

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Sammie
James Uriah - Represented Cherokee, Adams and Plymouth Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Sept 1863 Polo, Ogle County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Sammie M. Randall 10 May 1888 Dubuque, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business He was admitted to the bar in May 1888

B. Civic responsibilities Elks - elected grand exalted
rulers at the National Convention held in Los Angeles in 1910;

C. Profession Lawyer, billing clerk

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 33rd, 34th General Assemblies 1909, 1911

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____

B. State Internal Revenue collector for the 3rd Iowa district in Dubuque from
August 1903 to April 1906

C. National _____

7. Death 10 Sept 1937 Chicago, Illinois; buried Le More Cemetery, Le More, Iowa

8. Children James Uriah, Jr.; Charles Randall; Margaret (Mrs. Seely T.
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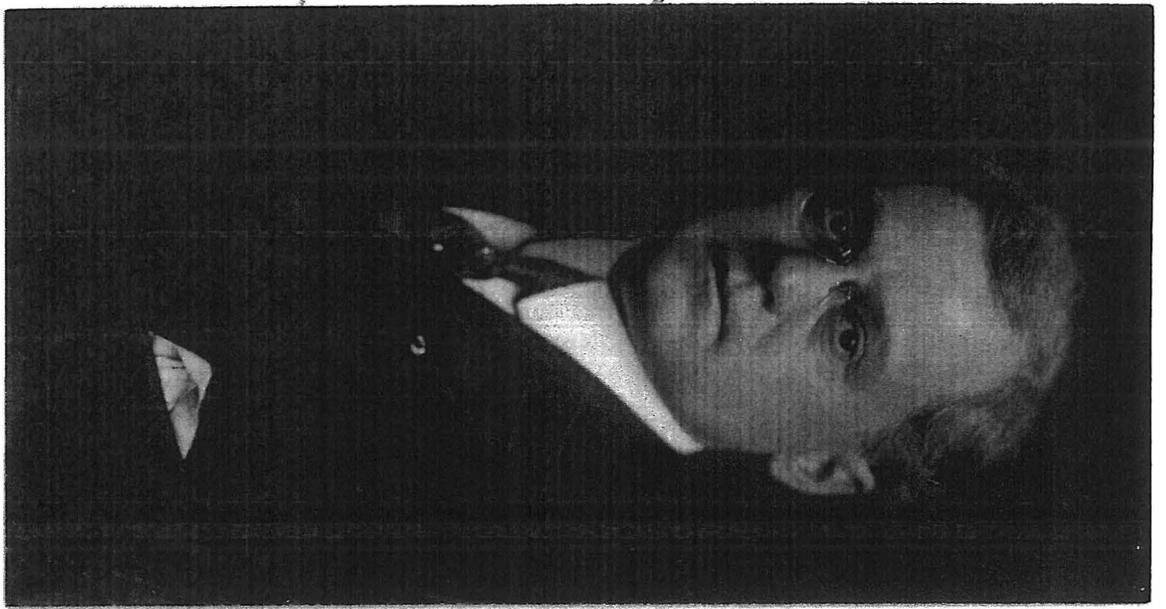
9. Names of parents Charles Wheeler and Emily Antvicta (Helen) Sammie

10. Education He was educated in country schools until age 13;
he then attended a graded school at Polo, Illinois for
2 years; he graduated from high school in Oregon, Illinois
graduating in 1881

11. Degrees He attended business college in Dubuque, Iowa for 3 months

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was active in northwestern Iowa Republican politics for
35 years in Le Mars and Sioux City, Iowa
- He lived at Polo in Ogish County, Illinois and then moved to
Oregon
- In January 1882 he entered the office of Harley and Loetscher
Manufacturing Company in Dubuque, Iowa where he worked as a bill clerk.
He worked with this company for 2 years.
- He was then employed as a bill clerk by Carr, Ryker and Wheeler in
Dubuque, Iowa
- In Feb 1886, he went to Le Mars, Iowa where he began reading law
in the office of Curtis and Durley, lawyers in Le Mars.
- He later went into law practice with the firm of Sammons and Bradley
at Le Mars, and the firm of Hall, Farnsworth and Sammons at
Sioux City.
- Military service - served as a Lieutenant in Company K of the Iowa
National Guard



SAMMIS, JAMES U.

Portrait

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HAWKS SHUT OUT SIOUX CITY AMATEUR CHAMPS

Playing a classy brand of ball throughout the entire game the locals got revenge on the Ryal Millers for the defeat they received down at Sioux City a few weeks ago.

The Hawks couldn't find Linfor for hits until the fourth when J. Braun, first man up hit one for two bases which was followed by a base knock by Krause. Two successive doubles by S. Kellen and E. Braun scored 4 runs and put the game on ice. Poেকেs on the mound for the locals was never in danger after the first inning. The Ryal Millers got three hits and they were too well scattered to do any damage. Both teams gave their pitcher some airtight support.

Washburn at short for the Ryal Millers gave the crowd a lesson on how to stop hot grounders when he turned his back to one then picked it up in time to throw the runner out at first. Sorensen, who got 2 of the Ryal Millers 3 hits, was the batting star of the day.

