

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Webber,
John Francis - Represented Hopella County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Sept 1874 Merriam, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Estelle Linnis Bailey 2 Oct 1900 Merriam

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Pres. president of the Ottumwa National Bank starting 1919 - Jan 1928; also president of the Hopella County Savings Bank at his death
- B. Civic responsibilities Ottumwa Country Club; member of the Ottumwa Bar; Elks; Ancient Order of United Workmen
- C. Profession Lawyer; banker; landowner; stock feeder

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 34th, 35th General Assemblies 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 7 Apr 1928 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried Ottumwa Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa

8. Children Bailey Cromwell; John Francis, Jr

9. Names of parents William J. and Mary Ann (Pittenger) Webber

Webber, John Francis

10. Education Educated in the public schools of Hancock
County, Illinois

11. Degrees Attended Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, later
entered State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa attaining
law degree

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- While going to school he helped his father on the family farm.
- Three years following college he traveled he traveled for a
Nationally known farm implement company.
- In 1902 he entered law practice in Ottumwa, Iowa.
- In later years of his life he acquired numerous land holdings
in Iowa and Illinois and became known for stock feeding
enterprises
- His wife, Louise was born 7 Apr 1877

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WEBER, JOHN F.



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MURDERED



JOHN F. WEBBER.

John F. Webber, prominent Ottumwan, who was shot to death Saturday night by J. Everett Lewis, of near Agency, had been a resident of this community since 1902. He opened a law office upon coming to Ottumwa and was active in the practice of his profession for a number of years. In 1910 he was elected state senator on the democratic ticket and was known as one of the most able members of the legislature of that time. He was also widely known because of his connections with agricultural interests in Iowa and Illinois. He was formerly president of the Ottumwa National bank.

JOHN WEBBER MURDERED IN OWN DOORWAY

J. E. Lewis Gives Self up to Police Following Fatal Shooting

FANCIED WRONG IS MOTIVE FOR CRIME

John F. Webber, 53 years old, prominent local banker, landowner, lawyer and former state senator, was shot to death at his home, 133 East Court street Saturday night about 6:50 by J. Everett Lewis, 31 years old, who has been living with his sister, Mrs. L. O. Cromer, just west of Agency on federal highway No. 34.

The tragic occurrence grew out of a dispute between Lewis and Webber concerning certain deposits of money which Lewis claimed had been in the Ottumwa National bank when his grandmother, the late Mrs. Eliza Lewis, died in 1911. Lewis claimed that his grandmother left no will but that his father, the late J. C. Lewis, who died in 1925, always contended that a certain amount of cash was on deposit in the bank at the time of the grandmother's death which had never been accounted for in the final report of the administrator. The administrator, according to Lewis, was A. A. Lewis, his uncle. Lewis approached Webber in his office early in February, this year, he said, and demanded an accounting. Webber, who at that time had no official connection with the bank, told him said...

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CALLS WEBBER TO DOOR.

At 6:50 Saturday evening Lewis ap-
peared at the Webber home. Mr. and
Mrs. Webber and the family maid
were in the rear of the house. Mrs.
Webber answered Lewis' knock at the
door and called her husband to the
door at Lewis' request. Mrs. Webber
then retired into the house. Lewis
again went over the matter of his
grandmother's deposit of money in the
local bank and again demanded that
he be given access to the bank's rec-
ords. Webber refused to accede to his
demands and turned to re-enter the
house. As he did so, Lewis drew a
.32-calibre American Bulldog revolver
and commanded him to halt, telling
Webber he would kill him if he did not
obey. Webber turned toward Lewis
with his arms at his side. The men
again engaged in conversation, and
Lewis said he called Webber a coward
and charged him of being afraid to
talk with him. Webber, according to
Lewis, denied that he was afraid to
talk with him and told him that he had
nothing to do with his grandmother's
estate. Webber, at the time the de-
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bank, had no connection with the bank
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he never came in contact with the mat-
ter. During this part of the conversa-
tion Lewis kept Webber covered with
the gun. Webber, according to Lewis,
made a motion which he (Lewis) in-
terpreted as an attempt to strike the
gun from his hand. As Webber made
the movement, Lewis said, the lawyer
half turned as though to re-enter the
house. At this movement Lewis lev-
eled the weapon at the right side of
Webber's head and pulled the trigger.

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MANUFACTURED BY DANIEL

SLAYER COOL UNDER TWO-HOUR GRILLING

NO HINT OF REMORSE SHOWN BY MURDERER AS HE TELLS OF DEED.

J. Everett Lewis, confessed slayer of John Webber, does not believe he has committed a crime. At least that was the impression gained by those who were present in hospital ward of the county jail Sunday morning when the man was questioned by County Attorney E. K. Bekman.

Cool and collected, the man, who only a few hours before had sent a bullet crashing through the brain of a human being, calmly related to interviewers a brief account of his life. He spoke without reserve concerning his early years in Ottumwa and his actions gave no hint of remorse for his action at the Webber home. He joked freely with those who were present in his cell, relating humorous stories to prove points he wished to make.

He is not sorry for having shot John Webber and declares he has no regrets. As he uttered this declaration the thin lips, which give mobility to an otherwise impassive countenance, curled into a smile.

Lewis is not excited. On the contrary it is doubtful if he were ever less ruffled in all his lifetime.

RECALLS EARLY LIFE.

He spoke of the home in which he was born on Walnut avenue, and recalled that his education was begun in the Franklin school. He recalls that the family at a later date moved to the Spilman place north of Ottumwa and that he attended Center school for some time. Later the family moved to Louisiana where his father worked on a plantation, returning to a little farm north of Agency shortly after his grandmother's death in 1911.

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Mrs. Webber had just returned to the doorway at this juncture of the affair, and her husband fell at her feet, mortally wounded. The greater part of Webber's body laid within the house. The bullet entered the head just behind the right ear and emerged about an inch above the left ear. Neighbors responded to Mrs. Webber's screams and Webber was removed to a cot in the hallway. Medical aid was summoned but he lived only about an hour and a half after the fatal shot was fired. He never regained consciousness.

