

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Whiting, William Criner Senator Whiting,  
William Criner Represented Monroe, Wa, Crawford and Harrison  
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Aug 1857 in West Fork Township, Monroe County,  
Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Mary E. Elliott 4 Oct 1883 Omaha, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business One of the donors of the Whiting Public Library; director of the  
Bank of Whiting

B. Civic responsibilities Member, Shriner; I.O.O.F.; Modern  
Archway of America

C. Profession Lumber; farmer; merchant; banker; stock breeder

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies 1902, 1904, 1906 House of

6. Public Offices Representative  
32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> General Assemblies 1907, 1909 - Senate

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

B. State He was one of the commissioners of the Louisiana Operation and take charge of the  
agricultural department for the state of Ark.

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

7. Death 4 Dec 1936 Whiting, Iowa; Burial Whiting Cemetery, Whiting, Iowa

8. Children Charles Elliott; Woodson (Mrs. Pearl Peison) preceded her father  
in death on 12 Feb 1920)

9. Names of parents Charles Edwin and Nancy (Criner) Whiting

Whiting, William Cramer

10. Education He was educated in the district schools near his home

11. Degrees He pursued a preparatory course in the State University of Iowa 1876-1877

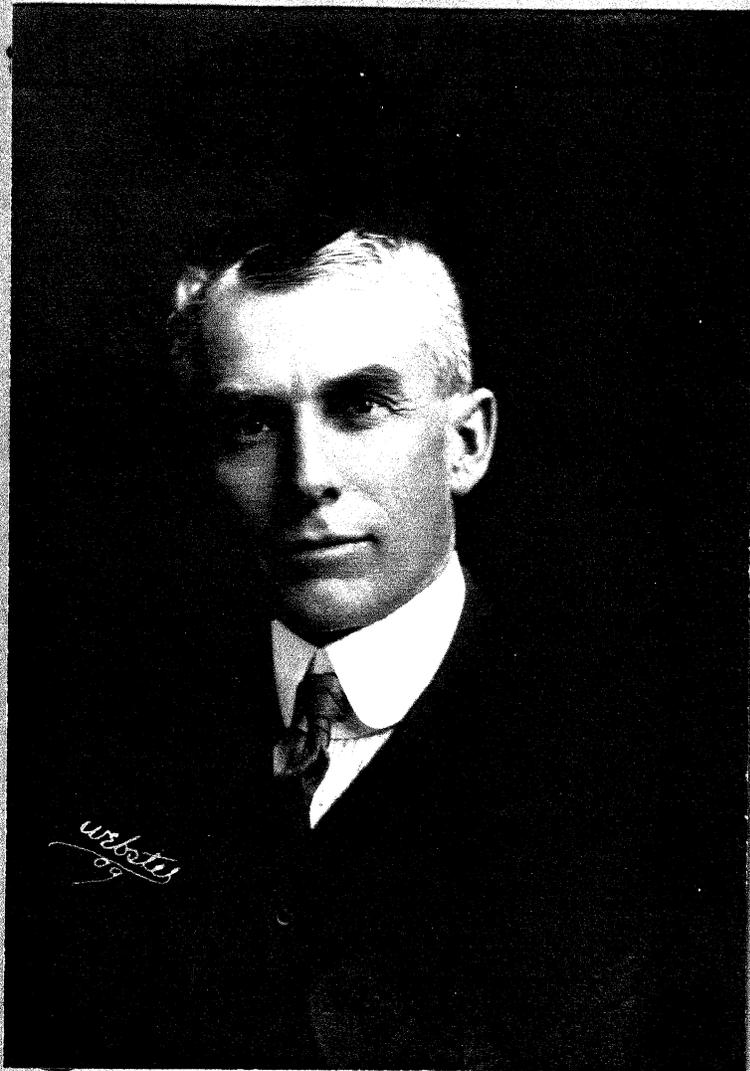
12. Other applicable information Democrat

- In 1880 he organized the firm with E. M. Corradini which was a mercantile store.

- In 1882 they extended the scope of their interests to include the lumber trade. The business was incorporated in 1908 with a capital of \$50,000 as the W. C. Whiting Lumber Company and later added grain dealers.