Next Saturday the Hawks will clash with the Company K Cubs at the Brunsville celebration.

Next Sunday the Hawks have an open date and if anybody wants to knock them off here is your chance.

Hawkeyes	AB	H	R
Osborne, 2b	3	1	0
C. Kellen, ss	2	0	0
J. Braun, cf	2	1	1
L. Krause, c	3	1	1
Co. H	1	0	0
Sorensen, 1b	3	1	1
F. Braun, 3b	3	1	1
Nelseus, rf	2	0	0
Bortscheller, rf	1	0	0
Poেকেs, p	3	0	0
Totals	23	5	4

Ryal Millers	AB	H	R
Sorensen, 2b	3	2	0
McGoff, 1b	2	0	0
Spencer, lf	2	0	0
Washburn, ss	3	0	0
McBride, 3b	3	0	0
McDonald, cf	3	0	0
Byrnes, rf	3	1	0
Bubeker, c	3	0	0
Linfor, p	2	0	0
Totals	24	3	0

Summary—Two base hits, J. Braun, F. Braun, S. Kellen; base on balls, off Linfor 1, Poেকেs 1; hit by pitcher, Linfor 2, Poেকেs 1; struck out, by Linfor 4, Poেকেs 7. Umpire, Gallivan.

LIGHTNING STRIKES HIGH-HORSE BARN

TWENTY TONS OF HAY GO UP IN FLAMES BUT MACHINERY AND STOCK SAVED

A bolt of lightning struck the east end of the high horse barn on the S. Wathler place east of Alton during the thunder storm Monday evening at about 5:30 and within an hour that structure and another barn for cattle just to the west were completely destroyed. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators' Collection, compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa, Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

COLLEGE YEAR NOW BEGINNING

FOOTBALL PRACTICE IN FULL FORCE AND TENTATIVE LINE-UP IS NOW READY

During the past week students and faculty members have been coming to LeMars from different points to spend the school year here. The previous enrollments have been very satisfactory and students have already enrolled from the following states: Iowa, South Dakota, Oregon, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado, Kansas and Pennsylvania. Five new faculty members have been engaged for the year and are present to begin work. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. reception committees have been busy meeting trains and giving aid to students in finding rooms.

The football practice season began a week before the opening of the school year and Coach Koch reports that the prospects for football at the college this year are very gratifying. During the early practice period about twenty men reported and it is expected that thirty more will be present at the opening of school Tuesday. The line will undoubtedly be the heaviest in the history of the school with a little heavier backfield than last year. The following men have been assigned suits, and have been working the "kinks" out of their muscles. Captain Kenneth Koch, is busy getting the details worked out for his part of the game. Other positions have been filled during the practice period as follows: halfbacks, F. Meyers, M. Haehlen, B. Kuzler, T. Graves, V. Trafford; quarterback, Gil Volland; fullback, Ritter; ends, Al Kammerer, K. Hancer and C. Grallapp; tackles, H. Woods, S. Gergen, W. Hunt, A. Miller; guards, J. Edwards, L. Eyres, Riley and E. Danne; centers, D. Hansen and C. Woods. The captain will likely hold the fullback position during the greater part of the season.

A heavy football schedule has been arranged for the college this season. The games will be played as follows:

- October 1—Morningside college, there.
- October 7—Wayne Normal, at Wayne, Neb.
- October 14—Yankton, S. D., at Le Mars.
- October 21—Beuna Vista at Le Mars.
- October 28—Still at Des Moines.
- November 4—U. S. D. Vermillion, here (homecoming).
- November 11—Central at Pella.
- November 18—Ellsworth, here.

The activities during the week are as follows:

Monday evening—Y. M. C. A. has a retreat with the boys at the scout camp.

Tuesday will be registration day and in the evening the student body will attend the meeting of the parade, followed by a brief pep meeting.

Wednesday evening will be the reg-

YUH, IT'S HOT ENOUGH FOR US!

A week more of that hot and dry weather will bring the greater part of Plymouth county corn out of the frost danger. Some of the corn is safe now, but the largest part of it is in need of a lot more hot weather. The heat during the last week wasn't exactly a record-breaker but "it isn't the heat—it's the humidity" that made it seem so unbearable. The corn, at any rate, can stand it.

GRANT HURLS GOOD GAME BUT LOSES 9-4

Waterloo Star Returns to Oriole Lineup, but His Mates Bobble When Scores in Sight

(By Free Lance)

One of the largest crowds this season attended the baseball game between the Merrill Cornhuskers and LeMars Orioles, at McDuffie park Sunday, and watched the Huskers slowly push out a win over the Orioles in 11 sultry innings. The score was 9 to 4. Up until the ninth inning, Dick Grant, who commenced the season with LeMars and who was promoted into the Waterloo Mississippi valley league, held the visitors to four extremely scattered hits. Grant just completed the season with the Waterloo club, and hurled a wonderful game of ball, but along in the late innings when the hot rays of Old Sol commenced to have its effect on the boys, several bobbles were made by Grant's backers and as the result Merrill tied the count in the first of the ninth by making two runs. The score then was 4 allie.

