

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Weaver, James Bellamy Senator _____
Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Aug 1861 Bloomfield, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Jay Atkins 7 Nov 1889 Des Moines, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Counsel for electric and power interests in Des Moines 15 years.
member of Des Moines Civic and Planning and Zoning Commission

B. Civic responsibilities Chamber of Commerce, president of the Des Moines Public
Library Board, Red Cross

C. Profession Attorney, specializing in corporation, banking and
real estate law

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 37th, 38th, 39th General Assemblies 1917, 1919, 1921

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State Iowa State director of the Red Cross, curator of the State Historical Society

C. National _____

7. Death 11 May 1940 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Percia Jay (Mrs. Albert J. Robertson); Eastman Atkins;
another child born in 1891 is unknown

9. Names of parents Leavel James Baird and Clara (Vinson) Weaver

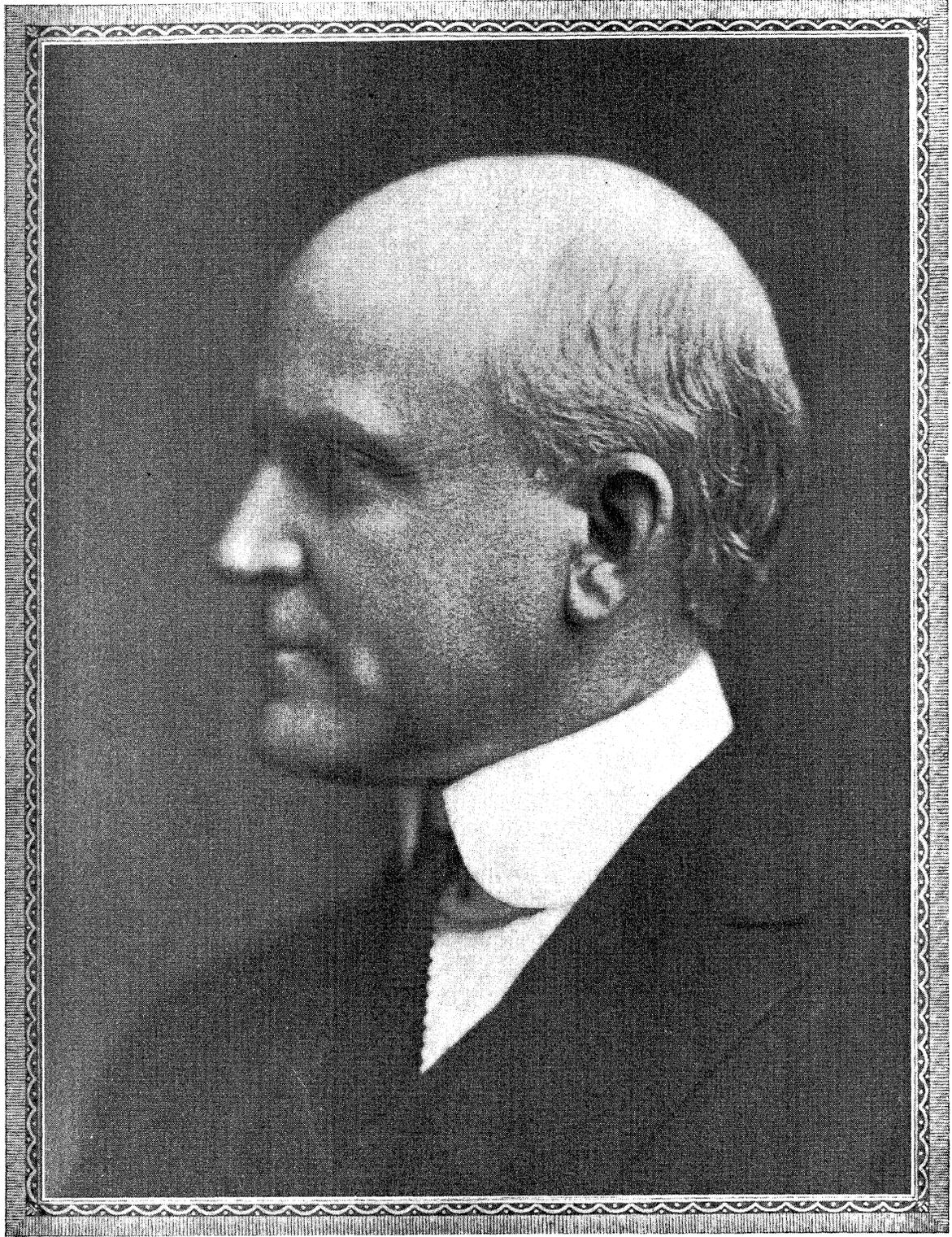
Weaver, James Bellamy

10. Education Educated in the common schools; attended the Southern Iowa Normal and Scientific Institute at Bloomfield, Iowa

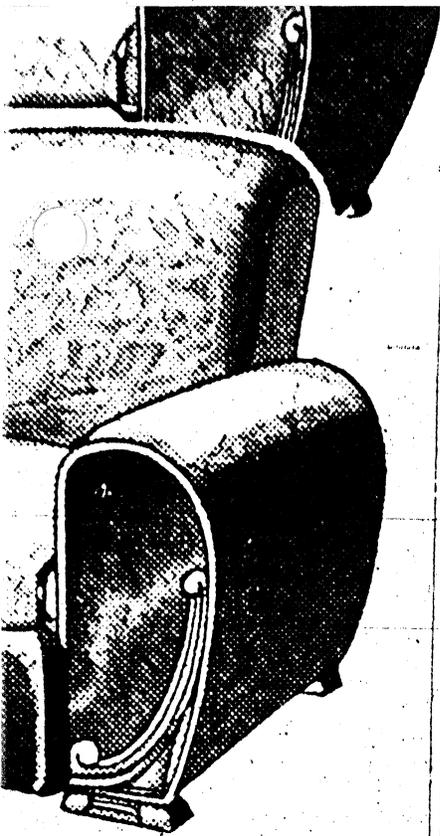
11. Degrees Graduate of the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa Law School in June 1882

12. Other applicable information Republican

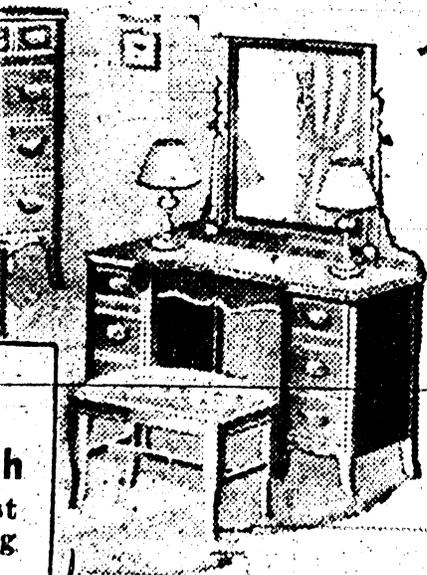
- After graduating from law school he entered the law office of C.H. Hitch in Des Moines. He practiced alone after 1904.
- His wife, Jay, died in 9 May 1919, also born in Woodland County, Des Moines, Iowa
- He farmed from 1877-1879 and clerked in a general store from 1879-1881.



