

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Schirmer, William J. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Jackson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 June 1873 Belleme, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Antoinette Hickie 12 June 1901 Belleme, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was associated with the Belleme Iron Park Board and the  
Mississippi Scenic Highway

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Chamber of  
Commerce; library board

C. Profession Editor and publisher - The Belleme Leader - 40 years;  
store clerk after high school before working in the newspaper business

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1921, 1923

6. Public Offices

A. Local Belleme city recorder 1897, Belleme school board member starting in 1914

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

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

7. Death 26 Aug 1930 Belleme, Iowa; buried Presbyterian Cemetery, Belleme, Iowa

8. Children Allan Faber

9. Names of parents Frank and Bertha Amalia (Rechow) Schirmer

10. Education Educated in the Bellvue, Iowa public  
school graduating 14 June 1889

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

12. Other applicable information Republican

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Feb. 1907 purchased the newspaper from the heirs of the deceased  
owner, H. O. Evans.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary - The Bellevue Leader, Bellevue Iowa</u>			
			Thurs. Aug 28, 1930, p.1, col 2,3; Thurs. Aug 28
			1930, p.1, col 2,3, and p.5, col 5, p.1, col 1 and p.5, col 3,
			p.2, col 1, 2 and Thurs. Sept 4, 1930, p.1, col 1
- <u>Iowa Official Register 1923-1924</u>			p. 294
- <u>Outline of Personal History for the Historical Department</u>			(original original located in the library clipping folder)
- <u>History of Jackson County, Iowa 1910</u>			p. 468-470
- <u>House Journal 1931</u>			p. 2038-2139
- <u>History of Jackson County, Iowa 1900-1989</u>			p. 365-369
- <u>ancestry.com</u>			(accessed 18 Apr 2010)



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1911

# Wm. F. Schirmer, Leader Publisher, Suddenly Called

**Stricken on Street and Dies  
Instantly—Funeral to be  
Friday Afternoon**

Of sudden deaths recently chronicled in these columns, none grieved us more or was a greater shock to this community, than when the word was passed from mouth to mouth on Tuesday afternoon that William F. Schirmer, our publisher, had been suddenly stricken by the angel of death as he was on his way to the postoffice at 3:20 o'clock.

Bill, as his friends called him, was about his work as usual and chatted with several friends on his way to the postoffice to mail a package to the Lamotte News. Suddenly without warning he was seen to fall to the sidewalk near the north door of the postoffice. Postmaster George Beeler and Roy Weyhgandt gave him first aid, while Drs. E. L. Lampe, M. W. Moulton and J. C. Dennison rushed to him but all attempts at artificial respiration were unavailing, death having been instantaneous.

The body was taken to his home on Riverview boulevard.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon with short prayers at home at 2 o'clock, before the services at the Presbyterian church. The Rev. Charles Memmott of Williams, Iowa, a former pastor and personal friend of Mr. Schirmer, will have charge of the religious services at the home and church and the Masonic lodge will conduct services at the grave in the Presbyterian cemetery. The active pallbearers will be Joe A. Young, Dr. E. A. Hanske, Dr. J. C. Dennison, Z. G. Hook, George J. Beeler and Dr. W. W. Moulton. The honorary escort will be George Schuttler, Alex. Reed, John

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The subject of this sketch was born at Bellevue, June 16, 1873, and was the only child of the late Frank and Bertha Schirmer. When he attained the age of seven he became a pupil of the Bellevue Public school and graduated from the high school with the class of 1890. Following his graduation he was employed as a clerk in a store for about a year and then in 1890 entered the office of the Bellevue Leader, where for forty years he has given the best of his talents and ability to his chosen life's work, journalism.

