

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Newton, Ed. L. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Cass County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1-7 Nov 1869 Hyant, Bureau County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Roma Houch 19 Mar 1891 Anita, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Clerked at the Presidents Savings Bank 1919-1921

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Iowa Pioneer  
Lawnward

C. Profession Farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Saint Josephs Assn 17 years; school board member 12 years;  
Anita pastor 1916-1914

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

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

7. Death 18 Nov 1955 Atlantic, Iowa; buried Engstroms Cemetery, Anita, Iowa

8. Children James M. (Mrs. Palmer); Glen R.; Robert E.; Emmett M.;  
Living (passed his father in death)

9. Names of parents Sylvester and Eliza (Stratton) Newton

Newton, Ed L.

10. Education

Educated in schools of Hyant, Illinois  
graduating in 1888

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He moved to the Anita, Iowa area at age 13 to help his brother  
head cattle and attended school in winter in Hyant,  
Illinois
- After graduation, he returned to Anita, Iowa and taught school 18 years.
- After marriage he and his wife lived on a farm near Massena,  
Iowa until he was named superintendent of the Massena Schools  
where he served 2 1/2 years
- After returning to Anita he again taught school and in 1897 he  
purchased a farm northeast of Anita.
- In 1919 they moved into Anita where he worked in a bank until 1921
- His second cousin was Charles Sherwood Stratton, known as General  
Tom Thumb.



# Local News Briefs

**Justice Court.** — Paying fines in justice of the peace court were Junior Lee Witt, Overland Park, Kan., \$10 and costs, speeding and George R. Hoadley, Stuart, \$14 and costs, overload.

**Awarded Judgment.**—Glenn Merritt of Cumberland has been awarded judgment of \$919.25 from Donald D. Penton of Cumberland in district court here. Merritt had asked the amount for damages to his 1949 Oldsmobile in a collision with a car driven by Penton southeast of Cumberland Sept. 18, 1953.

**Visited Daughter.** — Mrs. John Henderson, 505 Maple street, returned today from Vinton, where she spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Thompson and family. Another daughter, Martha Henderson of St. Louis, will arrive here tonight to spend the weekend with her parents.

**New Business.** — Earl Brindley and Everett Breach announce today the opening Monday of the new Brindley Body Shop, located in the Hayes Sales and Service building on East Seventh street. Both Brindley and Breach have associated for the past several years with the B & H Motors body shop here.

**Visiting Here.** — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson arrived yesterday from San Diego, Calif., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Anderson, 1004 Maple, before continuing to their home at West Columbia, S. C., where he is employed with the telephone company. Mr. Thompson was discharged from the navy Monday.

**Receives Citation.** — Lt. Patrick Cross of Atlantic, stationed with the 26th engineering battalion at Camp Losey, Puerto Rico, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the commendation ribbon for outstanding performance of duty on a jungle march through Panama. The Nov. 25 issue of Collier's magazine mentions Lt. Cross in an article regarding the march through the jungle country.

**Chicken Dinner.** — Sixteen Atlantic firemen were guests of the Pottawattamie County Firemen's association at a chicken dinner at Walnut last evening. Fifty-one chickens were consumed by the 104 firemen attending the feed. Attending from Atlantic were Chief Gall C. Don Albert, Milt Blohn, Bill Ach, Byron Jones, Dale Jensen, Louie Poch, Alva Graham, Bill Gaylord, Brady McClelland, Darrell Cook, Pat Crawford, Donald Matthews, Bob Voggesser, Fred Ram...

**Peace Officers Meet.** — Thirty law enforcement officers representing six towns in the county...

look calls for little change in temperatures Sunday. The mercury stood at 27 degrees at the local weather station this noon. Last night's low was 16, and the high Thursday was 24.

## Ed Newton, 88, Prominent Anita Resident Dies

**ANITA**—Ed L. Newton, 88, prominent Anita resident, died at 5:30 this morning at the Atlantic Memorial hospital, where he had been a patient the past two weeks.

He was born Nov. 17, 1869, in Wyand, Ill., the son of Sylvester and Eliza Stratton Newton, and came to this area at the age of 13, helping herd cattle for his older brother. For several years Mr. Newton herded cattle on the prairie lands near Massena and attended school during the winter at Wyand, where he graduated from high school in 1888. He then came to Anita where he taught in rural schools for two years prior to his marriage on March 19, 1891, to Roma Houch. They made their home on a farm near Massena until Mr. Newton was named superintendent of the Massena school where he served two and a half years. After returning to Anita, he again taught school and in 1897 purchased a farm northeast of Anita.