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DEATH CLAIMS J. B. WEAVER, CIVIC LEADER

Heart Attack Fatal to Attorney.

James B. Weaver, 78-year-old Des Moines attorney and a pioneer in many civic activities, died at his home, 331 Twenty-eighth st., at 10:15 p. m. Saturday.

Death was ascribed to a heart ailment.

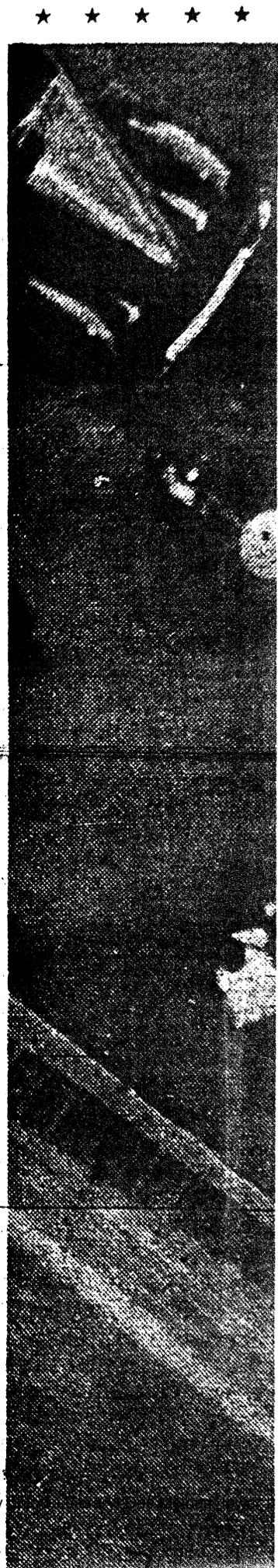
His death removed from the ranks of civic figures a man whose interests spread over a vast field of endeavor—from judicial matters, roads, schools, motor vehicles, child labor and statewide housing to some of his most important work in Des Moines—planning and zoning.

Mr. Weaver had been in apparent good health and had been at his law office most of the day Saturday. He was stricken while preparing to retire for the night.

Daughter An Artist.

He made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Robertson. The daughter, Persis, is a widely known artist and Mr. Robertson is a vice president of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co.

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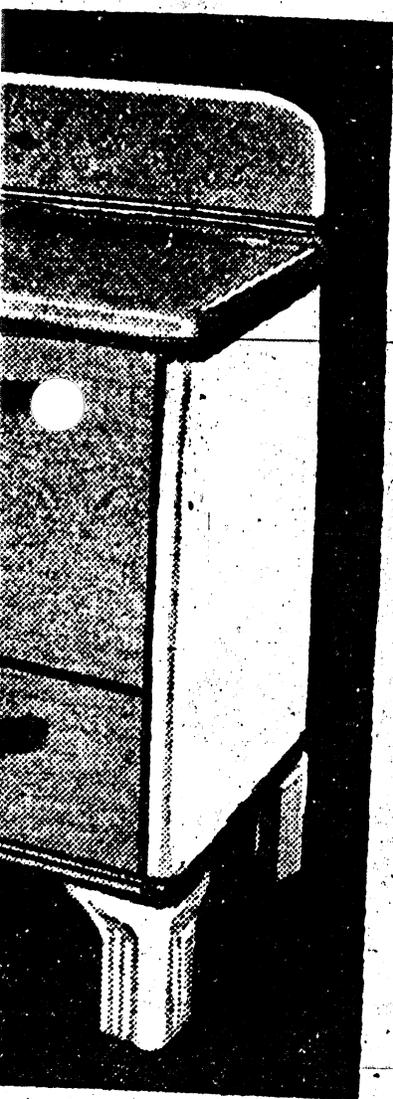


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Red Cross Director.

He was state director of the American Red Cross when the United States entered the world war; was a former president of the Chamber of Commerce, and received the Des Moines Tribune community service award in 1925.

For more than 20 years he was a member of the city plan and zoning commission and was chairman of that group in 1929 and 1930. It was during his chairmanship that he drafted and presented to the planning commission a resolution and plat proposing Keosauqua way.

Fine Arts Activities.

He had been chairman of the public welfare bureau board and a trustee and charter member of the Des Moines Association of Fine Arts. He was a trustee of the James Edmundson estate.

One of Mr. Weaver's principal interests had been the growth of the fine arts association, especially during recent years as the group's responsibilities have increased through its capacity as the interim group for the Edmundson memorial foundation.

As a trustee in both groups, he was able to apply both his business abilities and appreciation for art in furthering the development of Des Moines art program

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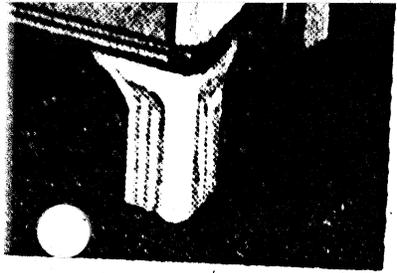
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Mr. Weaver was chairman of a resolutions committee at a state-wide delegate conference on limitation of armament in 1921 and drafted the resolutions adopted by the Des Moines conference.

He was a familiar figure at civic gatherings and introduced former President Woodrow Wilson when Wilson appeared at the Coliseum during his last nationwide speaking tour. Mr. Weaver

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A Tribute.

In August, 1936, Mr. Weaver underwent a major operation but had been active since his recovery.

A tribute to his work in planning and zoning was given in Des Moines in April, 1937, by Prof. Philip H. Elwood, of Iowa State college, Ames, Ia. Mr. Weaver, after hearing the praise, offered names of other Des Moines persons who should receive some of the credit for the city's advances in planning.

Gave Books to Drake.

In 1938 he gave a collection of 2,000 books to the Cowles library at Drake university.

At the time of his death, Mr. Weaver was still a member of the plan and zoning commission; the Prairie club, which he had served as president; and the Pioneer and Des Moines clubs.



