

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Springer, Arthur Senator _____

Represented Louisa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Sept 1855 Columba City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Cornelia Carpenter 15 Sept 1880 Louisa County, Iowa in
Oakland Township

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Deputy Collector of the United States Revenue of the 1st District

B. Civic responsibilities Knights Pythias; Hopello Community Club

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Unitarian

5. Sessions served 38th, 39th General Assemblies 1919, 1921

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Hopello, Iowa over 25 years; Hopello school board;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 Dec 1936 Hopello, Iowa; Laurel Hopello Cemetery, Hopello, Iowa

8. Children Francis (died at age 5 yrs); Charles H. (died after returning from WWI)

Arthur L. Alvan A. Whipple; Edith (Mrs. R. D. McCullough); Elizabeth (Mrs.

9. Names of parents Francis and Nancy (Colman) Springer

10. Education Education in the schools of Columbus Co., Iowa

11. Degrees State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa - law school graduate in 1877

12. Other applicable information Republican

He practiced law at Columbus Junction, Iowa until 1891 and at Fort Worth, Texas 1891-1899 and practiced at Hopkiss, Iowa from 1899 until his death.

- His father was a Territorial Legislator serving in the 3, 4, 5, 6th Council sessions from Linn County 2 Nov 1840-15 Jan 1841, 6 Dec 1841-18 Feb 1842, 5 Dec 1842-17 Feb 1843 and 4 Dec 1843-16 Feb 1844 and 17 Jan 1844 (a one day extra session) as well as a State Legislator in the 1st and 2nd General Assemblies 1846, 1848

- Military service - Captain of Linn Guards and 5 years in Iowa National Guard



Louisa County Mourns Death Of Prominent Lawyer-Citizen

Hon. Arthur Springer, Leader in Public Affairs, Noted As Legislator, School Authority and Historian, Dies Early Wednesday

LAST RITES CONDUCTED HERE TODAY

This community was deeply grieved Wednesday morning by the announcement of the death of Hon. Arthur Springer, long-time prominent resident of the community, which occurred at 5 o'clock that morning. He had been in failing health for some time.

Funeral services were held from the home at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by the Rev. T. Warren, assisted by Dr. John R. Fraser. Burial was made in the Wapello cemetery.



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Relief Report Given For Last Month

The following report is for the month of November:

There was \$295 spent for groceries for unemployment relief cases; \$80.56 for clothing; 42.10 for fuel; \$110.25 for medical aid and \$59.85 for burial.

There were 41 unemployment cases carried over from October, and 1 new case and 12 old cases added during November making a total of 54 cases handled. 18 of the 54 were closed during the month leaving 36 cases carried over to December.

There were 57 regular county care cases carried over from Oct., and 4 new cases and 3 old cases added during November, making a total of 64 cases handled during the month. Two cases were closed in November, leaving 62 cases carried over to December. 29 of the 62 were families and 33 were single persons. 16 received blind pensions only, and 1 received widow's pension only.

Florence Winder,
Director of Relief.

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Albert R. McClary died at his home in Winside, Nebraska, Nov. 22, at the age of 68 years and a month.

MERCHANTS CARRY MANY COMPLETE STOCKS

Xmas Gifts Galore For Every Purpose

MANY FINE DISPLAYS OBSERVED

We hope the people have not overlooked the fine stock of Christmas merchandise the business houses of Wapello have accumulated for the Christmas buyers. The windows have been attractively decorated and the generous varied lines of suitable gifts are arranged in the stores giving them an eloquent tone of Christmas spirit.

We can't remember when our merchants have had a more comprehensive and varied stock of Christmas goods and it seems to us that the Christmas shoppers should have an easy and inexpensive experience in buying their Christmas needs in our local stores. We are sure the community will be benefited by it, and everybody will be happy.

Local Young People In Chorus Sunday

Mill Hilda Hardman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hardman, and Edwin Wiederrecht, son of J. V. Wiederrecht of Wapello, will be in the chorus when the Cornell college Oratorio society presents Handel's "The Messiah" at Mount Vernon Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13.

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An obituary and tribute to the deceased has been prepared by Senator E. R. Hicklin, but being too lengthy for inclusion in our columns this week, same will be published in our next issue.