- His wife Mary E. died 30 Apr 1927, also buried in Whiting Cemetery, Whiting, Iowa





Portrait

Whiting, W.D.

["Senator from Monona County]  
Son of Judge Whiting"

# PIONEER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

## Will C. Whiting Dies Friday

Will C. Whiting was born in West Fork Township August 13, 1857, and departed this life December 4, 1936. He past his seventy-ninth milestone last August. He had been enjoying good health and was quite active until three days before his death when he suffered a fall which hastened the end. He was a son of Judge Charles Whiting and Nancy Criner Whiting, early settlers in Monona County.

Mr. Whiting was married October 4, 1883 to Mary Elliot of Onawa, Iowa, and to this union two children were born, Charles Elliott, and a daughter, Woodson who was the wife of Dean Peison, Eldora, Iowa. Mrs. Whiting died some years ago, and since that time Mr. Whiting has made his home with his son on the farm in the Whiting settlement.

He leaves four sister, Mrs. Julia Pullen, Mrs. Ida M Cassidy, Mrs. Ella M. Holmes, and Mrs. Woodson Cozine. His only brother, Edwin M. preceded him in death two years ago. There is one grand-daughter, Miss Dana Peison of Eldora, Iowa.

Mr. Whiting was a public man and took an active part in business and political matters. He was a life-long business associate of E. M. Cassidy and they together were pioneers in the mercantile and lumber business in Whit-

ing. He was a member of the State Legislature for three sessions, from 1892 to 1894 and 1895 to 1897.

## Coming Events

Dec. 11 Congregational Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. W. C. Brown. Please bring aprons or other articles to this meeting to be marked ready for sale Dec. 1

Dec. 12 Congregational Ladies Aid Bake Sale and Apron Sale at Whiting Hardware.

Happy Hour Club with Mr. Everett Hall Dec. 10. Pot luck dinner at one p. m.

Saturday evening December 1 Royal Neighbors with Mrs. Fran Jennewein.

Rebekahs will serve lunch on Saturday Dec. 19 starting at 2:00 p. m. Place of serving name later.

Dorcas Xmas party Dec. 1 Christian church 2:30 p. m.

Dec. 15 Philathea with Mr. Chloe Beatty.

Past Matrons Xmas party Friday, Dec 18 at the Carter home. Hostesses are Mrs. Sullivan and Ada Carter.

Dec. 15 Farm Bureau Women's Club with Mrs. Johnnie Collison.

M. E. Missionary with Mrs. Lilly Delashmutt Dec. 11.

Dec. 11 Eastern Star election of officers.

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Mr. Whiting was a public man and took an active part in business and political matters. He was a life-long business associate of E. M. Cassidy and they together were pioneers in the mercantile and lumber business in Whiting. He was a member of the Iowa State Legislature for three sessions, from 1902 to 1906, and State Senator for two terms from 1907 to 1911. In the Senate he occupied the same seat his father had occupied a generation earlier. He was also one of the directors of the St. Louis Exposition. He was a charter member of the First Congregational church of Whiting, and one of the donors of the Whiting Public Library. The house in which he was born still stands on the farm in the Whiting settlement now owned by Arthur Pike.

A public spirited man has gone to his eternal reward. A man who was interested in building this community. He always kept himself well informed, was a fine conversationalist and a royal good friend and neighbor.

The funeral was held from the C. E. Whiting home Monday afternoon, the services conducted by Dr. Raymond Swisher. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings. Interment was made in the Whiting cemetery.

Ada Carter.

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Regular December meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, next Monday, December 14 at Mrs. Russel Polly's, bring your carpet rags to send to Knoxville; also magazines. Anyone wishing to donate magazines notify Mrs. H. Swim or Mrs. W. G. Brown and Junior members will call for them.

At this meeting the Child Welfare Committee will report on our assigned child, and the Rehabilitation committee will discuss Christmas plans and boxes and tell something of the National Rehabilitation plans. This will be one of the most important meetings of the year, the Juniors will have an exhibit of their Christmas work.

