

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Harvey **Senator** Van Law, Comfort
Harvey - Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Jul 1869 near Hilton in Keokuk County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Alice Maud Luscombe 2 Aug 1898 Iowa City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of Marshalltown Savings and Loan Assn for 21 years;
member of county, state and American bar associations; admitted to
the bar in Oct 1897.

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Shiner, State Historical Society, Iowa

C. Profession Attorney; farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 33rd, 34th General Assemblies 1907, 1911

6. Public Offices

A. Local Marshalltown city attorney 2 terms 1901-1905; Marshalltown City
Solicitor for 2 terms

B. State

C. National

7. Death 20 Apr 1947 Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery

8. Children James Harvey; Ruth Victoria; Theodore Luscombe; Alice Maud (Mrs
Albert Blue)

9. Names of parents Robert Randall and Catherine Lovick (Raymond) Van Law

Van Lave, Comfort Harvey

10. Education Devoted to grade school in Brooklyn, Iowa, rural
schools in ~~Shelby~~, Iowa

11. Degrees Oskaloosa College; State University of Iowa, Iowa
City, Iowa graduating in 1896 MA degree in 1897

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Just before his death he donated his law library of 750-1000 volumes to the Marshall County law library in the courthouse.
- At age 18, he began teaching country schools in Keokuk and Poweshiek counties.
- 1892 - began reading law in Oskaloosa office of John A. Lacey.
- He taught economics at the State University of Iowa for one year.
- Moved to Marshalltown in June 1898 and began practicing law.
- His wife, Alice, died in January 1933.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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C. H. Van Law, Attorney Here 48 Years, Dies

C. H. Van Law, former state senator from Marshall county and a Marshalltown attorney for 48 years, died at 2:09 p. m. Sunday at his home, 10 North Tenth street, after a long illness. Mr. Van Law had been in ill health for the last 3 1/2 years and was bedfast the last eight months. He was nearly 78 years old.

He had virtually retired from practice in recent years, however, because of his health, and last fall donated his law library of 750 to 1,000 volumes to the county law library in the courthouse.

Senator Van Law served in the 33rd and 34th Iowa general assemblies, having been elected senator from this district in 1908. He was a candidate for the republican nomination as lieutenant-governor in 1912, but failing of the nomination he retired from politics and devoted his time to his law practice.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

Active in church and community affairs, he served as chairman of the official board of the Central Church of Christ, now the Central Christian church, for more than 30 years, and often filled the pulpit as a lay speaker when the church was temporarily without a pastor. For 25 years he taught a men's bible class in the church, the predecessor of what is now the Interdenominational Everyman's Bible class.

Mr. Van Law was city attorney for Marshalltown for two terms, first being elected in 1901, and served as a director of the Marshalltown Savings and Loan association for 21 years, retiring in 1936. In 1940 he was one of 11 prominent Marshalltown men who were honored by the Greater Marshalltown association, now the chamber of commerce, for long time service to the community.

He was a member of Marshall lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., Signet chapter No. 38, R. A. M., and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 30, Knights Templar. He was a life member of Elmwood Country club and a member of the county, state and American Bar associations.

BORN NEAR TILTON

Comfort Harvey Van Law was born on a farm in the extreme northwestern part of Keokuk county, near Tilton, and about 20 miles southeast of Montezuma, July 19, 1869, a son of Catherine and Robert Van Law. He was educated in the rural schools and his family lived for a time at Brooklyn, in Poweshiek county. At the age of 18 he was teaching a country school and he continued to teach in Keokuk and Poweshiek counties until he began



C. H. VAN LAW

reading law in 1892 in the office of Maj. John F. Lacey of Oskaloosa, a former congressman from that district.

He also attended the old Oskaloosa college, but in the fall of 1893 entered the State University of Iowa. He was graduated from the university in 1896, the same year received a fellowship in political science and the following year received his M. A. degree. He taught economics at the university for a year and was admitted to the bar in October, 1897. Declining an offer to continue teaching, he came to Marshalltown in June, 1898, to open the practice of law.

