

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gray Ross Calhoun Senator _____

Represented Calhoun County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Nov 1892 Rockwell City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jennie D. Geist 28 June 1916 Rockwell City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business I received my 50 year certificate for the practice of law by the Iowa State Bar Association in 1957; member of the Iowa State Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Member of Rockwell City Library Board

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 36th, 37th General Assemblies 1915, 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clerk of the District Court of Calhoun County, Iowa; Rockwell City city attorney; past president of Rockwell City School Board

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 4 June 1958 Post Dodge, Iowa buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Rockwell City, Iowa

8. Children Dale E.; Jack Ross; Ward Williams; Lynn Calhoun;

Jean Elizabeth (Mrs. Thomas Hall)

9. Names of parents William E. and Elizabeth Jane (Calhoun) Gray

10. Education Educated in the public schools of Rockwell City, Iowa

11. Degrees L.L.B. - Degree from University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
in 1904

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After graduating from law school, he joined his father's law practice in Rockwell City. There he practiced law the rest of his life except for when he was a clerk of the district court and when he was a legislator.
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well City library.

The meeting specifically will plan for the arrival of the mobile blood unit of the Red Cross early in July, provided Calhoun county is eligible to enter the program July 1.

Contributions to the Red Cross not all in and those having such funds are asked to turn them in at once in order that there will be no further delay in getting the blood bank in operation.

Margaret Mackenchnie, a representative of the Red Cross Blood Center in Omaha, Neb., will attend the meeting and answer any questions anyone may have, according to Mrs. Roy Ridge, publicity chairman.

Rites At Sac City For Former Lytton Resident

Lytton—Funeral for Ivan Poe, 62, of California, was at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Farber and Otteman Funeral Home, Sac City.

The body will be taken to California for burial beside his wife, who died about 2 years ago.

Mr. Poe died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in Loring Hospital, Sac City, where he had been a patient for several months.

The Poes were long time residents of Lytton but more recently of California, where they moved several years ago in the interest of Mrs. Poe's health.

Immediate survivors are two daughters, Betty, Mrs. Gerald Krefl, Lytton; Julie, in California; a son, Donavon, Texas; five grandchildren, his father, Albert Poe, Chicago; and his sister, Mrs. Faye Ringgenberg, Des Moines.

MRS. JONATHAN McCHESNEY RECOVERING FROM BURNS

Mrs. Jonathan McChesney is recovering from serious burns she received Saturday evening when a pressure cooker exploded as she was preparing a meal at the Edward Walde home. She was caring for the Walde children while their parents were away on a fishing trip.

May A Beautiful Month With Much Sunshine And Sub-Normal Rainfall

"May was a beautiful month, with a superabundance of sunshine, few cloudy days and with temperature above normal," said F. C. Bettelspacher in his monthly weather report to The Advocate.

Until May 31, only .82 inch of rain was reported, leaving a deficiency for the month of 3.32 inches. However, a wonderful rain last Saturday produced .90 inch of precipitation, lowering the month's deficiency to 2.42

rainbearers were Roger Burk, Henry Gross, George Huff Sr., Theodore Zierke, Otto E. Franck and Gordon Conrad. Burial was in Rosehill Cemetery here.

Inger Maria Thomas was born Feb. 16, 1877 at Spillville, Iowa, the daughter of Aslak and Inger Haatvedt. She was baptized in infancy in the Lincoln Township Lutheran Church near Ridgeway and was confirmed in later childhood in this same church.

In 1910, she married Roy Thomas at Rockwell City. They lived their entire married life here except for 1 year in Spencer. This union was blessed with two children, Iona and Lynn.

Mrs. Thomas suffered a stroke about 2½ years ago and never regained normal health.

She is survived by her husband, Roy, and her son, Lynn, both of Rockwell City; five brothers, Rev. L. A. Haatvedt of Michigan, N. D., O. A. Haatvedt of Vista, Calif., Dr. Henry Haatvedt of Weehawken, N. J., Gilbert Haatvedt of Spillville and Alex Haatvedt of Decorah; and one sister, Mrs. Nellie Magnus of Petersburg, N. D.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Iona, three sisters and one brother.

