

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wittbauer, Otto Senator _____

Represented Audubon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Oct 1857 Woodward, Center County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Walter E. Bowman 13 June 1885 Epina, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Knight of Pythias; Modern Woodmen of America
Audubon Commercial Club

C. Profession Mercantile Business; grain buyer; livestock yard employee;
Audubon County auditor

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 36th General Assembly 1915

6. Public Offices

A. Local Audubon County, recorder for one term 1884-1886, Audubon County auditor
1910-1914; township clerk; Epina school board member

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Dec 1925 Des Moines Iowa; buried Epina Cemetery, Epina, Iowa

8. Children Ossie (Mrs. John H. Ford), Omar H., Leo (born 13 Jan 1887, died
20 June 1887)

9. Names of parents Louis Herman and Louisa (Stahl) Wittbauer

Hiltman, Otto

10. Education He attended one year of rural school near his home at
Woodward, Pennsylvania followed by rural school near Paines, Iowa
and Paines, Iowa High School

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

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- At age 7 he moved with his parents to Guthrie County, Iowa where
he grew to manhood. They lived 3 miles west of Paines, Iowa.
- He began teaching school at age 20 and continued for several years.
- In fall 1880 he began employment with Captain Stewart of Guthrie Center and in
in the grain and lumber business and later transferred to Monmouth, Iowa in 1881 to
the same place.
- In 1884 he opened a mercantile business in Iowa which was destroyed by fire
in 1887. He again worked for Captain Stewart until 1888.
- He then was employed as a buyer for a grain firm for a year; later was
manager of the Fullerton Lumber Company
- During World War I he was a railroad inspector for the government.
- In 1909 he had charge of a saw mill, wholesale and retail lumber
business near Butte, Montana.
- He returned to Iowa in 1910
- He came to Iowa on 5 April 1865

DECEMBER TERM OF COURT COMMENCED

One Divorce Granted and Six Are Granted Citizenship During First Days

Judge Dewell opened the December term of the Audubon county district court at Audubon Tuesday. The grand jury went into session the same morning and are still making investigations.

The petit jurors reported Wednesday morning but were excused until Monday when the first jury case will be tried.

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Other cases assigned for hearing during this term are as follows:

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Henry Stephenson vs. Ralph M. Stephenson.

John Kusel vs. Louie Kusel, et al.

OTTO WITTHAUER DIED FOLLOWING OPERATION

Funeral Services Held Here Yesterday. Was Representative From This County Term 1914-1916

Otto Witthauer, one of the best known and universally loved and respected of Audubon county's former citizens, passed away at the Congregational hospital in Des Moines, Saturday, December 12, following an operation. Funeral services were held from the Christian church Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. Henry Wissler, former local pastor. Burial was in the Exira cemetery. The local K. P. lodge had charge of the service at the grave.

The deceased was born at Woodward, Center county, Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1857. At the age of seven years he came with his parents to Guthrie county, where he grew to manhood. He received his early education in the country school, later attending high school at Panora. When he was about 20 years of age he commenced teaching and for several years followed that profession. In the fall of 1880 he entered the employ of Capt. Stuart of Guthrie Center and in April, 1881, was put in charge of the Exira business of Capt. Stuart.

He was united in marriage to Hattie E. Bowman on June 13, 1883. To this union three children were born, two of them surviving, the other having died in infancy. The children are Mrs. John W. Wood of Wichita, Kansas, and Omar V. Witthauer of Portland, Oregon. Mr. Witthauer is also survived by the wife and one brother.

In the fall of 1884 Mr. Witthauer was elected county recorder and served one term after which he engaged in the mercantile business here. In 1887 fire wiped out his stock of goods and he re-entered the employ of Captain Stuart and was thus engaged until 1888. Following this time he engaged in business in Exira in different lines, he was buyer for a grain firm six years and later was manager of the Fullerton Lumber Co.

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POSTOFFICE TO BE CLOSED ONLY PART OF CHRISTMAS

O. W. Masching, local postmaster, informs us that the Postoffice has rescinded an early order for all postmasters to close for the day Christmas and have no offices shall be kept open until 12 o'clock a. m. This will enable us to get what mail comes on the morning train.