MARRIED IN 1898

On Aug. 2, 1898, he married Alice Luscombe at Iowa City, at that time a teacher in the Iowa City high school, and they established their home on North First street in Marshalltown where they lived for 2 1/2 years before moving to the Tenth street home. Mrs. Van Law died in this city in January, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Law were the parents of four children, two of whom, James and Ruth, preceded their father in death. Surviving are a son, Ted, an electrical engineer with the Southern California Edison company in Los Angeles, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Blue, the former Alice Van Law who has been prominent here as a school teacher and secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Three brothers, Elisha Van Law of Cathay, N. D., George of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Truman of Emporia, Kan.; two sisters, Mrs. John Reed of Cathay, N. D., and Mrs. Anna Brown of Pocatello, Idaho, and four grandchildren also survive.

The body will remain at the Wagner funeral home until 11 a. m. Wednesday and services will be held at 2 p. m. that day in the Central Christian church with burial following in Riverside.

Dried snake venom retains its poisonous qualities unaltered.

Epidemic Of Fires In Cars Continue; 2 More In Weekend

The local fire department was called out three times over the weekend and Monday morning, twice for automobile fires as the epidemic of cars catching fire here continued.

Saturday night an auto belonging to the Marshall Canning company, city, caught fire on South Third avenue, the blaze apparently being caused by a short circuit in wiring. The fire was quickly extinguished and the loss was described as small and covered by insurance.

Sunday evening an auto owned by William Mills became overheated at the corner of Eleventh avenue and Main street and firemen were called, but there was no fire or damage.

Monday morning about 10 o'clock the department was called to the residence of Stanley Bray, 207 North Fifth avenue, when an oil stove backfired, causing a blaze to flare up in the stove. The fire did not spread, however, and there was no damage according to firemen.

Police Book Only Four On Traffic Violations

Police enjoyed a relatively quiet weekend here Saturday and Sunday, booking only four persons on minor traffic violations.

O. F. Sellers, route 4 and Fether Leander Reicks, city, were ticketed for overparking Saturday.

Others booked were Glen Twers, Des Moines, parking too far from the curb, and John Meier, 212 North Third street, operating a vehicle with a restricted license. None of those booked have yet settled with the court.

An overparking charge against Glenn Merrill, 607 North Second avenue, was dismissed Saturday when the court was shown that the vehicle was used in public service.

Leonard O. Harris, Prairie City, was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of driving an auto with defective equipment, filed by the highway patrol Saturday.

Robert Button To Preside At Speakers Dinner

Robert Button will be chairman at the regular dinner meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Speakers club beginning at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Speakers for the program will

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GEORGE M. TITUS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable George M. Titus of Muscatine, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

George M. Titus, lawyer and legislator, died at Muscatine, Iowa, April 9, 1947; born in Cayuga county, New York, May 19, 1856; moved with his parents to Michigan when eleven years old and attended school there, the family later moving to Iowa where he attended the Baptist college at Wilton; in the meantime started teaching school at the age of fifteen, and continued for seven years; undertook the study of law in 1876 in the office of A. N. Van Camp at Wilton; later studied in the office of Allen Broomhall and was admitted to the bar in 1880; associated in law partnership with DeWitt C. Richman until 1886 and then joined with D. V. Jackson in forming the firm of Titus & Jackson which continued until Mr. Jackson's election as district judge; served as state senator from Muscatine county in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies; author of the Titus amendment to the Iowa constitution which changed from annual to biennial elections; also author of the legislation establishing the state library commission; active in state and local civic affairs and at time of his death was president of the P. M. Musser library, a position he had held since 1901; president of the Titus Loan & Investment company and a past president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers' association; married June 1, 1881, in Muscatine to Ella Broomhall, who died May 5, 1907; again married October 10, 1909, to Hannah Jefferson Hutchinson, who also preceded him in death, those surviving being one son, G. Raymond Titus, of Muscatine, and a daughter, Miss Harriett Titus, of Red Oak, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly: That in the passing of Senator George M. Titus the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

HERMAN B. LORD,
HARLAN C. FOSTER,
W. N. SKOURUP,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

COMFORT H. VAN LAW

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Comfort Harvey Van Law, of Marshalltown, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Comfort Harvey Van Law, attorney and legislator, died at Marshalltown, Iowa, April 20, 1946; born on a farm in Keokuk county, near