Tickets On Sale For The Annual Jaycee Banquet

Tickets are now available to the public for the annual awards banquet of the Rockwell City Jaycees, at which Herb Plambeck of station WHO, Des Moines, will give an illustrated talk on his trip to Russia.

The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Methodist Church, and Plambeck will speak at approximately 8 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased for the entire evening, or for Plambeck's speech alone.

Ross C. Gray Died Wednesday



Ross C. Gray, 75, prominent Rockwell City attorney since 1904, died at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Dodge, where he had been a patient 9 days for treatment of a heart condition with which he had been afflicted for several years.

Funeral arrangements still were pending as The Advocate went to press, but services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church here. Rev. James H. Ford, pastor of the church, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Arthur Mortenson of Ft. Dodge, a former pastor here.

Burial, in charge of the Morton Funeral Home, will be in Rosehill Cemetery.

Mr. Gray was born Nov. 19, 1882 in Rockwell City. After graduating from the college of law at State University of Iowa, in 1904, he immediately went into partnership in the practice of law with his father, the late William E. Gray.

Later, the Gray and Gray partnership consisted of Ross C. Gray and his brother, Glenn. In recent years the firm consisted of Ross C. Gray and sons, Dale and Jack Gray.

Long active in community affairs, Mr. Gray served for a time as Calhoun county representative to the Iowa General Assembly, once was clerk of the district court here and served on the board of education.

Besides his wife and sons, Dale and Jack, Mr. Gray is survived by one daughter, Jean, at home, and two other sons, Lynn of Gardena, Calif. and Ward of Torrance, Calif.

Mrs. Gray still is a patient at Lutheran Hospital, but expects to be released in time to attend her husband's funeral Saturday.

maximum of 5 weeks, bond added. Due to increased activity in the city park the crafts program will be carried on at the playground at the east school building.

Classes will begin at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will be for all those who will be in first grade or above in school. Dottie Hobart will assist in the craft program.

Expect 22 Cars To Race Here Sunday, June 8

Twenty-two cars, whose drivers will attempt to qualify for a 50-lap event scheduled on July 4, are expected here Sunday for the weekly stock car races on the Calhoun County Exposition track.

Time trials will be at 1:30 p.m. and races start at 2 p.m.

In addition to the 50-lap event on July 4, some motorcycle events are being planned.

Fastest time turned in at the races last Sunday was 32.48 seconds for a one-trip tour of the track by Norm Wiemers. The track record is 31.07 seconds, held by Ralph Carmean.

Winners in last Sunday's stock car events were:

TROPHY DASH — 1st, Bob Allen; 2nd, Dave Nichols; 3rd, Norm Wiemers.

FIRST HEAT — 1st, Arnold Hudson; 2nd, Bob Allen; 3rd, Dave Nichols.

SECOND HEAT — 1st, Chuck Hubbard; 2nd, Bill Williams; 3rd, John Roby.

HANDICAP — 1st, Chuck Hubbard; 2nd, Bob Allen; 3rd, Arnold Hudson.

CONSOLATION — 1st, John Maple; 2nd, Wayne Deakman; 3rd, Paul Welander.

MAIN EVENT — 1st, John Maple; 2nd, Arnold Hudson; 3rd, Chuck Hubbard.

Band Program To Start Friday

The summer band program will get under way here this weekend, according to Kenneth R. Gleason, instrumental music instructor at the Rockwell City Public School.

Lessons will be given on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, the beginning band will rehearse at 2:30 p.m. Friday, and the senior band at 7:30 p.m. Friday, he added.

The Markets

No. 2 yellow corn	1.08
Oats	.58
Soybeans	2.07
Hogs No. 2	22.00

Catholic Women From 24 Parishes To Attend Meeting Here June 10

Mr. Bettelspacher also pointed out that May was the fifth

as a mechanic until 1917, when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, serving for about 2 years, one of which was with the A.E.F. in France.

Following his discharge, he was employed in the light plant at Lake City and was transferred to Rockwell City on Jan. 1, 1920, where he continued as an electrician.

He was employed for 38 years by the company now known as Iowa Public Service Co., serving as district supervisor for 12 years. He retired last March 1.

On June 10, 1922, he married Florence Parker of Lake City and they made their home in Rockwell City since that time. Mr. Boicourt united with the Church of Christ in Minden, Neb. in early manhood, later transferring his membership to Lake City and Rockwell City, where he served in various official capacities.

