

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sheldon, Frank E. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Ringgold County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3. Oct 1866 Ringgold County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Minnie Horn 6 Nov 1895 Ringgold County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Organized the Mount Airy State Bank and has been the president, organized the Kelleston State Bank, Kelleston, Iowa and the Citizens Savings Bank of Benton, Iowa.

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Banks, real estate, Iowa and Brokerage business, farmer

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Served as vice-president of the Iowa State Fair Board of Directors and served as a member for 31 years

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 30 Nov 1963 Los Gatos, California, buried in Los Gatos, California

8. Children No children, but they took four children into their home whom they reared and educated, namely, Elmo Laird, Harry Laird, Emerald Johnston and Clarence Johnston

9. Names of parents Edgar and Matilda (Baker) Sheldon

10. Education Educated in schools of Ringgold  
County, Iowa

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

Republican

- He was connected with farming in his early years and early  
merchandise.
- In 1890 he began his banking career at Mount Airy
- He was executive head of the Mount Airy real estate and loan  
company
- He had received his early business training in the real estate office of  
Allen Brothers in Mount Airy, Iowa.
- A tract of land in southwest Mount Airy he purchased 52 years before  
his death, was later developed into Sheldon Heights in his honor.



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**Christmas Party**  
ne Rebekah Lodge No. he I.O.O.F. of Kellerton ing a Christmas party embers and their fam- e held December 14, at , in the lodge hall in

amily is asked to pro- wiches and pie and cof- e provided by the com- rge of arrangements. for the men, women ren will be enjoyed, with ost no more than 50c.— Deemer, reporter.

**Notice**  
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MISS. MRS. EDITH RICKER, kitchen hostess, and Charles W. Law- head, program chairman.

### F. E. Sheldon Called By Death at Age of 97

Frank E. Sheldon, 97, a native of Ringgold county and a prominent business and civic leader in Mount Ayr for many years, died Saturday in his home in Los Gatos, Calif.

Born in 1866 on a farm in Section 1, Tingley township, Mr. Sheldon came to Mount Ayr in 1890, to receive his early business training in the real estate offices of Allyn Brothers. He was an enterprising young man, destined to develop into one of the community's most influential citizens.

Mr. Sheldon was president of the Mount Ayr State Bank for many years until the mid-thirties. He also held an interest in the firm of F. E. Sheldon & Co., insurance, abstracts and loan business.

Mr. Sheldon was a former vice-president of the Iowa State Fair board and served as a member for 31 years. He also was a state representative from Ringgold county for two terms.

A tract of land in southwest Mount Ayr was purchased fifty-two years ago by Mr. Sheldon and other business leaders, who developed it into the community's finest residential sections. The area was named Sheldon Heights, in honor of Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Sheldon always maintained a keen interest in Mount Ayr and Ringgold county and followed the activities of the county through the columns of the Record-News, which he received for a period of 73 years.

His last visit to Mount Ayr was in 1955, when he returned to join in the county's centennial observance.

Mr. Sheldon and Minnie Horne, daughter of Dr. Wm. Horne, were married in November, 1895.

Surviving are Mrs. Sheldon and two daughters, Emaline (Mrs. Wayne Frisby), of San Jose, Calif., and Blanche (Mrs. Donald Cronk), of Saratoga, Calif.

Funeral and burial services were held Tuesday in Los Gatos.

competition. Greenfield dropped their season conference opener to Bedford and lost to the Diagonal Maroons last week.

Injuries could make the game a much tighter affair than most fans anticipate with three boys suffering from ankle injuries.

The preliminary game is scheduled for 6:45.

### Mount Ayr Wrestlers Win Season's Opener

The Mount Ayr Raiders wrestling squad grabbed three pins and three decisions to capture their season opener against the visiting Lamoni Demons, 24 to 5, on Saturday night. The Raiders lost only one match to the inexperienced Lamoni team.

Results of the meet were as follows:

95-pound class — Pat Irving pinned Greg Smith (Lamoni).

103-pound class — Dale Tripp (Lamoni) pinned Larry Gregg.

112-pound class — Larry Rinehart decisioned Byron Williams (Lamoni).

120-pound class — Ed Hightshoe pinned Dave Beckman (Lamoni).

127-pound class — Dennis Stephens decisioned Dave Neal (Lamoni).