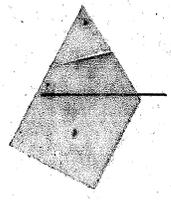
One of our past presidents Mrs. Alice Brown gave a talk on the "Peace Plan of American Legion" at the regular meeting of the Dorcas Society last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Mary Pratt.

We invite all the people of this community to contribute to the Christmas boxes placed in the local stores, candy bars, cigarettes, tobacco, gum etc. The contributions will be sent to the

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1864 until 1870, and in 1874 he was the democratic nominee for congress. In 1883 he was elected a member of the state senate and in 1885 he was a candidate for governor. Although the state gave a large normal republican majority, he succeeded in reducing this from seventy-nine thousand to five thousand three hundred and forty-nine—a defeat amounting almost to a victory and one which indicated his wide personal popularity and the high regard entertained for him. Judge Whiting was ever deeply interested in the welfare of county and state and cooperated in many plans for the public good, yet his chief interest was in the farm and the high standards which he established and inculcated in Monona county have had a most far-reaching influence in keeping high the standards of farm labor and methods in his part of the state. His life was indeed an element for good. He pushed forward the wheels of progress and it will be long ere the influence of the impetus which he gave will cease to be felt.

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HON. WILL C. WHITING.

Hon. Will C. Whiting, merchant, banker, lumberman, landowner and stock breeder of Whiting and former state senator, belongs to that class of men who have been the builders of the empire of the west. He was born on the old Whiting homestead in Monona county, August 13, 1857, and is the eldest son of Hon. Charles E. Whiting, of whom mention is made on the preceding pages. Upon the home farm he was reared and in the district schools acquired his preliminary education. He also pursued a preparatory course in the State University of Iowa, which he attended in the winter of 1876-7. In 1880, in connection with E. M. Cassady, a brother-in-law, he organized the firm of Cassady & Whiting and established a general mercantile store. In 1882 they extended the scope of their activities to include the lumber trade, their lumberyard being conducted under the firm style of Will C. Whiting & Company. This business was incorporated in 1908 with a capital of fifty thousand dollars as the W. C. Whiting Lumber Company and remains one of the important commercial enterprises of the county. Later, with Mr. Cassady, he formed the firm of E. M. Cassady & Company, grain dealers, and thus the breadth of their activities has constantly been extended, placing them among the most active business men of their part of the state. Mr. Whiting is also a director in the Bank of Whiting, founded by Mr. Cassady and an uncle, William B. Whiting, and regarded as one of the strongest, best managed and most successful private banks in the state.

In addition to all his other interests Mr. Whiting of this review is the owner of two valuable farm properties, one of these being the Whiting Farm, comprising six hundred acres, of which four hundred acres is a part of the old family homestead. The other is the Crows Nest Farm of five hundred and sixty acres, including two hundred and forty acres which was the Maria Whiting farm and which he purchased from her heirs. These farm properties cannot be surpassed for productiveness by any land in the state. Many thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements on the farms and each has upon it a residence equal to the best city homes. Every modern convenience for home life and for farm work has been installed. As a stock breeder Mr. Whiting is well known to the farmers of Iowa,

Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota. His Poland China hogs have won a number of blue ribbons at the Iowa state fairs and he has also exhibited at various county fairs with equal success. Thoroughbred animals raised on his farms have had wide sale in the states above mentioned. He is also interested to some extent in the breeding of shorthorn cattle. His business affairs have ever been carefully conducted, his activities guided by sound judgment, while his well directed energy has brought to him gratifying success.