The contest continued until the 11th, both pitchers showing plenty of stuff, but slightly tired. A bobble in the 11th frame by an Oriole outfielder commenced the fireworks, which was followed closely by two more, and to all this excitement, two home runs were clouted over the left field wall, giving the Huskers a five-run lead, which the Orioles were unable to overcome.

"Dutch" Winkler pitched for Merrill and allowed about as many hits as Grant, and sure had his day on the field, as far as the weather was concerned. At the close of the game Winkler appeared as though he jumped in a lake, clothes and all. Besides the untimely errors the game was interesting to watch and had many thrills.

On account of the Orioles leaving early for the Cherokee tournament today, the box score is not available.

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LeMars	4	9	4
Merrill	9	14	0

Grant and Percell; Kinkler and G. Stucker.

Court News

Several new cases were filed in the Plymouth county district court in the last few days, most of them being for small sums.

Alanson Baker is plaintiff against David Butler and Grace Butler. He asks \$119 which he claims is due him

DEATH TAKES J. U. SAMMIS IN CHICAGO

WAS ONE OF LEADERS OF THE ELKS

FAMOUS MIDDLE WESTERN LAWYER SUCCUMBS TO SICKNESS CONTRACTED IN CANADA

J. U. Sammis, formerly of LeMars and Sioux City, died Saturday in Chicago of an illness contracted while he was on a business trip to Toronto, Canada, thus closing a career that for 35 years was notable in politics and public life.

The passing of Judge Sammis, who for 35 years was active in northwestern Iowa republican politics, came on Saturday night as the result of an illness which he contracted during a recent business trip to Toronto, Can.

Word of the death of the former national head of the Elks lodge was received at the LeMars Elks lodge, of which Mr. Sammis was a charter member on Sunday. He had resided in LeMars several years ago, previous to going to Sioux City.

Was State Senator

In political life, Mr. Sammis occupied an influential position for nearly four decades. On only a few occasions, however, did he himself become a candidate for office.

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Judge Sammis was elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks at the national conclave in Los Angeles in 1910. He went to Sioux City from LeMars 18 years ago, and was a member of the law firm of Shull, Stillwill, Shull and Wadden, when it was known as Shull and Farnsworth. Later he left that firm and became associated with Burgess and Gill. After leaving the firm, he practiced law alone until his departure three years ago for Long Beach, Cal. After living there two years, he moved to Chicago and again took up the practice of law.

Judge Sammis is survived by his widow, Mrs. Raulie Sammis, two sons, J. U. Sammis Jr. and C. R. Sammis, a daughter, Mrs. Seely T. Harriman.

The body will be brought to LeMars on the 7:15 a. m. train from Chicago, and members of the funeral party will come on the same train. The body will lie in state in the Beely funeral parlors until 2 p. m., when the funeral services will be held on the lawn of the home of G. A. Wernli, a warm personal friend of the deceased. The body will be interred in the city cemetery.

The pallbearers have not been definitely selected, but they will be chosen from among Mr. Sammis' friends, members of the Elks and members of the legal fraternity. The Elks will have complete charge of the funeral and the Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

J. C. PENNEY STORE

LIFE HANGING SLIM THREAD

Two Accidents Mar Festivities at Fair Held in Moville

SKULL IS FRACTURED

Driver of Car Collapses Following the Accident

Accidents resulting in the serious injury of a child and a man marred the first day activities Friday evening at the Woodbury county Farm Bureau fair at Moville, Iowa.

The victims, Keith Steinhauer, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Steinhauer, of Climbing Hill, Iowa, and Paul Kelsey, 29 years old, a Hor-nick barber, are in the Methodist hospital in Sioux City.

Keith suffered a compound fracture of the skull when he was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Earl E. Van Buskirk, of Kingsley, as he was crossing Main street to enter city park at Moville. Mrs. Van Buskirk collapsed after the accident. She said the boy darted in front of her car so suddenly she could not avoid striking him.

Dr. J. G. Stohley, of Moville, took Keith to a hospital in Sioux City in his automobile. The lad's mother collapsed when she was told of the accident but recovered sufficiently later to be taken to the hospital. She, the boy's father, and other members of the family, spent the night at Keith's bedside. The boy's condition was reported slightly improved Saturday.

Kelsey possibly suffered fractures of the bones on the left side of his face when he lost control of his automobile and drove it off the bridge on federal highway No. 20, a mile west of Moville. The car crashed through the guard rails and overturned in a ditch.

Other motorists assisted Kelsey in getting himself from the wreckage and took him to the hospital here. He is being attended by Dr. W. Z. Earl.

Keith Steinhauer was reported to be still in a serious condition yesterday.

