

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bruce, John Edward Senator

Represented Floyd County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21. Dec. 1861 near Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Myrtle N. Crissey 24 Dec 1884

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities Mayor; Eastern Star; Modern Woodmen of America

C. Profession Farmer; shipped off grain and livestock; real estate; drug business

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 24th 25th General Assemblies 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace; township trustee

B. State

C. National

7. Death 22 Mar 1924 Rockford Iowa; Council

8. Children Roy A.; Mrs. E. Vera Hitzel; Clarence E.; Mrs. Bernice L. Bradshaw

9. Names of parents Jesus and Elizabeth Ann Bruce

Bruce, John Edward

10. Education He was educated in the public schools of Elgin, Illinois and graduated from high school at Dundee. He attended school in the winter months only. He later attended an academy at Dundee.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came with his parents to Floyd County Iowa locating on a farm north of Charles City. They later returned to Kane County, Illinois, settling on a farm there where he grew up.
- In 1860 the family returned to Floyd County Iowa. This time they settled on a farm near Rockford, Iowa. He lived at Rockford area for 44 years.
- He was in the Drugg business for 10 years.



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JOHN E. BRUCE.

The people of the community were shocked Saturday morning to learn of the sudden death of Mr. J. E. Bruce. While Mr. Bruce had been in poor health for several years past, of late he seemed better and at no time had he given up his work in the drug store which he conducted. He remained at the store until about eleven o'clock Friday evening, and those who saw him during the afternoon and evening remarked upon the fact that he seemed to be feeling more than usually well and in especially good spirits. Upon his arrival at home, he conversed with his wife, and retired. Shortly thereafter he was taken violently ill and passed away in the early morning hours of Saturday morning from cerebral hemorrhage. The family, thus suddenly bereft, has the sympathy of the community.

John Edward Bruce was born December 21, 1861, in Lake county, Illinois, the oldest son of Joshua and Elizabeth Ann Bruce, and departed this life at Rockford, Iowa, Saturday, March 22, 1924. In 1862 he came with his parents to Floyd county, Iowa, and located on a farm north of Charles City, but they later returned to Kane county, Illinois, and settled on a farm there, where he grew up and where he worked during the summer months and attended school during the winter time. He later attended an academy at Dundee, where he made an excellent record. In the year 1880 he returned with his parents to Floyd county, Iowa, making the trip overland, this time settling on a farm near Rockford, where a comfortable home was soon provided; and here the mother still resides, being advanced in years; but his father passed away several years ago. They were always known to their neighbors for their industry and piety.

Mr. Bruce was married on December 24, 1884 to Myrtle N. Grimes a Rockwith of Charles City, George

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To us his death seems like— "A noontide sunset—not a sad eclipse Like one foretold by samtly prophet lips;

But while the sun was high and shining clear, The soul we leaned on for help and cheer

Passed on a glory-lighted way— His sun gone down the while it yet was day.

"We thought indeed our friend would surely wait

Till evening opened wide the gate; So full and strong, so warm his life and true;

And thus it seemed so much to do. Why could he not have tarried all the day?

How can his work fare on and be away?"

The funeral was held from the Congregational church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and was very largely attended, the service being in charge of the pastor, Rev. Smith, who gave a suggestive address based on the scripture text, "He bringeth them to their desired haven." The Masonic order, Eastern Star, DeMolay boys and Rainbow girls attended in bodies, the Masonic and de Molay orders forming an escort to the cemetery where the former order had charge of the burial service. The floral pieces were beautiful, and the business houses of the town were closed during the hour of the service.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: R. F. Bruce of Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Witzel and daughters, Misses Ruth and June of Charles City; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Belshaw and two little daughters of Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Nettie

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Mr. Bruce had been a continuous resident of Rockford for the past forty-four years, having been engaged in the drug business for the past ten years. Prior to that he conducted a grain and livestock business here and at Marble Rock for a number of years. During the earlier years of his life he was engaged in farming near Rockford. His wide experience in these lines served him well during his recent years and made him a wise counselor and worthy advisor to many.