Mr. Whiting is best known to Iowans perhaps for his service in the legislature, covering three sessions in the house and two in the senate. A lifelong democrat, he was returned from a district largely republican. He was first elected to the house in 1902, was reelected in 1903 and served in the regular session of 1904 and during the special session of 1905. In that year he was elected to the senate, serving during the sessions of 1907 and 1909. While his party was in the minority during his entire service, he was given membership while in both the house and senate on the committees on ways and means, banks and banking and insurance as well as on the committees of less importance. While in the senate he occupied the seat formerly held by his father. His record as a member of both bodies was creditable. By his fellow members he was conceded to be an able, conscientious and tireless worker. His opinions, based on many years of successful business experience in agriculture, merchandising and banking, were considered to be well worthy of attention and carried weight in many instances. He did important work in connection with legislation affecting insurance, railway taxation, freight car service, the two-cent railway fare and agriculture, taking an advanced stand on all of these questions. He was the leader of the minority, both in committee and on the floor, against the Mulberry bill, which was vetoed by Governor Cummins. He makes no claim to oratorical ability but is a logical and convincing speaker, presenting his cause clearly and forcibly, and as a legislator he made a notable and creditable record, exerting much influence not only among those of his own party but also considerable influence among the opposition. On the 1st of July, 1902, he was appointed one of the Iowa State Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis and had charge of the state's agricultural exhibit, which won first prize at the fair. He is the donor of the Whiting trophy now held by the Ames Agricultural College, which is won each year by the person growing the best ten ears of corn in the state.

On the 4th of October, 1883, Mr. Whiting wedded Miss Mary E. Elliott, a daughter of Timothy Elliott of Onawa and a representative of a family long prominent in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting have a son and daughter. Charles Elliott Whiting, born September 29, 1886, is a graduate of the Whiting high school and Bryant & Stratton Commercial College of Detroit, Michigan, while in 1915 he completed a course in the Iowa State Agricultural College. He is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity and now manages the Whiting Farm. On the 18th of November, 1909, he married Miss Nellie Brown, a daughter of Ira A. Brown, an agriculturist of Whiting, and a granddaughter of Tobias Fagenbush, a pioneer resident of Monona county. The death of Mrs. Whiting occurred on the 28th of February, 1912. Miss Woodson Whiting, who was born January 6, 1890, is a graduate of the Whiting high school, Grinnell College and Stanford University, completing a course in the last named institution with the class of 1915.

Mr. Whiting belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he holds high rank, being a member of the T. S. Marvin Consistory and of Abu Bekr Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Sioux City. He is also connected with the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife are active members of the Congregational church, in which he has been a trustee for many years. Mrs. Whiting holds membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a leader in social and literary circles in her part of the state. Mr. Whiting is an unassuming American citizen whom success has not spoiled. He is a town builder—a good business man whose initiative spirit has led him to establish and successfully conduct many important business enterprises. He is well read, is charitable, thoroughly reliable under all conditions and in all circumstances and withal is very popular, having those social qualities which draw men to him.

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CHARLES SING DENMAN.

Charles Sing Denman, general manager of the Des Moines Water Company, not only occupies a creditable position as a representative business man but in all matters of citizenship is known to stand for those things which have to do with the public welfare, the progress and improvement of the community. He has been a resident of Des Moines from boyhood days, although a native of New York city. He was born March 20, 1862, of the marriage of Augustus N. and Mary (Holmes) Denman, who were representatives of well known English families, who came to America prior to the Revolutionary war. The father engaged in the banking business in New York and in 1875 came to Des Moines following the failure of B. F. Allen, a prominent Iowa banker.

This brought Charles S. Denman to Iowa's capital when a youth of thirteen years and he supplemented his early education acquired in the schools of New York by further study in the public schools of Des Moines to the age of nineteen years. He then crossed the threshold of the business world and for some time was identified with the loan business and later with other interests. In 1886, when twenty-four years of age, he went to Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the Lombard Investment Company, which he represented for six years, but resigned in 1892 to become vice president of the Franco-American Trust Company with headquarters in London, England. He remained for only a year, however, because of the financial depression of 1893. Upon his return to Des Moines he entered into active connection with the Des Moines Water Company as general manager and has since occupied that position, covering a period of twenty-two years, during which time his administrative ability, executive force and sound business judgment have resulted beneficially to the city in giving an adequate water service, and at the same time have proven a source of benefit to the stockholders in the company, the business being conducted upon a safe, substantial basis.

While in Kansas City Mr. Denman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Simmons, a daughter of Milton F. Simmons, of that place. Two children have been born to them, Mary Simmons and Milton Simmons. The daughter was married February 12, 1915, in Des Moines to John A. Cavanagh, a native of the capital city and now vice president of the Des Moines National Bank.