PRETENSE AT BUILDING

Wants to Know Who Would Pay the Funeral Expenses

Craig Independent: J. F. Henken and family picketed with relatives at Riverside park, Sioux City, Sunday. They were caught in the rain and put up for the night in Le Mars, rather than risk the treacherous grade east of Struble. It is a year this month since the flood which took out the bridge over the West Branch there and narrowed and weakened the high grade approaching it from the east. It is dangerous there in muddy weather and none too safe for two cars to pass in dry weather. Owing to the hold-back methods of the State Highway Commission, or somebody else, whoever is to blame, there is no assurance that that piece of road will be repaired before some time next year. Pretense at building a new bridge has been going on for two or three months but one abutment is all that has been accomplished so far. If a car should plunge down that high grade someone is almost sure to be killed, and we wonder who will pay the funeral expenses.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Melners and daughters, Helen and Naomi, and Mrs. H. Melners, of Forreston, Illinois, returned to their home after visiting the past week at the home of Mrs. Kate Melners.

Weather Outlook

For the period September 12 to September 17, inclusive, for upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys and northern and central Great Plains: Period of occasional showers northern portion and lesser extent southern portions; variable temperature but mostly above normal in northern portions and continued warm in southern portion, becoming cooler over both districts by close of week.

DRUM CORPS APPRECIATED

Le Mars Boys Are Entertaining Crowds at Nearby Celebrations

The white suits, blue and gold capes and little overalls caps of the American Legion Drum Corps are becoming well known and a popular addition to civic celebrations in the northwest corner of Iowa. During this summer they have played at Spencer, Sioux Center, Akron, Merrill and also at the recent American Legion Review at Sioux City. At each appearance they are greeted with enthusiastic applause, and appreciation expressed in those things which appeal to the juvenile personnel of the drum corps, such as treats of pop, ice cream, admissions to picture shows and ball games.

The drum corps is under the direction of Joe Overman, with N. A. Thoma as business manager. They have a good time at each of their appearances and enjoy visiting the surrounding towns when invited to participate in the program.

A group of Le Mars business men took the boys to Merrill last Friday evening where they contributed to the success of the fall festival that town was holding.

Friends in Le Mars have received word of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mallette, Jr., of Mason City. Mrs. Mallette was formerly Miss Henrietta Lorenson, of Le Mars.

COUNTY SESSION WELL ATTENDED

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION HELD HERE

The eleventh county convention of the W. C. T. U. met Wednesday and Thursday in the First Methodist church and although the attendance was not so large as would be wished for the program given at each session was very helpful and instructive.

The convention was formally opened Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the county president, Mrs. Clarence Hoorneman. Miss Cora Monroe, of Kingsley, gave the consecration service after which the president of the local union, Mrs. S. A. Woods, gave a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates to which Miss Monroe responded most graciously. Committees for the convention were appointed as follows: Auditing, Mesdames Woods, Grebner and Von Berg; registration, Mrs. Anderson; press, Mrs. Knox; resolutions, Miss Monroe.

The minutes of the 1926 convention held at Kingsley were read and approved. The report of the treasurer and auditing committee showed the county finances to be in a prosperous condition. Election of officers closed the afternoon program. Those selected to direct the work for the coming year are:

Mrs. Nellie Hoorneman, president, Le Mars; Mrs. Ruth Foster, vice president, Kingsley; Mrs. Alice Farrell, secretary, Le Mars; Mrs. E. M. Winter, treasurer, Hinton; Mrs. S. H. Streyfeller, evangelistic superintendent, Le Mars; Mrs. Seager, public schools, Le Mars; Western Union college, prison reform, Le Mars; Mrs.

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LINE CLASSES SCHOOL TERM

Attendance Is About the Same As That of Last Term

GRADES AVERAGE WELL

Largest Number of Freshmen Ever Known, Are Enrolled

Enrollment figures at the end of the first week indicate about the same attendance at the Le Mars public schools as the mark of last year. The total enrollment stands at 876. During the first three weeks the enrollment generally increases about 50, so the total enrollment on September 30, the date when reports are made, will stand over nine hundred.

The freshman class is the largest in the history of the school with 104 members, but the senior class is smaller than the last two or three classes. The average size of the grades is sixty, with the junior high enrollment figures a trifle larger.

The total enrollment by grades is as follows: Kindergarten, 58; first grade, 55; second grade, 55; third grade, 49; fourth grade, 71; fifth grade, 65; sixth grade, 67; seventh grade, 61; eighth grade, 73; ninth grade, 104. The senior high school enrollment is 217 for the 10th, 11th and 12th grades.

Football Practices Start
Coaches Carey and Marvett have a squad of thirty or more football aspirants who answered the call last Monday night. The extremely warm weather has interfered with intensive work, but the coaches are optimistic over the prospects. Although seven of the eleven letter men were lost by graduation, there is good line material available for this year, and backfield material is being developed. The schedule of games is as follows:

- September 24, Western Union seconds, here.
- October 1, Orange City, there.
- October 8, Sanborn, there.
- October 15, Hawarden, here.
- October 22, Storm Lake, here.
- October 29, Ida Grove, there.
- November 4, Sheldon, there.
- November 11, East High, Sioux City, here.
- November 18, Paulina, there.
- November 24, Cherokee, here.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

O. W. Davis Lived on Farm Near Remsen Several Years Ago

The funeral of O. W. Davis, who formerly lived on a farm south of Remsen, was held at Marcus Friday. His death occurred in Los Angeles after a nine days illness with sleeping sickness.