SLAYER CALLS POLICE.

Lewis fled from the house immediately after firing the shot. He proceeded east on East Court street and thence south and east to Gara street. He stopped at the Harry Rice home, 322 Gara street, opened the door and called out "read this" he tossed a sealed letter into the front room. Mrs. Rice and her son Ronald were in the rear of the house and did not see Lewis. Paul Rice who was returning to his home saw the man leave the house and proceed east on Gara street. The letters, in which Lewis attempted to explain the motive for his crime, have been turned over to the county attorney.

After leaving the Rice home, Lewis went to the Quality grocery store, 532 North Jefferson street. William Eaton, butcher, who was on duty in the store at the time said that Lewis rushed through the door out of breath and said that he had just killed a prominent man, a banker and lawyer. He asked to use the telephone. Phoning to the police station he talked with J. E. Beeman, chief of police. Lewis told Beeman that he had just shot "John Webber, one of your prominent citizens" and that he wanted to give himself up. Beeman drove to the grocery store and placed Lewis under arrest. Lewis handed Beeman the revolver he had used to kill Webber and was returned to police headquarters. Later he signed a state-

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turning to a little farm north of Agency shortly after his grandmother's death in 1911.

He was more reticent about his army experience, but gave a general idea of the nature of the life he saw while a soldier. He recalled having worked for a time in Nebraska on a farm, but he refused with a knowing air to tell where this farm was located. Sears on the left side of his head bear testimony to the truthfulness of the statement made by his brother-in-law that he suffered severe injuries to his head at some time during his life. His brother-in-law states that Lewis was thrown from a horse while working on the farm in Nebraska shortly after the war and that he suffered a fractured skull.

Between questions the slayer proceeded to roll cigarets and drew on the fags with manifestations of enjoyment. He was wearing an old army shirt with collar upturned. Over this was drawn a blue sweater such as athletes wear. Two white stripes encircled the left arm. The sweater showed evidence of hard wear, both elbows being worn through. A pair of mud spattered dark trousers and a pair of old black shoes completed his outfit.

ENJOYS PUBLICITY

He appeared interested in the purposes of two newspaper reporters and a news photographer who were in the bar-enclosed hospital ward during the questioning. He cheerfully consented to having his picture taken and made his questioners promise him copies of all the newspapers bearing on his case. He said he wasn't afraid of publicity, and smiled when he said it. He answered the news reporters' questions when pointed queries of the county attorney and Chester W. Whitmore, former state senator, failed to elicit replies.

In answer to a question of whether or not he would have committed the murder if Webber had agreed to show him the bank records, he paused, then answered in the negative.

Questions directly bearing on the killing were either evaded by the slayer or a silence ensued. His usual answer was, "Wait till the trial." He was apprised of his right to have counsel present if he so de-

ed to give himself up. Beeman drove to the grocery store and placed Lewis under arrest. Lewis handed Beeman the revolver he had used to kill Webber and was returned to police headquarters. Later he signed a statement before Police Judge Martin J. Wade Jr. confessing to the crime of shooting Webber and giving as his motive the statement that Webber had refused to show him the bank records to substantiate his (Webber's) statement that the records at the courthouse proved that no unaccounted for deposit of money ever existed in the bank in connection with his grandmother's estate.

E. K. Bekman, county attorney, states that a charge of first degree murder will be filed against Lewis. The latter has repeatedly stated that he does not intend to plead guilty and that he does not want a preliminary hearing.

John Drake, county coroner, said that it will be necessary to hold an inquest, date for which will be fixed later.

SONS NOT AT HOME.

At the time of the shooting, Bailey Webber and John Webber Jr., sons of the lawyer, were attending parties. Bailey had gone to the L. H. Niemeyer home, 1024 North Court street and John to the H. V. Merceer home, 1119 North Court street. Both boys are students at the state university at Iowa City and had returned home Friday night to spend the Easter vacation with their parents. They had driven home with their father from downtown about fifty minutes before the tragedy occurred.

According to I. O. Cremer, Lewis' brother-in-law, the latter has been staying at the Cremer home just west of Agency. Lewis was born in Ottumwa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis. His father died in 1925. His mother lives at Selma. Lewis worked at the John Morrell & Co. packing plant in 1916. In the early part of 1917 he worked for the Ottumwa Iron Works. He left the latter place to join the army. He enlisted in Ottumwa and was sent to Jefferson barracks in St. Louis. He was a member of an infantry outfit and served overseas. He did not participate in any engagements although his outfit guarded one of the quiet sectors in southern France for a short time.

to have counsel present if he so desired but he waived this. He said he had an attorney in mind to defend him but refused to give any further information on this subject. He also refused to divulge any information concerning how he obtained possession of the revolver.

SANE OR NOT?

Lewis' actions under arrest are studies in psychology. Is he insane? Upon first being observed one might hazard the opinion that the man is in full possession of his mental faculties. After talking with the man some doubt as to the man's mental responsibility arises. One thing seems certain, Lewis felt he had a grievance against the bank. He has brooded over the matter for some time. John Webber was the bank personified to that brain which conceived the murder. He doesn't care whether or not John Webber had no connection whatever with the bank when the deposit to which he refers is alleged to have been made. His mental makeup precludes his harboring any pity for the man he killed, whether he were innocent or guilty of that with which he charged him. Whether based on fact or fiction, the mind of the killer is dominated by a hatred for the man he shot.

"You think you'll hang me," he hurled at the county attorney. "but," he exclaimed, "you'll never see my neck stretched. I'm not going to plead guilty. I don't want any preliminary hearing. I'm going to get away by saying two words. They are 'not guilty'."

To Sheriff M. L. Kussart with a braggadocio air, Lewis also asserted that capital punishment would never be meted out to him. He asked the county attorney about the number of challenges his attorney could exercise in connection with the selecting of jurors for his trial, and appeared interested in different phases of the operation of the machinery of law.

BURGLAR IS KILLED.