Those mailing Christmas packages reminded that it now takes only one cent stamp to carry them through instead of the one cent stamp mailed with only a one cent stamp must be held at the local postoffice additional postage is provided.

If you have not mailed your Christmas packages your are urged to do so tomorrow and next day. no assurance even then that the postoffice will be open the morning of Christmas day.

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SHELEY ADDS ONE MORE AUTOGRAPH TO HIS BIG COLLECTION

Every student of fictitious literature knows of Jack London, for he was one of the greatest writers of his day. His death occurred while he was yet in the height of his glory and his last book was probably only half written at that time. So his wife, being of a journalistic tendency, too, is contemplating finishing this book and having it printed. Among his great books are "Burning Daylight," "Call of the Wild," "Daughter of the Snows" and "Valley of the Moon."

London and his wife lived in a beautiful spot in California bearing the same name as the last book mentioned above, namely "The valley of the moon." Mrs. London is on a tour of the world at present and will return to California next spring. She has a ranch out there and if it is like the

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In 1910 he was a candidate for the office of auditor and was elected in the fall and held the place two terms. In the fall of 1914 he was elected representative from this county and served one term in the Legislature. He held many town and township offices at different times and was always prominent in anything for the good of the community.

During the world war Mr. Witthauer was a railroad inspector serving the government. In every position to which he was called he gave the most painstaking care, which made of him a one hundred per cent man in all that he did.

He was a member of the Christian church and was fraternally allied with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern

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Christmas packages your are so tomorrow and next day no assurance even then to reach a point very far removed from morning of Christmas day.

EVERYBODY INVITED

Ladies please bring boxes for social Tuesday night, December 22, at Greeley No. 9. A program will be given commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Fra

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**OTTO WITTHAUER DIES
FOLLOWING OPERATION**

Otto Witthauer, died Saturday morning at Congregational hospital. He was 68 years old. He had been in poor health the past two years and was taken to the hospital Thanksgiving day. Mr. Witthauer was representative from Audubon county in the thirty-sixth general assembly and had been both auditor and recorder of Audubon county. After living in Audubon county for forty-five years he moved to Altoona and located on Pleasantview acres seven years ago where he resided until his death. He was a member of the K. P. lodge and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Surviving him are his widow, a daughter, Mrs. John W. Wood of Wichita, Kansas; a son, O. V. Witthauer of Portland, Oregon; and a brother, Udo Witthauer of Storm Lake, Iowa. The body was taken to Exira, Iowa, where funeral services were held yesterday.

M. G. Stafford and family motored to Indianola last Tuesday.

Mr. M. Orcutt was a caller Sunday at the Bert Byer's home.

The Camp Fire girls will entertain their mothers at the John Sorenson home Monday evening.

George Everly entertained his Sunday School class at the church. They served oysters. There were about 22 present. All report a jolly good time.

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Outline of Personal History of

Otto Wittthauer,

RESIDENCE

Exira, Ia

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

EDGAR R. 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) Otto Wittthauer
- 2. Chief occupation or profession Accountant, at present County Auditor, Audubon Co. Ia
- 3. Former occupation or profession Raised on farm, school teacher, grain & lumber business
- 4. Date and place of beginning each Began to teach Spring of 1877 Guthrie Co. Started in grain & lumber business at Guthrie
- 5. Present residence address Exira Iowa
- 6. Present business address Audubon Iowa
- 7. Date of birth Oct. 11th 1857
- 8. Place of birth Woodward Center County Penn.
- 9. If born abroad, where —
- 10. Emigrated to America, when —
- 11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America Lived in Iowa 49 years.
- 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 1 year in rural school of Penn, later rural schools of Guthrie Co. Ia, and in Guthrie Co. High School at Panora Guthrie Co. Ia.
- 15. Date of graduation and degree if any None