Tilton, Iowa, July 19, 1869, a son of Catherine and Robert Van Law; educated in the rural schools, and his family lived for a time at Brooklyn, Iowa; at the age of eighteen he was teaching school and continued until he began to read law in 1892 in the office of Maj. John F. Lacey of Oskaloosa; attended the old Oskaloosa college and in the fall of 1893 entered the State University of Iowa and graduated in 1896, receiving his M.A. degree the following year and was admitted to the bar in October, 1897; opened a law office in Marshalltown in 1898, practicing there as an attorney for forty-eight years; married Alice Luscombe at Iowa City, August 2, 1898. Mrs. Van Law died in January, 1933. He served as city attorney from 1901 to 1905; as state senator 1908 to 1912 in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; active always in community and church affairs, serving as chairman of the official board of the Marshalltown Christian Church for more than thirty years and often filled the pulpit as a lay speaker when the church was temporarily without a pastor; he is survived by a son, Ted, an electrical engineer with the Southern California Edison company at Los Angeles, and a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Blue, the former Alice Van Law, who has been prominent in Marshalltown as a teacher and secretary of the Y.W.C.A. A daughter, Ruth V. Van Law, passed away in 1926, and a son, James H. Van Law, an attorney in Los Angeles, passed away in 1930.

The Senate mourns the untimely death of this able and distinguished citizen of Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Comfort Harvey Van Law, of Marshalltown, Iowa, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen, and an honest statesman.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

W. ELDON WALTER,

JOHN R. HATTERY,

RICHARD V. LEO,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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the present mayor of that town and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He married Miss Antoinette Sale, of Iowa City, and of their four children two are living, Marion H. and Frances Josephine.

Marion H. Barnes was educated in schools in the different towns where his father was representing the railroads, including Little Rock, West Branch, Columbus Junction, and was graduated from the Wapello High School in 1917. While in high school he was a member of the football, basketball and track teams, and he also gained his first knowledge of the postal service while still in school, working in the local postoffice on afternoons and Saturdays. For about a year he was clerk at Wapello for the Rock Island Railroad.

Mr. Barnes in May, 1918, joined the colors, was in training for a time at Fort Leavenworth and went to France, unattached, in the Fourth Depot Brigade. He was stationed at Clermontferrand, France, and in May, 1919, returned to America and was discharged at Camp Dodge.

After the war he was again an employee of the Rock Island Railroad at Wapello, until 1924, when he received an appointment as postmaster. He is now serving his second term in that office, and has given a very prompt and energetic administration of the office.

He is a member of the Iowa and National Postmasters Associations, belongs to the American Legion and for two years was adjutant of his local post. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Wapello. Mr. Barnes married, November 25, 1919, Miss Ella M. Drake, of Columbus Junction. They have one son, Joseph M., born July 26, 1920.

A. OTIS WHITE, Lamoni merchant and business man, who passed away August 29, 1930, was equally well known for the public spirit in which he had the best interests of the community at heart. With his family he was closely identified with the religious, social and educational activities of the locality.

Mr. White was born at Newton, Iowa, in 1877, son of David C. and Anna D. (Brewer) White. He acquired a practical education, took up commercial lines of work, and from 1902 conducted the leading furniture store and undertaking establishment at Lamoni. This business was only one, however, of several activities and connections by which he gave evidence of his good citizenship and practical enterprise. He was one of the four public spirited men who instituted the Coliseum at Lamoni, a unique building serving at once as a community hall and also as an important adjunct to Graceland College. It is operated on a trust plan. Mr. White was also a director of the managing board of the Lamoni Development Association and for a number of years was president of the Lamoni Business Club.

He was chairman of the Decatur County Republican central committee and for sixteen years

was a member of the city school board, and from 1920 served as president of the board. For eight years he was chairman of the Lamoni Red Cross and served as chairman of the Sixth Iowa District of the Red Cross. Mr. White was representative from Iowa for the Business Men's Council of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, an international organization.