Pythian Lodge Elects New Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected at the regular meeting Monday night of Blackhawk Lodge 281, Knights of Pythias, as follows:

Chancellor commander, Warren J. Stroup; vice commander, R. V. Ozyor; keeper of records and seals, Dr. H. E. Hoover; prelate, Verne Baker; master of work, Guy Watson; master at arms, Albert Downs; inner guard, John Courtney; outer guard, Tom Fry; master of finance, Robert Lewis; master of exchequer, H. E. Cover; trustee, D. N. Johnson.

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He was united in marriage to Sarah Katharine Drumm, November 2, 1892 at Nebraska City, Nebraska, and to this union eleven children were born. His wife and four children having preceded him in death. He is survived by Mrs. Opal Bacon, Langdon, Mo.; Harold, Melvin, Hubert and Mrs. Mildred Foote, Wayne, Neb. Nine grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters of Glenwood, Iowa, a host of other relatives and friends.

Miss Grupe To Wed R. Briggs Of Cairo

Relative, and friends have received announcement of the approaching marriage of Ruth Marie Grupe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weston Grupe of Winfield, to Robert Briggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Briggs of near Cairo. The date of the wedding has been set for Tuesday, December 22, at 8 p. m., in the Methodist church at Winfield.

Mr. Briggs attended the Cairo school, and the Wapello school, where he graduated with the class of 1932.

They will be at home to their many friends on a farm west of Wyan.

Gillstrap - Bobby Wedding, Dec. 27

Miss Carol Gillstrap, local high school instructor, and Al Bobby of Farrell, Pa., University of Iowa student, were married Nov. 27 at Rock

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At 8:30 p. m. an entertaining program was given to a crowded house. A feature was the musical concert by The comedy band of the Burlington Junior college.

The Auxilliary is very grateful to the firms and individuals who donated and co-operated in making the event a success.

Results Of Louisa County Rural Declamatory Contest

The Louisa county rural declamatory contest was held in the high school auditorium Friday night, with Mrs. Enola Carter of Oakville, Mrs. George Jamison and Miss Cecile Rukgaber of Wapello, the three judges.

Marguerite Moran of the Fredonia school won first in dramatic, Nadine Gabriel of the Pitchin school, second; and Twila Cornic of Liberty, third.

In the humorous division, Joyce Hostetter of Oakville, won first; Mary Merle Snell of Liberty, second; and John Henry Richards of Toolesboro, third.

A chorus of two hundred sang. Dean Jacobs is teacher at the Fredonia school, Margaret Williams at Pitchin, Margaret North at Liberty, Marie Rose at Oakland and Ruby Kelly at Toolesboro.

Mrs. Wolfe, Columbus City, Taken By Death

Mrs. Milton Wolfe, 76, life long resident of Dubuque county, died at 6:30 a. m. Saturday in the home of her niece, Mrs. Harold Schabillon, Columbus City. Funeral services

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After leaving the law school, Mr. Springer came back to Louisa county where he lived at Columbus Junction and entered the practice of law. His father, being one of the important men of the state, he was early inducted into the activities and politics of the community. Being of a brilliant and retentive mind, he has been able to pass down to other generations much interesting lore, not only of the actual happenings of the early history of the county, but also anecdotes and commentaries upon the lives and characters of the sturdy pioneer people who were still here and active during his young manhood.

Shortly afterwards, he established himself at Fort Worth, Texas, which was then a frontier place and remained there in his profession until the year 1899, when he returned to Wapello and continued actively to practice law until the time of his death.

Upon his return he was associated

with H. W. Baker, now deceased, until Mr. Baker's election to the office of county auditor, after which time Mr. Springer practiced law by himself.

During his long and active career, many positions of honor and trust came to Mr. Springer. He represented his county in the state legislature as a member of the house of representatives of the 38th and 39th general assemblies; he served as mayor of the City of Wapello and for more than twenty-five years was a member of the school board and was many times its president.

Of slight stature, but of splendid constitution, Mr. Springer kept actively at work until almost the very last, although for more than a year his family and friends had been concerned over the apparent decline in his health. He was dean of the lawyers of the Louisa county bar, and these associates, together with hundreds of others with whom he came in contact in a business way, and in the conduct of public affairs of the community and state, join with his family in a genuine mourning at his death, and a realization of his great worth in life.