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## HONORABLE WILL C. WHITING

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable Will C. Whiting, a former member of the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Will C. Whiting was born in Whiting Monona county, Iowa, August 13, 1857, and was the first white child born in West Fork, Township.

He was the son of former Judge Charles E. Whiting, a native of New York, who became a state senator, then Democratic candidate for governor in 1885. His mother was a native of Alabama.

Will C. Whiting was a member of a family whose name long has been linked in the history of Iowa. The town of Whiting was named after the Whiting family.

The first store ever to do business in Whiting was opened in 1880 by J. M. Cassaday and Will C. Whiting, and in 1882 they organized what was known for many years as the Cassaday & Whiting Lumber Company. Mr. Cassaday operated the store and Mr. Whiting devoted his time to operating the lumber yard. Although this partnership was strongly different in politics, Mr. Cassaday being a rock-ribbed Republican while Mr. Whiting held up the light of faith for the other party just as strong, being a life long Democrat, politics were never allowed to enter business with these two splendid pioneers and their associations were always almost like two lovable brothers.

October 4, 1883, he married Miss Mary Elliott at Onawa, Iowa. Two children blessed this union. Chas. E. who resides on the Whiting farm east of Whiting and a daughter, Mrs. Woodson Peisen, who died of influenza February 12, 1920. On April 30, 1927, after more than forty-three years of married life he lost his wife in death.

From 1901 to 1907 he served as State Representative and was later honored by being elected State Senator, which office he held with great honor from 1907-1911, at that time being the 34th District including Crawford, Harrison and Monona counties. When he became a member of the State Senate an honor was bestowed upon him by that body by giving to him the chair occupied by his father many years before.

He was one of the Commissioners of the Louisiana Exposition and had charge of the agricultural department for the state of Iowa.

The name of Will C. Whiting will live forever in Whiting where one may point to many things that, due to his money and efforts, were made possible. He was not only one of the five donors of the Whiting library, but many other things.

For many years he was one of the most widely known stock raisers of that vicinity, and was regarded one of the superiors of the cattle raisers because of the fine grade that was developed on his farms, and sent to the markets. For twenty-five years the Whiting cup which is now in Ames college was awarded the farmer who would produce the best ten ears of corn. This cup was known as the Whiting cup and was eagerly sought after by corn raisers. As his father before him, he was

a great lover of trees of which fact the many beautiful trees and tree lined avenues on the Whiting land bear mute evidence.

Many worthy and laudable things could be said about the kind and loving spirit of this splendid citizen and pioneer. He was a man true to his convictions and above all he was a real Christian.

The house where he was born still stands and is on the farm of Arthur C. Pike east of Whiting.

Tuesday, December 1, 1936 he suffered injuries when he fell in the barn at the country home resulting in three broken ribs, one of the ribs puncturing his lungs and causing infection which was the cause of his death Friday, December 4, 1936.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 7, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Whiting family home east of Whiting, with the Rev. Raymond Swisher, pastor of the First Congregational church at Whiting officiating. Interment was made in the Whiting cemetery.

His life span was seventy-nine years. The town of Whiting, Monona county and western Iowa has been made better because Will C. Whiting lived. His memory will go on down to the generations as a man who helped to build and build well this great country of ours. Surviving are his son, Elliott, with whom he made his home during his later years. Four sisters, Mrs. E. M. Cassady of Des Moines; Mrs. Ella M. Holmes, Mrs. Julia Pullen and Mrs. Woodson Cozine, all of Whiting, and many other relatives. A brother, Edwin M. Whiting, died last year.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa in regular session, That in the death of Will C. Whiting the people of Monona county and the people of the entire state of Iowa have sustained a great loss. Everywhere he was known as a man honored and trusted, a man of sterling quality and irreproachable character.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

