elected judge of the circuit court in 1880. He held this office six years and until the court was abol-



ished. In the scramble which followed Judge Lewis was not renominated, but his work on the bench had been so satisfactory, and he was such a general favorite with all with whom he had come in contact, that in response to the almost unanimous wish of his constituents, he permitted his name to be used as an independent candidate, and was elected by a sweeping majority. There was a prevailing belief that his defeat in the convention was due to unfair means, and this contributed to his success. He retired from the bench in 1890 and resumed the practice of law in Montezuma.

He is a man of great legal ability, and while on the bench was a warm friend of the young practitioner. He never permitted a young lawyer to sacrifice his client's interests if a word or suggestion from the court could help him. His decisions were rarely reversed. No district or circuit judge has a better record in the supreme court than Judge Lewis. So unerring were his views, especially in equity cases, that the attorneys in his court

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Charles George Saunders
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Charles G SAUNDERS (AFN: 19QS-CM2)

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Event(s)**Birth:** 10 Apr 1861
Westmoreland, , Ny**Death:** 2 Mar 1924
Council Bluffs, Pottawttamie, Ia

Parents

Marriage(s)**Spouse:** [Flora D NEWKIRK \(AFN: 19QS-CN8\)](#)**Marriage:** 1890[Family](#)

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Sex: M
Birth: 10 APR 1861 in WESTMORELAND, NY.
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Father: GEORGE W. SAUNDERS
Mother: MARY E. WALKER

Marriage 1 FLORA D. NEWKIRK b: 18 APR 1866 in DELTA, KEOKUK CO., IA.
Married: 02 JUL 1890 in DELTA, KEOKUK CO., IA.

Children

VERA SAUNDERS b: 25 SEP 1891
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Timeline (View details)

1861
10 Apr Birth
Westmoreland, Oneida, New York, USA

1886
Age: 25 Education
Graduated Duke University

1890
2 Jul Marriage to Flora D. Newkirk
Delta, Keokuk, Iowa, USA
Age: 29

1900
Age: 39 Education
Received LL.D. from Drake

1924
2 Mar Death
Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa, USA
Age: 62

Education
Law Department University of Iowa, USA

Occupation
Judge Advocate of Iowa, USA, State Senator 1 source citation

Military
Aide on Staff of Gov.F.M. Drake w

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Family Members

Parents

George W. Saunders

Mary E. Walker

Show siblings

Spouse & Children

Flora D. Newkirk
1866 -

Vera Saunders
1891 -

Marion Saunders
1894 -

Charles Douglas Saunders
1900 -

Family group sheet

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You searched for **Charles G. Saunders** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	Charles G Saunders	
Home in 1900:	Kane, Pottawattamie, Iowa [Pottawattomie, Iowa]	
Age:	39	
Birth Date:	Apr 1861	
Birthplace:	New York	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	England	
Mother's Birthplace:	England	
Marriage Year:	1890	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	10	
Residence :	Council Bluffs City, Pottawattamie, Iowa	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles G Saunders	39

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Charles G Saunders**
 Age in 1910: **49**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1861**
 Birthplace: **New York**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birth Place: **England**
 Mother's Birth Place: **England**
 Spouse's name: **Flora D**
 Home in 1910: **Council Bluffs Ward 2, Pottawattamie, Iowa**
 Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles G Saunders	49
	Flora D Saunders	44
	Vera Saunders	18
	Marion Saunders	15
	Charles D Saunders	9
	Inez Dorland	27

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Name: **Mr. C G Saunders**
 Birth Year: **abt 1861**
 Birth Place: **New York**
 Gender: **Male**
 Race: **White**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1915**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Pottawattamie**
 Locality: **Council Bluffs**
 Mother's Birthplace: **England**
 Father's Birthplace: **England**
 Roll: **IA1915_420**
 Line: **p737**
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Mr. C G Saunders	54

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