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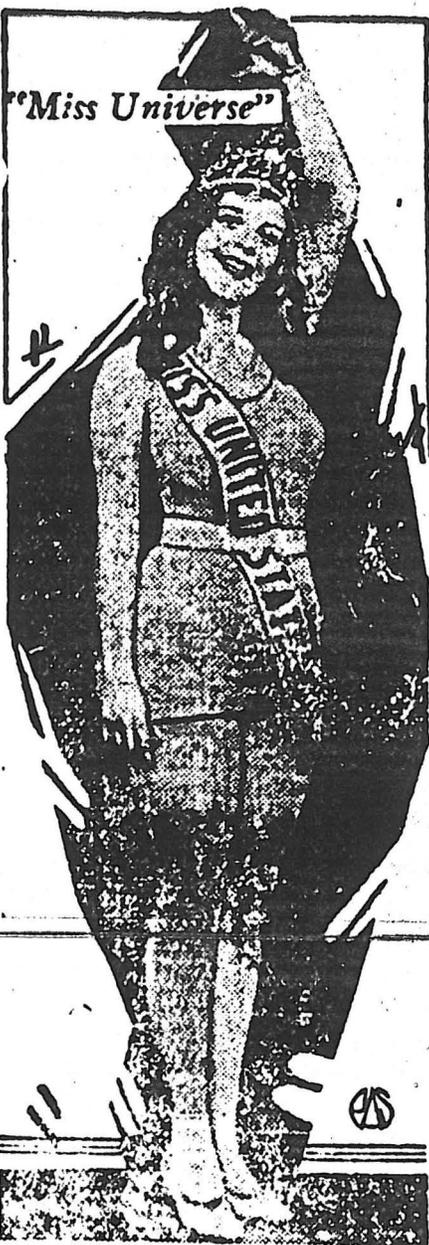
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Seventeen-year old Dorothy Dell Goff of New Orleans, winner of the international beauty contest held at Galveston.

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### A Power for Good

His powerful influence for good in the community was outstanding and his loyalty to his home town was evidenced by his keen interest and persistent boosting for Bellevue, commercially, industrially and culturally.

Prominent among his recent activities was the part he played in securing the Bellevue State Park and the designation of the Mississippi River Scenic Highway from Clinton to Dubuque, via Bellevue, as part of the Iowa primary system.

In the circles of his profession, too, he was active and always helpful—traits that distinguished him in every field of personal endeavor. When the Eastern Iowa Publishers' association was organized a little less than a year ago, Mr. Schirmer became a charter

member and gave the project his enthusiastic backing and help. Never was his assistance found lacking when called for—and it was frequently needed because of his wide experience. And never did he fail to attend a meeting. At the June meeting, held in Bellevue State Park, he proved himself a genial co-host.

Politically he was a staunch republican and his days in the state legislature as a representative of Jackson county in the 39th and 40th Iowa general assembly, where he served in one regular and one extra session, proved his worth to this locality.

Socially he will be missed for no community gathering was complete without a vocal selection in which he sang the tenor part. He gave unsparingly of his vocal talent and his singing at funerals is almost a tradition here.

In the home his love and devotion to his wife and son were remarkable and his kindness and consideration of others were among his many virtues.

Public spirited, whole-hearted and generous, always greeting everyone, regardless of station, with a smile and friendly word, a special pal of children, a square shooter in every game of life.

Henry Beeler and family arrived

### LANOTTE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. F. R. Ahlers, son Paul and Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Goldthorp spent Saturday in the H. H. Ahlers home in Bellevue.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hoff of near Bellevue drove up Saturday morning and spent the day with the latter's folks, the Frank Bechen Sr. family.

Mrs. Emma Stover spent several days over the week-end with her niece, Mrs. C. H. Koos and family. She left Monday for Dubuque to spend a few days with relatives before returning to Maquoketa.

Joe Bechen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Mike Herrig, niece Miss Viola and T. J. Herrig to the state fair. They left by auto early Wednesday morning.

Miss Alta Harris went to Bellevue Saturday afternoon to spend a few days among friends.

A large gathering of young folks helped Blaine, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schoop, celebrate his birthday Thursday at his home east of town. The hours were whiled away dancing, and at midnight all enjoyed the luncheon, and departed wishing Blaine many happy returns of the day.

Miss Elizabeth Franzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Franzen and Wm. Loughlin, son of Mrs. Anna Loughlin and the late Leo Loughlin were married Tuesday morning. Rev. Friedmann performing the ceremony. The attendants were Ray Loughlin and Miss Eve Franzen, brother and sister of William and Elizabeth. The bride wore a dark georgette dress and hat to match. Miss Eve wore pink georgette and pink hat. The bridegroom and best man wore blue suits. After a wedding dinner served to immediate relatives the happy couple left for Imogene, Ia., and will also take in the state fair at Des Moines. Friends extend best wishes to William and Elizabeth.

Rev. S. M. Ide motored to Clinton today.

Walter Sharnborg was home off the road for over the week-end.

Miss Irma Freye of Dubuque is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Norpel.

Miss Kathleen Till went to Cascade Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurt to spend the week-end there.

Misses Ida and Lorena Fonda will arrive home this evening from Monona,

Miss Virginia Weber, who is employed in Dubuque, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Weber.

Mrs. John Welmer of Dubuque and little grandson, Billy Dunn of Minneapolis spent several hours at the A. J. Manderscheid home on Friday.