Gayville, S. D., April 9.—(AP)—

An unidentified burglar was slain when he was surprised by two watchmen as he attempted to force an entrance into the Badstad & Asseth

quartered one of the quiet sections of southern France for a short time. After his discharge from the army Lewis for a time worked on a farm in Nebraska, according to his brother-in-law. While at work on this farm he was thrown from a horse and suffered a fractured skull. Scars on the left side of Lewis' head tend to confirm the statement that at some time during his life he has sustained serious head injuries. His brother-in-law claims that since the accident he has never been "quite right." Cremer said that Lewis would wander away from the Cremer home and be gone for months. No one would know of his whereabouts. Later he would appear at the Cremer home where he would work for his board and room. His last stay at brother-in-law's home dates from about December 24 last year. Cremer said that he was aware that Lewis was suffering under a delusion that J. C. Lewis, his father, had in some manner lost a considerable amount of wealth. However, at least lately, Cremer said that he could not recall Lewis having mentioned Webber in connection with the matter.

BRINGS LEWIS HERE.

Lewis expressed a wish to Cremer Saturday morning to come to Ottumwa. Cremer, who delivers milk here, told him he could ride to Ottumwa with him. When they arrived here Lewis told Cremer he wished to get a haircut and a shave and some tobacco. Cremer gave him \$2 and that was the last he knew of his whereabouts until apprised of the man's arrest Saturday night.

It was pointed out today that at the time of Lewis' grandmother's death, John Webber did not hold any office with the Ottumwa National bank. This was in 1911. J. B. Mowery was head of the bank at that time and was later succeeded by the late J. T. Hackworth. Webber did not become president of the bank until 1919. So far as investigation now shows, Webber never had any connection with the estate of Mrs. Eliza H. Lewis. Several years ago relatives of Mrs. Lewis inquired at the bank and asked about a deposit of money in her name which they thought might be there. The

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MURDER CASE TO GRAND JURY WEDNESDAY

J. Everett Lewis, slayer of John F. Webber, will have his case investigated by the Wapello county grand jury Wednesday, it was learned late this afternoon. Lewis states that he does not wish a preliminary hearing. It is probable that he will be arraigned before Judge W. M. Walker in district court some time Thursday if the grand jury returns an indictment charging him with the murder.

Lewis said that he has an attorney in mind that he wishes to retain for his defense. He did not name the lawyer, but intimated that he was not a resident of Ottumwa. Lewis is being held without bond in a basement cell of the county jail. He has lost none of the calmness which has characterized his demeanor since his arrest, and jokingly stated this afternoon that he didn't want to spend the summer in jail.

records of the bank were examined by one of the attaches and the relatives became convinced, or at least appeared satisfied, of their having been mistaken in believing that any considerable sum had ever been deposited in the bank by Mrs. Lewis. A certain Ben Lewis, another relative, is said to have paid a visit to the bank on another occasion and asked to see the records so that he might be satisfied as to the report of the administrator. The administrator was the late A. A. Lewis, uncle of the man who shot Webber. The records, according to an attache of the bank, were shown to Ben Lewis who was apparently satisfied that any belief he harbored as to the existence of a considerable deposit in the bank was unfounded.

INQUIRE ABOUT DEPOSIT.

J. Everett Lewis' sister, according

LOCAL BANKER NOT INVOLVED IN WILL

JOHN F. WEBBER, RECORDS DISCLOSED, HAD NO CONNECTION WITH LEWIS ESTATE.

An investigation of district court records today tended to show that the man who killed John F. Webber, prominent Ottumwan, was either misinformed as to the facts involved in the matter which he sought to settle or had never thoroughly investigated the case.

On page 37 of administrator's and executor's calendar No. 8 in the clerk's vault at the Wapello county courthouse is contained part of the record. The rest of the papers of the estate are on file in a box in the same vault. The record shows that Eliza H. Lewis, grandmother of J. Everett Lewis, the slayer, died May 5, 1911. She left no will.

On May 7, 1911, an uncle of J. Everett Lewis, named A. A. Lewis, made application to the court for appointment as administrator of the estate. In his application A. A. Lewis stated the value of the estate was approximately \$1,100. On May 8, 1911, A. A.

Lewis was appointed administrator and filed a bond of \$2,500 with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. as surety. R. R. Ramsell was attorney for A. A. Lewis, the administrator.

FILED INVENTORY.

On May 26, 1911, A. A. Lewis, uncle of the murderer of John F. Webber, filed an inventory of the entire estate. This showed that at the time of the death of Eliza H. Lewis there was on deposit in the Ottumwa National bank \$472.66. This, the report shows, was turned over to A. A. Lewis, the administrator. On November 24, 1911, A. A. Lewis filed a report showing the receipt of approximately \$160 rent from real property. This report also showed payment of bills, including funeral expenses, the total of which amounted to more than \$400. This left a balance of \$174.55 in the bank. On June 14, 1912, another report of the adminis-

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Funeral services for John F. Webber, who was murdered, were held from 10 o'clock until 1 o'clock. Friends are asked during the service not to be present. The pastor of the Episcopal church, J. Roberts Funk, and J.

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J. Everett Lewis' sister, according to a member of the bank staff also called at the bank on one occasion to inquire about the existence of the alleged deposit. It is said that the matter was fully explained to her at that time.

Webber had not been president of the bank since January 1, 1928, when he was succeeded by J. H. Anderson. He had no authority to turn over any of the bank's records to Lewis or anyone, an attache of the bank reports. However, other relatives of Lewis had in times past been given access to the bank records.

The April term of court begins today with the grand jury scheduled to meet Tuesday. The shooting, according to the county attorney, will probably be investigated by the grand jury tomorrow and an indictment returned. Lewis will probably be tried before District Judge W. M. Walker at the April term of court.

FORMER DES MOINES MAN HEADS LOMBARD

Galesburg, April 9.—(AP)—Dr. Curtis Williford Reese of Chicago, one of the originators of the Iowa housing law, former resident of Des Moines, will become president of Lombard college late this month. He succeeds the late Dr. J. M. Tilden.