132-pound class — Duane Dillenburger decisioned Paul Debarthe (Lamoni).

138-pound class — Roger Trullinger pinned Alan Condit (Lamoni).

The Raiders will try for a second win on December 7, when they travel to Osceola for a meet with the Clarke Community squad.

Preliminary matches between the reserve squads is scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

### Awarded Ph.D. Degree

William Forrest Bear, son of Mrs. Homer Long, of Beaconsfield, was awarded the degree of doctor of philosophy at graduation exercises held November 23, at Iowa State University in Ames.

Dr. Bear received a bachelor of science degree from the university in 1951. After serving for several years as an instructor in Iowa high schools, he returned in 1957 to the university as a graduate student and in 1959 was awarded a master of science de-

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Edward E. and Eva (Reed) Hill. The one child of Mr. and Mrs. Benson is a winsome daughter, Elaine, born September 13, 1926.

JOHN O. MCKIBBEN is a native son of Decatur County, a representative of one of the honored pioneer families that was here established nearly seventy years ago, and even as his father was a substantial agriculturist and stock-grower of the early days, so he himself has well maintained along these lines the prestige of the family name. His well improved farm estate is situated a short distance to the northeast of Garden Grove, and here he has the oldest herd of Shorthorn cattle consecutively maintained in Decatur County, the herd having been established by his father in the earlier '70s. Mr. McKibben has been for thirty years one of the progressive exponents of farm industry in his native county and is well entitled to recognition in this history.

John O. McKibben was born on the parental home farm in Decatur County, Iowa, May 25, 1872, and is a son of the late John and Harriet (Hurd) McKibben. John McKibben was born and reared in Trumbull County, Ohio, where he continued to reside until 1857, when he came to Iowa and gained much of pioneer precedence in Decatur County. In 1864 he returned to Ohio, and from that state he drove 1,000 sheep overland to his farm in Decatur County. He was long one of the prominent and successful stock-growers of this county, and was a pioneer in the raising of Shorthorn cattle, as indicated in a statement in the initial paragraph of this sketch. He was one of the sterling and progressive men who aided in civic and industrial development in Decatur County, and here he and his wife continued to reside until the close of their earnest and worthy lives, both having been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. McKibben having been a staunch Republican in political adherence.

John O. McKibben was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm, received the advantages of the local schools, and in his native county he has long stood forward as an enterprising and successful representative of agricultural and live stock industry, the while he has shown deep interest in all things touching the welfare of his home community and his native county and state. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and while he has had no desire for political office his civic loyalty has been shown in his several years of efficient service as secretary of the school board of his district. He and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Garden Grove.

November 12, 1900, marked the marriage of Mr. McKibben to Miss Nellie Thomas, who was born in Virginia and who prior to her marriage had been a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of Garden Grove. Mrs. McKibben is a daughter of Henry B. and Julia (Woodbridge) Thomas, the family having come from

Virginia to Iowa in the early '80s and Mr. Thomas being now one of the patriarchal citizens of Decatur County, where he is living retired at Garden Grove. He is ninety-three years of age at the time of this writing, in 1930, and admirably retains his mental and physical powers. Mrs. McKibben has continued to be prominently identified with church, cultural and social affairs in her home community, and is a popular member of the Country Culture Club, which is not only one of the oldest in Decatur County but also in the entire state. Ruberta L., eldest of the children of Mr. and Mrs. McKibben, graduated in the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls and is now a popular teacher in the Iowa public schools; Julia H. likewise received advanced education and she is now a successful teacher in the public schools at Warren, Ohio; Martha L. and her husband, Charles E. Smith, reside on the old home farm of her father, near Garden Grove, and they have one child, John Andrew; Norma N. is, in 1930, attending a nurses training school in the City of Burlington, this state; and Esther L. and John Henry remain at the parental home and are students in the public schools.

FRANK E. SHELDON has become one of the influential figures in financial affairs in his native county, where he organized the Mount Ayr State Bank, of which he has been the president from the time of its incorporation. His conservative yet progressive policies in the directing of its affairs having made it one of the staunch and important banking institutions of Ringgold County as well as a distinct communal asset to Mount Ayr, the county seat.

A representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Ringgold County, Mr. Sheldon was here born on the parental home farm and the date of his nativity was October 3, 1866. He is a son of the late Edgar and Matilda (Baker) Sheldon, the former of whom was born near Mantua, Ohio, and the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania, of sterling Holland Dutch ancestry.

Edgar Sheldon was born December 5, 1832, and was reared and educated in his native state, where his advantages included those of Hiram College, a fine old Ohio institution in which he was a classmate of Gen. James A. Garfield, who later served as president of that college and who finally became President of the United States. Mr. Sheldon was for a number of years a teacher in the schools of the State of Tennessee and he was about twenty years of age when, in 1853, he came to Iowa and became a pioneer settler in Ringgold County. Here he purchased land and developed a fine farm estate, here he long had secure standing as an honored and influential citizen and here he was prominent in communal and general public affairs. He was a stalwart advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and he was called upon to serve in various local offices of public trust and re-

sponsibility, he having been county editor two terms, having served also as county superintendent of schools and having been county surveyor for a long term of years. He was one of the patriarchal pioneer citizens of Ringgold County at the time of his death, in 1925, he having attained to the age of ninety-two years and his wife having preceded him to the life eternal. The Sheldon family, of English origin, was founded in America in the Colonial period of our national history.

Frank E. Sheldon early gained fellowship with the varied activities of the home farm, and he still retains valuable farm interests in his native county. Here he received the advantages of the public schools of the middle pioneer period and here he continued his active alliance with farm industry until 1890, since which year he has been consecutively identified with banking enterprise at Mount Ayr, where for twenty-five years he was connected with the Allen Brothers Bank, in which he became an executive officer, in charge of the farm and loan department. In 1915 he organized the Mount Ayr State Bank, of which he has since continued the president, besides which he organized and is president of the Kellerton State Bank, in the Village of Kellerton, Ringgold County, and the Citizens Savings Bank, Benton, this county. He is executive head also of the Mount Ayr Real Estate & Loan Company, and he is one of the representative and highly esteemed citizens and bankers of Southern Iowa, with inviolable place in popular confidence. He has given over twenty years of constructive service as a member of the board of directors of the Iowa State Fair, and during the final ten years was treasurer of the State Fair and Exposition. He has broad and accurate knowledge of industrial and civic conditions and influences in Iowa and has been specially alert in fostering and advancing farm industry, the basic medium of prosperity in this favored commonwealth.

Mr. Sheldon gives unqualified allegiance to the Republican party, and he represented Ringgold County in the thirty-second regular and extra sessions of the State Legislature, as did he also in the succeeding, or Thirty-third General Assembly. In this service he gave further evidence of his unbending civic loyalty and his intense desire to promote the best interests of his native state.

In 1895 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sheldon to Miss Minnie Horn, who likewise was born in Ringgold County and who is of Scotch ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines, she being a daughter of Dr. William and Mace (Law) Horn. Doctor Horn was born in Indiana and prior to coming to Iowa had been a resident of Illinois. He became one of the pioneer physicians and surgeons in Southern Iowa, and here continued in the active practice of his profession many years, both he and his wife having passed the closing years of their lives in Ringgold County. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have no children, but into their home they took four children, whom

they reared and educated with true parental solicitude: Edna and Harry Laird, brother and sister, the latter being now deceased, and the two other children are Emaline Johnston Sheldon and Blanche Johnston Sheldon. Harry Laird received the advantages of Iowa State College, at Ames, and he was in service in departmental work during the entire period of the nation's participation in the World war, he having thereafter served as secretary of the War Finance Corporation of Iowa and being now a national bank examiner for Iowa, with headquarters in Des Moines. Emaline Johnston Sheldon is (1930) a student in Iowa State College, and her sister, Blanche, is a student in the University of Nebraska, in the capital city of Lincoln.

ALBERT R. BLUHM. The banking interests of a community are necessarily among the most important, for financial stability must be the foundation stone upon which all great enterprises are built, and it is upon the banks of the country that rest the possibilities of all progress. The men in charge of these institutions must be carefully selected, for it is from their wisdom, sagacity and foresight that the strength of a bank is drawn. One of the men of Ottumwa whose efforts are given to the continuance of the solidity of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of this city is Albert R. Bluhm, a man of high standing and unquestioned probity, who holds the position of assistant cashier.