Mr. Weaver was born at Bloomfield, Ia. He attended common school and the Southern Iowa Normal and Scientific Institute at Bloomfield, and then clerked from 1879 to 1881, in the store of John H. Taylor.

In 1881 he entered the law school at the State University of Iowa, and was graduated in June, 1882, with a bachelor of laws degree.

Practiced Law.

The following month he entered the law office of C. H. Gatch in Des Moines, and was later a member of the law firms of Gatch and Weaver; Gatch, Connor and Weaver; and Connor and Weaver.

Since 1904 he had practiced alone in Des Moines.

Survivors.

He was married in 1889 to Miss Fay Atkins, daughter of C. B. Atkins. Mrs. Weaver died in 1919. Two children survive; a son, Eastman A. Weaver, an industrial research engineer in Winchester, Mass., and the daughter, Mrs. Robertson.

He also is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Albert Ketcham, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Maude Sullen-

candidate on the ticket.

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During his career Mr. Weaver gave his time without stint to public service.

He was chairman of a committee named by alumni of the State University of Iowa to oppose coordination proposals of the state board of education made to the thirty-fifth general assembly.

He was chairman of the executive committee of the American Homes National conference, held here in 1927, which was attended by delegates from 18 states.

Welfare Chairman.

In November, 1923, he was appointed by former Gov. Nate Kendall as chairman of the Iowa child welfare commission of 10 members, and prepared and presented to the forty-first general assembly an extended report recommending 10 bills for enactment on child welfare.

He had served as vice president

Engineer, "A Lord of the Clock Tower," "Oh Wise and "Christmas 1914."

He wrote a biographical of Dr. Edward A. Steiner, Ia., since embraced volume "A Book of Iowa by Iowa Authors," and had for publication various sketches of Iowa pioneer characters, them James Timmons, the Ia. poet, and Martin Burk county pioneer stage driver.

Mr. Weaver had always great reader and student, an extensive library. At home he had entertained many celebrities, including George Cable, William Dean Howbert Hubbard, Joseph J. Henry M. Stanley, and others. For years he was registered in "Who's Who in America."

J. P. SWANSON RITES MONDAY

Services will be at 1:30 Monday at Dahlstrom's home for John Peter Swanson who died at the home daughter, Mrs. Andrew 3826 Thirty-sixth st., Friday.

Mr. Swanson, born in had lived in Calcutta, India; Africa; in Germany; and years in South America. spoke seven languages.

The daughter and a sister, C. A. Johnson, also living in Des Moines, and two sisters in Iowa survive. Burial will be in Dale cemetery.

BEER TAVERN ARREST M

Sasto D. Battani, 27 Twenty-seventh st., who was the proprietor, was arrested by the police liquor squad Monday at Pickwick tavern, 4th st.

Battani was charged with selling an unlicensed employment beer. He pleaded guilty before Municipal Judge C. Moore and was released on bond for hearing May 17.

Susan Evans and Mrs. Esther Cohrt, both of Des Moines; and a brother, A. C. Weaver, Des Moines.

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Mr. Weaver specialized in corporation, banking and real estate law. He was counsel for the Litchfield land interests in Iowa more than 40 years. This land is still known as the river land and was acquired by the Litchfields years ago by government grant when the Des Moines river was a navigable stream.

Mr. Weaver was a member of the Polk County and American Bar associations, and was for years a delegate to the conference on uniform state laws.

In 1916, as a Republican candidate, he was elected state representative from Polk county in the thirty-seventh general assembly, and was re-elected to the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth assemblies, each time receiving the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket.

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and president of the alumni association of the State University of Iowa, and in 1926 was president of the Des Moines public library board, on which he had served since 1910.

Press, Authors Club.

He was president of the Iowa Press and Authors club in 1914 and again in 1929, and promoted the famous homecoming of Iowa authors, illustrators and journalists held here in 1914.

Mr. Weaver was the first president of the Des Moines Community Drama association's Little Theater of Des Moines, and also had served as president of Prairie club, University club and Golf and Country club.

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Mr. Weaver was a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines, including World's Work and Review of Reviews.

He also wrote some verse, including "The Footprints of the Engineer," "A Load of Hay," "The Clock Tower," "Oh Wise Men," and "Christmas 1914."

He wrote a biographical sketch of Dr. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell, Ia., since embraced in the volume "A Book of Iowa Authors, by Iowa Authors," and had written for publication various sketches of Iowa pioneer characters, among them James Timmons, the Lehigh, Ia. poet, and Martin Burke, Boone county pioneer stage driver.

Mr. Weaver had always been a great reader and student, and had an extensive library. At his home he had entertained many visiting celebrities, including George W. Cable, William Dean Howells, Elbert Hubbard, Joseph Jefferson, Henry M. Stanley, and others.

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charging "Roosevelt has scuttled the New Deal, the neutrality act and the good neighbor policy."

16-Point Program.

In conclusion, he presented a 16-point program for adoption by the convention.

It urged:

"Keep America out of the imperialist war; put America back to work; curb the monopolists; jobs and security for all; higher wages and shorter hours; protection and extension of civil liberties; passage of the anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills; defense and extension of the Wagner labor-relations act and fair labor standards act; and adoption of the American youth act."

Farm Policy.

Its farm policy proposed to "launch an adequate nationwide program for farm tenant rehabilitation and drought relief, guaranteeing cost of production; protection of the family-sized farm; debt moratoriums; large scale program of credit facilities and long-term low-interest loans to the toiling farmers and small businessmen."

Other points were:

"A peoples tax program with heavy excess profits tax on incomes in the higher brackets and corporate surpluses over \$25,000 per year and abolishment of tax exempt securities; inauguration of a low-income housing program; an old age pension system providing \$60 monthly for all persons over 60.

"A halt of attacks on labor by the department of justice; abolishment of the un-American Dies committee, and a guarantee of civil rights and freedom of action of labor, including the Communists and all other anti-war, anti-imperialist organizations," were demanded.