The services at the grave were conducted by the officers of Le Mars lodge B. P. O. Elks, of which Mr. Davis was a member. The officers in charge were Glen Winders, Hale Parker, M. A. Cass, Jr., Jos. Kass and Geo. J. Richards. The pallbearers were H. G. Munro, George Farrell, F. W. Rothchild, Wallace Winslow, Wm. Schafer and Leo Hentges. Mr. Davis is survived by two sons.

STEVE HAWTREY DIES

Was Well Known Member of English Colony in the Early Days

Mrs. E. C. Woolley received a letter yesterday containing news of the death of Stephen Hawtrej, at his home in Crawley, Sussex England. Mr. Hawtrej was a well known resident of Le Mars and Sioux City in the eighties and nineties and while living here was married to Miss Irene Gilbert, a member of a prominent family of Le Mars. Mr. and Mrs. Hawtrej have made their home in England for many years.

FINAL BAND CONCERT

Le Mars Municipal Band Closes Summer Concerts Wednesday

The final concert of the season by Le Mars Municipal band will be given Wednesday evening, September 14, at 8 o'clock at Foster park. As an added attraction at this concert Dr. Ambrose Delaney, of Le Mars, will sing. Director Mose Reed announces the following program for the concert: March, "Invercargill"; Lithgow Overture, "Spick and Span"; Jewell Solo, "When You and I Were Young"; "Margie"; Serenade, "A Night in June"; King Waltzes, "Bridal Roses"; Barnard Serenade, "An Autumn Romance"; King Romance, "Romany Love"; Zamecnic Overture, "Sincerity"; Barnard Finale, "Iowa Corn Song"; Everybody sings Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roerig, Mrs. Jos. J. Meis and Mrs. N. J. Kellen left last week for a visit with relatives and friends at Galena, Ill., and other points near there.

ASKS SEPARATE MAINTENANCE

NUMBER OF MINOR SUITS ARE FILED ASKING JUDGMENTS ON COLLECTIONS

Asking for separate maintenance but stating specifically that she does not want a divorce, Agatha Burris has filed suit against Claude Burris, asking alimony of \$90 a month. She states she cannot live in the same house with her husband and asks the custody of their children, Jay, aged 11, James, aged 9, Loren, 7, Wayne 5 and Addie Rose, 21 months old. The petition states she is a resident of Akron and that they were married in Sioux City December 3, 1915. She claims her husband has been guilty of cruel and inhuman conduct and that he consorts with other women.

Several suits are filed for collection. The Le Mars Clinic claims \$34.75 from Henry Schwiesow for medical services from 1919 to 1926; B. F. Goodrich company sues W. H. Traflet for \$155.33; B. F. Smihail vs J. C. Kruse, \$102.15; Paul Wendt vs Rowman Bros., \$115; Remsen Mercantile company vs C. J. Ahmann, \$23.50. The same company asks judgment against Ben Tamm for \$103.57.

ATTACKED BY BEES

Kingsley Man Rendered Violently Sick For Several Days

Falling to heed the advice of the popular song, to "let the bumble bee" be, Curt Culler, of Kingsley, was sick for several days and required the services of a doctor and injections of morphine to stop his vomiting.

Mr. Culler was mowing weeds near his home and in his work ran into two bumble bee nests. The insects, irritated by the invasion of their rights, stung Mr. Culler liberally.

Mrs. Bessie Delaney left Saturday to spend the winter in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif.

WAR WOUNDS NO DETERRENT

GOLDIER WHO LOST ARM AT CHATEAU THIERRY IS EFFICIENT WORKER

Although his right arm was blown off during the battle of Chateau Thierry more than nine years ago, John Harker, 3422 Seventh avenue, bass drummer for Monahan post drum corps, finds that frequently it feels as if his right elbow needs scratching, according to a story published in the Sioux City Journal.

"That may sound idiotic," the former soldier of Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth infantry of the Rainbow division, explained, "but it is true none the less. There is the nerve end remaining that formerly led down to my right elbow and that segment every now and then becomes irritated and it seems exactly as if used to when my elbow needed to be scratched. And as soon as I scratch ending near my shoulder pit the irritation stops."

Although Harker lost an arm on a battlefield of France he doesn't be-

DEATH CALLS J. U. SAMMIS

Former Well Known Northwestern Iowa Attorney Dies Very Suddenly

STARTED CAREER HERE

Was Prominent in Politics and in His Profession

Friends in Le Mars were notified Sunday of the death of J. U. Sammis which took place suddenly at his home in Chicago Saturday night. The news of his death was received here with general regret. He returned last week to Chicago from a business trip to Toronto, Canada. Friends in Le Mars had received letters from him as late as Friday and no intimation of anything but the best of health was contained in these missives.

J. U. Sammis was a resident of Le Mars for more than thirty-five years and was one of the best known men in the community and was always extremely popular among people in all walks of life.