While in Des Moines, Dr. Reese served as a member of the board of arbitration which settled the 1919 street car strike in that city.

Dr. Reese will be the first head of the college who is not a Universalist, the church that founded the college and which has been prominent in its administration.

Recent plans of the trustees provide that the Unitarian church will share jointly with the Universalists in conducting the school. By agreement the president is a Unitarian, while the chairman of the board of trustees shall be a Universalist. The Unitarian church has contributed approximately \$250,000 toward the college's endowment fund, and will assist in its annual

payment of bills, including funeral expenses, the total of which amounted to more than \$450. This left a balance of \$174.55 in the bank. On June 14, 1912, another report of the administrator was filed in which an account was given of the \$174.55 reported previously as a balance. In this latter report rent collected amounted to \$140 and expenditures were approximately \$168. The balance in cash in the bank on this report is given as \$146.23.

FINAL REPORT MADE.

On February 13, 1913, A. A. Lewis filed his final report, in which the previous balance of \$146.23 is accounted for. The final report showed a total of cash assets of \$912.23. The final report shows that all the heirs except Joseph C. Lewis, father of J. Everett Lewis, had filed receipts for their share of the estate, together with waivers of notice of the filing of the final report. On February 17, 1913, J. C. Lewis filed an objection to the final report. He alleged in his objection that more cash than appeared on the report of the administrator had been on deposit in the bank at the time of his mother's death. Steck & Steck were attorneys for J. C. Lewis. However, on October 28, 1913, the objection of J. C. Lewis was withdrawn. After the withdrawal of the objection of J. C. Lewis, the administrator, A. A. Lewis, filed an amended and supplementary report in which appears the following language: "Comes now the administrator herein and states that the objections filed by Joe Lewis and wife, herein of this estate having been fully filed in this court and set down for trial and the administrator's attorney, and the attorney for the objector, W. W. Rankin, having gone into the matter of the said objection in full, and the said attorneys for the said objectors being now fully satisfied that the accounting heretofore given by your administrator was true and correct and according to law in all ways, your administrator now makes this his supplementary or amended final report."

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Dr. Reese holds degrees from Mars Hill college, the Southern Baptist Theological seminary and Ewing college. He was ordained a Baptist minister, but left the ministry to join the Unitarian church, which he served as pastor at Des Moines.

At the time of his election as president of Lombard college Dr. Reese was secretary of the Western Unitarian association and executive chairman of the National Federation of Religious Liberals.

No date for the inauguration ceremony has yet been fixed.

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John F. Webber was never connected with the settlement of the estate in any way, according to the records. Investigation shows further that he had no authority to turn any of the Ottumwa National bank records over to Lewis or anyone else inasmuch as he was no longer head of the institution. He referred Lewis to the records at the courthouse, but the latter refused to investigate them, demanding instead that records of the bank be shown. Over the latter, John Webber had no control.

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Funeral services for John F. Webber, prominent Ottumwan who was murdered Saturday night while standing in his own doorway, will be held from the First Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The body will lie in state in the church parlors from 8:30 a. m. until time for the services, and friends who desire to view the body are asked to call at the church during this time, as the casket will not be opened at the service.

The Rev. R. Emery Beetham, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Webber was a member and an officer, will have charge of the services and interment will be made in Ottumwa cemetery. The following men, business associates and friends, will be the pall bearers: Judge M. A. Roberts, Homer H. Harris, R. W. Funk, John Wormhoudt, L. A. Andrew and J. W. Neasham.

JOHN F. WEBBER.

John F. Webber, prominent local citizen, who was shot to death at his home, 133 East Court street, Saturday night was born in Ferris, Ill., September 26, 1874. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Webber.

He gained his early education in the public schools of Hancock county, Illinois, and in the meantime helped his father on the farm on which the family lived. He pursued an academic course in Carthage college, Carthage, Ill., and later entered the law college of the state university at Iowa City and finished the law course there.

After leaving school he traveled for three years for a nationally known farm implement company. In 1902 he entered the law practice of

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cently in connection with being a candidate on the democratic ticket to run for congress from the Sixth district.

On October 2, 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Estella L. Bailey of Ferris, Ill., who, with their two sons, John Francis Jr., and Bailey C., survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Webber Lambert, of Carthage, Ill., and one brother, Charles A. Webber, of Ferris, Ill.

CHURCH SCHOOLS TO TRAIN LEADERSHIP

Columbia, Mo., April 9. (AP) There is little place for the denominational college in present educational life unless it trains for lay leadership in the church declared Dr. Milton C. Tower of the Missouri Bible college, in an address here Friday before delegates to the Missouri student conference.

Denominational schools which were founded to train youths for the ministry do not carry out the original intention and therefore they should offer courses in administration of churches from a layman's standpoint, he added.

"Students who do not desire church training of this nature should be told frankly that their place is the state universities where religious courses are offered but not compulsory.

Outlining a "Program of Religious Training for College Communities," Dr. Towner stressed three needs: Worship, instruction in religion and the practice of religion by students.

"Chapel with the proper background, a suitable building, and conducted as a place of worship and not as a means of gathering students for miscellaneous announcements, is desirable," he said, adding, however, that attendance need not be compulsory.

"Instruction in religion, in addition to teaching of the fundamentals of the Testaments, should be part of the regular college courses."

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During the latter years of his life, he acquired numerous land holdings in Iowa and Illinois and became known for his stock feeding enterprises. He was intensely interested in the economics of agriculture and was a keen student of farm conditions. A short time following the economic slump which struck the middle west after the so-called inflation period had passed, Webber and others appeared before the executive committee in the state house at Des Moines and, due largely to his efforts and those who supported him, land values as between farmland and city property were adjusted. This effected a saving of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Iowa.

In 1919 he became president of the Ottumwa National bank and retained that position until January 1 of this year, though early last summer he submitted his resignation from that office to the directors due to his burden of other business duties. On January 1 his resignation was accepted and J. H. Anderson named to succeed him. He was also president of the Wapello County Savings bank, an institution which he headed at the time of his death.