Mrs. A. G. Kegler and family and Miss Anna Eberle had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwab and children and Mrs. Frank Kunz.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Gerlitz and little son Billy and P. C. Clarke of West Branch were visitors at the L. E. Kucheman home last Sunday. Mrs. Clarke who has been spending a few days here returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Medinger, son

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A gathering of young folks at the home of Mrs. John Schoop, celebrate the 17 year old son of Mrs. John Schoop, celebrate his birthday Thursday at his home. The hours were whiled away with singing, and at midnight all enjoyed a luncheon, and departed wishing many happy returns of the day.

Elizabeth Franzen, daughter of Mrs. Louis Franzen and Wm. Franzen, son of Mrs. Anna Loughlin and Leo Loughlin were married Saturday morning. Rev. Friedlander performing the ceremony. The bridesmaids were Ray Loughlin and Elizabeth Franzen, brother and sister of the bride and Elizabeth. The bride wore a georgette dress and hat. The groom wore a pink georgette suit. The bridegroom wore blue suits. After a dinner served to immediate family the happy couple left for Dubuque and will also take in the Des Moines. Friends express wishes to William and Elizabeth.

M. Ide motored to Clinton Saturday morning.

Sharnborg was home off the road over the week-end.

**A City Bows**

(Continued from Page 1)

good for his community, ever loyal to his Maker, friends and Bellevue.

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J. C. Dennison—If one wanted to know where Wm. Schirmer stood, he needed to look only on the right side.

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Alex Reed—Will Schirmer as a schoolmate, a fellow church worker and friend, I shall never forget.

He was a good conscientious citizen, a faithful worker in church and community, a supporter of everything worth while.

In the death of Will Schirmer Bellevue has lost a pioneer, a booster and a gentleman.

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Dr. E. L. Lampe—Bellevue has lost one of the greatest boosters it has ever had.

**OFF TO DUTY**

Erwin Simpson departed Wednesday morning for Oak Park, Ill., to get in readiness for the coming school year, as he will be the athletic coach at both the Horace Mann and the Holmer schools.

**TO LEAVE BELLEVUE**

Mrs. Anna Callaghan is planning to leave Bellevue some time next week. From here she will go to Dubuque to spend some time with her two daughters, Lucille and Marcella, who are employed there and later will go to Chicago to keep house for her two sons, Herbert and Bernard.

**CHANGE AT LOCAL STATION**

Friends of the C. H. Clement family will be sorry to hear they are to leave Bellevue. Mr. Clement has been the obliging express agent here for some time and L. E. Yeager, local station agent has been notified that he is to take charge of the express office in connection with his other duties. Kenneth, Mr. Yeager's son will be in charge.

After sixteen years spent in the service of the express company, it is a hard blow to Mr. Clement, who is undecided as to his plans for the future.

The restaurant on the corner of Market and State street conducted by John Mohr and family has discontinued business, owing to the ill health of Mrs. Mohr.

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## Personal M

Mrs. George Deyen returned Tuesday evening in Dubuque.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Edward Brandt were in last Thursday.

Mrs. Mina Gibbon Marle are home from at Blairstown, Iowa,

Mr. and Mrs. John L. na, Ill., spent the week home of the former's Foltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl daughter Christine and Dermott motored to Cedar Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Vorman arrived from Dubuque morning to visit Mrs. and son Clifford.

Miss Alverda Meding Ernest and Eldon Egge spent Sunday with Miss —Lost Nation Press.

Miss Mary Paup returned Saturday from Cedar Falls tented the summer session State Teachers' College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Co Mrs. Dwain Blake and the Green Island spent the the Ed Ellinghouse home

Mr. and Mrs. George I. and Mrs. A. L. Hoffmann Black Hills on Tuesday will spend several days items in Mt. Vernon Re

Miss Enid Burns who tending the summer session Iowa university, New York Saturday morning for June where she will teach again

Elmer Stell and son of the week-end with his Stell, Sr. and brothers J. and Grover Stell. He is the Harding restaurant

### KIND WORDS FROM MAQUOKETA

Our neighboring city of Bellevue, located as she is on the Father of Waters, holds an enviable position in that there can be found nothing more beautiful than this wonderful body of water upon whose bosom pleasure boats can be seen at all times. The river front in the business district and in front of the residence portion just north of the business district, is probably one of the most beautiful and restful scenes that can be found anywhere. With all this comes the excursion boat trips put on by the Chamber of Commerce of that city from time to time. They are enjoyed by the people of the surrounding territory. They make a day of it and the happy crowd returns home in the evening tired from the day's frolicking but happy over the enjoyment of the occasion.—Maquoketa Excelsior.