He also was a member of Twin Lakes Post No. 105 of the American Legion, Zerah Rebekah, I.O.O.F. and Masonic Lodges and also was a Royal Arch Mason.

Besides his wife, Mr. Boicourt is survived by three brothers, Ed H. Boicourt of Mesa, Ariz., Frank of Milwaukee, Wis. and John of Sacramento, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Cora Burchell of Santa Ana, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Hunt of Minden, Neb. and Mrs. Mary Valentine of Santa Monica, Calif.

The Weather

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June 4	91	63	1.50
June 5	85	54	
June 6	77	53	
June 7	85	59	.09
June 8	82	60	
June 9	78	59	.95
June 10	81	61	

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new was reported by the hospital in only fair condition Wednesday noon.

Funeral For Ross Gray Held Here On Saturday

Funeral for Ross Calhoun Gray, 75, prominent attorney and lifelong resident of Rockwell City, who died from a heart ailment on June 4 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Dodge, was at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian church here.

Rev. James H. Ford, pastor of the church, officiated and Rev. Arthur Mortenson of Ft. Dodge, a former pastor, delivered the sermon. Vocalists, Mrs. Chris Jespersen and Mildred Mattison, were accompanied by Mrs. P. W. Van Metre, organist.

Honorary pallbearers were N. E. Takes, J. F. Hutchison, S. E. Stanfield, H. W. Fonda, M. E. Dawson, O. E. Franck, L. J. Voss and M. J. Harrington. Flowers were arranged by Mrs. M. E. Dawson, Mrs. N. E. Takes, Mrs. H. W. Fonda and Mrs. Jay Lory.

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the Stotts Grain & Feed Co., cated across the street from Illinois Central depot here.

The Stotts firm recently bought out Hammen's Hatchery. has entered the retail business feed, chicks, farm seeds, chemicals and other items. new warehouse has been erected and considerable remodeling has been done to accommodate the new retail department.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served throughout the day several prizes will be awarded to farmers and townspeople.

County Enrolled In Blood Bank

Calhoun county has met requirements and now is member of the Blood Bank program of the American Red Cross, according to Emil Blount, county chairman.

Members of the Calhoun county chapter of the Red Cross now are in the process of organizing various localities in county for the future visits the Red Cross Bloodmobile which will collect blood donors.

First visit of the Bloodmobile in this county will be July 1 at Lake City, according to Jack Gray, vice chairman.

Heavy Rains Bring

Mrs. W. Martini

Huge Strawberry

Recent heavy rainfall in area has put Mrs. W. W. Martini in the strawberry business in big way.

She called The Advocate Tuesday morning to report she had just picked one bush which measured 5 inches around one way, and 5½ inches on opposite circumference.

Marriage Licenses

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June 3—Alfred Dale Hammen, Pomeroy, and

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AWAII—through his tireless efforts during his 3 years in the Pacific, he has been largely responsible for the success of the United States Air Force's supply program in the Pacific theater.

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- June 4—Donald D. LeRockwell City, and Virginia Anne Hanlon, Lohrville.
- June 5—Galen Grote, S Lake, and Carole J. Weidner, Pomeroy.
- June 6—Daniel David McLeley, Lake City, and Sharon Batz, Yetter; Russell L. Ionia and Belva Lou Castle, both Somers.
- June 9—Bernard Lechten Ionia, and Anna Tasler, Ionia, Hamville; Herbert E. born Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Mary Alpers, Jolley; Robert E. Carl Rolfe, and Sharon Gilliland Lytton.

J.P. Court
 Henry J. Els, Pomeroy,

Storm Damages Trees

Storm damaged trees in various localities.



Blanche and Chauncey Gray

While living in Somers, Chauncey did carpenter work with Earl Histsman and Tommy Moore; the trio, with others, built several houses and many farm buildings. Blanche was a kind, loving person who was always helping others; through the years she worked on her hobby of making many beautiful quilts for her family and friends.

Both were active in the Congregational Church in Somers until it disbanded. They transferred their membership to the Somers Methodist Church on the same day that their granddaughter Marjorie Gray joined that Church.

They were also very active in the Rebekah and the Odd Fellow Lodges.