Albert R. Bluhm was born in Illinois, in 1878, a son of Godfrey and Henrietta (Shultz) Bluhm. Godfrey Bluhm was born in Germany, and came to the United States from Berlin, in 1871, and settled in Tazewell County, Illinois. From that state he came to Iowa in 1907. At the time he came to this country he was a married man, and had served in the German army as a member of the Second Company of the Kaiser Franz Regiment of the Royal Guards, his captain being Count von Velou, afterwards chancellor of Germany. While serving in his regiment Godfrey Bluhm was on guard at the royal palace at the time of the reception given in 1855 to the then Crown Prince Frederick William and his bride, Princess Victoria of England. Both in Germany and in this country the family is a well known and highly esteemed one, and Albert R. Bluhm, of this review, is living up to the high ideals of those who have gone before him.

Growing to manhood in Illinois, Albert R. Bluhm attended the local schools and Valparaiso College, Indiana, and in 1907 he was graduated from the law school of the University of Illinois. Following his graduation he came to Wapello, Iowa, and engaged in farming, but several years later established himself at Ottumwa, where he was state organizer for the Grange. He was also one of the prime movers in organizing the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ottumwa, the youngest of the seven banks of the city, which has forged ahead until it is recognized as one of the strongest in this section. In 1916 he be-

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Edgar SHELDON settled in Tingley township, Section 2, in the spring of 1855. He was a native of Ohio and his wife a native of Pennsylvania. He followed school teaching through the southern states a number of years before coming west. He was county superintendent of schools in Ringgold county in 1862 and 1863 and county auditor from 1890 to 1895. He established the first cheese factory in southwestern Iowa in 1858 and ran it for several years after. He lived in Mount Ayr with his son, F. E. SHELDON for several years before he died. Before his death, he lost his eyesight. He lived a little past 91 years of age and died in January, 1925, a model man.

**SOURCE:** LESAN, Mrs. B. M. *Early History of Ringgold County: 1844 - 1937* p. 20. Blair Pub. House. Lamoni IA. 1937.

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Children (0)

**Frank E. Sheldon**

**B:** abt 1867 in Iowa

**D:**

Parents  
**Edgar Sheldon**  
1832-1924

**Mathilda Baker**  
1830-

1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Frank E. Sheldon**

Home in 1880: **Tingley, Ringgold, Iowa**

Age: **13**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1867**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of Household: **Son**

Father's Name: **Edgor**

Father's birthplace: **Ohio**

Mother's Name: **Matilda M.**

Mother's birthplace: **Ohio**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Occupation: **Farm Labor**

Marital Status: **Single**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Cannot read/write:

Blind: [View image](#)

Deaf and dumb:

Otherwise disabled:

Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Edgor Sheldon</b>	<b>49</b>
	<b>Matilda M. Sheldon</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>Henry C. Sheldon</b>	<b>20</b>
	<b>Julian H. Sheldon</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>Otis E. Sheldon</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Frank E. Sheldon</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Charles E. Sheldon</b>	<b>11</b>
	<b>Sim B. Sheldon</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>Lora Reed</b>	<b>8</b>

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Frank E Sheldon**

Home in 1900: **Mount Ayr, Ringgold, Iowa**

Age: **33**

Birth Date: **Oct 1866**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Ohio**

Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Spouse's name: **Minnie H**

Marriage Year: **1896**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **4**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Frank E Sheldon</a>	<b>33</b>
	<a href="#">Minnie H Sheldon</a>	<b>28</b>

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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Frank E Sheldon</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1905</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Ringgold</b>	
Locality:	<b>Mount Ayr</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA_108</b>	
Line:	<b>361</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
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Birth Year:	<b>abt 1867</b>										
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>										
Gender:	<b>Male</b>										
Race:	<b>White</b>										
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>										
Census Date:	<b>1 Jan 1925</b>										
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>										
Residence County:	<b>Ringgold</b>										
Locality:	<b>Mount Ayr</b>										
Relation to Head:	<b>Head</b>										
Mother:	<b>Matilda Baker</b>										
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>										
Father:	<b>Edgar Sheldon</b>										
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Ohio</b>										
Marriage Place:	<b>Iowa</b>										
Spouse Name:	<b>Minnie Sheldon</b>										
Roll:	<b>IA1925_1926</b>										
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