### IOWA FARMS ARE VALUABLE

It is reported that quite a number of investors have been scouting about this section of late and looking for farms. Northeast Iowa is the favored section of the agricultural section this year and landseekers are looking it over. Looking up the records for past years, it is discovered that there is never a complete crop failure in this section and rarely a season when the condition is what is known as below normal. There is water in the wells and streams and sufficient rainfall to germinate and mature the seed. There is but little financial risk in the ownership of a good northeast Iowa farm and the great crop of corn that is now in the stage of maturing, and the immense crop of oats that is now being

### SPEEDING UP RIVER PROJECT

Major General Lytle Brown, chief of the U. S. engineers returns to Washington after an inspection of the Mississippi and its most important tributaries, enthusiastic over the task assigned him by President Hoover.

General Brown has been impressed with the opportunities afforded him to accomplish a real job. Friends of the inland waterways improvement have been greatly reassured by public statements which have come from him since his return to the capital.

He is for pushing the project with all possible vigor and is calling first for early completion of the survey for the nine-foot channel for the upper river.

General Brown was placed in charge of this important undertaking because of his initiative. The president desired that the engineering work be directed by someone with the capacity to remove it from the realm of routine, and give it driving force.

Mr. Hoover believes the inland waterways project should be carried through with the same earnestness that the Panama canal was undertaken. He is out of patience with piecemeal appropriations and the dragging out process which has marked the program to date.

Washington dispatches indicate that the president may call upon congress to fix a time for completing the task, possibly within three to five years, and to authorize appropriations which will carry through the many big engineering works as soon as possible. This will involve hard work for the war department but General Brown is believed to be the man to get results.

The delay in waterways improvement in the midwest area has not been

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# Last Sad Rites For W. F. Schirmer

## Services Held Last Friday— Many Pay Respects to Editor of Leader

Funeral services for the late William F. Schirmer, editor and publisher of the Bellevue Leader whose sudden and untimely death on last Tuesday afternoon caused universal grief, were held at the Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon at two o'clock. It was the first service to be held in the newly decorated church, that Mr. Schirmer had labored so unceasingly to have completed. The Rev. Charles Memmott of Williams, Iowa, officiated and delivered the sermon on the theme, "The Permanency of Jesus Christ" from which we quote as follows:

"Your attention is called to the Eighth verse of 13th Chapter of Hebrews: 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.' The Hebrew Christians were perplexed because some of their vallant leaders had fallen in the fray. Why did God allow the seemingly indispensable to depart when the workers were few and the work so great. It is the same now. Prof Elmsle, the great English preacher and Drummond in the heyday of life were snatched away when in the very thick of the battle.

"The question arises, why does God take from us today as of old, the men that are so useful and apparently so necessary? For this reason: God's universe is so great and the interests of the kingdom so manifold that like a great empire He has particular work for particular men and he knows what each is able to do and sends his men like a king to the work they are best able to do. They serve Him.

"Jesus remains continually in the church, never absent, never inactive but constantly helping, blessing, guiding and inspiring His own. No man

necessary but he who is without Me he can do nothing."

The Rev. J. L. Coleman of Algona, the recent pastor paid a beautiful tribute to the life and work of the departed.

### HAVE FINE TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Cornellus, son Wilson and daughter Maybelle returned Wednesday from Waterville, Minn., where they had been visiting in the home of their daughter and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Lutz. They left August 1 and visited relatives in North and South Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada, returning home by way of Minnesota.

### PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

Divine services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening by the Rev. James B. Hodgson, temporarily residing at Mt. Vernon, who is a candidate for the vacant pastorate. Mr. Hodgson is a college and seminary graduate, having finished with the class of 1920 at Princeton, N. J. He has recently returned from a year's study abroad under the fellowship prize which he won from the Board of Christian Education. He is a married man.

All members of the congregation are urged to be present, and those not worshipping elsewhere are invited. The hours of worship are eleven and seven-thirty o'clock and Sunday school at ten o'clock.

## Improvements at Dyas Dairy Farm

### E. S. Dyas & Sons Add New Building and More Equipment

E. S. Dyas & Sons believe in keeping abreast of the times and have been making extensive improvements at their dairy farm just south of town. A fine new dairy house of tile has been erected, fully equipped with all modern appliances to simplify and add sanitation to the work. A bottling machine, a boiler, a refrigerator machine and cold storage constitute a part of the \$5,000 improvement.

Five Holstein cows, which are milked by machinery. The milk is bottled by Gaylor, deliver the dairy products to many Bellevue homes every morning.

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The burial was made in the family lot in the Presbyterian cemetery the Masonic lodge having charge of the ritual, followed by a prayer by Rev. Coleman.

All business houses were closed for the services and the business men attended in a body.