The Grays had six children and nine grandchildren. The children were: Ralph, Mabel (Murphy), June (Williams), Maude, Don, and Doris.

THE DALE GRAY FAMILY

Twin Lakes

Dale Everett Gray, the oldest son of Ross C. and Jennie I. Gray, was born on July 4, 1918. Dale graduated from the Rockwell City High School in 1936; attended the University of Iowa, graduation in 1940 with a B.A. Degree and in 1942 with a J.D. Degree. From August 1942 to December 31, 1945 Dale served in the United States Army and spent all of his time in the United States. In 1946 Dale began the practice of law in Rockwell City with his father, R.C. Gray, and his uncle, G.L. Gray.

On June 28, 1948 Dale married Lilybell Bucker of Elmo, Missouri. Lilybell was, at the time of her marriage, a vocal music teacher in the Rockwell City Schools and continued her employment until May of 1951. Three children were born to Dale E. and Lilybell Gray, Vicki born December 12, 1951, Julie born August 3, 1954 and Randy born February 16, 1957.

Vicki is married to Kenard Carstens and is presently teaching in the Harlan School at Harlan, Iowa. They have two children, Coby Joe born January 16, 1980 and Kara Lee born June 2, 1981.

Julie is married to Kirk Loomer and is presently employed at the University Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa. They have one child, Kristopher Kirk born October 13, 1981.

Randy is a student and attends the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin.

DON GRAY FAMILY

Cedar

Don Gray was born in Boone County in 1892 and came with his family to Calhoun County in 1896. The family lived on a farm near Somers and later moved to Somers. Lela (Mather) Gray was born and raised near Somers; she attended high school in Rockwell City, Tobin College in Fort Dodge and taught school before her marriage.

The couple were married in 1911, and started married life in Rockwell City where Don had a wood-working shop. They later moved to the home farm north of Somers and lived there until 1929 when they moved to Arizona for two years, returning to Iowa to settle in Spirit Lake. Several years after Lela's death Don again returned to the Gray farm and lived there until his death.

The couple had two children.

Marjorie, who was born in Rockwell City, started to school in Somers and graduated from the Yuma,

Arizona High School. In 1936, she was married to Lloyd (Buster) Newell who died in 1951. Later, she was married to Everett Mrzena who died in 1960. She was Postmaster in Somers for many years.

Harry C. Gray was born on the farm near Somers. He attended schools in Somers, Yuma, and Spirit Lake from which he graduated. He married Marie Tokle in 1939. They farmed on the Somers farm and on farms in Dickinson and Clay Counties. The couple have three children — Lela, Kathleen, and Timothy. *By Marge Mrzena*



Don and Lela Gray

GLENN GRAY

Twin Lakes

Glenn Gray, fourth son of W.E. and Elizabeth Jane Gray, was born in Rockwell City, September 28, 1895. He graduated from High School in 1915, and attended Drake before enlisting in the Military (1918), discharged in 1919. Although struck by polio, he insisted on returning to Drake. He married Gladys G. Vance in Laurens, Iowa, September 14, 1919. He graduated from Drake Law School in 1920, granted General Honors, with the highest grades in his class for the last two years. He came home to associate with his father and brother Ross.

After their father died, Ross and Glenn formed a partnership that lasted thirty years. He served as County Attorney, and was elected Mayor, but resigned when elected American Legion District Commander. Later he was state Vice-Commander.

He tried to enlist in World War II, but was told to go home and take some of the thankless jobs on the Home Front. He became Appeal Agent for Selective Service, and assisted with rationing, etc. President Truman cited him for his service, and awarded him a medal for a job well done.

When Robert Larson became Attorney General, Glenn was urged to come to Des Moines, but he declined. His health started to break, so they went to Florida. Upon returning, he and Ross dissolved partnership, and he and his wife bought a place in Canada. As he improved, men from the Attorney General's Office contacted him again. He wanted to try it, and was assigned all the Criminal Cases in Iowa's ninety-nine counties (they sent him to Washington in re-aeronautics also). His health could not stand the stress, so he returned to Canada. He came home in 1964, and died in February, 1967.

He was very proud of their two sons, Robert Vance and William Lee. Bob attended Kemper at Booneville, Missouri. His last year there he was the ranking cadet, "Colonel of Cadets." During the war, Bob served in Iceland, England, France, and finally in Germany with Patton in the 2nd battalion, Third Army.

