

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Blackmore, Albin C. Senator _____

Represented North County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Aug 1843 Cattaraugus County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Augusta Cook Feb 1867

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Cashier and manager of the Masby Bank, Masby, Iowa;

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R., I. O. O. F., Ancient Order of
United Workmen

C. Profession Banker; farmer; stock raiser

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 32nd, 33rd General Assemblies

6. Public Offices

A. Local North County supervisor; township clerk; county auditor for 11 years
Northwood town school member;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Aug 1915 Northwood, Iowa; buried Somerset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa

8. Children Bertha W. (Mrs. C. H. Sander); Elizabeth M. (Mrs. S.
Amundson); Lottie L. (Mrs. Will Kelley)

9. Names of parents _____

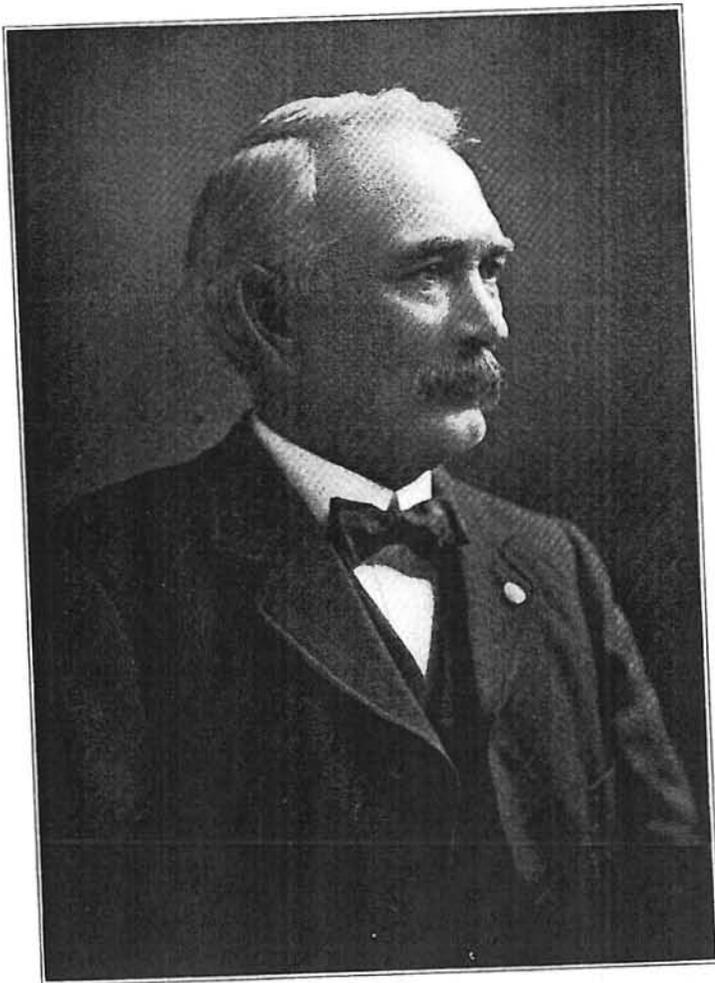
Blackmore, Albin C.

10. Education He was educated in the public schools in his neighborhood -

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was born and raised on a good farm in New York
- Military service - Civil War - Co. I, 64th New York Volunteers
- After the war he went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where his parents had moved.
- In 1866 he came to Iowa, settling in North County. He farmed his farm until 1883 until he became county auditor. He moved to Northwood.
- After 1 year of serving as auditor he returned to farming.
- He later became cashier and manager of the Manly Bank, Manly, Iowa and then again moved to Northwood.
- His wife, Augusta, born 1844, died 1933, buried Sunset Rest Cemetery, Northwood, Iowa