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He was a member of the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias.

Gave Here a Youth

James Uriah Sammis was born at Polo, Ill., September 13, 1863, and graduated from the high school at Oregon, Ill., after which he attended college in Dubuque. He came to Le Mars in the eighties and studied law in the office of Curtis S. Durley and was admitted to the bar. He was later in partnership with J. G. C.

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Was Gifted Orator

Mr. Sammis was a brilliant pleader and gained a far reaching reputation in his career. He was gifted with unusual eloquence and his services were always in great demand as a political speaker in republican campaigns.

J. U. Sammis had the knack of winning friends and hundreds of tributes to his memory were heard on the street and other places Sunday and yesterday. In legitimate sports he always took an active and healthy part and as a young man was a baseball player and polo player and held his own in all athletic contests and games of skill. He was known among his friends and intimates as a square shooter and no man who ever lived was a better loser when at times fortune's wheel turned against him.

Mr. Sammis was married to Miss Fannie Randall, of Dubuque in 1893, and they started housekeeping here. He is survived by his wife, and two sons, C. R. Randall and J. U. Sammis and a daughter, Mrs. S. T. Harriman, of Chicago. He also leaves a brother, E. P. Sammis, and a sister, Mrs. O. P. Mathis, of Olin, New Mexico.

The funeral services will be held at the Elks club, 436 East Third Avenue N.W., Wednesday, at 2 o'clock with the order of Elks in charge.

Along the Concrete



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Mr. Sammis held the reputation of being one of the ablest and shrewdest lawyers in northwestern Iowa, and was also a brilliant orator.

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Mr. Sammis is survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter. His remains were brought to LeMars and funeral services held and interment made there under the auspices of the Elks. The funeral was held at the G. A. Wernli home Wednesday. Pallbearers were chosen from among his friends, members of the Elks and the legal fraternity.

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EXHIBIT BABY BEEVES AT SHOW

Nineteen boys and girls from Plymouth county, members of the Baby Beef club, competed at the Interstate Baby Beef Show, held at the Sioux City stockyards Tuesday and Wednesday, September 13 and 14. The club members entered were as follows: Edwin Beaulieu, Lloyd Beaulieu, James Burk-

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November, 1909, he was elected to represent Mahaska county in the thirty-third general assembly and made so excellent a record that he was reelected in 1911. During both sessions he occupied positions on important committees, including those of railroads, banking, mining and appropriations. His course gave uniform satisfaction to his constituents and in large measure promoted the interests of the commonwealth. In 1913 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the state senate. He has always been very active politically and has been a close student of the vital and significant problems of the age. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He is an enthusiastic motorist and finds his chief pleasure in his car. Heavy responsibilities were early thrust upon him, but he squared his shoulders to the fray and has come off conqueror in the strife. His plans have always been carefully formulated and he has ever been notably prompt, energetic and reliable.

JAMES U. SAMMIS.

James U. Sammis, practicing at the Sioux City bar as a member of the firm of Shull, Gill, Sammis & Stilwill, was born in Polo, Illinois, on the 13th of September, 1863, his parents being Charles W. and Emily A. (Helm) Sammis, the former a native of Jamestown, New York, and the latter of Chautauqua county, that state. The Sammis family is of Holland lineage, but has long been represented in the Empire state. The father died in the year 1905, but the mother is still living.

On leaving New York they became residents of Illinois, and it was in the schools of Polo and of Oregon, that state, that James U. Sammis pursued his preliminary education. He afterward went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he was employed as office man in a manufacturing establishment for four and a half years. In February, 1886, he removed to Le Mars, Iowa, where he began reading law, and in May, 1888, he was admitted to practice in the courts of the state and opened a law office there. He still maintains his residence in Le Mars, but in November, 1905, became a member of the law firm of Shull, Gill, Sammis & Stilwill of Sioux City, where he has since practiced. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the courts. He throws himself easily and naturally in the argument and displays a self-possession and a deliberation which indicate no straining after effect. There is rather a precision and clearness in his statement and acuteness and strength in his argument which speak a mind trained in the severest school of investigation and to which the closest reasoning is habitual and easy.

On the 10th of May, 1888, at Dubuque, Iowa, Mr. Sammis was united in marriage to Miss Fannie M. Randall, a daughter of Le Roy D. Randall. Their children are Charles Randall, James U. and Margaret.

In his political views Mr. Sammis is a republican and is recognized as one of the party leaders in northwestern Iowa. From 1903 until 1906 he filled the office of collector of internal revenue for the third district of Iowa, by appointment of President Roosevelt. In 1908 he was elected senator from the forty-sixth district, serving from 1909 until 1913. He gave careful consideration to all vital questions which came up for settlement and his course indicated his loyalty to the public welfare, for he put forth earnest effort to secure the adoption of those measures which he believed



JAMES L. SAMMIS

would be of greatest good to the majority. Upon his retirement from office in 1913 he entered upon the practice of law, in which he still continues. He has a military chapter in his life record, covering service with the old Governor's Grays of Dubuque from 1884 until 1886. He was also a lieutenant in Company K of the Iowa National Guard. In Masonry he has attained the Knight Templar degree and has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise has membership with the Knights of Pythias and with the Elks and was past grand exalted ruler of the Elks of the United States in 1909 and 1910. His social nature further finds expression in his membership in the Golf Club and the Hawkeye Club. He has qualities which make for personal popularity and possesses also the salient features of success—strong purpose, indefatigable energy and laudable ambition.