After graduation from Drake, he worked in Des Moines and elsewhere until the army sent him to Culver Military School. In 1951 he married Pauline Mae Knappenberger. He left the Army and joined General Motors. He has been in the Detroit Office for more than twenty-five years. They have one son.

William Lee was born in Rockwell City in 1924, and also attended Kemper. He enlisted at age seventeen as an Air Corps Cadet. He thought he was going overseas with the 44th Bombers, but his service was all in the States. He was graduated from Drake and worked for Bankers Life for ten years. He married Wilma Martz, a Rockwell City girl, and they adopted two children. Bill made many moves in big companies that had Group Insurance in Cincinnati, Louisville, Lexington, Indianapolis, and Springfield, Missouri. He decided to give up Insurance, and bought a Hardware Store in Ash Grove, Missouri. Bill was always interested in athletics (three sports) and was on the basketball team that won the Conference at Kemper. *Submitted by Gladys Gray*

JACK R. GRAY FAMILY

Twin Lakes

Jack Ross Gray, the youngest son of Ross and Jennie Gray, was born on August 9, 1927. He graduated from Rockwell City High School in 1945 and the College of Law at the University of Iowa in 1952. He began the practice of law with his father, uncle and brother in Rockwell City in 1952.

In September of 1952 Jack married the former Audrey Anne Langland of Story City, Iowa. Audrey graduated from the University of Iowa in 1950 and taught elementary school in California for two years. Following their marriage Audrey taught sixth grade in Rockwell City prior to the birth of their three children, John, Anne and Todd. After the children were older she returned to teaching.

John Gray was born January 3, 1955 and graduated from the College of Law at the University of Iowa in 1981. Following graduation John served as a judicial clerk with the Honorable Donald P. Lay, Chief Justice of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Anne Gray was born August 8, 1956. She attended the University of Iowa and graduated in 1978. She taught remedial reading for one year at Guthrie Center, Iowa, and three years at Perry, Iowa.

Todd Gray, born February 25, 1961, graduated from Rockwell City High School in 1980. He now attends Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. *Submitted by Gladys Gray*

THE LYNN GRAY FAMILY

Twin Lakes

Lynn Calhoun Gray, the third son of Ross C. and Jennie I. Gray, was born on August 20, 1922.

Lynn graduated from Rockwell City High School in 1940; attended the University of Iowa, graduating in 1947 with a BA degree and in 1949 with a JD degree. In 1942 Lynn entered the service and was a naval pilot with the U.S. Navy.

After graduation from the University of Iowa Lynn served with the F.B.I. on the east coast for one year and then moved to California and worked for North-American Aircraft.

On June 1, 1945, Lynn married Eileen Eisenhart of Des Moines, Iowa. Lynn and Eileen adopted two children, Brian Eugene Gray and Sheila L. Gray. Brian is now practicing law in San Francisco, California, and Sheila is attending school in California.

Eileen obtained a divorce from Lynn and Lynn was married to Elly A. Andersen in 1965.

Lynn passed away May 4, 1976, at Iowa City, Iowa.

While Lynn was in college, he was captain of the Iowa Wrestling Team in 1948 and was runner-up in the 175 lb. division in the Big-10 Tournament.

Lynn was an avid tennis player and fan and was a prime mover in the establishment of the Rockwell City tennis courts which have now been dedicated in his memory.

ROSS CALHOUN GRAY

Twin Lake

Ross Calhoun Gray, the third son of William Everett and Elizabeth Jane Calhoun Gray, was born in Rockwell City in 1882. After graduating from the College of Law at the State University of Iowa in

1904, he immediately entered into the practice of law with his father. Ross practiced law for fifty-four years with the firm of Gray & Gray. Ross was the clerk of the Calhoun County District Court from 1909-1915 and served as the representative from Calhoun County to the Iowa House of Representatives from 1915-1919. In 1948, with four sons as Iowa Hawkeyes, he was named the first "Father of the Year" at the University of Iowa.

Ross married Jennie Geist on June 28, 1916, in a double ceremony with her sister, Ethel, at the William Geist home in Rockwell City. Jennie was born in 1892, the fifth child of William S. and Eleanor Ferguson Geist. She attended the Rockwell City public schools, graduating in 1910, and Iowa State Teachers College. She taught in a rural school in Twin Lakes Township, Calhoun County, and was employed by the County Recorder at the time of her marriage.

