

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative James A. White Senator White  
James A. White - Represented Iowa and Johnson Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Sept 1859 Ottawa Illinois in  
LaSalle Co., Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business He was director of the Conway Savings Bank, Conway, Iowa;  
president and director of the Hilltown Lumber and Grain Company

B. Civic responsibilities Elks Lodges

C. Profession Farmer, stockman and stock shipper

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Iowa County Clerk of the District Court for 2 years; township clerk for  
one term

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Death 9 Apr 1932 while enroute to his home at South Amana, Iowa;

8. Children No children Buried in Mason Cemetery  
Hillmanburg, Iowa

9. Names of parents Peter and Sarah White

White, James A.

10. Education He was educated in country schools in his home locality,  
attended Gravel's Academy at Iowa City, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- In early childhood he came with his parents to Iowa County,  
Iowa where he lived his entire life.
- He lived at South Amana in Iowa County, Iowa, during his childhood.



## EX SENATOR WHITE CALLED SATURDAY

Widely Known Resident of Hilton Dies Suddenly From Attack of Heart Failure.

### SON OF HILTON PIONEERS

Born in Illinois; Honored in Life By Fellow Citizens and Mourned in Death.

Ex-Senator James A. White of Hilton died suddenly Saturday evening from an attack of heart failure an ailment that followed an attack of pneumonia a few years ago.

Saturday afternoon Mr. White accompanied the farm help and some of the neighbors to South Amana with a shipment of cattle from the White farm. He was feeling unusually well, sat by while the cattle were being loaded and while returning to the farm riding with his men and neighbors, he was stricken with a sinking spell, passing away without regaining consciousness.

The news of his sudden passing soon spread throughout Iowa and Johnson Counties, and general regret was expressed at its telling. Throngs of friends and neighbors visited the stricken home on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

The funeral services were held at St. Mary's church, Williamsburg, at 9:30 Tuesday morning. The High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Father O'Dowd, St. Mary's choir singing the responses.

The sermon preached by Father O'Dowd was a most excellent discourse, while the eulogy it carried for the life and outstanding character of the deceased was an inspiring word picture of a life and character we all admired, respected, and loved.

The funeral assemblage filled the spacious church. All the relatives from a distance were present, the bench and bar of Iowa County were represented by Judge Popham and Judge Evans, and the entire membership of the bar, together with a number of members from Iowa City. All the neighboring towns and communities were represented by members of the old home neighborhood of

## FRANCIS SUTTON HOME ON VISIT

Now Employed as Train Dispatcher at Polo, Mo., in Joint Railway Office.

Francis Sutton left Saturday morning for Polo, Mo., after visiting two days with his family in Dusseldorf.

The former telegrapher at Williamsburg, is now on a regular trick as train dispatcher in a joint office of the Milwaukee and Rock Island lines at Polo.

This is the point at which the new Rock Island line from Trenton to Kansas City, connects with the Milwaukee, and from Polo to Excelsior Springs, a distance of about thirty miles, all rail traffic is handled through remote control by the dispatchers at Polo and Excelsior Springs.

Vincent Tuomey, formerly of the train dispatchers' office at Ottumwa is one of the dispatchers at Polo.

Mr. Sutton was telling us about the system of handling the trains on this joint line: The dispatchers write no train orders but have complete control of every signal and switch on the mileage operated by this system. This control is through the switchboard, which carries seventy lights, and the operator can tell at a glance where every train on the control section is located. Every switch on the division has its individual electric motor, under direct control of the operator.

This stretch of double track is among the most modern systems of track control in the Middle-West; the traffic on this line is more than heavy, and the operators at Polo are never asleep on duty.

## CONGREGATIONAL DOINGS IN RECENT WEEKS.

The adult Sunday school has been reorganized throughout and is in a flourishing condition. Each class is a complete unit in itself and closely graded in its use of Sunday school lessons and teachers manual. Opening and closing assemblies are enjoyed by the entire school.

A new class composed of young married women of the church is in progress and has been already heard from

# Heart Attack Is Fatal To Former Senate Member

## James A. White, 73, Dies While Enroute to his Home

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Aside from his membership in St. Mary's Catholic church at Williamsburg, Mr. White was also affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Elk's lodges.

Survivors are two brothers, M. M. White, of Ida Grove and P. P. White, of Williamsburg, and three sisters, the Misses Mary, Sarah and Nellie White at home. Mr. White had never married.

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## New Troop Boy Scouts Sponsored by K

High School Teacher will Be Scoutmaster for New Group

A second troop of Boy Scouts Marengo is being sponsored by the Knights of Pythias lodge. The was made necessary by the crowded membership of the first troop and the number of names on the waiting list.

B. W. Mann, high school instructor, will become scoutmaster of the new troop. Chas. Hibbs will be assistant scoutmaster. The committee in charge is Frank Hite, A. R. and Steve Chimpanis.