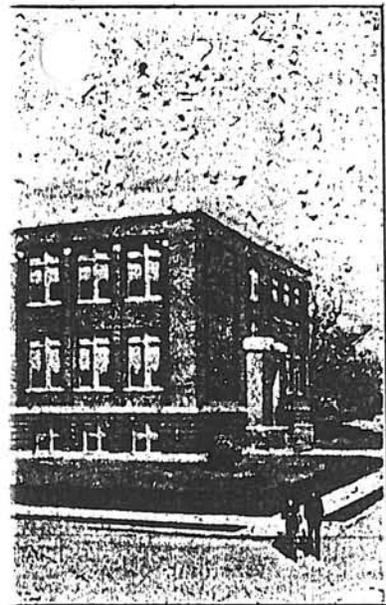


HON. ALBIN C. BLACKMORE

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DEATH'S SHINING MARK

Hon. Albin C. Blackmore Has Passed
Away; Died Sunday Night

WORTH COUNTY MOURNS HER GREAT LOSS

Brave Soldier, and Honored Citizen
Wise, Honest Official
Loyal Friend

Northwood and Worth county mourn
the loss of one of their most widely
known and best beloved citizens—Hon.
A. C. Blackmore, who sustained an
apoplectic stroke last Thursday p. m.,
and passed peacefully away Sunday
night. Mr. Blackmore was born in
Cattaraugus county, N. Y., August 19,
1843, being the fourth of a family of
seven children. He was well born, on
a good farm, of honorable, worthy
parents, and was given, and acquired,
an excellent education. In September
1861, at the age of 18 years, he enlisted
in Company I of the 64th New York
Volunteers with which he served until
September 1864, making a splendid
record. Young as he was he was soon
promoted to corporal, and later to
sergeant, being brave, capable, com-
panionable and a natural leader. His
regiment probably saw as much hard
service as any in the army of the Po-
tomac, being in most of the engage-
ments and pitched battles from Fair-
Oaks until the capture of Richmond.
On July 2, 1863, it was in the thickest
of the fight of that second day at Gettys-
burg. With every other member of the
regimental color guard either killed or
wounded Sergeant Blackmore took the
flag-staff from a comrade's dying grasp
and "advanced the colors" in the face
of a storm of bullets till the almost-
breaking regiment rallied and swept on.
For that deed of gallantry he received
his commission as first lieutenant which
position he held with credit and in honor
until finally mustered out after being
awfully wounded in an early-morning
charge at Spottsylvania. What the
brave soldier endured from that wound
in his shoulder and right arm no other
mortal could ever know, but he bore
the effects of it to the grave.

The following paragraph, with ad-
ditions in parenthesis, is from "The
History of Worth County, published

school board and in other capacities; and
in political and other public matters
was capable and untiring in behalf of
his friends. For all the many civic,
political and fraternal positions which
he held he was never a self-seeker but
was always being summoned by his
friends. A more unselfish man never
blessed Worth county by his presence
in it.

Besides the members of the immediate
family, mentioned in the sketch above,
Mr. Blackmore is survived by four
grandchildren (one of whom, Albin C.
Blackmore Kelley bears his honored
name); by two sisters, Mrs. Almira
Phillips and Mrs. Lydia Taylor, both of
Clear Lake; and one brother, Mark
Blackmore, of Fertile, Iowa.

Of one phase of the useful, many-
sided life of the dear departed Pastor
Dawson spoke in his consoling funeral
discourse, as follows: "Brother and
Sister Blackmore united with the Meth-
odist Episcopal church in Northwood,
September 6, 1896. At the time of his
death Brother Blackmore was a steward.
He was a faithful attendant and useful
member of the church. He will be
greatly missed." No words could be
more true than those, "He will be
greatly missed;" missed especially in
the home and among his nearest and
dearest friends. And how many of
them he had! We have never personal-
ly known another man of whom so
many people are thinking and saying:
"I feel that I have lost one of the best
friends I ever had." Yet "lost" is not
the right word for it, for true friend-
ship and the inspiration of it can never
die.