MATT B. RIDDLE,  
DEAN W. PEISEN,  
R. G. MOORE,

*Committee.*

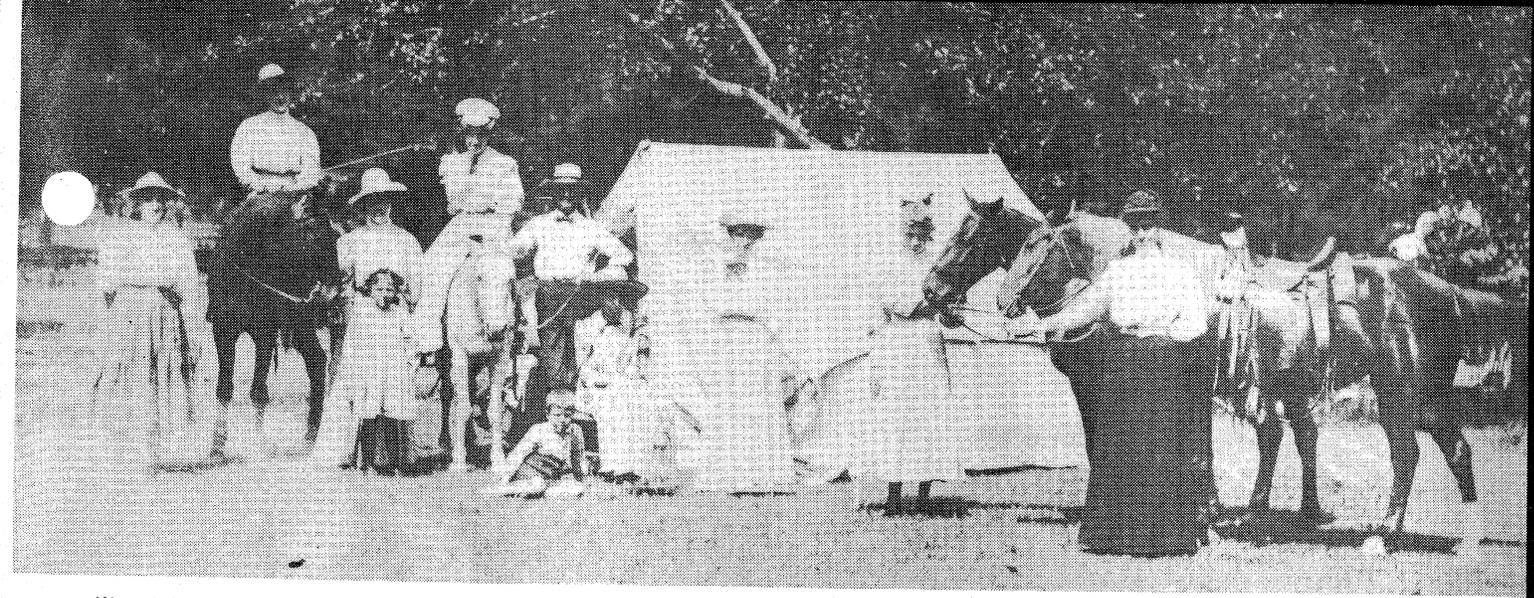
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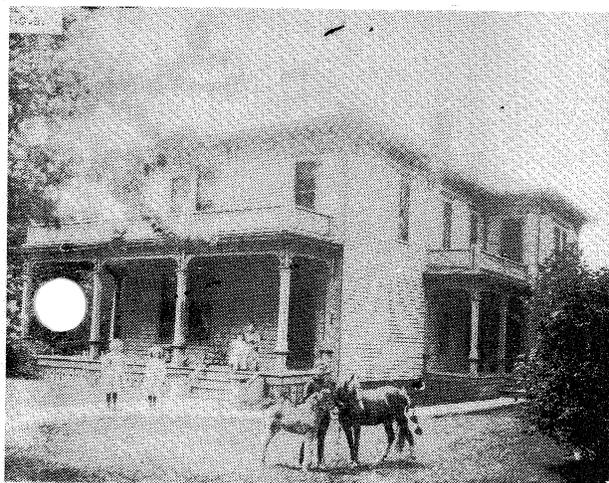
HONORABLE LOUIS H. WIESE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the late Honorable Louis H. Wiese, former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Louis H. Wiese was born near Tipton in Cedar county, Iowa, December 9th, 1890. He received his education in the public schools in Cedar and Scott counties and also attended the Brown Business College. On November 7th, 1923, he married Jennie Leindrud in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



We think this was an early campout in the grove at Woodlawn Farm, possibly farther away, about 1905. From left: Mildred Pike standing; Margaret Holmes (Anderson) small girl standing; Whiting Holmes boy on ground; Chalmer Cozine standing; Edith Cassady McBeath sitting; Maria Whiting (Marcue) and Woodson Whiting (Cozine) holding the riding horses. Other ladies not identified.