Ross and Jennie had five children: Dale, Ward, Lynn, Jack and Jean Elizabeth. Dale, born in 1918, graduated from the College of Law at the University of Iowa in 1942. After wartime service, Dale joined the Gray & Gray law firm. In 1948 he married Lilybell Bucher who was then the music teacher at Rockwell City. Dale and Lilybell have three children, Vicki, who graduated from the University of Iowa and married Kennard Carstens in 1978, now lives with her husband and two children in Harlan, Iowa; Julie, who married Kirk Loomer in 1979, is employed at the University of Iowa Hospitals, and Randy, who is presently attending the University of Wisconsin and lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

Ward William Gray, born in 1921, attended the University of Iowa. He resides at Torrance, California, and before his retirement in April, 1981, was employed by North American Rockwell Company in the aerospace industry. Ward has two girls and a boy, Mavis, Gail and Scott, all of whom reside in California.

Lynn Calhoun Gray was born in 1922, graduated from the College of Law at the State University of Iowa in 1949. At the University, Lynn was a member-up in the Big Ten wrestling meet and after graduation from law school in 1949, he joined the F.B.I. Lynn and his first wife, Eilean, had two children, Brian and Sheila, and subsequently Lynn married Elly, his second wife. They had no children. In 1972, Lynn and Elly returned to Rockwell City and Lynn joined Gray & Gray law firm. Lynn was very active in tennis before his death in 1976 and the local tennis courts near the old high school are named for him.

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Jean Elizabeth Gray Hull, born in 1934, received her masters degree from the University of Arkansas. In 1965 she married Thomas Hull and they and their two children, Thomas Clinton and Jennifer, live in St. Charles, Illinois. *Submitted by John C. Gray*

WILLIAM E. GRAY

Twin Lake

William Everett Gray, son of Thomas and Frances Watts Smith Gray, was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, on September 1, 1851. The family had emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio and in 1856 travelled to Mahaska County, Iowa, and in 1858, to Page County.

Mr. Gray studied law with Morledge and Pherrin in Clarinda after which he taught school for two years. He then became a law partner of W.S. Lewis in Malvern.

In 1875 he married Elizabeth Jane Calhoun (1855-1938), daughter of David and Mary Calhoun. The Calhouns came by covered wagon to Page County from Ohio in 1857. The children of Elizabeth and William were: Byron Ora, 1876-1904;

Jesse Everett, 1880-1911; Ross Calhoun, 1882-1958; David Thomas, 1885 (died same year); Grace May, 1886-1898; Infant: Glenn Lee, 1895-1967; Lulu Belle (Mrs. Roy Morton), 1897 —; Infant.

W.E. visited Rockwell City to determine whether to move there. "After buying property and before I could get located, J.F. Lavender, J.C. Kerr, M.W. Frick, Frank Rice and B. Mattison had all located in the law business. There was no law to practice as no one violated any. Everyone done (sic) as he agreed. There was no strife or disputes in this part of the County so Rice, Mattison and Lavender taught school, Frick loaned money, and I worked at carpentering or painting. We all enjoyed life and made the best of what we had."

The family experienced the typical sorrows of pioneer families through the deaths of Ora, Jesse, Grace, and three infants.

Ora, 27, was educated in the local schools. With the exception of two years when he and his brother Jesse were engaged in the restaurant business on the south side of the square, he assisted in his father's law office. In 1899 he enrolled in the Drake University law school, but became ill and returned home where he remained most of the time until his death.

Jesse, 30, died in Fort Worth, Texas, shortly before his parents could reach his bedside. He and his wife (Belle Oldfield Gray) had gone there while he recuperated from pneumonia. Jesse operated a harness making and saddery business on the site of the present Gray & Gray firm. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Mystic Workers.

Grace was a well-loved child in the community who participated in Sunday School and other church activities. She died from peritonitis after a four-day illness shortly before her twelfth birthday.

W.E. also operated a grocery store and bakery in the early 1900's. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Mystic Workers of the World.