PASTOR'S TOPIC TO BE RUSSELL

The Rev. Karl A. Bach, of the First Unitarian church, Eleventh and High streets, will speak on "Bertrand Russell's War on Fear," at the 11 a. m. service to-

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Husband's Name

James Bellamy WEAVER (AFN:K56N-B1)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 19 Aug 1861 **Place:** Bloomfield, Davis, Ia
Died: 11 May 1940 **Place:**
Buried: **Place:** Woodland Cem., Des Moines, Polk, Ia
Married: 7 Nov 1889 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Ia

Father: James Baird WEAVER (AFN:K56R-6Q)

[Family](#)

Mother: Clarissa VINSON (AFN:K56Q-ZK)

Wife's Name

Fay M. ATKINS (AFN:K56V-MD)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 8 Sep 1869 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Ia
Died: 6 May 1919 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Ia
Buried: 8 May 1919 **Place:** Woodland Cem., Des Moines, Polk, Ia
Married: 7 Nov 1889 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Ia

Father: Caleb Brooks ATKINS (AFN:K56V-K2)

[Family](#)

Mother: Mary STEPHENSON (AFN:K56V-L7)

Children

1. Sex Name

M Unknown WEAVER (AFN:K56N-DC)

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Born: 1891 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Ia

2. Sex Name

M Eastman Atkins WEAVER (AFN:K56V-65)

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Born: 17 Mar 1894 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Oh
Died: 6 Apr 1971 **Place:** Berkeley, Alameda, Ca

3. Sex Name

F Persis Fay WEAVER (AFN:K56V-PQ)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 10 May 1896 **Place:** Des Moines, Polk, Ia



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failure to properly judge the needs of his time. And, again, it may mean that merely he was somewhat ahead of his time, a skirmisher 'who drove the pickets in.'

General Weaver was in Congress for the term 1879-81, but in 1880 was nominated as the Greenback candidate for President. Later, in 1884, he was again elected to Congress, serving two consecutive terms, until 1889. In 1892 he was chosen as the first leader of the People's party on the national ticket, and received twenty-two electoral votes. The great work of his life was not in winning offices, but in defining and interpreting policies which the states and the nation were busy for many years in enacting into a program of law or accepted practice. General Weaver did not originate all the distinctive planks in the Greenback platform of 1880, but no one presented them so clearly and stressed their importance with more magnetic power than this distinguished Iowan. Bryan by his eloquence gave a still larger projection to these ideas, and both Roosevelt and Wilson took no little pride in seeing some of these ideas incorporated into law during their administrations. A modern generation may estimate General Weaver's political pioneering more clearly by noting some of the principles and practices now commonplace in our legal and political theory, which were enunciated by this "first great progressive" fully half a century ago. He demanded that the Government should concern itself with the proper regulation of business and industry, with the welfare of the people, with the promotion of agriculture and labor and education; he asked for a graduated income tax; the establishment of postal savings banks; the initiative and referendum; election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; an eight hour labor law; Federal standards in industry, including factories, mines and workshops; child labor legislation; the creation of a Federal Labor Bureau and Department of Agriculture; regulation of inter-state commerce by Congress; demanded that the national resources should be respected, as a heritage of the entire people and not monopolized by trusts; favored the submission of the liquor question and woman suffrage to a vote of all the people; demanded the Australian ballot law. To quote one of his biographers: "While Weaver's greatest work and his greatest victory related to the money question, his program included the whole range of economic questions of his day. But two of his major problems (government ownership of railroads and the free coinage of silver) have failed to become law. . . ."

"There have been three groups of amendments to the Constitution of the United States. . . . The first group of amendments was fathered by Jefferson and his followers. They are known as the 'bill of rights' and relate to the rights of individuals. The second group arose out of the Civil war and was sponsored by Lincoln. The most important abolished slavery and clothed the negro with citizenship.

"The third and last group of amendments to the Constitution, initiated by General Weaver, abolished the legal traffic in intoxicating liquor, provided, under an income tax, that wealth should bear its share of public expenses; enlarged the power of the people by enfranchising women, and providing that United States senators should be elected by popular vote.

"Such is General James B. Weaver's place in history."

General Weaver died in Des Moines, February 6, 1912. In 1919 a fine biography of his life and services was published by the State Historical Society, which was prepared by Fred Emory Haynes.

JAMES BELLAMY WEAVER, a son of Gen. James Baird Weaver and Clara (Vinson) Weaver, was born at Bloomfield, Iowa, August 19, 1861. He was educated in common schools, attended the Southern Iowa Normal and Scientific Institute at Bloomfield, had two years of experience clerking in a store, and in September, 1881, entered the State University Law School, where he was graduated LL. B. in June, 1882. He then entered the law office of C. H. Gatch at Des Moines, and during the next twenty years practiced as a member of the law firms of Gatch & Weaver, Gatch, Connor & Weaver and Connor & Weaver, but since 1904 has practiced alone in Des Moines. He has specialized in the law of corporations, banking and real estate, and for over forty years has been counsel for the Litchfield land interests in Iowa. For fifteen years he was counsel for the electric light and power interests in Des Moines. He is a member of the Polk County and American Bar Associations and for years was a delegate to the Conference on Uniform State Laws.

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As the son of one of Iowa's most distinguished characters, the public has expected much of Mr. Weaver, and his service record has been no disappointment. He was elected as a Republican in 1915 as state representative in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly from Polk County and was reelected to the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Assemblies, in each case receiving the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket. In the Thirty-seventh General Assembly, 1917-19, he was a member of the committees on federal relations, insurance, judiciary, motor vehicles, roads and highways, schools, ways and means. Among the bills introduced by him and enacted into law were the Community Centre Law, the Budget Tax Law, a bill giving municipal court powers in ejectment cases, another giving municipal court power to perform marriage ceremonies, one providing general regulation proce-

ture in municipal court, creating the office of state apiarist, legalizing original notices, appropriation to pay water company bill, appropriating \$5,000 to investigate the cement trust, a bill relating to powers of consular agents under Workmen's Compensation Laws, a bill to prohibit fraudulent advertising, one to create the state board of vocational education, and he was author of a concurrent resolution for conference of county agents at the State College on food production at the beginning of the war. Mr. Weaver was the outstanding leader in the Good Roads Law legislative contest throughout the entire session, being commander on the floor of exactly one-half of the House membership, known as the "54th Iowa," which defeated the attack on the state highway commission and the effort to abolish it and substitute a state engineer named by the governor.

In the Thirty-eighth General Assembly his committee assignments were municipal corporation (chairman), appropriations, federal relations, insurance, judiciary, motor vehicles, roads, schools, ways and means. In that General Assembly bills introduced by him and passed included one to legalize the Dallas Centre school election, to authorize tax for art, park and memorial buildings, to provide for part-time schools, to limit hours children may be employed in labor, an appropriation by the state for vocational education, the state-wide housing law, to authorize excess tax levy in certain cases, to provide funds for vocational education board, appropriation for care and comfort of returning soldiers. He introduced the joint resolution which passed the House providing for the principle of "excess condemnation." He was a member of the sub-committee that drew Iowa's Road Law creating the primary system and fund, and the secondary system, providing for county bonds, etc., and had charge of the bill on passage in House. He was a member of judiciary committee that made the investigation of the Rathbun pardon case and drafted the special report, recommending impeachment of Gov. W. L. Harding, found on pages 1981-88 *House Journal*, and led in support of resolution for impeachment.