To the friends of Arthur Springer who knew and loved him, there will remain the kindest memories of his lovable character. He was the kind of lawyer who always commanded the honor and respect of his colleagues and opponents and he accorded that same respect to them. He was a brilliant student of law and loved his profession; because it was his own ideal, he regarded his fellow lawyers not as selfish individuals

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Friends of Arthur Springer and loved him, there will be the kindest memories of his life. He was the kind of man who always commanded respect of his opponents and he accorded respect to them. He was a diligent student of law and his profession; because it was his life, he regarded his fellow men not as selfish individuals

seeking for personal victory, but as agencies of justice to assist the people of the community to arrive at an honorable and orderly adjustment of their affairs. He loved to help people; he shouldered their burdens as they came; the compensation to him was the matter of least importance and if they failed to pay, no one else knew it.

To show how useful he desired to be, it is noteworthy to know that even his hobbies and avocations were upon useful lines. Although as a young man he loved sports and listened to the call of field and stream, yet one of his chief pleasures in the more mature years of his life was found in a beautiful and abundant garden. He knew and loved flowers and it was one of his delights to be able to present a friend with the earliest ripened fruits and berries, or a basket of vegetables which he had cared for and caused to grow.

An avid reader and a lover of good books, he found enjoyment and enrichment in study. He was a gifted speaker, and in his younger and more active days even an orator, and found keen satisfaction in the careful preparation and easy presentation of a subject. His stood him in good stead in his practice of law

where he was known for his fine analytical mind and his ability to indicate and forcibly present the decisive elements of a cause.

He has left behind him, in addition to his splendid influence, two imperishable monuments to his life. One of these is in the form of a written history of his native county, in which, by painstaking research, he preserved and handed down facts and records precious to this generation which, but for his efforts, would have been lost. But greater in his honor there stands as a part of the permanent body of the laws of this state pertaining to the subject of education and the public schools, the finest effort of his mind. Arthur Springer, distinguished son of his distinguished father Francis Springer, who presided at the constitutional convention of the state of Iowa, also left his imperishable contribution to the structure of his commonwealth in the form of wise and liberal school laws. The betterment of education was more than a hobby with him, it was a passion—and his legislative career was crowned by his being recognized as one of the outstanding authorities upon, and benefactors of this cause, in the state. Through its championship, he

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found his greatest contribution to humanity, for he knew that without better understanding, and therefore better education, there could not be for succeeding generations better law, better government or better living.

The fullness of this lifetime of 81 years has been shared with us and it has left us with a feeling of gratitude therefor; in his departure we know an irreplaceable loss.

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CARD OF THANKS

The Mother's Band and Orchestra auxiliary wish in this manner to publicly thank the following firms for their donations to the carnival: Kautz Baking company, Muscatine; Rice Brothers Livestock, Chicago; Harry Thompson, Chicago; Junior College, Burlington; Parish Produce company, Serv-a-Self, Benteco, Pratt's Fair store, Pettis Drug Co., Harriet's Beauty Shoppe and Harry Schneider of Wapello.

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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? *Arthur Springer*
2. What is your present profession or occupation? *Lawyer*
3. Where and when did you begin? *Wapello Ia. in 1878 - Columbus Junction 1879 to 1891
Ft Worth Texas 1891 to 1899 - Wapello Ia 1899 to the present*
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when?
5. What is your residence address? *Wapello Iowa*
6. What is your business address? *4 4*
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? *Columbus City Ia - Sept 30 - 1855.*
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?
*Public School at Columbus City Ia - State University Allegato Course 3 yrs.
Graduated S. U. J. Law Dept 1877.*
11. What was your father's full name? *Francis Springer*
12. What was your father's occupation? *Lawyer & farmer*
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? *Nancy Roseman Coleman*

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? On farm near Columbus City Ia
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? "Captain of Iowa Guards" (Sprunger's History of Iowa County Vol 1, p 179)
16. What military service have you had? About 5 yrs in Iowa Nat. Guard
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? Member Secy of Commission to Revise School Laws apptd by Gov. Cummins about 1907
House - 38th General Assembly
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? President Board of Directors Consolidated Ind. Sch. Dist of Wapello.
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican since 1876
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? None
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? Unitarian
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? K. of P.
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates?
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? Wapello Community Club
Graft Club. Des Moines
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? My work in connection with school legislation has occupied much of my spare time & some people speak well of it. I was a member of a Committee, a Commission, apptd by State Supt A. M. Meyer at the request of the Iowa State Teachers Association. It was called the "Better Iowa Schools Commission" & is entitled to credit for most of the recent improvement in Iowa public schools.