It may be we have faintly indicated
in the foregoing some of the attributes
which made Mr. Blackmore so beloved
wherever known. Besides being an
eminently friendly and companionable
man, with a quiet wit which brightened
but never scorched, he was even of
temper, wise in council—a brave,
true, loyal, high minded man, as
modest and unselfish as he was brave.
A nature like his, whether in-born or
acquired, or partly both, is one of God's
best gifts.

Mr. Blackmore's funeral, solemnized
Tuesday p. m., was attended by sorrow-
ing friends from far and near. The
profusion of lovely flowers, the beaut-
ful songs and wafted prayers will not
be soon forgotten. A septet of friends,
Messrs. Dillon, Dwelle, Hanson, Hunter,
Kepler and Carl and Emil Urdahl sang
"Nearer My God to Thee," "Beautiful
Isle of Somewhere," "Jesus, Savior,
Pilot Me," special favorites of Mr.
Blackmore. A group of thirty friends
served as pall-bearers. The comrades
of the G. A. R. attended as a guard of
honor and rendered their impressive

red, both for primary and advanced pupils. The repairs and improvements at the primary building are very complete, and will make that building as well equipped and up-to-date as the new building. These improvements include a fan ventilating system and air washer, new toilets, electric lights throughout, proper window lighting, better blackboards, and walls decorated throughout. The building will be better equipped in every way. The teaching force which has been chosen to preside over the new buildings and use its equipment, is as follows:

- H. A. Dwelle, Superintendent—Mathematics.
- W. H. Hegeman, Principal—Science.
- Adele M Quinn—Latin and German
- Grace Ellis—Home Economics and English.
- Agnes Nodtvedt—History and Norwegian.
- Robert B. Kelton—Manual Training and Athletics.
- Ethel Clark—Vocal Music and Penmanship.
- Cora Krogh—Eighth Grade.
- Lucille Goodykoonts—7th Grade.
- Annette Espeseth—6th Grade.
- Sarah Kjerland—5th Grade.
- Alice Savre—4th Grade.
- Ruth Hunter—3rd Grade.
- Grace Chrestenson—2nd Grade.
- Floy Akin—1st Grade.

Great credit is due to the members of the board of education for the manner in which this big project has been brought to a successful conclusion. Especial credit is perhaps due to O. A. Tenold, chairman of the committee on school house and grounds, and T. S. Hanson and W. J. Hunter, members of this committee. M. H. Kepler, president of the board, and Iver Iverson, chairman of the finance committee, have had responsibilities no less great.

"The Rotten Road to Riceville" is a thoroughfare to which Bro. Yager of the Recorder fails to point with pride. In fact he calls on county engineer, board of supervisors, or whoever is to blame for present conditions, to "fix that road into some semblance of a public highway." He further says: "Anyone who has been over that road since it was graded down, especially the Riceville end of it, will not have been obsessed by the most pleasant thoughts nor have felt like having given expression to the most refined language. So you see it must be pretty bad."

ESTRAYED: A little red pig, from Mrs. Green's place, will find please phone 8-1. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection, University of Iowa Libraries and State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

in his shoulder and right arm no other mortal could ever know, but he bore the effects of it to the grave.

The following paragraph, with additions in parenthesis, is from "The History of Worth County," published



in 1884: "After receiving his discharge Mr. Blackmore went to Fond du Lac, where his parents had removed. In 1866 he came to Iowa, where he married February, 1867, Augusta Covel, a native of Cattaraugus, born in 1843. They have three children,—Bertha V. [Mrs. C. W. Sanders,] Elizabeth M. [Mrs. S. Amundson of Waverly, Ia.,] and Lottie L. [now Mrs. Will Kelley of Manly.] He is a republican in politics; has been county supervisor, and clerk of the township since its organization. He has held other minor offices. He is a man respected and liked by all who know him. His farm is well improved and he has excellent buildings. He received the nomination for the office of county auditor, in September, 1883, and was elected at the election in October, by a large majority, and removed to Northwood, the county seat, in November, 1883."