Mr. Webber was a strong believer in life insurance, and, according to his business associates, held policies that total \$150,000, some of which, due to the tragic death, will be increased through double indemnity clauses.

Webber was one of the outstanding figures in the good roads movement in this county and the state. During the road campaign here in the early part of 1926 he made numerous speeches throughout the county in behalf of the proposed bond issue. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Good Roads association. He was a member of the Wapello club and a charter member of the Ottumwa country club.

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of 1.7 per cent in employment conditions in Iowa industries for the month of March was reported by A. L. Urick, commissioner of the state bureau of labor.

Only two groups of industries—leather products and tobacco and cigars—showed a loss of employment in March as compared with February, while the number of gains were interpreted by Mr. Urick as indicating a general recovery in condition and the first sign of the opening up of spring activity.

Industries reporting increases were stone and clay products, railway car shops, paper products, printing and publicity, patent medicines, chemicals and compounds, iron and steel works, lumber products, textiles, food and kindred products, laundries, public service and seed houses.

Building permits in Iowa during February showed a gain of 83 permits issued and \$1,301,895 in valuation over January, but the two-month period of January and February showed a loss of 97 permits and a gain of \$565,269 in valuation of improvements over the same period of 1927.

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HUNDREDS ATTEND WEBBER SERVICES

rites for victim of CRAZED MURDERER HELD IN FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

John F. Webber, who was murdered here Saturday night, was buried from the First Methodist Episcopal church at 10 o'clock this morning. The body laid in state in the church parlor from 8:30 until 9 o'clock and was viewed by scores who passed before the bier in a steady stream.

Hundreds attended the services in the church. Many were unable to find places to sit and were forced to stand during the remarks of the Rev. R. Emory Beetham, D. D., pastor of the church. The latter decried the growing systems of disregard for law and attributed indirectly to this cause, responsibility for the tragic occurrence here Saturday night. The entire front of the church was banked with flowers sent by friends from various parts of the country. The chancel rail and choir loft supported numerous other floral offerings.

The following men, business associates and friends, bore the casket: Judge M. A. Roberts, Homer H. Harris, R. W. Funk, John Wormhoudt, L. A. Andrew and J. W. Neasham. Burial was made in the Ottumwa cemetery.

IT'S A BAD HABIT.

Flagg Moor, Derbyshire, England, April 10.—(AP).—The Prince of Wales fell twice while riding in the High Peak hunt point-to-point race today, making his twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth falls.

LANCASTER, MO.

Harold Walker and Irene Sch were married Saturday, March the circuit clerk's office by Judge A. Higbee.

Mrs. J. A. Riley returned Saturday night from Des where she has been visiting.

T. A. Middleton and Mrs. Middleton were in Centerville day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Anderson, were in Ottumwa last week. R. B. McClain went to C Sunday.

Mrs. Elaine Ford of Cent spent Wednesday in Lancaster. Col. W. P. Hall was in Des last week.

Judge W. A. Higbee is in court in Kohoka this week.

Miss Hildred McConkey, teaching school at Hampton, is ing her Easter vacation with relatives here.



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1880 he turned his attention to his present field of business activity and for the past quarter of a century has dealt extensively in flour, feed and grain. Success has attended the undertaking in gratifying degree and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative merchants of Ottumwa.

On the 18th of May, 1865, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Whipple, a native of New York and a daughter of Ami D. and Savina (Marsh) Whipple, who were born in New York and Pennsylvania respectively. They came to Iowa about 1844 and spent the remainder of their lives in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of two children, namely: Etta M., who is the wife of Henry Daggett; and Carrie M., who is the widow of Ralph Emerson and now lives with her parents.

In his political views Mr. Jones is a republican. He ably served as a member of the board of supervisors for three years and has also been on the school board for nine years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational church. He possesses those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win confidence, respect and good-will, and by the consensus of public opinion he is accorded a place among the valued citizens of Wapello county, which has remained his home during almost two-thirds of a century.

HON. JOHN F. WEBBER.

Hon. John F. Webber, state senator and member of the Ottumwa bar, has engaged in law practice in this city since September, 1902. He was born in Ferris, Illinois, September 26, 1874. His father, William J. Webber, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 5, 1845, and in 1853 came to Iowa, but removed from Keokuk to Clark county, Missouri, and in 1863 went to Hancock, Illinois. He made farming his life work, following that pursuit until called to his final rest on the 8th of February, 1913. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Pilkington, was born in Hancock county, Illinois, November 4, 1850, and is now living in Carthage, Illinois. They

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ant director and lecturer on the history and criticism of art at the Villa Collina Ridente, a center for European and international study, located at Florence, Italy; John Andrew will graduate from Dartmouth College in 1931.

CHARLES BROWN WHELPLEY, JR., has been connected with the schools of Belle Plaine since 1925, and since 1928 has headed the school system in that very progressive community of Benton County.