29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.
"History of Lucas County Iowa" 1912. S. J. Clarke Publishing Co. Chicago.
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? *I understand the Dept has a copy.*
31. _____

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Cornelia Carpenter*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Port Allen Iowa*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Port Allen 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? *Cyril Carpenter*
New York State 1824
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Calista Stickney*
~~*Louisa Ed. Iowa*~~
39. Where and when was she born? *Louisa Co. 1840*

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. Francis Springer	April 16 th 1882	Columbus Junction Ia
2. Arthur Springer	March 27 th 1883	" "
3. Edith Springer	Aug. 12 th 1885	" "
4. Charles W. "	July 25 th 1893	" "
5. Elizabeth "	Oct 9th 1894 Nov 5 th 1895	Fort Worth Texas
6.		

SECOND MARRIAGE.

40. With whom was your second marriage?
41. Where and what date was this marriage?
42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?
43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?
44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?
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46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?
47. Where and when was she born?

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Over the threshold stepped the silent Guest,
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And her who long the happy household blessed,
He led away in silence for his own.

Your darling! Who as daughter, sister, friend,
With helpful ways of sweet unselfishness,
And patient spirit, that unto the end
Strove only how her loved ones she might bless.

'Till sunshine followed wheresoe'er she went,
And where she came did care and discord cease.
Her life the symbol of a calm content,
Her very name another word for "Peace!"

Here was a maiden strong in very weakness,
Her Help she knew, while passing 'neath the rod;
Without a question—Oh! with heavenly meekness,
She rendered up her maiden soul to God.

Could she from happy heights look down upon
Her dear ones, all heart-broken, hopeless-eyed,
Through the sweet soul a throb of pain must run—
"Was it for this, my darlings, that I died?"

"Ah! no. I passed in lingering, weary pain,
To happier lands and brighter skies than thine;
Call me not back 'cross the dark sea again,
But, oh! make sure to share this joy of mine!"

The dead are blessed. The living bear the load;
Ah! had she lived to see her dear ones' clay!
Pluck comfort, for her sake, along the road;
Your saint is spared the grief you bear to-day.

And when the hand of sorrow sorely presses
To longings for the rest that seems not near,
Turn to that spot, and say: "From life's distresses,
Irene, the 'peaceful,' sleeps securely here."

GEORGE E. E. TOWNSEND, editor and proprietor of the *Louisa County Record*, was born in Wapello, Iowa, April 12, 1862, and is a son of Samuel and Louisa Townsend. His boyhood days were spent in his native city, and there he received a liberal education in the public schools. At the age of fifteen he entered the office of the *Wapello Republican*, of which L. W. Myers

was the editor and proprietor, remaining in that employ for five years. He next engaged with the *Burlington Gazette*, and later went to Mediapolis, where he worked at his chosen trade. In that city he was united in marriage with Miss Anna M. Cartwright, and one child graces their union, a daughter, Miriam, born July 10, 1886. Soon after their marriage the young couple removed to Greene County, Iowa, and later became residents of Dallas Center, whence they returned to Wapello. Mr. Townsend here bought the *Louisa County Record*, a paper which he yet edits, and has made quite successful.

ARTHUR SPRINGER, attorney-at-law, of Columbus Junction, was born in Columbus City Township, Louisa Co., Iowa, on the 30th of September, 1855, and is a son of the Hon. Francis and Nancy R. (Coleman) Springer. His father, Judge Springer, is a native of Maine, and a prominent pioneer of Louisa County; his mother was a daughter of Judge John M. Coleman, of Indiana, and was born on a farm which is the site of the city of Terre Haute. (See sketch of Judge Francis Springer elsewhere in this work.) Arthur was educated in the public schools and at the Iowa State University, but left that institution before graduating to accept the position of Deputy Collector of United States Revenue of the First District. Later he entered the law department of the State University, from which he was graduated in the class of '77, and the following year began the practice of his profession at Wapello, where he remained one year, and then opened an office at Columbus Junction, over the Louisa County National Bank, where he has made his headquarters continuously since. His practice extends into the State and Federal Courts, and is constantly on the increase.