Mr. Blackmore held the office of County Auditor most acceptably for eleven years, and retired of his own choice. For 2 or 3 years he engaged successfully in farming and stock raising, subjects in which he was always interested. Later he went to Manly to serve as cashier and manager of the Manly bank in which he was largely interested. He continued in that position for about eight years, and then returned to Northwood, which place he had always loved. In 1906 he was elected to the legislature, and re-elected two years later, serving both terms with credit to himself, his district and the state. Of late years, owing to physical disabilities of which he rarely spoke and never complained, he lived the quiet life, but he served his home people

Messrs. Dillon, Dwelle, Hanson, Hunter, Kepler and Carl and Emil Urdahl sang "Nearer My God to Thee," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," special favorites of Mr. Blackmore. A group of intimate friends served as pall-bearers. The comrades of the G. A. R. attended as a guard of honor, and rendered their impressive burial service at the grave. The last of the summer day was as tranquil and sweet as the life of the dear departed. While there is deepest sorrow in many hearts, still in a case like that of the departed brother, the grave has no victory and Death no sting.

Mr. Blackmore, besides his comradeship in the G. A. R. was an honored member of the A. O. U. W. and I. O. O. F. orders and one who truly exemplified their watchwords, "Charity, Hope, Protection," and "Friendship, Love and Truth." Messrs. M. S. Perkins, W. D. Lamb and S. R. Pickell as a committee of the local army post, loyally and sorrowfully submit the following:

"Post Rendall, No. 142, G. A. R., deeply realizes that in the death of Comrade A. C. Blackmore the post has lost a beloved, valued member, a man who was tried and true in every relation of life, as brave soldier, good citizen and ever loyal friend. Our sympathies especially go out to the members of the bereaved family, feeling as we do in our own great loss, how deep must be their sorrow in their greater loss. In token of our appreciation of our comrade's worth and our sorrow in his death, it is resolved that our charter be draped for thirty days; that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Post, and a copy thereof be forwarded to the members of the afflicted family."

The Winnebago congregation, Forest City, organized on September 3, 1865, by Rev. L. A. Torgeson, will hold a fiftieth anniversary jubilee beginning this p. m. and continuing until Sunday. Rev. Hans E. Fosnes of Northwood will conduct the opening service and on Sunday the festival sermon will be preached by Rev. T. H. Dahl, D. D., president of the United Norwegian Lutheran church of America. Rev. A. J. Torgeson, son of the founder of the congregation, will have place on the program; and several other of the strong men of United Lutheranism will deliver addresses.

A Worth county buttermaker, E. A. Gudvangen of Hanlontown, took second prize in the creamery butter contest at the State Fair, with 95 1/2 points. A Mr. Green of Hartley, Ia., won first prize in the State Fair.

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was believed to be the first Masonic funeral held in Mitchell county. The French family were honored pioneer settlers of this section of the state, making the journey here at an early date and traveling most of the way from Wisconsin with ox team and wagon. There were just five houses between McIntyre and Osage at that period. No well defined roads had been laid out, no farms were fenced off when they drove across the virgin prairie country to their new home. Wolves were frequently seen, and deer and other game were to be had in abundance. On one occasion Mr. French of this review was followed half way from Mitchell to Cedar by a pack of wolves, but managed to elude his pursuers. He can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer times when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun in this section of the state. His memory forms the connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, and in the work of general improvement he has borne an important part.

HON. ALBIN C. BLACKMORE.

A life that measured up to the highest standards was closed when Hon. Albin C. Blackmore passed to his final rest on the 29th of August, 1915, at the age of seventy-two years. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noon-tide of activity, its evening of completed and successful effort, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this good man. Progressive and thoroughly reliable in business, trustworthy in office, loyal in citizenship and most faithful to the ties of home and friendship, he exemplified the teachings of the Christian religion and passed on, leaving behind him a memory that will be cherished for years to come by all who knew him.