EDWARD ARTHUR GREEN.

Edward Arthur Green, of Des Moines, has since June, 1914, acted as manager for Iowa for the Cole Motor Company of this state and in that capacity has won an enviable and well deserved reputation. His birth occurred in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 23d of July, 1873, his parents being Amos E. and Katharine (Etter) Green, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Colfax, Ohio. Mr. Green passed away in 1882, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1880.

Edward A. Green acquired his education in the graded and high schools of Indianapolis and after putting aside his textbooks worked in that city for two years, while later he was employed in plate glass works in Elwood and Kokomo, Indiana. Subsequently he went on the road for a Detroit firm, whom he thus served for three years, afterward conducting an art store in Buffalo for about five years. He was next in the service of the Bell Telephone Company in Buffalo from 1900 until 1905, being employed as an electrical engineer, which profession he had studied in high school. In 1905 he left the Bell Company and went to Tonawanda, New York, where he built a laundry which he conducted for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period, in 1908, he became city sales manager for the Buick Motor Company in Buffalo, remaining in that capacity until 1910. In December, 1911, he accepted the agency of the Cole car in Buffalo and met with unusual success in the venture, so that when he sold out in June, 1913, he enjoyed flattering recognition as the man who "put the Cole car on the map" in Buffalo. He subsequently went to California as a special agent for the Cole Motor Company and in June, 1914, located in Des Moines as Iowa manager for that concern, his business ability and wise direction being attested in steadily increasing sales and the growing popularity of the Cole car.

On the 11th of October, 1906, in Tonawanda, New York, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Lulu H. Acker, her father being John Acker, who fought in the Civil war and is now deceased. In politics Mr. Green is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce and also belongs to the Auto Dealers Association, while fraternally he is known as an Odd Fellow and a Master Mason, being also connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Church of Christ. Through life he has been active and industrious, displaying

Outline of Personal History of

James U. Sammis.
RESIDENCE Le Mars, Iowa.

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. Name in full (all names) James Uriah Sammis
2. Chief occupation or profession Attorney at Law
3. Former occupation or profession
4. Date and place of beginning each June 1 - 1888 - Le Mars, Iowa
5. Present residence address Le Mars - Iowa
6. Present business address Sioux City - Iowa
7. Date of birth September 13 - 1863.
8. Place of birth Polo - Ogle County - Illinois
9. If born abroad, where
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America To Iowa - Des Moines County - September 1863
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county To Iowa - Plymouth County - Iowa
13. Further emigration, if any
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university Rural school - 1 mile North of Polo - Illinois - High Grade School - Polo, Illinois. High School - Oregon, Illinois
15. Date of graduation and degree if any June 1881 - from High School - Oregon

16. Place of death.....
17. Date of death.....
18. Place of burial.....
19. Name of father in full (all names) *Charles Wheeler Sammis*
20. Occupation of father *Farmer*
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Emily Antonette Helm*
22. Residence when married *Le Mars - Iowa*
23. Military service, if any (exact dates).....
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) *Collector Internal Revenue - 3rd District. Iowa. July 1903 to April 1906. State Senator - 46th District - Iowa. January 1909 - to (term unexpired)*
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions.....
26. Politics *Republican*
27. Religious denomination if any.....
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination *Presbyterian*
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning.....
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates. *Knights of Pythias - Masons - Knights Templar - Shrine - Exalted Grand Exalted Ruler of latter from July 1909 to July 1910.*
31. Member of what clubs if any *Hawkeye Club - Golf & Country Club, Sioux City, Iowa. Prairie Club, Le Mars, Iowa.*
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible) *Durley & Sammis - Le Mars, Iowa. from June 1888 to July 1889. Sammis & Scott - " " October 1893 to Oct 1898. Sammis & Bradley - " August 1902 to present term. Skull, Farnsworth & Sammis, "Sioux City" " November 15-1905.*
33. Officer or director in any corporation.....
34. Enclose business card if possible }
}
35. Enclose photograph and autograph }
}

J. M. Sammis

SHULL, FARNSWORTH & SAMMIS
ATTORNEYS

36. *Author of books or pamphlets,*

~~AMERICAN BLOCK~~

37. *Miscellaneous*

J. U. SAMMIS

SIOUX CITY, IOWA



FAMILY HISTORY

1. *To whom married* *Jennie M. Randall*
2. *Date of marriage* *May 10, 1888*
3. *Place of marriage* *Des Moines, Iowa*
4. *Date of his or her birth* *January 19, 1865*
5. *Place of his or her birth* *Des Moines, Iowa*
6. *Religious denomination* *Universalist*
7. *Date of his or her death*
8. *Place of his or her death*
9. *Place of his or her burial*
10. *Father's full name* *Leroy D. Randall*
11. *Born where and when*
12. *Occupation of his or her father* *Wholesale Saddlery*
13. *His or her mother's full name* *Maria Crawford*
14. *Born when and where*
15. *Parents' residence at time of their marriage*
16. *Miscellaneous remarks on their family*