He married in 1902 Miss E. Louise Smith. She was born at Lamoni, daughter of James R. and Eliza (Graham) Smith. Her people have lived in Decatur County since 1866. Mr. and Mrs. White had three children. The son Rollin S., associated with his father's business, married Mildred Campbell, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and has two children, Jeane Ann and James Warren. Max O. White is a student of Graceland College, has won honors in his college courses, has been active in college musical affairs and is editor of the college annual. The daughter, Gertrude Louise, also a graduate of Graceland College and a talented musician, is the wife of Evan Walden, supervisor of the college property. They have a daughter, Carolyn Louise.

C. H. VAN LAW is a native Iowan, thirty years a prominent member of the Marshalltown bar, is a former member of the State Senate and enjoys recognized leadership in the Republican party in his district.

He was born at Keokuk, Iowa, July 9, 1896, son of Robert R. and Catherine (Raymond) Van Law. The Van Law family came from Holland and settled on the Delaware River in Colonial times. The Raymonds were Scotch. Robert R. Van Law was born in Belmont County, Ohio, was a Quaker or Friend, and during the Civil war was employed in the transportation service of the Union army. The father of Catherine Raymond, C. H. Raymond, was a private in the Union army and had a son of the same name who was a first lieutenant.

C. H. Van Law grew up in the rural districts of Keokuk County, attended country schools and taught school there before practicing law. He studied law at Oskaloosa and in Major John Lacey's office, and in 1896 graduated from the University of Iowa. He was awarded a fellowship and for two years remained at the university as teacher of political science. In June, 1898, he removed to Marshalltown to engage in law practice. Mr. Van Law has the degrees Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the university. He was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court in 1904. For a time he practiced with Bert C. Resser, a classmate, but for the most part has practiced alone. He has had a large volume of work as a lawyer and has proved his all round ability both as a trial attorney and counselor.

Mr. Van Law was city attorney of Marshalltown from 1901 to 1905, and he represented Marshall County in the State Senate in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Assemblies. In 1920 he was chosen by the Republican national

committee for important campaign speaking in Wisconsin. He is a Royal Arch and Knight Templar Mason and Shriner.

Mr. Van Law married at Iowa City, August 2, 1898, Miss Alice Luscombe, who was born in London, England, and was an infant when her parents came to the United States and settled at Iowa City. They have four children, all born at Marshalltown. The son James H., born May 24, 1899, graduated A. B. from the University of Iowa in 1922, was admitted to the California bar in 1925 and is now practicing at Los Angeles. Ruth Victoria, born January 28, 1903, graduated A. B. from the University of Iowa in 1923, taught school at Woodbine, Iowa, and Marshalltown, and died at Los Angeles in January, 1927. The third child, Theodore L., born February 5, 1905, took the Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Iowa in 1927 and is now employed by the Southern California Edison Company. The youngest child, Alice Marion, born August 27, 1907, graduated with A. B. degree as a member of the class of 1929 at the University of Iowa, taking the liberal arts course and specializing in dramatics, receiving her M. A. degree in 1930, from the same institution.

GRACELAND COLLEGE, off Lamoni, is an Iowa educational institution founded and supported by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The benevolent spirit and zeal for education that prompted its establishment under the auspices of the church came primarily from Mrs. Marietta Walker, who donated the original twenty acres of ground now comprised in the campus as a site for the school. Mrs. Walker has been called the "Mother of Graceland," and long before her death, on April 12, 1830, she saw the wisdom of her early benefaction and the realization of her dreams for a school that would fulfill at once the purposes of a standard educational institution and one in which the ideals of her church would be fostered.

Graceland College was established in 1895. It has been doing its work for thirty-five years. While it has its special merits and its own traditions, Graceland has also developed on broad lines that have secured to it the recognition of accrediting organizations both in the home state and in the Middle West. Graceland has the distinction of being the first accredited junior college in the State of Iowa. It is fully standardized and officially accredited by the Intercollegiate Standing Committee of Iowa for three years of college work, and also by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and by the American Association of Junior Colleges. Thus its graduates are granted the title of Associate in Arts by authority of charter from the State of Iowa.