16. Place of death _____
17. Date of death _____
18. Place of burial _____
19. Name of father in full (all names) *Louis Hermann Wittman*
20. Occupation of father *Farmer*
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Louisa Plahl*
22. Residence when married *Altheim, Province of Saxony, Germany*
23. Military service, if any (exact dates) *None*
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) *Twp. Clerk for about 7 yrs at different times from 1898 to 1909 of Exira Twp. Audubon Co. Ia. Member of City Council for about 5 yrs. of Exira Ia. during same period (9 yrs. Member Exira School Board 1897 to 1902 - President of School Board for 7 yrs. of this time) County Recorder of Audubon Co. Ia. from Jan'y. 1st 1887 to Jan'y. 1st 1887 - County Auditor of Audubon Co. Ia. since Jan'y. 1-1911 and still am, to continue to Jan'y. 1/15.*
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions *9 yrs member School Board Exira Ind. School dist. from 1897 to 1906. President of Board for 7 yrs. of this time.*
(This question also answered under question 24 but does not belong there)
26. Politics *Democrat*
27. Religious denomination if any *Christian Church*
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 *Member K. of P. Lodge since 1887, passed through all the chairs and am a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Member of M. W. of A. Lodge held off the office in our local lodge.*
31. Member of what clubs if any *Commercial Club Audubon Ia.*
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 _____

TRUSTEES

GOVERNOR GEORGE W. CLARKE
CHIEF JUSTICE SCOTT M. LADD
JUDGE SILAS M. WEAVER
JUDGE WILLIAM D. EVANS
JUDGE HORACE E. DEEMER
JUDGE FRANK R. GAYNOR
JUDGE BYRON W. PRESTON
JUDGE WINFIELD S. WITHROW
HON. WILLIAM S. ALLEN
SECRETARY OF STATE
HON. A. M. DEYOE
SUPT. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Historical Department of Iowa

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EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

Des Moines,

Oct. 19, 1914.

My dear Mr. Witthauer:-

Kindly inform me how long you have lived in Iowa. This is for the purpose of completing our biographical record of you.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Harlan

Since April 5" 1865

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication

37. Miscellaneous In addition to my answers of question 2-3-4 & 24, I want to say that in the summer of 1880 I was U.S. Census enumerator for Veley & Jackson Twp. Ketchikan Co. Ia., and again in 1910 for Anshon Twp. Anshon Co. Ia., during 1909 I was Dept. of the Mountain Timber Co. Mills and yards located near Butte Montana, my time before enumerated as in the Grain & Lumber business was as local Dept. of the business of the late Capt. Char. Stuart and of the Shaw-put Spruce Co.



FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Hattie Bowman*
2. Date of marriage *June 13th 1883*
3. Place of marriage *on Farm - Near Exira Ia.*
4. Date of his or her birth *July 23rd 1862*
5. Place of his or her birth *Meigs County Ohio*
6. Religious denomination *M. E. Church*
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 *W. H. Bowman*
11. Born where and when *Athens County Ohio Aug. 24th 1833*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Blacksmith during earlier life*
13. His or her mother's full name *Olive Bradford*
14. Born when and where *Mch. 19th 1839 Meigs Co. Ohio*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Meigs Co Ohio*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

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

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NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
Leo	Exira Ia.	Jan. 13/84	Exira Ia.	Jan. 20/84			
Bessie	" "	Oct. 24/84					
Anna	" "	Apr. 26/84					

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Otto Wilkner

DATE

Aug. 3rd 1914

HISTORY
OF
AUDUBON COUNTY
IOWA

ITS PEOPLE, INDUSTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS

H. F. ANDREWS
Editor

With Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens and
Genealogical Records of Many of the Old Families

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and is prominent in the councils of his party. He was elected to the office of county attorney in 1907, and after serving for a term of two years he was re-elected in 1909, serving from January, 1908 to January, 1912, inclusive. His faithful discharge of the duties involved in this official position was such as to commend him favorably to the people of the county. He was appointed mayor of Audubon in July, 1913, and was elected to the office in the spring of 1914. Mayor Mantz is an aggressive and energetic public official, who is strongly in favor of municipal improvements, and is a constant and consistent "booster" and advocate for a greater and better Audubon. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is fraternally connected with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, having attained to the chapter in that order, and is a member of the Eastern Star lodge. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

OTTO WITTHAUER.

In nearly every community are individuals who, by innate ability and sheer force of character, rise above their fellows and win for themselves public honors and preferment, occupying conspicuous places in the public esteem. Such a one is the well-known gentleman whose name appears above, who has been prominently identified with the history of Audubon county for a number of years, during which period his life has been closely interwoven with the growth and development of the county. He has been active in business affairs, as well as having taken a prominent part in the official administration of the county government, and his career as a progressive and enterprising citizen has been synonymous with all that is honorable and upright in citizenship.

Otto Witthauer, former county auditor of Audubon county and present representative from this county in the Iowa General Assembly, was born in Woodward, Center county, Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1857, the son of Herman and Louisa (Flahl) Witthauer, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were married, emigrating to America in May, 1854. They resided in Pennsylvania until April 5, 1865, at which time they set out for the long trip to the newer and cheaper lands of western Iowa. The family located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Guthrie Center, Guthrie county, and resided thereon until 1884, in which year Herman Witthauer purchased the adjoining farm, where he spent the rest of his life, his death

occurring in 1905. Mrs. Witthauer died in 1901. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Louis, who is tilling the home farm in Guthrie county; Ida, who died in infancy; Otto, with whom this review directly treats; Hugo, who died in infancy; Bruna, who died at the age of six years; Thomas, a resident of Council Bluffs; Udo, of Wellsville, Missouri, and Edward, formerly a citizen of Olathe, Kansas, now deceased.

Otto Witthauer was reared to young manhood on the pioneer farm in Guthrie county, and after receiving what instruction was available in the local district school, he attended the county high school at Panora, Guthrie county, Iowa. He fitted himself for the profession of teaching and taught for four years in his home county, after which, in the fall of 1880, he entered the employ of Captain Stuart, an extensive grain and lumber merchant. Mr. Witthauer first began his work for Captain Stuart in the latter's lumber yards at Guthrie Center, but was soon afterward transferred to Monteith. In April, 1881, he was placed in charge of Captain Stuart's business at Exira, this county. The nature of his occupation gave him a wide acquaintance throughout the county and he made many warm and faithful friends. He became his party's candidate for county recorder in the fall of 1884, was elected to this office, and served for one term of two years. Upon the expiration of his term of office he returned to Exira and engaged in the mercantile business on his own account. He was unfortunate, for in 1887 fire destroyed his building and wiped out the stock of goods. He did not attempt again to start in business, but re-entered Captain Stuart's employ and was thus engaged until Stuart disposed of his business in the fall of 1888, at which time Mr. Witthauer embarked in the lumber business for himself, continuing that business until 1890, when he sold out and engaged in the hardware and harness business for two years, after which he was employed by the Davenport Syrup Refining Company as grain buyer at Exira. He remained in this latter position for six years, or until 1898, the firm in the meantime being incorporated with the Davenport Elevator Company. For a period of one and one-half years, following 1898 Mr. Witthauer was employed as manager for the Fullerton Lumber Company at Exira. From 1899 to 1909 his occupations were varied and he then made a trip to Montana, where he was superintendent of a saw-mill and lumber company for one year. He returned home in 1910 and in that year was elected to the office of auditor of Audubon county.

In June, 1883, Otto Witthauer was married to Hattie Bowman, of this county, to which union three children have been born, Bessie, a teacher of music in the public schools of Corwith, Iowa; Omar, at home, and Leo, who died in infancy.

Mr. Witthauer is a member of the Christian church and is a consistent supporter of that faith. He is fraternally allied with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Witthauer is a staunch Democrat in his political affiliations and stands high in the councils of his party. He was elected to the office of county auditor in the fall of 1910 and was re-elected in 1912, serving two full terms. He was a most capable official and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the people of Audubon county, not only in his capacity of commissioner but as a citizen who was held in high regard by all who knew him. Mr. Witthauer is now a representative from Audubon county in the state Legislature, having been elected in 1914, in which honorable public capacity he has made a fine reputation throughout the state.

JOHN A. NASH.

With affectionate and tender interest men and women of the present generation, who are enjoying the comforts and advantages made possible by those whose works have ended, revert to the salient points of their careers. The service of one's fellows is the keynote of honorable and efficient citizenship, and when we turn the pages of personal history and realize for the first time how far one noble man or one noble woman may influence for good the currents of life in a community, we are struck with a sense of our own personal responsibilities as citizens of this republic and as factors in the community life of whatever sphere we may dominate. It is not the man who makes the loudest pretensions of greatness who is really great, but rather the man who in a modest and humble spirit meets the obligations which opportunity puts in his pathway. These thoughts are especially suggested by the career of the late John A. Nash, who, until his death on October 28, 1913, was properly regarded as the first citizen of Audubon.

The late John A. Nash was fortunate in having been born of parents who during his youth set for him a worthy example of service. Furthermore, he was fortunate in having been provided in his youth with exceptional educational advantages, which equipped him for a large career of influence. Moreover, in Audubon county at least, he had the advantage of having come here as a young man at the very beginning of the county's settlement, the beginning of its agricultural development; the beginning of its rise to distinction among the sister counties of the great Hawkeye com-

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ROBERT A. GREENE was born at McGregor, Iowa, January 3, 1865, and died in Des Moines, December 4, 1925. When about three years old his parents removed to Cedar Rapids where Robert grew to manhood, attending public school, including high school. In 1885 he was graduated from the Civil Engineering Department of the State University of Iowa, and went from there to Douglas, Wyoming, where he was engaged in civil engineering. In 1890 he returned to Cedar Rapids but soon removed to Des Moines and entered the office of the city engineer as an assistant. In 1893 he removed to East Peru, Madison County, and engaged in mercantile business. In 1901 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1903, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. In 1905 he returned to Des Moines and with his son, Robert Greene, Jr., established and operated the Greene Specialty Company, handling merchants' supplies. He was prominent in the United Commercial Travelers Association, and also in Masonry, including the Consistory and the Shrine.

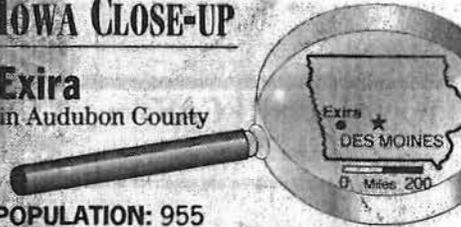
OTTO WITTHAUER was born at Woodward, Center County, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1857, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, December 12, 1925. Burial was at Exira. In 1865 he was brought by his parents on their removal to a farm near Panora, Guthrie County. He attended country school, Guthrie County High School, Panora, and from 1877 to 1880 taught country schools. In 1880 he entered the employ of Captain Charles Stuart in the grain and lumber business, first at Guthrie Center, then at Montieth, and in 1881 at Exira. In 1884 he was elected county recorder of Audubon County, serving two years, then returned to the grain and lumber business, and afterward engaged in farming. He was near Butte, Montana, in 1909 managing a lumber business, but returned to Exira, was elected county auditor in 1910 and re-elected in 1912. In 1914 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. During the World War he was a railroad inspector for the Federal government. The last few years of his life he resided in or near Des Moines. He was a Democrat in politics.

GEORGE MORTON ANDERSON was born near Perry, New York, February 13, 1861, and died at Inwood, Iowa, December 3, 1923. He was with his parents in their removal to Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1876 and to Inwood in 1879. In his early business life he was a hardware merchant and was also engaged in handling grain, coal, and lumber. For some years he was associated with his brother, B. B. Anderson, in conducting several grain elevators in northwestern Iowa and southwestern Minnesota. During his later years he was vice president and active manager of the Farmers National Bank of Inwood. He was active and useful in a public way, holding many local positions, among them mayor, and member of the school board. In 1897 he was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1899, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

IOWA CLOSE-UP

Exira

in Audubon County



POPULATION: 955

FOUNDED: 1858

HOW IT WAS NAMED: When lots of land were being sold in the town, Judge John Eckman said he would buy a lot if they named the town after his daughter.

TOP EMPLOYERS: DeLong Sportswear, Exira Care Center

CLAIMS TO FAME: Oldest town in Audubon County. Fourth of July celebration, held annually for over 125 years. Flood of 1958, which killed 19 people in the area.

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