On the 15th of September, 1880, in Oakland Township, Louisa Co., Iowa, Mr. Springer was united in marriage with Miss Nelie C., daughter of Cyril and Calista (Stickney) Carpenter. Mrs. Springer was born in Oakland Township, and her family are among the most highly respected pioneers of that section. Three children were born of their

marriage, two sons and a daughter, all born in Columbus Junction: Frank, the eldest, died at the age of five years; Arthur, born March 27, 1883, and Edith, the youngest and only daughter, born Aug. 1, 1885. Mr. Springer possesses superior ability, is well read in his profession, and ranks among the leading attorneys of the county. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, his membership being in Liberty Lodge No. 22, of Columbus Junction.



CHARLES HUFF, deceased, late of Grand View, this county, was born in Newburytown, York Co., Pa., Sept. 18, 1800. He was a son of John Huff, a Pennsylvanian, of German descent. The subject of our sketch learned the wagon-maker's trade at Shiremanstown, Pa., and then engaged in business at Oyster's Point, Cumberland County. In 1827 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Coble, daughter of Christian Coble, also of German origin. They have children were born of their union, seven sons and five daughters, of whom five sons and three daughters are now living, and all except one are residents of Iowa: John married Miss Cynthia Robins, and is an attorney of Wapello; David became the husband of Miss Isabella Wagner, and is engaged in farming near Adair, Iowa; Levi wedded Miss Elizabeth Thompson, and carries on a meat-market at Anita, Iowa; Martha is the wife of Elder A. Megrew, of Lettsville, Iowa; C. Wesley was a Captain of Company G, 19th Iowa Infantry, in which he did good service in the late war. He went out as First Lieutenant, and succeeded Capt. A. M. Taylor in command of his company. He married Miss Margaret Winder, and is now engaged in farming near Massena, Iowa. B. W. was also a soldier in the late war, in Company G, 19th Iowa Infantry, and died from wounds received on the field of battle. He went out as First Sergeant of his company, but had his right arm shot off at the battle of Prairie Grove, died, and was buried at Fayetteville, Ark., being about twenty-three years of age at the time of his death. Emeline is the wife of B. W. Thompson, and lives near the old homestead; Reason B. married Miss Emma D.

Ritchey, and is engaged in the real-estate business at Muscatine, as a member of the firm of Crossman & Huff; Elizabeth is the wife of S. N. Potter, living near Red Cloud, Kan. Four children of this family died in infancy.

Mr. Huff moved from Pennsylvania to Wooster, Wayne Co., Ohio, in 1832, where he carried on the wagon-making business until 1851, when he removed to Louisa County, Iowa, and engaged in farming near Grand View. He was a Democrat in early life, but in 1840 voted for Harrison for President; in 1852 he supported Hale for President, and in 1856 joined the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Huff at the time of their marriage were members of the German Reform Church, near Shiremanstown, Pa., being confirmed as members of that church by John Winebrenner, the pastor. Elder Winebrenner being a man of broad, liberal views, leading an earnest, spiritual life, advocated the doctrine that God's people should be one, as the church should recognize the Scriptural name of the Church of God, and that those who became members of the church must be regenerated, or born again. For the preaching of these advanced views among his people the door of the church was barred against him, but as he had opportunity he went about preaching his views. Soon he gathered about him some followers, but they did not assume an organized form until about the year 1830, when Mr. and Mrs. Huff were by Elder Winebrenner received in church fellowship, near Oyster's Point, in one of the first organizations under the name of the Church of God, of which they both lived and died consistent members.