The physical plant and facilities of Graceland offer opportunities such as can be obtained only in standardized junior college in a wholesome small community. The land owned by the college

comprises 358 acres. On the campus are fourteen buildings, including several cottages. The endowment is \$270,000. The annual enrollment of three hundred students is derived from all over the United States and some from Canada and other foreign countries. Wholesome athletics have been encouraged and there is also an industrial, self help department, through which many students earn their tuition. Besides the regular academic courses Graceland College offers pre-professional training in law, medicine, dentistry, engineering and business administration.

The college has been fortunate in having as its president since 1915 Dr. George N. Briggs, a man of splendid attainments, broad experience and influence.

PROF. HARVEY A. KINNEY was both an educator and a business man, and displayed rare talent in both fields. However, the work which will doubtless be longest associated with his name was his active connection with an institution of learning which supplied a vital link in the educational program of a large section of Iowa before the system of education comprised a genuine scheme for normal training. This institution was the Woodbine Normal at Woodbine, of which Professor Kinney was one of the founders and with which institution he was actively associated for a quarter of a century.

He was born at Cortland in Cortland County, New York, December 10, 1854. His parents were substantial New York farming people, John and Samantha (Copeland) Kinney. His father was born in 1812 and his mother in 1829. Harvey A. Kinney grew up in New York State, and after attending the common schools had the advantage of instruction in the New York State Normal at Cortland, from which he graduated.

In August, 1878, he came to Harrison County, Iowa. He was then a young man of twenty-four, aflame with enthusiasm for his work as an educator. On the first Monday in September after arriving he took charge of the Magnolia High School as principal, remaining there four years. The following year he was principal of the schools of Missouri Valley and was then elected and served four years as superintendent of those schools. In the fall of 1885 additional responsibilities were given him when he was elected county superintendent of schools.

In the spring of 1887 Mr. Kinney moved to Woodbine and in the fall of that year he and Professors Matter and Riddell organized the Woodbine Normal. Professor Kinney was the product of a very fine normal school of New York State and appreciated the distinctive value of normal training as a part of the equipment of young teachers, who for the most part at that time went directly from their studies into the responsibilities of teaching. He later received an M. A. degree from Bellevue College in Nebraska. As county superintendent of Harrison County he had made it a business to call on all the country schools, and that gave him a first hand knowledge

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who also married a Mr. Lloyd, lives five miles north of Marshalltown; and Isaac Ernest, of this review.

The father, Isaac Hubler, served in the Civil war, being a soldier in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served in many a sanguinary conflict, the regiment having been literally destroyed in one engagement. After this he enlisted in Company G, Thirtieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving in all nearly four years. He was in the battles of Antietam, Lookout Mountain, siege of Vicksburg and many other engagements. Politically, he was a Democrat. He was born near Akron, Ohio, of Pennsylvania stock, his father having originally come to that state from Germany.

Isaac E. Hubler was educated in the Marshalltown high school and when a boy learned the upholstering business under David Wilbur. When about twenty-one years of age he started in to do motorcycle and bicycle repair work and he has been engaged successfully in this line of endeavor ever since, having built up an extensive and ever increasing patronage. He also does other light repairing, such as graphophone, locksmithing, etc. He is well equipped in every respect to carry on his work, having the best and most modern apparatus and equipment procurable for this line of work. In 1909 he obtained possession of the old Episcopal church building, which he remodeled and arranged to suit his purposes.

In politics Mr. Hubler is a Republican, although he was originally a Democrat. He is a member of the Royal Highlanders, and his wife belongs to the Baptist church.

On February 22, 1896, Mr. Hubler was united in marriage with Pearl Wells, a native of Tolona, Illinois, from which state she came to Iowa when a young girl and here she grew up and was educated. She is the daughter of John and ——— (Davis) Wells. To Mr. and Mrs. Hubler two children have been born, Carl and Iola.

HON. COMFORT HARVEY VANLAW.