An active Republican, Mr. Newton served as Grant township assessor for 17 years, school board member for 12 years, Anita postmaster at various times, and state representative for the 1937-38 general assembly. His postmaster terms were served under the administrations of Taft, Coolidge, Wilson, Hoover and F. D. Roosevelt (four months). In 1919 the Newtons moved into their present home in Anita and he clerked in the Presidents Savings Bank until it closed in 1921. An illustrious second cousin of his was Charles Sherwood Stratton, known as Gen. Tom Thumb.

Mr. Newton was a member of the Anita Methodist church and belonged to the Anita Masonic lodge for 65 years and the O. E. S. for 39 years. Recently, he had shared his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salmon.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Salmon, Glen Newton of Nevada, Ia., Hobart Newton of Stuart and Emmett Newton, serving with the Air Force, and a number of grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at the Anita Methodist church with burial in Evergreen cemetery.

## WALTER STEVENS IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF IOWA APME

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — Walter Stevens of the Fort Dodge Messenger is the new chairman of the Iowa Associated Press Managing Editors Assn.

Stevens was elected at a meeting of the Iowa group here Thursday night. The annual fall meeting being held this year in connection with the National APME convention here.

William Monaghan, managing editor of the Perry Daily Chief, was re-elected vice chairman and C. G. Douglass, Des Moines AP bureau chief, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Everett Streit, managing editor of the Clinton Daily Herald, proposed that the group underwrite a scholarship for a deserving journalism student at the State University of Iowa. The idea was to be discussed further.

AP General Manager Frank J. Starzel spoke to the Iowans. Other guests included AP Executive Editor Alan J. Gould, Asst. General Manager Harry Montgomery, Gen-

eral News Editor Paul R. Mickelson and Washington Bureau Chief William Beale.

### ELECT MINISTER

**MCPHERSON, Kan.** — The Rev. Meredith Rogers of Dallas Center, Iowa, has been elected to the executive committee of the western regional conference of the Church of the Brethren.

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If your Thanksgiving plans call for use of your car, we suggest you bring it here early for servicing, to assure your driving satisfaction. We will observe holiday hours next week.

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Outline of Personal History of

Ed L. Newton

RESIDENCE

Anita Cass Co. Iowa

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. What is your name in full? Eddy L. Newton
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Farmer
3. Where and when did you begin? Massena, Cass Co. Iowa  
March 1891
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? Teacher, Cass Co.  
Iowa. At different periods from 1889  
to 1898
5. What is your residence address? Anita Cass Co. Iowa
6. What is your business address? Anita Cass Co. Iowa
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? Hyant Bureau Co. Ill.
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America? —
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal? —
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Graduated Hyant Ill. High School
11. What was your father's full name? Sylvester J. Newton
12. What was your father's occupation? Farmer
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Eliza Strallon.

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage?

Purcan Co. Mo.

15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can?

Captain U. S. Army Civil War

16. What military service have you had?

None

17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can?

Assessor Grant Twp Cass Co, Iowa 1898  
to 1910. Postmaster Anita, Iowa. 1910  
to 1914

18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?

Member Board of Education Anita, Iowa. 1906 to 1912, 1914 to 1915

19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates?

Republican all my  
life

20. In what religious denominations have you a membership?

21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline?

Methodist Episcopal

22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?

None

23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member?

A. F. & A. M. G. O. D.

24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates?

Juniata Warden  
2 years.  
Trustee about 12 years

25. Of what social clubs are you a member?

26. Of what business firms have you been a member?

27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa

28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?

29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....
30. Will you attach your autograph to one or more of your works and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa for permanent preservation?.....
31. ....

**DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE**

**FIRST MARRIAGE.**

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Roma J. Houck*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Mar. 19 1891 at Anita Iowa*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Caro Co. Iowa*
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *—*
36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? *—*
37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? *Houck, Houck, Ohio*
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Margaret Trulman Pennsylvania*
39. Where and when was she born?.....