Mr. Blackmore was a native of New York. His birth occurred in Cattaraugus county, August 19, 1843. He was the fourth in a family of seven children and his youthful training was that of the home farm, and the lessons which were early impressed upon his mind were those which bore rich fruit in the development of a high and honorable character. His education was acquired in the public schools and he was but eighteen years of age when, in 1861, he responded to the country's call for military aid and joined Company I of the Sixty-fourth New York Volunteers, with which he served until September, 1864. Although but a boy in years, he was soon promoted to the rank of corporal and afterward to that of sergeant. At the time of his demise the Worth County Index wrote of his army record: "His regiment probably saw as much hard service as any in the Army of the Potomac, being in most of the engagements and pitched battles from Fair Oaks until the capture of Richmond. On the 2d of July, 1863, it was in the thickest of the fight of that second day at Gettysburg. With every other member of the regimental color guard either killed or wounded, Sergeant Blackmore took the flag-staff from a comrade's dying grasp and 'advanced the colors' in the face of a storm of bullets till the almost breaking regiment rallied and swept on. For that deed of gallantry he received his commission as first lieutenant, which position he held with credit and honor until finally mustered out after being fearfully wounded at Spottsylvania. What the brave soldier

endured from that wound in his shoulder and right arm no other mortal could ever know, but he bore the effects of it to the grave."

Following the close of the war Mr. Blackmore returned to the north and became a resident of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, to which place his parents had in the meantime removed. He came to Iowa in 1866 and in February of the following year was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Covel, a native of Cattaraugus, New York, born in 1844, with whom he traveled life's journey for nearly a half century. They shared with each other in the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all, and their mutual love and confidence increased as the years went by. They became the parents of three children: Bertha V., now the wife of C. W. Sanders; Elizabeth M., the wife of S. Amundson, of Waverly, Iowa; and Lottie L., the wife of Will Kelley, of Manly.

Upon removing to Iowa, Mr. Blackmore turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and became the owner of an excellent tract of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and to which he added splendid improvements. He was very progressive in his methods of farm work and was thoroughly practical in all that he did. He added fine buildings to his farm and all the accessories and conveniences which promoted farm work and enhanced the productiveness of his fields. He continued upon his farm until following the election of October, 1883, when he was chosen to the office of county auditor of Worth county and took up his abode in Northwood. He continued to fill the position for eleven years and then voluntarily retired from the office as he had entered it—with the confidence and goodwill of all concerned. He then resumed farming, to which he devoted two or three years and also made stock raising a feature of his business. On the expiration of that period he accepted the position of cashier and manager of the Manly Bank, in which he held a large amount of stock. He acceptably served in that capacity for eight years and then again became a resident of Northwood, which city was very dear to his heart. He was always ready and willing to cooperate in any plan or movement for the general good and in 1906 he was elected to the state legislature by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his fidelity to the best interests of the community and commonwealth. Endorsement of his first term's service came to him in a reelection and again he made a most excellent record, being connected with much constructive legislation and at all times staunchly supporting those plans and measures which he deemed of benefit to the state. He was also active in community affairs and did important work as a member of the city council of Northwood, as a member of the school board and in other public capacities. His aid could always be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the general good. He never sought political preferment or advancement in any public line, yet his fellow townsmen recognized his worth and ability and again and again sought him to fill positions of public honor and trust.