1. To whom married second time
2. Date of marriage
3. Place of marriage
4. Date of his or her birth
5. Place of his or her birth
6. Religious denomination
7. Date of his or her death
8. Place of his or her death
9. Place of his or her burial
10. Father's full name
11. Born where and when
12. Occupation of his or her father
13. His or her mother's full name
14. Born when and where
15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

CHILDREN OF *James Uriah Sammis* AND *Fannie M. Sammis*

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>Charles Randall</i>	<i>Lemars Iowa</i>	<i>Sept 24 '89</i>					
<i>James Uriah Jr.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>" 21 '97</i>					
<i>Margaret</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>" 12 '97</i>					

CHILDREN OF AND

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE

SIGNATURE

James Uriah Sammis

DATE

October 1-1910



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Children (0)

James Uriah Sammis
B: 1865 in Illinois
D:

Fannie Brabt 1866 in Iowa

Parents
Charles Wheeler Sammis
 1831-

Emily Antoinette "Emma" Helm
 1834-

1870 United States Federal Census

Name: **Uriah Sammis**
 Birth Year: **abt 1865**
 Age in 1870: **5**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Home in 1870: **Buffalo, Ogle, Illinois**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Value of real estate: [View image](#)
 Post Office: **Polo**

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Chas W Sammis	39
	Emma Sammis	36
	Fred Sammis	17
	Inez Sammis	15
	Grace Sammis	8
	Uriah Sammis	5
	Payson Sammis	4
	Stata Sammis	1
	Robert Runnyard	25

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- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules, NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
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D:

Fannie Babt 1866 in Iowa

Parents
Charles Wheeler Sammis
1831-

Emily Antoinette "Emma" Helm
1834-

1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **James U. Sammis**
 Home in 1880: **Oregon, Ogle, Illinois**
 Age: **16**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1864**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Something other than a direct relationship (Other)**
 Father's birthplace: **New York**
 Mother's birthplace: **New York**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Attending School**
 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
	Charles W. Sammis	49
	Emily A. Sammis	46
	Grace Sammis	18
	James U. Sammis	16
	E. Pason Sammis	14
	Stata Sammis	11
	Amelia Smith	22
	August Miller	50
	Matthew Stalford	26
	W. T. Youngman	40
	Catharine Mace	85
	Thomas Aspell	75
	James Kelly	29
	Thomas B. Nutting	65



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Children (0)

James Uriah Sammis
B: 1865 in Illinois
D:

Fannie B:abt 1866 in Iowa

Parents

Charles Wheeler Sammis
1811-

Emily Antoinette "Emma" Helm
1814-

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **James U Sammis**
 Age in 1910: **46**
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1864**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Relation to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birth Place: **New York**
 Mother's Birth Place: **New York**
 Spouse's name: **Fannie**
 Home in 1910: **Le Mars Ward 2, Plymouth, Iowa**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James U Sammis	46
	Fannie Sammis	44
	Charles R Sammis	20
	James U Sammis Jr	17
	Margaret Sammis	15
	Anna Eilers	22

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Death Date: **10 Sep 1927**
Death Location: **Cook County, IL**
File Number: **6024743**
Archive collection name: **Cook County Genealogy Records (Deaths)**
Archive repository location: **Chicago, IL**
Archive repository name: **Cook County Clerk**

Source Information:



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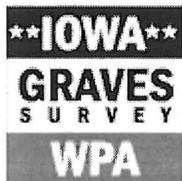
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Died: 1927
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County: PLYMOUTH CO. - IOWA
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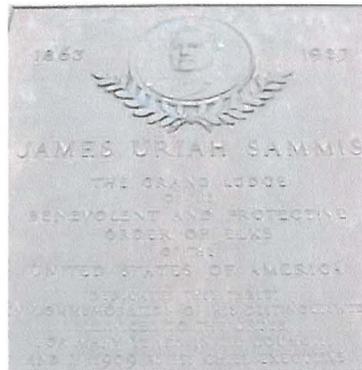
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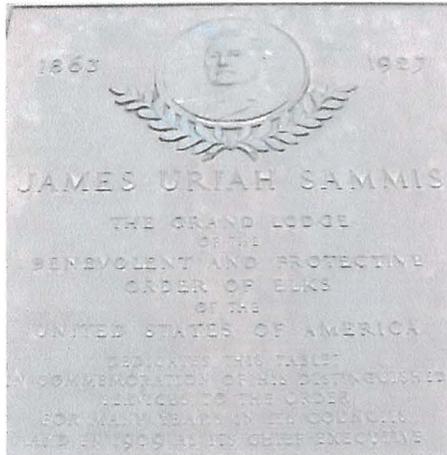
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