By revealing to the world the two excellent virtues, perseverance in purpose and directing spirit, which never fail to attain positions of honor and trust and become in the full sense of the term leaders of men, Comfort Harvey VanLaw, well known professional man of Marshalltown, has shown himself worthy of the trust and esteem which are accorded him by all who have formed his acquaintance. He was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, July 9, 1869, and he is the son of Robert R. and Catherine Elizabeth (Raymond) VanLaw, the father born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 8, 1842, and

the mother born in Missouri, February 19, 1843. Robert R. VanLaw grew to maturity in his native community and was educated in the common schools there. He came to Iowa in 1865 and devoted his life to farming; however, he worked for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad for ten years, in the capacity of engineer most of the time. He was regarded as one of the best engine men on that road. He owned a farm in Keokuk county, where he carried on general farming and where he spent the latter part of his life, dying in 1900. His mother was a Quaker and he promised her not to enlist during the Civil war, but he worked in the railway service and ran a supply train which carried provisions to the Union soldiers, and he was often in as great danger as if he had been at the front. Several times he placed lanterns on the train, which were shot to pieces by the Confederates who believed a Union sympathizer might be near them. Mr. VanLaw also assisted in the commissary department of the army, engaged in supplying provisions to the troops by wagon and team. He became prominent in local political affairs and held a number of township offices. His widow is still living. They became the parents of the following children: George Lewis is engaged in the wholesale business; Comfort Harvey, of this review; Elisha is farming; Mrs. Maria Reed; Mrs. Anna Brown; Trueman R. is a mason by trade.

Comfort H. VanLaw attended the district schools and Oskaloosa College in 1892, and in 1893 he entered the University of Iowa, where he made a brilliant record and from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1896, and he was given a master's degree in political science in 1897, and held a fellowship in the year 1896-7, and an instructorship during the school year 1897-8 under Professor Loss. Mr. VanLaw teaching political science. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1897. In 1898 he located in Marshalltown and began practicing his profession ever since, building up a large and lucrative patronage and taking a very high rank among the leading attorneys of this part of the state. He was elected city solicitor for this city two terms. He attracted the attention of party leaders by his clean and able record and soon he was singled out for positions of more importance, and he is now very ably representing his district as state senator, having been elected by the Republican party, the principles of which he has ever sought to uphold. He has made a record in this important office that not only reflects great credit upon his ability, but which has won for him the hearty commendation and good will of all his constituents, irrespective of party alignment, for he has made his influence felt for the good of his community in every way possible, and his judicious course has attracted state-wide attention, having won a reputation for clean politics and wholesome living. He is keen of perception and discernment, painstaking, conserv-

ative, yet progressive, believing in keeping abreast of the times and advised on all subjects on which men and parties divide.

While in college Mr. VanLaw was a member of the Zetagathian Literary Society. He is prominent in the Masonic lodge, having attained the Knight Templar degree and the Mystic Shrine. Religiously, he is a member of the Christian church at Marshalltown.

The domestic chapter in the life of Mr. VanLaw began on August 2, 1898, when he was united in marriage with Alice M. Luscombe, who was born in London, England, July 24, 1870, the daughter of James and Mary Luscombe, an excellent and highly respected family. In 1873 she was brought to Iowa City, Iowa, by her parents, and she grew to maturity in this state and received a good education; she is a lady of many estimable attributes, and, like her distinguished husband, numbers her friends by the limits of her acquaintance, being popular with the best social circles. This union has been graced by the birth of four interesting children, namely: James H., born May 24, 1899; Ruth V., born January 28, 1901; Theodore L., born February 5, 1903; Alice Marian, born August 27, 1907.

Mr. VanLaw is a fine example of the virile, noble, energetic, public-spirited American of today, and judging by his past eminently honorable and useful record, the future has much in store for him.

GEORGE B. DANNEN.

For nearly four decades the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch occupied a prominent and influential position among the agriculturists of Marshall county, Iowa. His business affairs were conducted with a soundness of judgment and a degree of activity that at all times commanded success, so that in his later years he was enabled to retire from active business pursuits. It is a matter of sincere regret that Mr. Dannen has decided to remove to a distant location, and the best wishes of his former acquaintances go with him to his new home in the far west.