In the General Assembly of 1921-23 his committee assignments were: Ways and means (chairman), judiciary, appropriations, schools, constitutional conventions, roads, motor vehicles, municipal corporations, retrenchment and reform. The bills introduced by him and enacted included the Blue Sky Law, Direct Inheritance Tax Law (with Senator Wickman), registration of charitable solicitation, to regulate labels and trade marks and to prevent fraudulent use, as to fees of secretary of state, as to rate of interest on water works bonds, etc., as to powers of cities in re water works, to legalize certain city contracts made during the war, as to certificates for bond purchases, for commission on uniform state laws, as to probation officers in juvenile courts, and the state-wide Housing Law.

He initiated call of conference of House and Senate members held March 16, 1920, in Des Moines, on code revision, and was appointed by conference as chairman of joint code revision committee of six from each House to report to Thirty-ninth General Assembly plans and procedure for code revision. Drew report and resolution of said joint committee found on pages 21-24 of *House Journal*. He offered and secured passage of concurrent resolution (*Journal*, page 1071) approving proposed improvement of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence waterway. He drafted and secured passage as committee bill of an appropriation of \$5,000 per annum for 1921 and 1922 to cover Iowa's share of expense of cooperating with fifteen Mississippi Valley states in favor of St. Lawrence waterway. He offered and secured passage of concurrent resolution condemning practice known as "Pittsburgh Plus" by steel industry, and proposing prosecution by Federal Trade Commission. (See *Journal*, pages 1404-05). He was a member of sub-committee appointed by roads committee to investigate and report on cement trust, and drew the sub-committee's report on that matter. As member of retrenchment and reform committee he drew statement recorded in committee's minutes expressing position of committee in favor of extra session for code revision. He led on floor in opposition to the attacks made on the Road Law and Highway Commission in the House during session. He was a member of sub-committee that drew bill for constitutional convention, supported the bill on the floor and voted against action of House in refusing to provide for such convention, ordered by the vote of the people at last general election. He led in passage of Soldier Bonus Law and introduced and secured enactment of appropriation of \$25,000 after close of World war in aid of Iowa boys stranded in port cities and eastern hospitals.

After his first session in the General Assembly Mr. Weaver's service was given a fine tribute by Senator A. B. Funk, in an appreciation that was published in the *Register* and reads as follows:

"The Thirty-seventh General Assembly has done much to make and mar reputation. As the smoke of its fierce controversy arises, as serene contemplation succeeds nervous tension, it is possible to exercise fair discrimination as to the effect of this unique session upon personal and political fortunes. Men apparently headed toward the heights of fame have failed in this trying experience to justify previous promise. Men hitherto comparatively little known to the state at large have developed influence and leadership to a degree wholly unforeseen.

"Prominent in the latter class is James B. Weaver, the senior member from Polk. It was his first experience in state politics, either as candidate or official. Strong in the elements of better manhood, in a life well spent, he had developed equipment of rare value to the public service. He had no arts nor parts to play to

draw the limelight. He employed no subterfuge to win his seat in the House. He sought no advantage through the games of politics or the compromise of principles to secure for himself better recognition, a better working chance at the organization. Consequently the peculiar policy of the hour barred him from preferment due one of his character and capacity for usefulness. He neither sulked nor surrendered. He was there to serve his county and his state, and the petty fortunes of politics only gave him additional enthusiasm in his endeavor to justify their confidence. As legislative events culminated his leadership became more and more recognized on the basis of sterling merit. More and more his calm judgment, his sound discretion, his appealing candor, his able and fair interpretation of legislative issues, his irreproachable attitude won the confidence of a majority and commanded the respect of all.

"It is now a matter of quite common knowledge that Mr. Weaver is easily in the front rank of Iowa's best public men. He stands before the state as one who scorns the arts of the demagogue, who takes counsel of his patriotism rather than his ambition, who dedicates his public service to the good of mankind. Though a man of bold aims his feet are always planted firmly on the solid earth and he can be trusted to support men and movements standing for legitimate enterprises and actual progress.

"But for rare native modesty James B. Weaver would years ago have been prominent in the public life of the state. He is not apt now to be eager to try titles to positions of more commanding influence with other men, but since he has so abundantly justified confidence and so far established capacity for public usefulness, the senior member from Polk ought to be considered as extremely available for the highest honors within the gift of his party and state.

"In the experience of Iowa and the nation, in the history of mankind, the need of big-brained, large-souled men cast in the mold of integrity and patriotism and tested in the fierce fire of trying public service was never more exacting than at the present time. The two-spot trimmer and the timorous or truculent time-saver may well be given a vacation from public service until affairs of the state and the world are in smoother waters."

A number of other public services should be noted. He was chairman of the committee named by the Alumni of Iowa State University to oppose coordination proposals of the state board of education made to Thirty-fifth General Assembly, and had a debate before a joint session of the Assembly with Hon. James H. Trewin, president, and Hon. D. D. Murphy, members of the board. The proposals were defeated. He was named state director of the American Red Cross when the United States entered the World war, in 1917, and organized the state, creating 365 chapters, more at that time than any other state. He was also chairman on several occasions in the

annual Red Cross drive in his home city. He was elected president of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce in January, 1919, and served for that year. He was chairman of the executive committee of the American Homes National Conference, held in Des Moines March 8-11, 1927, which was attended by delegates from eighteen states. He was made chairman of Iowa Child Welfare Commission of ten members appointed by Governor Kendall in November, 1923, and prepared and presented to the Forty-first General Assembly an extended report, recommending ten bills for enactment dealing with: (a) Creating the office of superintendent of child welfare in the Board of Control—(enacted). (b) Providing for County Welfare Boards. (c) Licensing and regulating child placing agencies—(enacted). (d) Licensing and regulating maternity hospitals—(enacted). (e) Licensing and regulating children's boarding homes—(enacted). (f) A new law of adoption—(enacted). (g) New juvenile court and mother's pension provisions. (h) New illegitimacy law—(enacted). (i) Supervision of feeble-minded. (j) Amendment of marriage law. He had charge of presentation of the proposed bills. He spoke widely over the state in their support and before a joint session of the General Assembly called for that purpose. He was recipient of *Des Moines Tribune-News* Nobel Prize awarded in 1925, for the most distinguished community service, awarded on verdict of the leading civic clubs of the city. He was chairman of resolutions committee at state-wide delegate conference on limitation of armament, held in Des Moines October 28, 1921, in support of the Disarmament Conference called by President Harding, to be held November 11, 1921, at Washington, and drew the resolutions adopted by the conference.