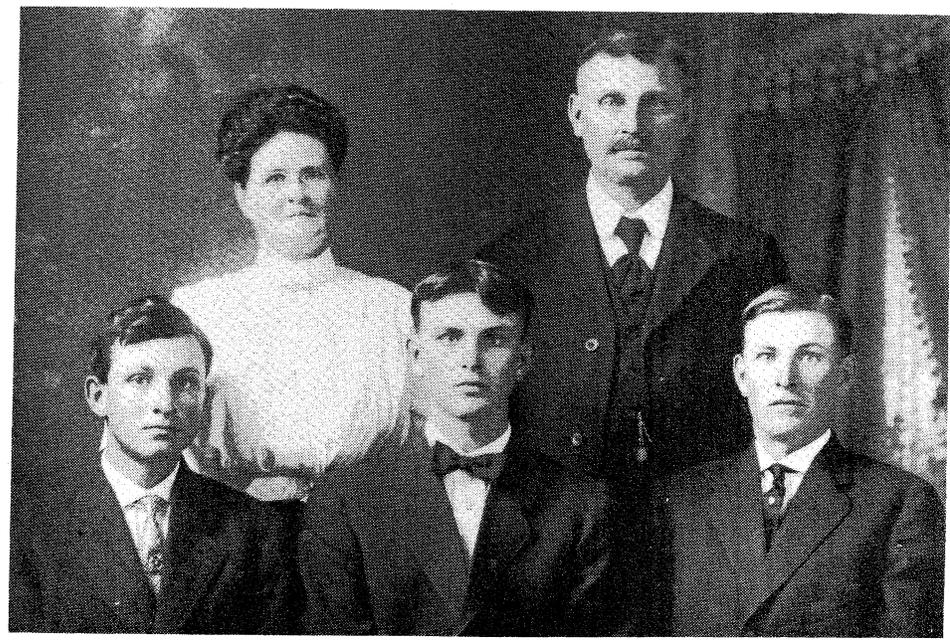


Left, Will C. Whiting home at southwest corner of park on Bertram Street before addition of gambrel roof and larger porch, presently the home of daughter-in-law, Mrs. Elliott (Harriett) Whiting. From left: Lillie Kingsley, Woodson Whiting (Peisen), Gaylor Brown, Mrs. Will Whiting, Elliott Whiting with "Buttercup" and foal.



At right, Edwin Mack (1860-1934) and Helen Waldron Whiting. Edwin was a son of Judge C. E. Whiting and twin brother of Ella W. Whiting Holmes.

Andrew Jackson Weems (1858-1934) and wife, Adda Backer Weems (1861-1937) (standing) with their three sons (from left) Nev, Vernice and Ray, about 1910. A. J. Weems was born in Newton, Iowa, came to Monona County in 1879, married Adda Backer in 1885. In 1901 they bought the farm a mile west of Whiting, where they lived until they retired to Whiting in 1924. Mrs. Weems was born at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where her father was a medical practitioner and farmer, homesteaded near Sloan in 1867. Ray Weems (1886-1953), the oldest son, farmed with his father. Vernice T. Weems (1892-1960) was a school superintendent in north-eastern Iowa, retired in Waterloo. Dr. Nev E. Weems (1894- ) just retired after practicing medicine at Paullina, Iowa, for 53 years. Dr. Weems' son-in-law and daughter, Merlin and Margaret Weems, with their two sons, Michael and Mark, are just moving into a new home on the original Weems homestead west of Whiting.



## IOWA CLOSE-UP

### Whiting in Monona County

Population: 802

Founded: 1868

How it was

named: For

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Top

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Alliance

Production of Iowa, John

Holmes Publishing

Claim to fame: Annual Fourth

of July Parade and Rodeo



*Whiting family* ←

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