You searched for **Ed L. Newton** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census

**Name:** **Ed L. Newton**

**Home in 1930:** **Anita, Cass, Iowa**  
[View Map](#)

**Age:** **62**

**Estimated Birth Year:** **abt 1868**

**Birthplace:** **Illinois**

**Relation to Head of House:** **Head**

**Spouse's Name:** **Roma Newton**

**Race:** **White**

**Occupation:**

**Education:**

**Military service:** [View image](#)

**Rent/home value:**

**Age at first marriage:**

**Parents' birthplace:**

**Neighbors:** [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Ed L. Newton</a>	62
	<a href="#">Roma Newton</a>	59

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**Source Information:**  
 Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.



Original data: United States of America. Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

**Description:**  
 Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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**HERSCHEL C. LOVELESS, Governor**  
**WILLIAM H. NICHOLAS, President of the Senate**  
**W. L. MOOTY, Speaker of the House**

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## FRANK FINLEY MERRIAM

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Frank Finley Merriam, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Frank Finley Merriam, newspaper man, legislator and state executive, was born on a farm in a log cabin near Hopkinton, Iowa, December 22, 1865. He was the eldest of eleven children born to Henry C. and Anna E. Merriam. He passed away while living in Long Beach, California, April 25, 1955, at the age of eighty-nine.

He worked his way through Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, and he graduated in 1888. He served as principal of schools at Hopkinton, Hesper and Postville, Iowa; and Wisner, Nebraska. He then returned to Hopkinton and became publisher of the Hopkinton Leader.

He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives and served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra and Twenty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly.

On November 8, 1898, he was elected Auditor of State and served until 1903. In that position he was ex-officio Commissioner of Insurance and Superintendent of Banking. He became publisher of a Muskogee Indian Territory newspaper in 1903, but he was called to Long Beach, California through family illness in 1910, where until 1920 he was in the advertising department of the Long Beach Press, later the Press-Telegram, and afterward a bank president and real estate broker in Long Beach.

In 1916 he was elected to the California Legislature, and re-elected four times. In 1928 he went to the State Senate, and in 1930 he was elected Lieutenant Governor, and on June 2, 1934, he became Governor of the State of California, defeating Upton Sinclair in one of the most bitter campaign fights in California's history.

Mr. Merriam was married in 1903 to Mrs. Nellie Bronson Day, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, the widow of Charles H. Day. He again married on January 25, 1936, at the age of seventy, to Mrs. Jessie Lispey, an Iowa childhood acquaintance and widow of an Iowa banker.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Frank Finley Merriam, the state has lost an honored citizen, and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to those who survive.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

FLOYD H. HATCH,  
ROBERT B. CARSON,  
RUSSELL ELDRED,  
*Committee.*

ED L. NEWTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Ed L. Newton, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection, compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ed L. Newton was born in Wyanet, Bureau County, Illinois, on November 17, 1867. He was the son of Sylvester S. and Eliza Newton.

Mr. Newton first came to Iowa at the age of thirteen years, when he helped his older brothers drive cattle from their Illinois home to pasture lands near Massena, Iowa.

During the winters he returned to Wyanet to attend school, graduating from Wyanet high school in 1888.

He then came back to Iowa where he taught in the rural schools around Anita for eighteen years, two and one-half years of which were spent as Superintendent of schools at Massena, Iowa.

Mr. Newton was an ardent Republican. He was Grant Township Assessor for seventeen years; State Representative from Cass County in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies; served as Postmaster at Anita under five Presidents: Taft, Coolidge, Wilson, Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt.

Mr. Newton also served his community as an active member of the Methodist Church; the Masonic Order for sixty-five years; the Order of the Eastern Star, and vice-president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Association.

He was a second cousin of the renowned Charles Sherwood Stratton, widely known as General Tom Thumb.

E. L. Newton died at the Atlantic Memorial Hospital at Atlantic, Iowa, on November 18, 1955. He is survived by four children: Glen R., Hobart E., Emmett M., and Mrs. Charles Salmon, of Anita, with whom he shared his home for the past few years.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Ed L. Newton, the people of Cass County and the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

LESTER L. KLUEVER,  
SAMUEL E. ROBINSON,  
EUGENE HALLING,  
*Committee.*

#### H. P. NICHOLSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable H. P. Nicholson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

H. P. Nicholson was born on a farm near Ossian, Iowa, Winneshiek County, on April 14, 1872. He educated in the rural schools near Ossian and the Ossian High School of which he was a member of the class of 1890.

After leaving school he became a farmer and he followed this occupation most of his life. In later years he became secretary and manager of the Silver Springs Creamery Company at Ossian, Iowa. For many years he was prominent in local agricultural and dairy circles and held