Mr. Weaver was chosen for the interesting honor of introducing President Wilson at the great mass meeting held at the Coliseum on the occasion of the President's last speaking tour. It was a very brief but most felicitous speech, putting the great audience into the proper attitude to receive the message from the President. The two concluding paragraphs of his introduction were:

"The question the President will discuss is whether out of this night of the world's life shall come the dawn of a new era—an era in which by concerted action through the League the resources of the nations shall be devoted not to war but to the crying social needs of the world. For this humanity calls in agony—calls most of all to the great nation whose isolation has vanished forever before the logic of a changed world.

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tion of civilization. You listen to him in the most fateful hour in all the ages."

Mr. Weaver has served as president and vice president of the Alumni Association of Iowa State University. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Des Moines Public Library for over twenty years, and has served as president of the board since 1926. He was president of the Iowa Press and Authors Club in 1914 and again in 1929. In the former year he was active in promoting the famous Home-Coming of Iowa Authors, Illustrators and Journalists, held in Des Moines in October, 1914. He has served for over twenty years as a member of the City Plan Commission and was chairman of the City Plan and Zoning Commission in 1929 and 1930. As such he had charge of the arrangement in one volume for presentation to the council of the Comprehensive City Plan for Des Moines, as adopted by the commission and later by the council. He attended the international conference on city planning held at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, and on invitation presented on that occasion an address entitled "The City Plan and Civic Consciousness," which was printed in the magazine *American City* (N. Y.) in October following the meeting. He contributed to the July, 1930, number of *City Planning*, the organ of the national movement, an article on Des Moines comprehensive plan. In 1916 he drafted and presented to the town planning commission a resolution and plat proposing the opening of the magnificent boulevard now known as Keosauqua Way. It was adopted by the commission and the council, and has become an accomplished fact. Many suggestions had been made before that date that such a road be opened, but the resolution was the first concrete step to make it an actuality. He has served as chairman of the public welfare bureau board and as chairman of one of the annual drives, and was always a liberal contributor to the fund. He is a charter member of the Fine Arts Association of Des Moines and a trustee since its organization. He was first president of the Little Theatre of Des Moines, and has served as president of the Prairie Club, University Club and Golf and Country Club.

He has officiated as speaker on many notable public occasions, among which may be named the following: Dedication Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City; presentation of portrait of William O. Finkbine to the State University; dedication of Ashworth Park (author of text on the Ashworth Memorial Tablet); dedication of tablet at State College at Ames in memory of the late H. C. Wallace; dedication at Creston of first paved highway (No. 34) across the state; laying of cornerstone of D. W. Smouse Opportunity School (Des Moines); presentation of resolutions in memory of Hon. Albert B. Cummins before Republican state convention and the General Assembly.

He has been a frequent contributor to newspapers, magazines (*World's Work* and *Review of*

Reviews). Has written some verse (*The Footprints of the Engineer, A Load of Hay, The Clock Tower, Oh Wise Men, Christmas 1914*). He wrote a biographical sketch of Doctor Steiner, since embraced in the volume *A Book of Iowa Authors*, published as a school text book in 1930. He has written for publication various sketches of Iowa pioneer characters, among them James Timmons, the Lehigh poet, and Martin Burke (Boone County) pioneer stage driver.

He has always been a reader and student, has an extensive library, and his home, at 331 Twenty-eighth Street, has entertained many visiting celebrities, including George W. Gable, William Dean Howells, Elbert Hubbard, Joseph Jefferson, the famous actor, Henry M. Stanley, and others. He has for years been registered in *Who's Who in America*. In 1925, and again in 1928, he traveled extensively in Europe.

WILLIAM D. BALDWIN, clerk of the District Court of Polk County, is a man widely and favorably known in this and other counties, and a citizen of the highest standing at Des Moines. It is safe to say that there is no movement of any moment that comes before the people of his city that does not receive careful consideration from Mr. Baldwin, and if he is convinced that it will benefit the majority he will support it heartily and effectively.

The birth of Mr. Baldwin occurred in Stark County, Illinois, November 2, 1868, and he is a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Curfman) Baldwin, he born in New Jersey and she in Ohio. About 1848 he came to Illinois with his parents; and the Curfman family came to Stark County in an early day. It was in Stark County that the parents of William D. Baldwin met and were married, and there they remained until 1882. In that year father and son, each driving a "prairie schooner," crossed the prairies to Warren County, Iowa. Of the three children born to the parents William D. Baldwin is the only survivor, and he was the only one living when the family came to Iowa. While Iowa had long passed the pioneer period, conditions were somewhat primitive when the Baldwins arrived, and they endured some hardships before they were finally established. After coming to Warren County the family joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the parents were very active in it during a period when the membership was small, the income limited, and conditions not of the best. People in those days took their religion very seriously, and were willing to work and sacrifice in the cause. The parents had been equally zealous in behalf of the United Brethren Church in Illinois, but when they found none of their faith in their new home they cast their lot with another denomination. The father was a Republican, and as he was a well-read man he became a leader in the local party, as well as along other lines. He was a son of Andrew Baldwin, of New Jersey, who, after living for a time in Illinois, went to Kansas, where he died. By trade Andrew Baldwin was

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JAMES B. WEAVER JR.

James was born in Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa on August 19, 1861, the son of General James B. Weaver. After his schooling, James went to work as a clerk in a store for two years, then entered the law school at the State University in 1881, graduating in 1882. He then went into practice with Colonel C. H. Gatch, under the name of Gatch & Weaver, until September of 1885, when Judge William Connor joined them as a third partner. When Gatch retired, the firm became known as Connor & Weaver until Judge Connor died in 1904, when James practiced alone.

James married on November 07, 1889 to Fay Atkins, the daughter of C. B. Atkins of Des Moines. They had three children, Eatman, Persis Fay and one dying in infancy.

Mr. Weaver became president of the Prairie Club and a member of the Golf & Country Club, the University Club, serving as vice-president, the American Red Cross Society, in which he served on the executive board. James was able to acquire thousands of acres of central Iowa farm land. In long-drawn out litigation affecting these lands, known as Litchfield interest, he was an active participant for more than twenty years. James was tendered by Mayor Hanna to the board of trustees of the Des Moines Public Library. He was named by Governor Carroll, the curator of the State Historical Society. He became president of the Art Institute of Des Moines. He was known for his love of reading, being an accomplished lecturer, speaker and raconteur, he was frequently in demand.