Mrs. Gray attended the Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Pioneer Club, a charter member of the Legion Auxiliary of Twin Lakes, and a Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah Lodge. *Margaret Morton*

THE DONALD GREEN FAMILY

Elm Grove

Don and I were both born in Calhoun County. Don was born in Lanesboro in a farm house where his parents, Walter and Iva Green lived. Later Don lived with his family on the farm now known as the Ed Gregory farm in Elm Grove Township. After that, he lived on the same farm we live on now — the Cory Zybelle farm.

I was born at home at the Rocholtz farm where Ed and Alda Blair, my parents, lived; renting the farm, which is located two miles east and one and three-fourths miles north of Lake City. Later my Dad bought the farm known as the "Old Madsen Farm" two miles east and one fourth mile north of Lake City.

I was named after both of my grandmothers — Mata Hearrell (my Mom's Mom), and Nancy Ellen Blair (my Dad's Mom); making me struggle through many years with the spelling of 'Mata Ellen' and the pronunciation of it. After I was married and spent some time in California, I dropped the middle name which made all problems with my name go away.

Don and I fell in love when I was almost sweet sixteen and he was about three years older. We spent several years courting; he went to World War II — was in the Navy. We decided to tie the knot after he had been out-to-sea for a long time and was stationed in San Francisco. Thanks to a very kind man, Ben Johnson, I was able to get out of my country school teaching contract and be married in 1944 — getting to spend some time in California until Don was discharged from the service of his country.

We have been farming since that time — 35 years where we are located now, on the farm we rented from Cory Zybelle and later bought; one mile north of Lake City.

Our children are Jerry Green married to Linda Lee, two children Julie and Mike, living at Jolley on the Walter Green farm; John married to Paula Hennings, living on the same farm as we are.



Donald L. Green Family: Don, Mata, Jerry, John and Judy — 1967.

married to Denny Newland — three boys — Benjamin, Nicholas and Issac — living in Richland, Washington.

We had many wonderful times together as a family. We all belonged to the Woodlawn Christian Church (Disciples) and took an active part there.

We enjoyed belonging to the Top Rail Saddle Club for several years, Go-Karting and racing, stock-car racing, boat racing, swimming, 4-H'ing, traveling — with or without a trailer house.

Our children graduated from Lake City High School; both Jerry and John served in the armed forces.

We thank our parents for raising us in a rural area and are thankful that we raised our children here in the wonderful farmland of Calhoun County. *Submitted by Mata Green*

GLADYS GREEN FAMILY

Lincoln Twp

Joseph Bittle and Carrie Ball were married on January 22, 1902. They lived on the 'Engel' farm four miles east of Rockwell City, Iowa. I was born there July 6, 1903 and was named Gladys Muriel.

Bad storms came in the summer and blizzards in the winter. The first Christmas I remember was at the age of four. Mother, Dad, Laurel and I rode to the Methodist Church in Rockwell City to attend the program. Our two seated carriage had a top but no side curtains and was drawn by a team of horses. We sat in the balcony at church and at the close of the program Santa threw treats up to us. I don't believe the stars have ever shone brighter than they did that night going home in the crisp, cold air.

I started to a rural school five miles east of Rockwell City. We moved to a farm near Slifer, then to a farm five miles from Rockwell City where I finished the eighth grade and started high school. I drove a horse and buggy to high school leaving the horse at the livery stable through the day. I graduated from high school in 1920, then took a post-graduate course, and began teaching in 1921.

David Green and I were married on January 22, 1925. The Depression of 1930 struck us hard. Prices were low and we burned nine cent bu. corn for fuel at times.

The winters of 1936 and 1937 are remembered as very bad. David died on July 25, 1952.

We had three daughters, Marlys Muriel, Elaine Ellen and Janet Rae. They graduated from Manson High School.

(1) Marlys, who is now a teacher at Creston, was married to Paul Stearns. They had nine children.

Ben is married to Lucille West, their children are Matthew and Jinnifer. They live in Rose Hill, Kansas.

Mary is married to Jerry Bussey. They live in Waterloo.

Beverly and Dennis O'Donnell and son Gary James live near Rolfe.

Sgt. Sharon is in the Air Force.

Sandra is in Cedar Falls.

Christine is married to Robert Berquist, they have a daughter Angela Marie and live in Goldfield.

James and Sally are at home in Goldfield. Sally is