

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith, John Robert Senator _____

Represented Wright County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Jan 1838 Roxbury, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business He was the cashier of the State Bank of Eagle Grove for several years
B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; bank cashier; land owner; financier; cattle buyer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 32nd, 33rd General Assemblies 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices
A. Local Treasurer of the city of Eagle Grove for 6 terms; Eagle Grove town treasurer; member of the Eagle Grove school board
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 19 Mar 1926 Eagle Grove, Iowa; Buried Rosehill Cemetery, Eagle Grove, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Robert and Jeanette (Lyle) Smith

10. Education

Educated in schools near his
home in Rosbury, New York; Delaware
Literary Institute

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He taught school for several years in New York and New Jersey
- He then became a cattle buyer which took him to
into New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- His first vote was for Abraham Lincoln.
- In 1891 he came to Wright County, Iowa and into the
cattle business with his brother H. C. Smith
- After eight years he bought 360 A. in Wright County and
kept adding to it and into Canada and other parts of the U. S.
until he owned 5,360 acres.
- July 1, 1890 he bought an interest in the State Bank, becoming
cashier until 1905 when he disposed of his bank holdings to
The Citizens State Bank.

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HON. J. R. SMITH BURIED MONDAY

Pioneer Citizen Answered Final Summons Last Friday Morning.

Hon. J. R. Smith died Friday morning, March 19, 1926. For the past three weeks he had been quite seriously ill and the end was expected at any time.

With his brother, the late W. C. Smith, "Uncle John," as he was fondly called by his hundreds of acquaintances, was closely identified with the upbuilding and settling of this part of Iowa. He came to Wright county in 1881 and engaged in the cattle business with his brother W. C., who had preceded him to Iowa a few years. In this business they were very successful. In the late eighties, when settlers began to locate permanently on the Wright county prairies, the Smith Bros. came to Eagle Grove to live and were not so active in the actual raising of livestock. In 1890 they bought a controlling interest in the State Bank of Eagle Grove, then operating on East 5th street. W. C. Smith was president and J. R. Smith cashier. During this time while J. R. had active charge of the bank, W. C. was managing the Smith Bros. elevator on Dakota street.

Along in 1905, they disposed of their holdings in the bank to the Citizens Bank of this city and also sold their elevator and both lived in retirement in Eagle Grove until death removed them. They kept up their interest and faith in land as a safe investment and kept adding to their holdings until at the time of his death J. R. Smith held title to over 5,300 acres in Iowa, North Dakota, Canada and Mississippi.

Wright county honored Mr. Smith by sending him to the legislature for two terms. He held other positions of trust, serving on the board of education, library board, was our city treasurer six years.

He was born in Roxbury, N. Y., and his early school days were spent in the same school with John Burroughs, the famous poet, and Jay Gould, railroad builder and financier.

Mr. Smith had the universal respect and friendship of every acquaintance. Always successful in his business ventures, he gave liberally to charity, to churches and other deserving institutions, among them being a \$1,000 bond and a complete set of John Burroughs works to the Eagle Grove library. He always maintained an enthusiastic interest in the library and was president of the library board for many years.

He was a man of highest integrity and we believe he has passed to the great beyond without having incurred the ill will of anyone. We all are thankful he was spared to us for so many years.

FLAG CEREMONIALS AT ROTARY MEETINGS

The Clarion Rotary Club had charge of the meeting of the Eagle Grove club Monday night. The occasion was the presenting of the district governor's flag which is going the rounds of the clubs of the district. Mason City presented the flag to the Clarion Club Monday noon and Monday evening the Clarion club brought it over to Eagle Grove. The program was in charge of Rev. Spelman and was as follows:
 "History of the Flag" . . . Ray Hill
 "Proper Display of the Flag" . . . Lee Westcott
 "Flag Presentation Ceremonial" . . . Roy Spelman
 "Acceptance of the Flag" . . . President H. B. Cole

Eagle Grove at Humboldt
 Tuesday evening the Eagle Grove club presented the flag to the Humboldt club. The presentation was made by Paul Cowan, Supt. Logan explaining the proper way of displaying the flag and the history of the emblem being given by Rev. Haney. About twenty members drove over from Eagle Grove to attend the meeting. Supt. Bonner came down from Mason City and went over with the Eagle Grove delegation.

W. W. LAIRD FUNERAL HELD LAST FRIDAY

The funeral of W. W. Laird took place Friday morning from Sacred Heart church, burial being at Ft. Dodge. Mr. Laird's brothers, John Laird and family of Alden and D. E. Laird and family of Rockwell City, were here to attend the funeral.

R. H. ENEIX ASSISTING WITH LATIMER SALES

Roy Eneix has been at Hampton, Algona, Mason City and is this week at Vinton, assisting the Latimer store managers in arranging their stocks for their annual spring opening sales. The Latimer store at Hampton was to have been closed out but a petition signed by hundreds of people of that locality was presented asking the local manager to reopen the store. A new lease was recently drawn, the store room remodeled and the store will remain in Hampton.