George B. Dannen was born in Hanover, Germany, May 5, 1842. In 1866 he came to the United States, his parents and brother having preceded him the year before, he having been detained in the old country to complete his term of service in the German army. Benjamin Dannen, his father, was born in Hanover, and died in Castle Garden, New York, immediately upon his arrival in the New World. His mother, Hattie (Brunz) Dannen, was born in Hanover, and died in Iowa in July, 1895. One brother, C. B. Dan-

Outline of Personal History of *Comfort Harvey Van Law,*
RESIDENCE *Marshalltown, Iowa*

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

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(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) *Comfort Harvey Van Law*
2. Chief occupation or profession *lawyer*
3. Former occupation or profession *farmer and school-teacher*
4. Date and place of beginning each *began practicing law at Marshalltown, Iowa*
June, 1898.
5. Present residence address *No. 10, W. 10th Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.*
6. Present business address *Over 102 E. Main St., Marshalltown, Iowa.*
7. Date of birth *July 9th, 1869*
8. Place of birth *Keokuk County, Iowa.*
9. If born abroad, where
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county
13. Further emigration, if any
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university *grade*
school Brooklyn, Ia., Rural school, Keokuk Co., Ia., preparatory
school Oskaloosa College, Iowa, State University, Iowa.
15. Date of graduation and degree if any *June, 1896, A. B., June 1897, A. M.,*
State University, Iowa.

16. *Place of death*
17. *Date of death*
18. *Place of burial*
19. *Name of father in full (all names)* Robert Randall Van Law
20. *Occupation of father* farmer
21. *Full Maiden name of mother (all names)* Catherine Louisa Raymond
22. *Residence when married*
23. *Military service, if any (exact dates)*
24. *Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)* City Solicitor, Marshalltown, Ia.,
1901-1905, State Senator 28th Senatorial District, 1909-1913.
25. *Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions* President Official Board,
Central Church of Christ, Marshalltown, Iowa,
26. *Politics* Republican
27. *Religious denomination if any* Christian
28. *Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination*
29. *Member of what societies or associations of learning* State Historical Society of Iowa
30. *Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates* A.F.A.M - R.A.M.
Knight Templar
31. *Member of what clubs if any*
32. *Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)*
33. *Officer or director in any corporation*
34. *Enclose business card if possible*
35. *Enclose photograph and autograph*

37. *Miscellaneous*



FAMILY HISTORY

1. *To whom married* Alice M. Luscombe
2. *Date of marriage* August 2nd, 1898
3. *Place of marriage* Iowa City, Iowa.
4. *Date of his or her birth* July 24-1868
5. *Place of his or her birth* London, England
6. *Religious denomination* Christian
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* James Luscombe
11. *Born where and when* London
12. *Occupation of his or her father* Queen's guard
13. *His or her mother's full name* Mary Luscombe
14. *Born when and where*
15. *Parents' residence at time of their marriage* London
16. *Miscellaneous remarks on their family* Emigrated to America 1871

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 C. H. Van Law

AND Alice L. Van Law

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
James Harvey Van Law, born	Marshalltown, Iowa,	May 24-1899					
Ruth Victoria Van Law, born	"	Jan. 28-1901	"				
Theodore Luscombe Van Law, born	"	Feb. 5-1903	"				
Alice Marion Van Law, - - -born	"	Aug. 27-1907	"				

CHILDREN OF

AND

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

SIGNATURE

C. H. Van Law

DATE

October 10th 1910.

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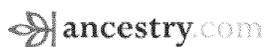