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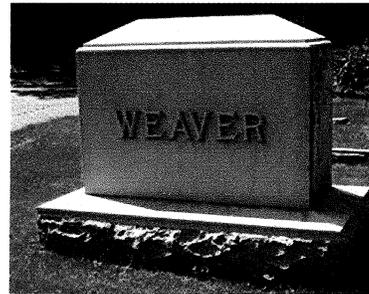
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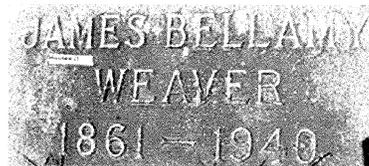
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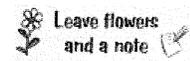


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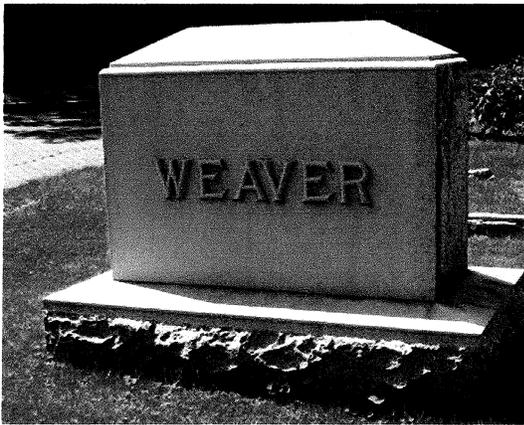
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WATERBURY, Frank C., mfg. pharmaceuticals and chemicals, Des Moines; b. Freeport, Ill., April 16, 1866; Unitarian; Rep.; ed. Iowa schools; m. Coral P. Chaffin, 1892, Winton, Ia.; child., Carl C., Chloris P.; pres., Waterbury Chemical Co. of Des Moines, New York City, and New Orleans; pres., Waterbury Chemical Co., Ltd., of Toronto, Can.; pres., Waterbury Inv. Co.; pres., Greenwood Inv. Co.; pres., Des Moines Apartments Co.; pres., Polk Co. Ins. Co.; pres., Grand Inv. Co.; v-pres., Commercial Sav. Bank; v-pres., Central Natl. Fire Ins. Co.; treas., Morris Plan Bank; v-pres., Mississippi Valley Assn.; dis. pres., Arentox Co., Chicago; v-pres., Des Moines Assn. Fine Art; mem. Masonic bodies, Shrine; dir., Greater Des Moines Com.; dir., Des Moines Chamber of Commerce; chmn., Foreign Trades Bureau; mem. Circumnavigator Club, New York City; mem. Internatl. Inland Waterways Assn.; mem. Golf and Country Clubs, Des Moines Club. Former residences, past 25 yrs., Des Moines, Ia.

WATERS, Ralph Milton, Doctor of Medicine (anesthesia specialist), Sioux City; b. Trumble Co., O., Oct. 9, 1883; Prot.; Non-Partisan; ed. A. B., Western Reserve; M. D., Western Reserve; m. Louise Diehl, 1913, Cleveland, O.; child., Elva, Barbara, Darwin D.; presented paper at Interstate Soc. of Anesthetists, Cincinnati, O., 1918; also presented paper at American Assn. of Anesthetists, at New Orleans, La., 1920; mem. American Medical Assn., American Assn. of Anesthetists, Interstate Assn. of Anesthetists, Elks, Masonic bodies, Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity. Former residences, Austinburg, Ashtabula Co., O., 1893-01; Cleveland, O., 1901-12.

WATKIN, Clifford R., physician, Sioux City; b. Parkersburg, Ia., May 21, 1889; Prot.; Rep.; ed. S. B., Univ. of Chicago; M. D., Rush Medical Coll.; physician specializing in diseases of the stomach and intestines; 1st lieut. Med. Corps, U. S. A., 1918-19. Former residences, Parkersburg, Ia., 1908; Chicago, 1908-16.

WATRUD, Hjalmar O., county agricultural agent, Decorah; b. Blanchardville, Wis., March 25, 1885; Luth.; ed. B. S. A. 1913, and M. S. 1914, Coll. of Ag., Univ. of Wis.; m. Amelia C. Wang, June 12, 1918, Blanchardville, Wis.; field extension work U. S. D. A. in Wis., 1914-16; same in Ill. and Wyo.; pres., literary soc. at Univ; sec., Co. Wool Growers' Assn. and Breeders Assn. Former residences, Madison, Wis., 1909-17; Blanchardville, Wis., until 1909.

WAYMACK, W. W., managing editor, Des Moines Register and Tribune, Des Moines; b. Savanna, Ill., Oct. 18, 1888; ed., A. B., Morningside Coll.; m. Elsie J. Lord, 1911, Savanna, Ill.; child., Edward R.; formerly chief editorial writer Sioux City Journal; assoc. ed., Register

and Tribune; mng. ed. same; mem. Masonic bodies, Shrine, Hyperion Club, Golf and Tennis Club, Lions Club, Ad Club, Chamber of Commerce, Automobile Club; Former residence, Sioux City, 1911-18.

WEAVER, Silas M., Judge of Supreme Court, Des Moines; b. Arkwright, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1843; Rep.; ed. com. schls.; Fredonia, N. Y., Acad.; moved to Iowa Falls, 1868; has served as state representative, Hardin Co.; elected judge of 11th Jud. Dist., 1886; re-elected, 1890-94-98; elected to supreme bench, 1901; re-elected, 1908-14-20.

WEAVER, James B., lawyer, Des Moines; b. Bloomfield, Ia., Aug. 19, 1861; Rep.; Cong.; ed. com. sch., Bloomfield, Ia.; So. Ia. Normal and Sc. Institute, Bloomfield; LL. B., State Univ. law, 1882; ex-pres. Iowa Press and Authors Club, and of Univ. Club, Des Moines; contributor to press and magazines; ex-pres. Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, of Prairie Club, Des Moines, of Des Moines Literary Bd., of Alumni Assn. S. U. Ia.; mem. Des Moines Town Planning Commission, Des Moines Playgrounds Commission, ex-pres. Des Moines Little Theatre Soc.; mem. 37th and 38th G. A. (House); secy. Ia. Commissioners Uniform State Laws; ex-pres. Golf and Country Club, Des Moines. Formerly resided in Bloomfield, Ia., Aug. 1861, to Sept. 1881; Des Moines, Ia., July 1882 to present time.

WEBSTER, Charles, railroad commissioner, Des Moines; b. near Waucoma, Ia., May 18, 1859; Rep.; mem. firm Webster Bros., raisers and shippers live stock, grain, produce; pres. several retail lumber companies in Ia., N. D., S. D., Mont.; interested in building telephone lines and exchanges; promoter of gas and electric companies in Arizona; delegate to Rep. Natl. Con., 1908; mem. State Council of Defense, State Fuel Adm. during World War; appointed R. R. comnr., Nov. 5, 1917; elected, 1918.