Mrs. Huff departed this life April 28, 1870. Mr. Huff survived his wife, and died at his residence, May 28, 1888. Had he lived until the 18th of the following September he would have been eighty-eight years old. He was the last of two families, having outlived his brothers and sisters and his wife's brothers and sisters, and to the relatives immediately outside the family he was the only remaining uncle. Mr. Huff was temperate, was ever contented with his lot, of even temper of mind, was liberal and progressive in his views, lived abreast of the age, retained every faculty up to the moment of his death, and died while sitting in

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HONORABLE ARTHUR SPRINGER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the late Honorable Arthur Springer, of Louisa county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Arthur Springer, the son of Judge Francis Springer and Nancy Colman Springer, was born near Columbus Junction, Louisa county, Iowa, on September 30, 1855, and passed away at his home in Wapello, Iowa, on December 9, 1936. The son of a distinguished pioneer family, he was the last to go, having been preceded in death by a brother, Charles, a brother, Frank, and a sister Nellie S. Letts, widow of Hilton Letts. A third brother, Warren C. Springer met death as a youth.

He received his early education in the schools of Columbus City township and later attended the law school at the State University of Iowa, where he graduated in the class of 1877.

After leaving the law school, Mr. Springer came back to Louisa county where he lived at Columbus Junction and entered the practice of law. His father being one of the important men of the state, Mr. Springer was early introduced into the activities and politics of the community. Being of a brilliant and retentive mind, he has been able to pass down to other generations much interesting lore, not only of the actual happenings of the early history of the county, but also anecdotes and commentaries upon the lives and characters of the sturdy pioneer people who were still here and active during his young manhood.

Shortly afterwards, he established himself at Fort Worth, Texas, which was then a frontier place, and remained there in his profession until the year 1899, when he returned to Wapello and continued actively to practice law until the time of his death.

Upon his return he was associated with Mr. H. W. Baker, now deceased, until Mr. Baker's election to the office of County Auditor, after which time Mr. Springer practiced law by himself.

During his long and active career, many positions of honor and trust came to Mr. Springer. He represented his county in the State Legislature as a member of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies; he served as Mayor of the city of Wapello and for more than twenty-five years was a member of the school board and was many times its president.

He has left behind him, in addition to his splendid influence, two imperishable monuments of his life. One of these is in the form of a written history of his native county, in which, by painstaking research, he preserved and handed down facts and records previous to this generation which, but for his efforts, would have been lost. But greater in his honor there stands as a part of the permanent body of the laws of this state pertaining to the subject of education and the public schools, the finest effort of his mind. Arthur Springer, distinguished son of his distinguished father, Francis Springer, who presided at the Constitutional Convention of the state of Iowa, also left his imperishable contribution to the structure of his commonwealth in the form of wise and liberal school laws. The betterment of education was more than a hobby with

him, it was a passion—and his legislative career was crowned by his being recognized as one of the outstanding authorities upon, and benefactors of this cause, in the state. Through its championship, he found his greatest contribution to humanity, for he knew that without better understanding, and therefore better education, there could not be for succeeding generations better law, better government or better living.

The fullness of this lifetime of eighty years has been shared with us and it has left us with a feeling of gratitude therefor; in his departure we know an irreplaceable loss.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Arthur Springer, the state of Iowa has lost a valued and honored citizen, a man of great character and worth, and the House of Representatives of Iowa, by this resolution, tenders its sympathy to the family of the deceased.

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.

F. J. PINE,
F. A. LATCHAW,
E. L. STEWART,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

HONORABLE JOHN SPRINGER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Honorable John Springer of Johnson county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

John Springer was born on November 27, 1850, in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. He died on March 22, 1937, at Iowa City, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years.

At an early age Mr. Springer came to Iowa City, Iowa, where he remained until his death. It was here that he established a reputation as a master printer. He made Iowa newspaper history and the history of printing his hobby. He was co-owner of the Iowa State Press of Iowa City for twelve years. Later he was associated with the Economy Advertising Company. Mr. Springer assembled a large collection of volumes illustrative of fine printing and the history of printing. This collection he presented to the State University Library before his death. In 1891 Mr. Springer was elected State Representative and served as a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

As a public servant, Mr. Springer was actuated only by a sense of duty to the trust that was committed to him. He served his community and his state, and served them well. Iowa has lost a valuable citizen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That the state has lost a valued and

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Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name:	Arthur Springer
Spouse:	Nelia Carpenter
Marriage Date:	15 Sep 1880
County:	Louisa
State:	IA