Mr. Blackmore was a most faithful and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Northwood, as is his widow, and for a time he served as steward in the church. He was always regular in attendance at the services of the church and cooperated most heartily and effectively in promoting its growth and extending its influence. His life was dominated by his Christian faith and he reached out in helpfulness and sympathy to all mankind. It was because of

his many admirable attributes of character that he was beloved by all who knew him. Again we quote from the Worth County Index, which said: "Besides being an eminently friendly and companionable man, with a quiet wit which brightened but never scorched, he was even of temper, wise in counsel—a brave, true, loyal, high-minded man, as modest and unselfish as he was brave. A nature like his, whether inborn or acquired, or partly both, is one of God's best gifts." Mr. Blackmore was a faithful member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was most loyal to the teachings of those societies. He maintained pleasant relations with his old military comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, being identified with Randall Post, No. 142, G. A. R., and when he was laid to rest his comrades of the post attended as a guard of honor and rendered their impressive burial service at the grave. His was indeed a splendid career, his life being at all times honorable and actuated by the highest manly principles. To know him was to esteem him. The most envious could not grudge him his success, so honorably was it won and so worthily used, and the most malevolent never dared to utter a word against his character. In fact, throughout the entire county in which he so long resided he was spoken of in terms of the highest respect and the news of his death brought with it a sense of personal bereavement to many of the homes of Northwood and of Worth county. All who knew him were proud to claim him as a friend, and the universality of his intellectual hospitality was manifest in the fact that anyone of worth could win his friendship. He judged men by their character and not by their possessions and thus it was that he was loved by rich and poor, young and old.

IVER IVERSON.

There has been nothing spectacular in the life of Iver Iverson but his record has been a contributing factor to the development of business and public interests and he is now occupying the responsible position of cashier of the First National Bank of Northwood, in which capacity he has continuously served for eight years. He was born in Worth county, January 25, 1873, being a representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of the state. His parents were Iver and Margaret Iverson, who came to the new world from Norway in 1860 and after living for one year in St. Ansgar, Iowa, they removed to Winnebago county, where they resided for two years. In 1863 they settled in Silver Lake township, Worth county, where the family home has since been maintained.

Reared under the parental roof, Iver Iverson attended the rural schools of Silver Lake township and afterward enjoyed the benefit of instruction in the Luther Academy at Albert Lea, Minnesota, and in the State University of Iowa, being graduated from the latter institution in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Entering upon his business career, he was employed for two years in the Emmons Bank at Emmons, Minnesota, and in 1900 he was elected to the position of county auditor of Worth county, in which he made so creditable a record that he was reelected in 1902, 1904, 1906 and 1908. He then resigned from the office of county auditor in 1909, after nine years of most acceptable

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Blackmore, Albin C
Residence Northwood, Iowa
Occupation Farmer
Date birth 19 Ag 1843 Place N.Y.
Date death 30 Ag 1918 Place
Cause Place burial
War record Lt. I 64 N.Y. Inf.

War
Battles, etc.
Nearest relatives
Father Nativity
Mother Nativity
Wife
Children

Age 21
Enlisted 31 Oct 1861 at Elmira by Capt.
R.H. Renwick for 3 yr; enrl. at
Allegany 27 Oct.; pr. Corp; 1 Sgt
2 J1 1862; 2 Lt 2 J1 1863; wded
in action 12 My 1864 at Spot-
sylvania, Va; must as 1 Lt 12
Discharged My 1864; must out 9 S. 1864.
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Source
Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: (A. C.) -
1st Lt. - res. Northwood. / N.Y. Men in
Civil War: Blackmon, Albin C; Prvt/
Rept Adj Gen N.Y.: Blackmore, Albin
C./

Department of Iowa
Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Blackmore, A C
Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Post name	Post No.	Place	Date Joined
Randall	142 (33)	Northwood	8 Mr '83 Age 39

Year	Date Paid	Amount	Year	Date Paid	Amount
Post #142 Descriptive Book: Born N.Y.; Res: Northwood, Ia.; Farmer.					

Member-at-Large

Year	Date Paid	Amount
(Serv. Cont'd): com. 2 Lt 15 O. 1863, with rank from 2 J1 1863, vice I.S. Thurber killed in action; 1st Lt 28 My 1864 with rank from 12 My 1864, vice D.T. Wiggins killed in action.		

Suspended

Died