MAY BUILD NEW CHURCH

Methodist Church Building May Be Erected This Coming Summer.

It is not at all improbable that the new Methodist church building will be started this summer. The closing of the Citizens State Bank compelled the abandoning of the plans for a time, but since that time Rev. Muhleman's cousin, William B. Ward of New York City, has

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for so many years.

Those attending the funeral from
out of the city were Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Smith, Roxbury, N. Y., Mr.
and Mrs. Lysie Smith, Sully, Iowa,
and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Francisco,
Newton, Iowa.

Obituary

By Rev. R. S. Haney

John Robert Smith, the son of
Robert and Jeanette Lyle Smith,
was born in Roxbury, N. Y., on the
27th day of January, in the year
1838. His early days were spent
on his father's farm, his early asso-
ciates were Jay Gould, his brothers
and sisters and John Burroughs,
with whom he attended the district
school.

After completing the course at the
school near his home he attended the
Delaware Literary Institute, com-
pleting his work there and teaching
school for two years, when he be-
came a cattle buyer. This work took
him into New York, Pennsylvania
and Ohio.

In 1860 Uncle John cast his first
vote for Abraham Lincoln for Pres-
ident of the United States. In the
year 1881 he came to Wright coun-
ty and went into the cattle business
with his brother W. C. Smith. This
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and southern Minnesota. After eight
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the Citizens State Bank.

Uncle John was a member of the
32nd and 33rd General Assembly of
Iowa and also served six terms as
treasurer of the City of Eagle Grove.

He also served for a number of
years as a member of the board of
education.

Mr. Smith was third in a family
of eight children, six boys and two
girls. Those who survive are his
two brothers, Alexander of Pasa-
dena, Calif., now 96 years of age,
and Robert S. of Roxbury, N. Y., who
is younger than Uncle John, and a
sister, Mrs. Jeanette Mitchell of
Hebart, N. Y.

Uncle John never married and
since 1881 he has made his home in
Eagle Grove, spending his winters in
the south but coming north with
the springtime.

He has been a church member
since a young man and when he
came west brought his membership
with him and placed in in the Con-
gregational church. He was one of
the most faithful attendants of this
church until he was overcome by
his last illness.

Be Erected This Coming
Summer.

It is not at all improbable that
the new Methodist church building
will be started this summer. The
closing of the Citizens State Bank
compelled the abandoning of the
plans for a time. But since that
time Rev. Muhleman's cousin, Wil-
liam B. Ward of New York City, has
practically offered to match dollar
for dollar with the local congrega-
tion.

The proposed building would cost
\$70,000, more than half of which
amount has already been pledged.
A new canvass has been made and
over \$30,000 pledged by people be-
fore the bank closed is available
to meet these pledges when they
are called upon. About \$5,000 of
these pledges are from other coun-
tins of Rev. Muhleman in the east.
It is hoped and expected that on
Easter morning a definite statement
can be made to the effect that build-
ing work will be started this sum-
mer.

WM. PHILLIPS DIES
IN MINNEAPOLIS

Word was received by Miss Mada-
lyne Phillips Tuesday of the death
of her father, Wm. Phillips, at Min-
neapolis, Minn.

Mr. Phillips was engaged in the
ice business and while at his work
Monday with his partner, stepped
on a broken aerial which had fallen
over electric wires. He was killed
instantly, and as Mr. Simpson, his
partner, reached to save him from
falling, he became charged with
the electric current and also died.

As we go to press no funeral ar-
rangements have been made, but it
is expected burial will be made in
Woolstock cemetery.

LOCAL CAR STOLEN
IN KANSAS CITY

Word was received here last week
from Tom Johnson, contractor, that
his car had been stolen in Kansas
City. The police were notified and
next day the car was found where it
had been abandoned by a party of
young people who "borrowed" it
for a joy ride. It had not been
damaged. Mr. Johnson is working
on a big drainage project near Kan-
sas City and also has a big gang of
men at work on a sewer contract at
Cedar Rapids.

WYATT YON GRADUATES
FROM NORTHWESTERN

Wyatt Yon of this city was a mem-
ber of the graduating class of
Northwestern University at Evans-
ton, Ill., at the midyear commence-
ment. He has accepted a position
with the Holland Furnace Co. with
headquarters in Chicago.

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HISTORY

OF

WRIGHT COUNTY

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ITS PEOPLE, INDUSTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS

HON. B. P. BIRDSALL
Editor

With Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens and
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iam; Francis married Kate Dougans, and they have three children, Mary, Florence and Frank; Delia married Malachi Norton, and they have no children; Thomas, Jr., married Julia McLaughlin, and they have five children, Mary, Donald, Paul, Madonia and Edward. Mrs. Thomas McNulty, Sr., died on April 23, 1904.