Source Information:
Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp.. *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000.
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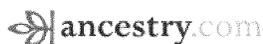
Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Arthur Springer	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Louisa	
Locality:	Columbus City	
Roll:	IA_59	
Line:	25	
Family Number:	244	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Francis Springer	45
	Mancy R Springer	30
	Francio Springer	8
	W C Springer	2
	Arthur Springer	
	Mary Legar	40
	James M Legar	18
	Avaline Legar	15
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Name:	Arthur Springer	
Birth Year:	abt 1856	
Birth Place:	Louisa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Louisa	
Locality:	Columbus City	
Roll:	IA1885_222	
Line:	24	
Family Number:	115	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Arthur Springer	29
	Nelia C Springer	24
	Francis SpringerJunior	3
	Arthur Springer	1
	Francis SpringerSenior	73
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1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	Arthur Springer [Arther Springer]	
Home in 1900:	Wapello, Louisa, Iowa	
Age:	44	
Birth Date:	Sep 1855	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Maine	
Mother's Birthplace:	Indiana	
Spouse's name:	Cornelia C	
Marriage Year:	1880	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	20	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Arthur Springer	44
	Cornelia C Springer	39
	Arthur Springer	17
	Edith C Springer	14
	Charles W Springer	6
	N Elizabeth Springer	4

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: *Wapello, Louisa, Iowa*; Roll *T623_445*; Page: *13A*; Enumeration District: *90*.

Source Information:
 Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

Description:
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Arthur Springer	
Birth Year:	abt 1856	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1915	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Louisa	
Locality:	Wapello	
Mother's Birthplace:	Indiana	
Father's Birthplace:	Maine	
Roll:	IA1915_310	
Line:	B166	
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Household Name		Age
Members:	Arthur Springer	59

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1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Arthur Springer	
Home in 1920:	Wapello, Louisa, Iowa	
Age:	64	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1856	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Nelia C	
Father's Birth Place:	Maine	
Mother's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Arthur Springer	64
	Nelia C Springer	59
	Elizabeth S Whipple	24
	Charles W Springer	26
	Alvin Whipple	26

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Wapello, Louisa, Iowa; Roll T625_495; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 106; Image: 1135.

Source Information:



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Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#). Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).

Description:
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Arthur Springer
Birth Year:	abt 1856
Birth Place:	Iowa
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Married
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925
Residence State:	Iowa
Residence County:	Louisa
Locality:	Wapello
Relation to Head:	Head
Mother:	Nancy Coleman
Mother's Birthplace:	Indiana
Father:	Francis Springer
Father's Birthplace:	Maine
Marriage Place:	Iowa City, Iowa
Spouse Name:	Nelia Springer
Roll:	IA1925_1818
Line:	19
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Members:	
Name	Age
Arthur Springer	69
Nelia Springer	64
James Banks	44

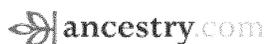
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1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	Arthur Springer	
Home in 1930:	Wapello, Louisa, Iowa View Map	
Age:	74	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1856	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's name:	Nelia	
Race:	White	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	View image	
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Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Arthur Springer	74
	Nelia Springer	69

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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:
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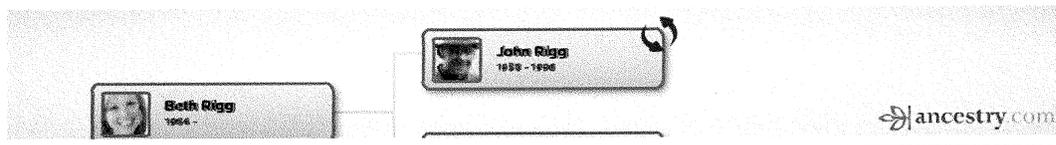
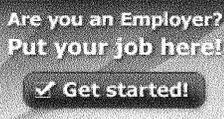


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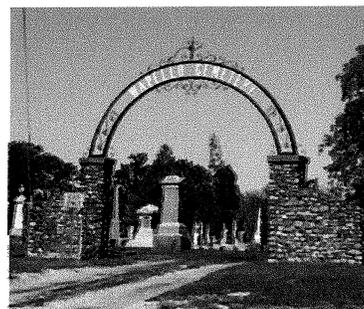
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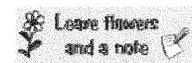
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