Mr. Whelpley was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 17, 1900. His father is Dr. Charles B. Whelpley, an eminent doctor of dental surgery who has practiced at Cedar Rapids for many years. Doctor Whelpley was born in New Brunswick, Canada, attended school there and completed his training in dentistry at the Johns Hopkins University. He married, in Minneapolis, Miss Hattie Britton, also a native of New Brunswick. Both of them are of English ancestry. Doctor Whelpley was born in 1864 and his wife in 1866. After his marriage Doctor Whelpley began practice at Cedar Rapids. The profession of dentistry has been subjected to almost revolutionary changes in methods and processes and technical improvements since he started practice, but he has never lost touch with the current status of the profession, and his years of experience have supplemented his study and his frequent contact with dental clinics, so that today he is as much an outstanding leader in dental surgery as he was thirty years ago. He has also done much to encourage and assist young men in preparing themselves for careers in his chosen vocation. Doctor Whelpley is a man of interesting attainments and accomplishments. During his youth in New Brunswick he won the championship as a long distance skater. During the height of the bicycle craze he was a racer who took many honors. In his later years his diversions have been chiefly his church and the Masonic fraternity. He is a vestryman of the Episcopal Church and in 1915 was given the distinguished honor of the thirty-third degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. He has held many official honors in both the Scottish and York Rites and is a past grand high priest of the Iowa Royal Arch Chapter. Doctor and Mrs. Whelpley have five children. The oldest, Medley, has enjoyed a remarkable rise to prominence in New York financial circles. He went to New York City in 1912, entered banking, and when the war came on joined the Plattsburg Citizens Training Camp. He was commissioned a captain in the Three Hundred Fifth Artillery, Seventh-seventh Division, was on the western front at Chateau Thierry and the Meuse Argonne, and was gassed during his service. After the war he returned to New York City, where he is now president of the American Express Trust & Banking Company. The younger children of Doctor Whelpley and wife are: Alberta, wife of Robert Safley, of Cedar Rapids; Charles B., Jr.; Marie, wife

of Dr. Lloyd Patrick; and Norman, a student in the University of Iowa.

Charles Brown Whelpley, Jr., was attending the Washington High School in Cedar Rapids when America entered the World war and left school to join the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago. Within ten days he was assigned to transport duty and went overseas with convoys four times. He was in the service two years, nine months, ranking as pharmacist mate of the second class. Since the war he has kept in touch with ex-service men as a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was honorably discharged August 19, 1919, and subsequently entered Coe College at Cedar Rapids, where he majored in chemistry and was graduated Bachelor of Science in 1925. Since then he has done summer work at the University of Iowa, earning credit toward the Master of Arts degree.

Mr. Whelpley came to Belle Plaine in 1925 as an instructor in the high school, the following year was made principal, and in 1928 advanced to superintendent of the Belle Plaine school system. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and he and his wife belong to the Episcopal Church.

He married Miss Marjorie E. Simmons, daughter of E. L. Simmons, of Cedar Rapids. She attended school in that city and was a teacher until her marriage.

JOHN F. WEBBER, whose tragic death was regarded as a calamity in the City of Ottumwa, where he had lived so many years, was an able lawyer, had been a member of the State Senate, and was a citizen whose abilities had been trusted in a wide range of public and professional relationships.

He was born at Paris, Illinois, September 26, 1874, son of William J. Webber and Mary Ann (Pilkington) Webber. He grew up in Hancock County, Illinois, attended public schools there and was a graduate of the law department of the University of Iowa. For several years he was traveling representative of a farm implement house and in September, 1902, engaged in the practice of law at Ottumwa. He was an active member of the bar for a quarter of a century. He was also one of the directors of the Ottumwa National Bank, the Wapello County Savings Bank and the Blakesburg Savings Bank.

Mr. Webber was a Democrat in politics. He was elected to the State Senate in 1910 and became a member of the ways and means, appropriations, judiciary and other committees. He was one of the authors of the Employers' Liability or Workmen's Compensation Law passed in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Webber were Methodists. He was affiliated with the B. P. O. Elks, Ancient Order of United Workmen, was a member of the Wapello and Country Clubs. He married, October 2, 1900, Miss Estella L. Bailey, who was

also born at Paris, Illinois, daughter of George W. and Eliza (Ward) Bailey. Mrs. Webber, who resides at Ottumwa, is a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, and is the mother of two sons: John F., born November 22, 1905, and Bailey C., born February 14, 1910.

DAVID CHARLES MOTT has occupied a prominent place in the confidence and good will of the people of Iowa for many years. Newspaper man, author and public official, he has established a record for public service that will stand as a monument to his career, which has covered a period of seventy-three years.

Mr. Mott was born in Washington County, Ohio, March 23, 1858, a son of George W. and Abigail (Ball) Mott. On his father's side he traces his ancestry back to Adam Mott, who immigrated from England to New Amsterdam in 1642. His great-grandfather was John Mott, who was the father of William Mott, who married Sarah Edgerton. George W. Mott was born in Monroe County, Ohio, June 21, 1834, and died in Cedar County, Iowa, February 13, 1898. He married Abigail Ball, who was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, June 6, 1835, and died at Pasadena, California, March 6, 1918. She was a daughter of David and Juliana (Parsons) Ball, the former having been a member of the Ohio State Legislature in 1850.

After attending public school David Charles Mott received one year's training at Friends Academy, Barnesville, Ohio. Following this he entered upon a career which has brought him numerous honors and in which he has been honored by his fellow citizens in various ways. A Republican in his political sentiment, he was a member of the City Council of What Cheer, Iowa, from 1891 to 1893, and likewise filled the position of postmaster at that time. He was a member of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies, in 1904 and 1906, where he rendered constructive service, and from 1910 until 1919 was a member of the state board of parole. He has been a resident of Des Moines since 1922.

Like many newspaper men, Mr. Mott started his career as a country school teacher, being engaged thus from 1877 until 1880. In the latter year he took up farming, which he followed until 1888, when the journalistic urge brought him into that profession, he being editor of the *What Cheer Patriot* from 1888 until 1893, the *Tipton Advertiser* from 1893 until 1897, the *Audubon Republican* from 1897 until 1905, and the *Marengo Republican* from 1907 until 1913. Connected with his newspaper activities Mr. Mott has done considerable literary work of a highly creditable character. He is the author of *Fifty Years in Iowa*, *Early Iowa Newspapers* and numerous historical articles connected with the *Annals of Iowa*, of which periodical he has been since 1920 associate editor. During the World war Mr. Mott assisted in the loan drives at Marengo and likewise gave instruction to illiterate soldiers at the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Dodge. He

is a Son of the American Revolution, and was president of the state society in 1910 and registrar from 1922 until 1931. He belongs to the American Red Cross, the Pioneer Lawmakers Association (of which he was secretary from 1923 until 1931) and the Frontier Club. Mr. Mott is likewise a Blue Lodge Mason. He maintains offices in the State Historical Building, and his pleasant home is situated at 628 Thirty-seventh Street.