WENNER, Edward J., lawyer, Waterloo; b. Garrison, Benton Co., Ia., July 3, 1880; Prot.; Rep.; ed. public schl. at Garrison; grad. Tilford Collegiate Acad.; Univ. of Ia., LL. B., 1903; Yale Univ. Law School, M. L., 1904; m. Elizabeth Parrott, Aug. 17, 1910, Waterloo, Ia.; child., Frank W., Edward R., Jackson C.; elected co. atty. Black Hawk co., 1914; re-elected, 1916-18 (3 terms); mem. K. P., Elks, L. O. O. M., F. A. U. Former residences, Garrison, Ia.; Vinton, Ia.

WESSLING, D. R., banker, Lytton; b. Paton, Ia., Feb. 1, 1887; Presby.; Rep.; ed. Grand Jct., H. S.; Ia. Business Coll., Des Moines; grad. from both; m. Cora E. Thomson, Jan. 8, 1916, Grand Junction, Ia.; child., Daniel R. Jr.; with Citizens Bank at Grand Jct., until age of 25; at age of 28 organized Lytton Sav. Bank, Lytton, Ia.; holds controlling interest and has always been its pres.; pres., Auburn (Ia.) Sav. Bank; active on various war work committees; mem. Masonic bodies, Shrine. Former residences, Paton, Ia.; until 9 yrs. old; moved to Grand Jct., Ia., with parents; there until 1915.

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lems testing the powers of the physician. He is a member of the surgical staff of the Methodist Hospital and also acts as attending physician to the Des Moines Home for Friendless Children. He belongs to the Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa and the American Institute of Homeopathy, thus keeping in close touch with the advancement made by the profession.

On the 31st of December, 1894, Dr. Holloway was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Pressnell, a daughter of William and Nancy Pressnell. Her father, who was born in Indiana in 1827, died at the advanced age of seventy-four years. His wife, a native of Kentucky, was born in 1847. Their daughter, Mrs. Holloway, was graduated from the Mount Pleasant high school with the class of 1889. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, namely: Paul Raymond, Howard Jean, Esther Lucile and Helen Marjory.

In politics Dr. Holloway is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Plymouth Congregational church. He also belongs to the Grant Club of Des Moines. In professional and social circles he holds to high standards and enjoys in large measure the confidence and trust of those with whom he is brought in contact in every relation of life.

JAMES B. WEAVER, JR.

James B. Weaver, Jr., was born in Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, August 19, 1861. He is a son of General James B. Weaver, well known in the public life of Iowa. He was a student in the public schools of Bloomfield until eighteen years of age. He then clerked in a store for two years. He entered the law school at the State University in September, 1881, graduating in June, 1882. He began practice in Des Moines in connection with Colonel C. H. Gatch under the firm name of Gatch & Weaver, a relation that was continued until September, 1885, at which time they were joined by Judge William Connor, who retired from the bench to engage in practice. The partnership continued until 1897 under the style of Gatch, Connor & Weaver. Following the retirement of Mr. Gatch from the firm it was Connor & Weaver until the death of Judge Connor in 1904, since which time Mr. Weaver has been alone in practice.

On the 7th of November, 1889, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Fay Atkins, a daughter of C. B. Atkins, Esq., of Des Moines. They became the parents of three children, of whom one died in infancy, the others being: Eastman, now seventeen years of age; and Persis Fay, fifteen years of age.

In political allegiance Mr. Weaver is a republican. He is a member of the Plymouth Congregational church. He also holds membership in and at one time was president of the Prairie Club. He is a member of the Golf and Country Club, the Des Moines Club, the University Club, of which he is vice president, and the American Red Cross Society, in which he is serving on the executive board for Iowa.

Mr. Weaver has frequently been named in connection with public office but has steadily declined to enter politics, for which indeed he has had little time aside from an extensive law business, including the care of several large estates, most notable of which are what are known as the Litchfield interests, involving many thousands of acres of central Iowa lands. In the long-drawn-out litigation affecting these lands, which were a part of the famous Des Moines river lands, he was an active participant for more than twenty years. Mr. Weaver is a public-spirited citizen, interested and active in all the higher life of his home city. He was tendered by Mayor Hanna and accepted in April, 1910, the appointment to the board of trustees of the Des Moines Public Library, where he is still serving. In March, 1911, he was named by Governor Carroll

as curator of the State Historical Society. He is vice president of the Art Institute of Des Moines, recently organized. He is a bookman of extensive reading, an accomplished lecturer, after-dinner speaker and raconteur, and his services are in frequent demand. The Weaver home, on Twenty-eighth street and Ridge road, is the center of many delightful social activities of which the son and daughter are now an active part.

CHARLES L. BAYES.

Charles L. Bayes, who devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, is operating a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Walnut township. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 6th of April, 1870, his parents being Isaac and Elizabeth (Davis) Bayes, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, followed farming in Ohio throughout his active business career. He passed away on the 31st of March, 1876, while his wife was called to her final rest in October, 1883.

Charles L. Bayes was reared and educated in Ohio, remaining in his native state until 1888, when he came to Polk county, Iowa, and began working as a farm hand by the month, being thus employed for four or five years. On the expiration of that period he entered the shops of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Valley Junction, Iowa, and at the end of about three years became a fireman on the road, acting in that capacity for seven years. He was then promoted to the position of engineer and as such remained in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad for six years longer. At the end of that time he once more turned his attention to farming, taking up his abode on a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Walnut township which had come into possession of his wife at the time of her father's death. The property is highly improved in every particular and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them.

On the 28th of November, 1899, Mr. Bayes was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret M. Ashworth, who was born in Walnut township, Polk county, on the 20th of July, 1871, her parents being Abraham and Ellen (Mott) Ashworth, the former a native of England and the latter of New York. They are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. Mrs. Bayes supplemented her preliminary education, obtained in the district schools, by a course of study in Drake University at Des Moines. She is now the mother of one child, Harold A., a little lad of five years.

In politics Mr. Bayes is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His life has ever been upright and honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and as the years have gone by he has proven his right to be classed with the respected citizens and representative agriculturists of Walnut township.

ROSCOE E. COOK, M. D.

Specializing as a practitioner in chronic diseases, Dr. Roscoe E. Cook, of Des Moines, has gained a wide reputation although he has been established in this city only eight years. He comes of a medical family, the father, uncle and son all graduating from some medical college. He was born at Sigourney,