The new troop will be organized and a charter applied for soon. The exact method of working out a division of the present group of boys has not been decided upon. All new scouts will have their own names as to which troop they will join.

A troop sponsored by the Amana Legion is being instituted by Dr. J. L. Bellegan as leader. Williamsburg also has a Scout troop organized but a long time ago.

The Marengo troop held a meeting in the bluffs north of Marengo Sunday night under the direction of Scoutmaster John Bellstein. The boys built 20 fires and cooked their own ham and egg suppers. Following the suppers the council fire was built in the ravine.

## W. Moershel Tell Of Amana's Pl

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Among the relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. White and daughter, Marie, of Ida Grove, Miss Belle, Raymond and Earl White and Mrs. Edward R. Tiedebohl, of Chicago.

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**Girls Entertain with Song**

The glee club girls and their instructor, Miss Winnifred Kelce, were guests of the club at 6:30 p. m. Both the glee club and Miss Bishop individually sang for those present their winning selections at West Branch. The songs were greatly enjoyed. The group was introduced by Supt. J. H. Shipton. Mr. Moershel, who for a th

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High School, Boston, in 1893, and from the Medical School of Harvard University in 1898. He was house officer in Long Island Hospital, 1896-97; assistant superintendent of Lake Geneva Sanitorium, 1901-05; assistant superintendent Independence State Hospital, Independence, Iowa, 1905-07; medical superintendent State Hospital for Inebriates, Knoxville, 1910-15; medical superintendent Cherokee State Hospital, Cherokee, 1915 to the time of his death. He was commissioned a major in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army in September, 1918. He had membership in many medical societies and stood high as a neurologist and psychiatrist and in the administration of hospitals.

JAMES A. WHITE was born in La Salle County, Illinois, September 1859, and died near South Amana, Iowa, April 9, 1932. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Williamsburg. His parents, Peter and Sarah White, removed their family to a farm near South Amana in 1861. James attended country schools, Grave's Academy in Iowa City, and Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana. He followed the occupation of farming and stock raising, and stock shipping. In 1902 he was elected clerk of the District Court of Iowa County and was re-elected in 1904. In 1908 he was elected senator in the Iowa and Johnson counties district and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

THOMAS J. WILSON was born in Washington County, Iowa, October 23, 1854, and died in Oskaloosa April 12, 1932. Burial was in Forest Abbey, Oskaloosa. His parents were Michael W. and Catharine (Hood) Wilson. He was educated in common school and on reaching manhood became a farmer. In 1882 he removed to a farm in Mahaska County about seven miles southwest of Oskaloosa. For twelve years he was a township trustee. In 1910 he was elected a member of the Mahaska County Board of Supervisors and served three years. In 1914 he was elected representative, and was twice re-elected, serving in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. The last few years of his life he lived in Oskaloosa.

WARD WILSON was born on a farm two and one-half miles west of Traer, Iowa, on September 17, 1865, and died at his home on the same farm April 21, 1932. Burial was in Buckingham Cemetery. His father was James Wilson, U. S. secretary of agriculture, and his mother was Esther (Wilbur) Wilson. He was educated in a country school and in the Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames. For several years he practiced the profession of veterinary surgeon in his section, and was engaged in farming and the breeding of Short Horn cattle and Clydesdale horses. In 1906 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1908, serving in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third general assemblies.

Outline of Personal History of

Senator J. A. White

25<sup>th</sup> Dist.

RESIDENCE

South Amara Iowa

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

EDGAR F. HARLAN, Curator

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

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

1. Name in full (all names) James A. White.
2. Chief occupation or profession Farmer
3. Former occupation or profession Stock Shipper
4. Date and place of beginning each
5. Present residence address South Amara
6. Present business address
7. Date of birth
8. Place of birth Sept. 4, 1859.
9. If born abroad, where La Salle Co Ill
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America Ia. Co. in 1861
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 Country schools, Graves Academy at Iowa City and Notre Dame University at Notre Dame Ind.
15. Date of graduation and degree if any

16. Place of death \_\_\_\_\_
17. Date of death \_\_\_\_\_
18. Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_
19. Name of father in full (all names) \_\_\_\_\_
20. Occupation of father \_\_\_\_\_
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) \_\_\_\_\_
22. Residence when married  
*Wife in Washington Territory 1859*
23. Military service, if any (exact dates)  
*AVOL 2300-1859*
24. Relational offices, from the smallest to the largest, with dates  
*Sup. Clerk and term  
 Clerk of Dist Court of Ia Co. 2 yrs.  
 Senator 1868 - 1872 -*
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions \_\_\_\_\_
26. Politics *Democrat*
27. Religious denomination if any \_\_\_\_\_
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination \_\_\_\_\_
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning \_\_\_\_\_
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates \_\_\_\_\_
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 \_\_\_\_\_