On September 7, 1881, Mr. Mott married Mary Esther Tipton, who was born in Linn County, Iowa, January 25, 1860, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bundy) Tipton. To this union there have been born the following children: Russell G., born April 16, 1884, died August 20, 1909; Frank Luther, born April 4, 1886, director of the School of Journalism at S. U. I., who married Vera Ingram; Ethel A., born September 29, 1889, now the wife of Lloyd A. Truitt, of Helena, Oklahoma; and Mildred S., born March 9, 1895, now the wife of Clarence L. Pickard, of Ames, Iowa.

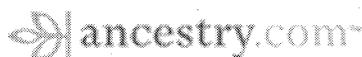
WALTER ALBERT JESSUP, president of the University of Iowa since 1916, has won numerous distinctions as a specialist in the field of educational administration.

He was born in Richmond, Indiana, August 12, 1877, son of Albert S. and Anna (Goodrich) Jessup. He attended the leading Quaker institution of learning in the Middle West, Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana, where he graduated A. B. in 1903. Hanover College of Indiana gave him the Master of Arts degree in 1908. In 1911 he won his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Columbia University of New York, and the University of Wisconsin in 1922 made him a Doctor of Laws and the same honorary degree was bestowed by Indiana University and the University of Missouri in 1928 and Columbia University in 1929.

He began teaching in his native state at an early age and from 1900 to 1907 was superintendent of schools at Westville, Indiana, and at Madison, Indiana, during 1907-09.

In 1911 he became dean of the school of education of Indiana University and in 1912 accepted the call to the University of Iowa as dean of the college of education, from which post he was promoted to president in 1916. During his administration the university has grown to recognition as one of the truly great universities of the country, most of the plans he visualized for the school years ago having now been realized.

In 1927 he was honored with election as president of the National Association of State Universities, in which he is also permanent delegate to the council on education of the American Medical Association and chairman of several important committees. He is a member of the council of 100 of the American Association for Adult Education and is a member of the National Council on Education, National Council on Religion in Higher Education, Carnegie Corporation Library Sub-committee, and many other edu-



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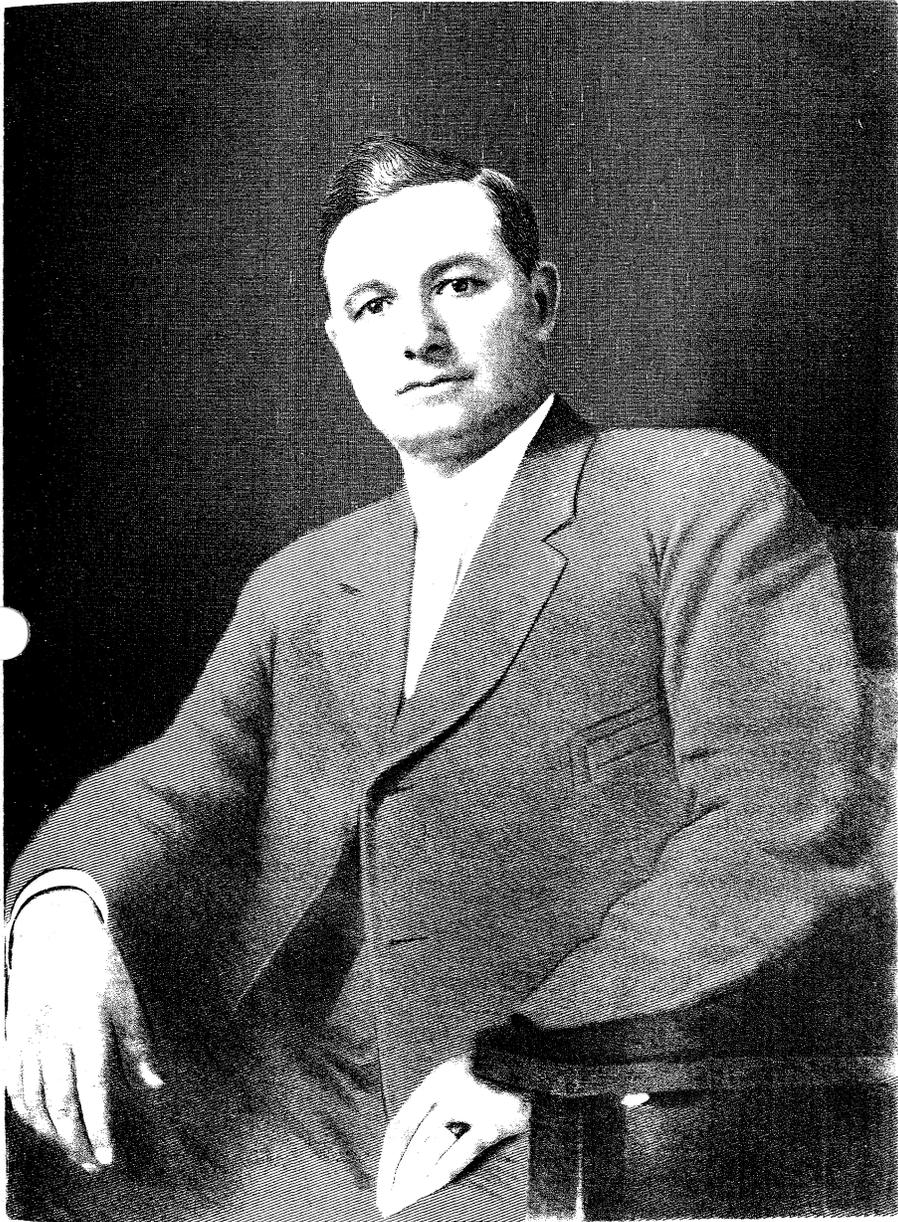
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The latter became a public-school pupil in Hancock county, Illinois, and afterward became a student in the law department of the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated. He likewise pursued an academic course in Carthage College at Carthage, Illinois, and upon the broad foundation of good classical training he builded the superstructure of his professional knowledge. After leaving school he went upon the road, traveling for a farm implement house for three years. He then entered upon the practice of law, opening an office in Ottumwa in September, 1902. Here he conducts a general law practice, but gives particular attention to farm mortgages and investments and is regarded as a capable and enterprising business man. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors in the Ottumwa National Bank and the Wapello County Savings Bank of Ottumwa and the Blakesburg Savings Bank at Blakesburg, Iowa. His judgment is sound, his enterprise unfaltering and his laudable ambition and even paced energy have carried him into important relations.

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The family attend the Methodist church, in which Mr. and Mrs. Webber hold membership. He also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Yeomen, while along more strictly social lines his connection is with the Wapello and the Country Clubs. Mrs. Webber is a member of the P. E. O. Society, the Legislative Ladies League of Iowa and other social and literary clubs of Ottumwa. His political indorsement is given the democratic party, and in 1910 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate for a four years' term, so that he is the present incumbent in the office. During the sessions of the general assembly he has proven his loyalty to the best interests of the commonwealth by his stalwart championship of many measures for the general good. He is a member of ways and means, appropriations, judiciary and other important committees and has been recognized as a leader in all legislation pertaining to taxation matters and

laws seeking to govern public utilities. He has also taken an important part in securing the passage of and is one of the authors of the present employer's liability or workmen's compensation law passed in the thirty-fifth general assembly. He is widely known and popular. His friends and fellows feel that he has broad knowledge of vital questions and issues of the day and that his position upon important questions is founded upon a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

LINCOLN DIMMITT.

In pioneer times the Dimmitt family was established in Wapello county and it was upon the old homestead that Lincoln Dimmitt was born, February 16, 1860, his parents being Beniah and Elizabeth Ann (Pagget) Dimmitt, who were natives of Indiana. Removing westward to Iowa, they settled in Wapello county in 1847. That this was largely a wild and undeveloped section of the state is indicated in the fact that there was much of the land still in possession of the government and Beniah Dimmitt entered a claim, which he converted into a good farm. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began the work of breaking the sod and tilling the soil, his labors ultimately resulting in the harvesting of good crops. Both he and his wife remained upon that place until called to their final rest, Mr. Dimmitt dying on the 10th of February, 1875, while the death of his wife occurred in October, 1906. In their family were eight children, of whom five are yet living: Lincoln, of this review; Laura; Beniah, now living in Seattle, Washington; Samuel, a resident farmer of Dahlonga township; and Tolbert, whose home is in Idaho.

Lincoln Dimmitt continued upon the old homestead until he attained his majority, and his youthful days were divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the tasks that came to him in connection with the cultivation of the fields. He early assisted his father in farm work and gained that experience which made him capable when he started out in business life on his own account. When he attained his majority he began farming in Dahlonga township on fifty acres of land which he rented, and later he purchased the farm of three hun-

Outline of Personal History of

John F. Webber,
RESIDENCE *Ottumwa, 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) *John Francis Webber*
- 2. Chief occupation or profession *Lawyer & Farm Mortgage Banker*
- 3. Former occupation or profession *Farmer and Traveling Adjuster*
- 4. Date and place of beginning each *for McCormick Hardware, Moline, Ill. I was born in Ferris, Iowa, June 1899 in Hancock Co. Ill. Graduated Law Dept. Iowa State University in June 1899 began traveling January 1900 and opened law office in Ottumwa Sept. 1902*
- 5. Present residence address *141 East Court Street Ottumwa, Ia.*
- 6. Present business address *Citizens Savings Bank Bldg. Ottumwa, Ia.*
- 7. Date of birth *September 26th 1874*
- 8. Place of birth *Ferris Hancock Co. Illinois, (on a farm near Ferris.)*
- 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. *Attended Country School when not doing farm work till January 1894 when I entered High School, Carthage, Ills for 3 months, winter of 94 and 95 & attended Carthage College, Carthage, Ills, winter of 96 and 97 & read law in Office of Hon. G. W. O'Hara, Carthage, Ills and entered Law Dept. State University of Iowa Sept. 97 and graduated*
- 15. Date of graduation and degree if any *June 9th 1899 with degree of J. D. B.*

John F. Webber

Attorney at Law

Ottumwa, Iowa

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JOHN F. WEBBER

OF OTTUMWA

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
FOR STATE SENATOR



IOWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Des Moines, Ia.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Aug. 27th enclosing blank for me to fill out and return to you, and I have accordingly filled the same in the best manner possible at this time and I trust that the same will meet your requirements in every particular. I have no photograph available at this time that I can send to you but I will be pleased to furnish you one at an early date.

Very truly,

J. F. Webber

E. P. Neuman

Dear Mr. Neuman,

I first came to Iowa to Law Dept. of State University in Sept, 1897, but have only been a permanent resident here since Sept, 1st 1902,

John F. Webber

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication *none*

37. Miscellaneous *My Grand parents on fathers side
came from Germany and my
mothers side from England.*



FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Estelle Louise Bailey*
2. Date of marriage *Oct. 2nd 1900*
3. Place of marriage *Fernis, Ills.*
4. Date of his or her birth *Nov. 7th 1877*
5. Place of his or her birth *Fernis Ills. (near them on a farm)*
6. Religious denomination *Methodist*
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 *Geo. W. ^{Anglevi} Bailey*
11. Born where and when *In State of Virginia in 1850*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Farmer*
13. His or her mother's full name *Mary Elizabeth Ward*
14. Born when and where *in Hancock Co. Ills. in 1863*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Hancock Co. Ills.*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family *Grand parents on fathers
side came from Ireland and on
mothers side from England.*

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

AND

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>my children are</i>							
<i>John Francis Webber</i>	<i>Born in Ottumwa</i>	<i>Nov. 22nd</i>					<i>1905</i>
<i>Bailey Crowwell Webber</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>" "</i>			<i>Feb. 14th</i>		<i>1910</i>

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AND

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

SIGNATURE

John Francis Webber
 DATE *August 31st 1910*