Early in life Mr. Bruce united with the Baptist church at Rockford and continued in that faith. At the time of his death he was an active member of several civic organizations and always took an active interest in all the affairs of the community. Politically, he was a Republican and was one of the leaders of the party of the state, where his influence has been potent for the general good. He was elected from the eighty-eighth district to the thirty-fourth General Assembly in 1910, and, making a good record that won the hearty approval of his constituents, was re-elected for a second term—to the thirty-fifth General Assembly—in which he again distinguished himself, doing much for the good of Floyd County and for the State in general. He introduced the Bruce amendment to the Constitution for equal suffrage in his last term of the Legislature. He also helped to secure the Normal Training course in our High School, which we now enjoy the benefits of. He also served as Trustee of Rockford Township, for a period of twelve years, and as Justice of the Peace for

Ballard and Mr. Wright of Howardville.

Word of Thanks.

To all who expressed their sympathy to us by deed, of kindness at the time of the death of our husband and father, we wish to express our most sincere thanks.

Mrs. J. E. Bruce and Family.

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 - "Dear Lad O' Home" Branscombe
 - "Swing Along" Cook
 - "Sleep, Little Baby of Mine" .. Dennee
 - "Good Night, Good Night Beloved" .. Pinsuti
- Hampton
 - Chorus
 - "The Lake" Franz Abt
 - "Italia, Italia Beloved" Slonizetti
 - Boys' Glee Club
 - "John Peel" M. Andrews
 - "Winter Song" Bullard
 - Girls Glee Club
 - "To a Wild Rose" E. McDowell
 - "Down in the Dewy Dell" Smart
 - Boys' Glee Club
 - "Over the Morning Sea"
 - "The Three Beggars" J. S. Feavis
 - "Fate" Glenn Woods
 - "The Jolly Miller" Ira B. Wilson
 - Girls' Glee Club
 - "Boats of Mine" Anne Miller
 - "The Mermaids" A. Doovak
 - "Ma Curly Headed Babby" ..Clussam
 - "To a Wild Rose" E. McDowell
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 - "Silver Eyes" R. B. Cross

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He was one of the early members of Sirius Lodge No. 323 A. F. and A. M. of this city and has retained his membership and interest to the end, having served in the various elective offices of the Lodge with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He was also a member of Mt. Zion Chapter No. 106 R. A. M., Fidelity Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., and Shell Rock Camp No. 382 M. W. A.

As a Mason, he exemplified the lessons and teachings of the Fraternity in his daily life, and was often called upon for counsel and advice and his counsel was timely and good, and the records of his life prove his wisdom and that his faith was well founded, and we wonder in our small way if his work was really finished, but trust that when he arrives in that Grand Lodge above where the Grand Architect of the Universe presides, it may be his portion to hear the welcome words: "Well done, Good and Faithful Servant, Enter Now into the Joys of Thy Lord."

Many times during his life he has been called upon to administer the Last Rites to departed brethren of the Fraternity, in this and adjoining towns, and he was never found wanting, when called upon to do this service.

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Congregational.
 "The Logic of Lent and It's Larger Meaning" will constitute our study for next Sunday morning, in place of the subject listed in last week's paper. What does Lent really mean to us as Protestants? What should it mean? Is its observance a logical part of our Christian practises? These and other questions are being asked, and you will find their answer in this address. Worship with us. Special singing by the choir adds brightness and beauty to each service. All are welcome. R.
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C. E. at 6:30 bids all the young people come.

Sheppard O. Smith, Minister.

COUNTRY CORE

Southeast of Town.

The children in the Harry Moore home are having the whooping-cough.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lines are having the whooping-cough.

The clothing project meeting for this district was held at the home of Mrs. Roy Parcher Friday afternoon, and was attended by fifteen ladies. Several patterns were cut and the making of collars was demonstrated.

W. J. Ballard was a Greene visitor on Tuesday of last week.

Theodore Van Deest went to Little Cedar Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Nielson, who had been visiting at Rudd, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Slight visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Ballhagen Saturday and Sunday.

North Ulster.

Gerald and Gladys McElroy returned to Fayette Monday.

Miss Geraldine Bartz, who lives east of Rudd, was a guest of her