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VANDE VIER	Bert R.		27 Jan 1949	*
	Elizabeth		17 Jul 1952	*
VANDEWALKER,	Emmaly R.		28 Mar 1866	*
VAN de WALLS,	Infant of Mary		11 Jan 1942	* C/ Mary Van de Walls
VANFOSSSEN,	May		24 Sep 1978	*
	Orie		18 Jul 1973	*
VAN GILDER,	Earl F.	1880	15 Aug 1946	* TO
	Elizabeth K. Bentley	1878	12 Jul 1966	* H/ Elizabeth K. Bentley MCHR W/ Earl F. Van Gilder
VANHEMERT,	Debra Ann		06 Jan 1981	*
VAN HOOK,	Cornelius			WPA Civil War Vet
	Eliza		10 Dec 1935	*
	Genevieve R.		01 Dec 1988	UP
	John		19 Jun 1951	*
	John Elmer "Van"	19 Apr 1900	19 Nov 1960	* OBIT H/ Genevieve R. Myers Brown
VAN HORN,	Mary		08 Jul 1949	*
	A. J.		26 Apr 1887	* ae 54y 8m MCDR
	Mrs. A. J.		10 Apr 1893	*
	Albert		28 Jun 1884	*
	Alice		04 Jul 1982	*
	Benjamin Franklin		20 Sep 1956	*
	Catherine		07 Jan 1961	*
	Ella		06 May 1887	* ae 9y 5m 2d MCDR
	Infant of Ella		13 Apr 1887	* C/ Ella Van Horn
	Jessie B.		31 Mar 1886	* ae 21y 10m 16d MCDR
	Merrill Warren		13 Mar 1947	*
	Robert John		20 Aug 1946	*
VANHORNE,	Albert Franklin		30 Jul 1965	*
	Janet H.		27 Dec 1996	UP
VANHOUT,	Cornelius		28 Mar 1893	* ae 73y MCDR
VAN HOVE,	Gerhardine/a H.		25 Mar 1900	* OBIT ae 53y
	George H. / C.	06 May 1815	27 Nov 1890	* ae 75y 6m 21d MCDR
	Trensha		14 Apr 1878	*
VAN HOY,	J. Roy		23 Jun 1967	*
VAN LAW,	Addie B.		22 Oct 1930	*
	Alice		22 Jan 1933	*
	C. H.		20 Apr 1947	* World War I MCWWI
	Ruth		22 Jan 1927	*
VAN METER,	Walter W.		25 Aug 1990	UP H/ Marilyn Landis
	William Scott	26 Dec 1949	05 Jan 1950	* S/ Walter W. Van Meter & Marilyn Landis
VAN METRE,	Bertha		20 Jun 1950	*
VANN,	Eva		12 May 1980	*
	W. C. "Cal"		06 Jul 1980	*
VAN ORMAN,	Grace A.		18 Dec 1964	* WPA
	John G.	1836	22 Sep 1906	*
	Lola		13 Aug 1912	*
	Mary		01 Oct 1935	*
	Minnie A.		19 May 1881	*
	Rena A.	28 Apr 1890	29 Nov 1984	UP MCHR
	Winnie M.		05 Apr 1883	* ae 10m 1d MCDR
VAN OVER,	Julia Carlton	31 Jan 1909	04 Jun 1996	OBIT W/ Francis B. Wilson W/ Odis A. Van Over
	Odis A.		29 Oct 1989	UP H/ Julia Carlton
VAN PELT,	Ernest		09 Feb 1948	*

You searched for **C.H. Vanlaw** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	C H Vanlaw	
Census Date:	1905	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Marshall	
Locality:	Marshalltown	
Roll:	IA_99	
Line:	935	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	C H Vanlaw	

Source Information:
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1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Comfort H Vanlaw [Comfort H Van Law]	
Home in 1920:	Marshall Ward 2, Marshall, Iowa	
Age:	50 years	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1870	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's Name:	Alice L	
Father's Birth Place:	Ohio	
Mother's Birth Place:	Illinois	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Image:	486	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Comfort H Vanlaw	50
	Alice L Vanlaw	49
	James H Vanlaw	20
	Ruth V Vanlaw	18
	Theodore L Vanlaw	16
	Alice M Vanlaw	12

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- **Name:** Comfort Harvey VAN LAW
- **Given Name:** Comfort Harvey
- **Surname:** Van Law
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 19 JUL 1869 in Tilton, Iowa
- **Death:** 20 APR 1947 in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa
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Mother: Catherine L. RAYMOND b: 20 FEB 1843 in Lexington, Missouri

Marriage 1 Alice Maud LUSCOMBE b: 24 JUL 1870 in Trinity Place, Finchley, London, England

- **Married:** 2 AUG 1898 in Iowa City, Iowa
- **Change Date:** 16 OCT 2006

Children

1. James Harvey VAN LAW b: 24 MAY 1899 in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa
2. Ruth Victoria VAN LAW b: 27 JAN 1901 in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa
3. Theodore Luscombe VAN LAW b: 5 FEB 1903 in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa
4. Alice Marian VAN LAW b: 27 AUG 1907 in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa