

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Amos Williams Seth Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Ida County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Feb 1857 Whiteside County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) Mary L. Dewey Oct 1877 Morrison, Illinois  
(2) Bertha B. Babcock 17 Sept 1907 Ida Grove, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He helped organize the Ida County Farm Bureau

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; stockman

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local He held many positions of trust in Crown Township, Ida County, Iowa; Ida Grove city councilman

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

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

7. Death 3 May 1945 Ida Grove, Iowa - buried Ida Grove Cemetery, Ida Grove, Iowa

8. Children Wm. Ralph D.; William Dean; Mrs. Arthur Skolan; Mrs. Willard J. Youtz; Roscoe (predeceased his father in death); Lewis B.

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

*Republican*

- He came to Ida County in a covered wagon with his brother, Lewis, in 1862. There he purchased a tract of land in Corwin Township, Ida County, Iowa. He became a successful farmer, as well as feeding, raising and breeding livestock.
- He farmed for 36 years and then moved into Ida Grove, Iowa.
- During World War I, he was a chairman of the Ida County Red Cross.
- His first wife, Mary L., died in 1903.



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## New Minister



Rev. R. J. Rutt

## Installation Services Presbyterian Church Sunday Eve, May 13

The Sioux City Presbytery will call Rev. Raymond J. Rutt as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday, May 13 at 8 p. m.

Visiting clergymen who will assist at the service are Rev. Moore G. L., Moderator of Schaller; Rev. J. Tillman, Denison and Rev. Albert J. C. Kallow of Battle Creek.

The church choir will provide special music. An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

## State Homemaking Supervisor Visits Grove School

Mrs. Edna Kraft of Des Moines

## W. S. Finch, 88, Pioneer Citizen, Died May 3

### Came Here In Covered Wagon; Former Legislator

Funeral services for William S. Finch, who died at his home in this city last Thursday evening, May 3, were held here Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church.



W. S. Finch  
been born in Whiteside county,

Mr. Finch, pioneer resident of this vicinity had been in failing health during the last two years or more, due to the infirmities of old age. He was eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death, having

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## Released From Stalez Prison

Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson received a V-mail letter Friday from their son Robert Thompson telling that he had been released from Camp Stalez, Germany, where he had been a prisoner since February 17, 1943. The letter was dated April 18 and stated that he expected to be back home soon.

Willard Thompson another son is a patient in a hospital in Boston where he has been ill two months.

## New Mayor—

Holstein— William Weinert is the new mayor of Holstein, having received that appointment from the city council Monday evening of last week. He will finish the term of Louie Goetsch which expires in the spring of 1946. Mr. Goetsch died April 26 after having served Holstein as city mayor 13 years.

## Killed In Action—

Holstein — Ferd Sollner's of this city have now received word from the government that their son who was reported missing has been killed in action.

# Ensign Robert Hink Killed In Army Blimp Accident

## Cushing School—

Cushing—There's full day activities at the Cushing consolidated school Friday, May 11, with the schedule as follows: 10 a. m., report cards given to all grades; 10:30 a. m., Senior class day exercises and presentation of awards; 12

## Victim Was A Former Ida Grove Resident

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**RICHARDSON**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson Burlington, former Ida Grove six weeks received word from their children last week telling them that he had been liberated from the prison camp at Moosberg, Germany.

**SAXON**  
Holstein—Seaman I/c Henry Saxon, Jr. of New York was at home last week for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saxon Sr. He attended services at the Methodist church Sunday morning where he was privileged the candle which is lighted each Sunday morning in memory of those who have given their lives for their country as he still in service overseas.

**BOYSEN**  
Battle Creek—Robert Boysen, M. I/c called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boysen Saturday evening. His ship which had been on duty in the Mediterranean area had reached port that afternoon. Last August his ship participated in the invasion of Southern France.

**RUSSELL**  
Pfc. Edward L. Russell was one of the 29 infantrymen of the 28th Infantry Division in France to receive the Combat Infantryman badge. These men have displayed outstanding leadership and ability in fighting the western front against the Germans. Major General Norman D. Cota, commanding officer made the awards.

**Finch—**

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Illinois, on February 14, 1857.

**Came Here In Covered Wagon**

He was one of the real pioneers of this county, coming here from Illinois with his brother, Lewis Finch, in 1882, when this entire territory was largely a virgin prairie. He purchased a tract of fine land in Corwin township, northwest of Ida Grove, and improved this land and made it one of the most productive tracts in the county. He not only became a successful farmer, but he engaged in the raising and feeding of livestock and was one of the prominent feeders and shippers, of which there were several very large similar operators on farms in the immediate Ida Grove territory.

Mr. Finch was always active in the affairs of the community, and held many positions of trust in Corwin township. A number of years ago he was elected as a member of the lower house of the Iowa legislature, and served Ida county in that capacity for two terms. He never failed to render the most faithful service to the public in whatever position he was placed and few men who have served the community leave a better record for more honest service. He had been an active member of the Methodist church here for nearly fifty years, and was also a loyal member of the Masonic lodge.

He was a prime mover in the organization of the Ida county

farm bureau, and was among its first presidents. He occupied his farm for thirty-six years, and then became a resident of Ida Grove, where he continued to be active in the community affairs and was a loyal supporter of any worthy enterprise for his home town and county. He served as a member of the city council, and during World War I he was chairman of the Ida county Red Cross and developed a fine organization which put Ida county over the top in any call which the Red Cross made. During the last active years of his life he was chairman of the CWA, and had charge of the distribution of federal commodities for Ida county. The history of his life, long in years, is replete with a record of duty faithfully performed under all circumstances, the story of any honorable, consistent christian life.

Rev. T. B. Collins conducted the funeral service. Mrs. E. A. Swanke sang "Face to Face" and "Shadows", accompanied by Mrs. C. K. Lahman. Interment was in the Ida Grove cemetery under the direction of Moore & Christensen. Pall bearers were L. W. Kuhl, John Siple, Harry Haines, R. J. Leth, W. H. O'Brien and John T. Sherk. Members of Mizpah Commandery, Knights Templar attended in a body.

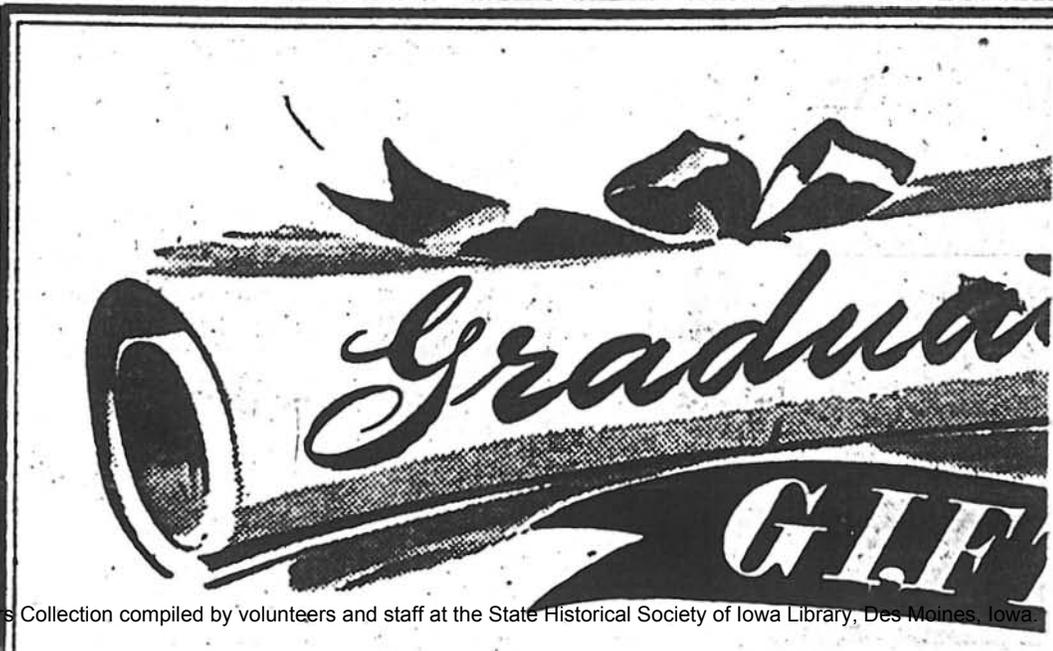
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**OBITUARY**

Robert J. Hink

Robert J. Hink, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hink, was born in Ida Grove, March 10, 1924. Most of his life was spent here where he grew to young manhood, graduating from high school with the class of 1942. Following his graduation he enrolled at Iowa State college, Ames where he began a course in aeronautical engineering. He enlisted in the services of his country on Navy Day October 27, 1942. He received his basic training at Cornell college, Mt. Vernon. His re-flight training was received at St. Mary's college, California, where he was placed on the honor



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to Miss Bertha B. Babcock, in Ida Grove, and two children were born to them. He leaves to survive him, his wife, Mrs. W. S. Finch; three sons, Fred, of Madison, S. D.; Ralph, D., Ida Grove; William Dean, Yankton, S. D.; and two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Skolas, of Holstein, Ia.; and Mrs. Millard F. Youtz, Ida Grove. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Wogens, of Clinton, Ia., and Mrs. Retta Howard, Chicago. There are also fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Two sons, Roscoe and Lewis B., preceded him in death.

Relatives from a distance attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Finch, Madison, S. D.; Dean Finch, Yankton, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan White, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mary Catherine and Willard Finch, Red Wing, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller, Omaha; Floyd James and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wormley, Kingsley; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Purcell, Hampton and Miss Persis A. Babcock, Ames.

**THE WEATHER**

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