On November 13, 1907, Thomas McNulty was married, secondly, in Wright county, Iowa, to Mrs. Mary (Kelley) Kelley, who was born on January 12, 1854, in Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, and who is the daughter of John and Ellen (White) Kelley, natives of County Galway and County Cork, Ireland, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. McNulty were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. McNulty was first married in March, 1883, to John Kelley, a native of County Galway, Ireland, and they removed from Milwaukee to Hancock county, Iowa, in 1884. In 1900 they removed to Wright county, where Mr. Kelley died on September 13, 1901. They had no children.

Mr. McNulty is a Democrat. He and his good wife are members of the Catholic church. Mr. McNulty is a member of the Roman Catholic Benefit Society.

HON. JOHN R. SMITH.

The Hon. John R. Smith, farmer, extensive landowner, business man, financier and representative of the people in public office, was born in Roxbury, New York, on January 27, 1838, the son of Robert and Jeanette (Lyle) Smith, both of whom were natives of Forest, Scotland. Robert Smith was a farmer of his native country until he came to America, on July 4, 1836, and located at Roxbury, New York, near where he bought a farm, on which he lived for the remainder of his days. Robert Smith died in the year 1867; his widow, Jeanette, died in the year 1884. Robert Smith was descended from a well-known and prominent family, he being a cousin of Donald Smith, the great Canadian financier and railway man, who later became Lord Strathcona. Jeanette Smith was related to the Duke of Sullivan, of England and Scotland. Robert and Jeanette Smith were the parents of the following children: Mary, David L., John, Robert S., William C., Thomas and Jeanette, who is now Mrs. Mitchell.

John R. Smith received his early education in the schools of Roxbury, New York, where he was associated with Jay Gould and John Burroughs, after which Mr. Smith attended the Delaware Literary Institute, at Dela-

ware, Franklin county, New York, and then he taught school for some years. Following his career as a school teacher, John R. Smith became a cattle buyer, a business which he conducted in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, until the year 1881, when he moved to Wright county, Iowa, and continued as a cattle buyer, doing business in the northern part of Iowa and in the state of Minnesota. After eight years as a cattle dealer, John R. Smith bought three hundred and sixty acres of land in Wright county, and has since added to his land until he now owns five thousand, three hundred and sixty acres: one thousand, two hundred and eighty acres of which is located in North Dakota; three thousand, two hundred acres of which is in Canada and five hundred and fifteen acres of which is located in the state of Mississippi. Mr. Smith now gives his entire time to the care of his land.

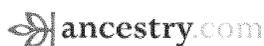
In the year 1890 John R. Smith became interested in the State Bank of Eagle Grove. On July 1, of that year, he took up the duties of cashier, an office which he held until 1905, when he disposed of his interest to the Citizens State Bank of Eagle Grove, and retired from active business life.

John R. Smith has taken an important part in the political and public life of Wright county and of the town of Eagle Grove. Mr. Smith was elected to the thirty-second and to the thirty-third sessions of the Iowa General Assembly, where he made an enviable record. He has served his town as treasurer for six terms and for a number of years was a valued member of the Eagle Grove school board. John R. Smith, in political affiliation, is a Republican, he having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Mr. Smith has never married.

HENRY ANDERSON.

Henry Anderson, a farmer and one of the leading citizens of Norway township, Wright county, Iowa, has the distinction of being an authority, in Wright county, on the culture of sugar beets, in which industry he was a pioneer. He is a man of big ideas and broad experience, being a student of agricultural and political science and a great reader, keeping abreast of the times on all national and civil issues.

Henry Anderson is one of six children born to Ole and Melinda Anderson, natives of Norway, and his birth occurred on April 27, 1860, in Kendall county, Illinois, the home of his parents, who immigrated to America in 1855 and settled in Kendall county, Illinois, where they resided until



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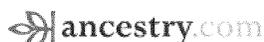
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Birth Place:	New York	
Gender:	Male	
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Residence State:	Iowa	
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Locality:	Dayton	
Roll:	IA1885_283	
Line:	17	
Family Number:	62	
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	William A Campbell	38
	Martha M Campbell	36
	Catharine Campbell	67
	John R Smith	46
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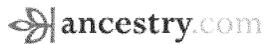
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Marital Status:	Single	
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925	
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Residence County:	Wright	
Locality:	Eagle Grove	
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Mother:	Jenetta Lyle	
Mother's Birthplace:	Scotland	
Father:	Robert Smith	
Father's Birthplace:	Scotland	
Marriage Place:	Scotland	
Roll:	IA1925_2012	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Dora D Smith	61
	Albert Fisher	83
	John R Smith	86
	Paul George	27
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	Dan Vagans	33
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Iowa Cemetery Records

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Death Date:	19 Mar 1926
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Birth Date:	1838
Cemetery:	Rosehill
Town:	Eagle Grove
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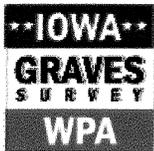
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SMITH, John R.

Born: 1838
Died: 19 MAR 1926
Cemetery: ROSEHILL
Location: EAGLE GROVE
County: WRIGHT CO. - IOWA
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