Among those attending from out-of town were: F. J. Wickie, Hallock, Minn.; Mrs. W. J. Sullivan, Chicago; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Henneger and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henneger, Dubuque; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson and three children, Maquoketa; Mr and Mrs. S. F. Schirmer, Emmetsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schirmer, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Schlot, Preston; Mr and Mrs. Fred Wiegert, Lamotte; Mr. and Mrs. John Stuber and daughter Helen, John and Tony Beuchele, Dubuque; Miss Emma Beuchele, Washington, D. C.; Misses Alice and Ethel Holmes, Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graff, Mrs. Wm. Born and son Wm. Davenport

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Wilbur Dyas, ably assisted by Kyle Gaylor, deliver the dairy products to many Bellevue homes every morning.

#### VACATIONING

Miss Anna Leonard, the popular clerk at the Rexall store is taking a well-earned vacation and Miss Della Gurius is taking her place.

#### HOME FROM MINNESOTA

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bausch and daughter Alice Lee and Mrs. Jos. Beeler arrived home Wednesday evening from an auto trip to Stillwater, Minn., where they visited the Fred Glade family. They also attended the Minnesota State Fair at St. Paul. John Bausch who had been visiting in Stillwater for several weeks, returned home with them.

#### ROLLING BUYS GARAGE BUSINESS

Henry Rolling, who has been in charge of the garage on Front street conducted by the Doran Motor Company of Maquoketa, purchased the business and took possession Monday. He will continue at the old stand under the name of the Bellevue Motor Company. Mr. Rolling has been designated as the first dealer for the Bellevue area and will do repair work on all makes of cars as well as carrying parts for Model X

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Iowa township; John G., also a resident of this township; Helen, deceased; Alfred W., the subject of this review; Rosy, deceased; Jessie, the wife of G. A. Hodges, of Jackson county; and William W., who has passed away.

Alfred W. Giddings was about two years of age when his parents established their home in Jackson county and was reared upon the farm in Iowa township. He became a pupil in the district school of his locality when of suitable age, that he might gain an acquaintance with the fundamental branches of English education, and while he pursued his lessons he assisted his father in the work in the fields. In this manner he was well equipped for the practical duties of life when, at the age of twenty-seven years, he decided to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account. For three years he rented a farm in Ida county, Iowa, and then returned to Jackson county and bought the homestead. It consists of one hundred and seventy-nine acres on section 14, Iowa township, and he also has one hundred and eighty-two acres in Oklahoma. To the further cultivation of his farm Mr. Giddings has devoted himself with unwearying industry. He has also engaged extensively in raising and feeding stock, his enterprise and progressive methods being rewarded with generous returns so that he deserves a place among the representative stockmen of his locality.

It was in 1888 that Mr. Giddings was united in marriage to Miss Mina Hodges, who was born in Carroll county, Illinois, April 21, 1870, and is a daughter of Sidney and Sarah (Coates) Hodges. They were natives of New York state and Illinois, respectively, and the last years of their lives were spent in Jackson county, Iowa. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Giddings was one of a family of three children and through her marriage has become the mother of five, as follows: Elmer S., who was born November 7, 1888; Erma May, April 20, 1890; Mabel, November 28, 1892; Malfred W., May 29, 1900; and Harold W., November 10, 1902.

Mr. Giddings exercises his right of franchise in behalf of the interests of the republican party but does not aspire to office and fraternally enjoys pleasant relations with lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F., and camp No. 122, M. W. A., at Sabula, while his wife belongs to the Yeomen lodge, No. 2051, also located at Sabula. Public-spirited and progressive, he takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and in his business life he has conducted his affairs so energetically and honorably that he has gained success and also the respect of his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM F. SCHIRMER.

William F. Schirmer, editor and publisher of the Bellevue Leader, which under his management is now enjoying the largest circulation which it has ever had, occupies a place of prominence in journalistic circles and public affairs in Bellevue, his native city, where his entire life has been passed with the exception of a few months spent in Minnesota and in Muscatine, Iowa. Born on the 16th of June, 1873, he is a son of Frank and Bertha (Rechow) Schirmer, natives of Germany, who came to America with their parents in early childhood and were

married in Jackson county. The father passed away in 1889 in Denver, Colorado, while there on a mining proposition. The mother still survives and makes her home in Bellevue.

Their only child, William F. Schirmer, at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools, completing his education by graduation from the Bellevue high school in 1889. After laying aside his text-books he was employed as a clerk in a store for about a year and then, in 1890, entered the office of the Bellevue Leader, with which he has been connected to the present day. The Leader was established in 1870 by Major W. O. Evans, who was recognized as one of the best newspaper men in the state, and under his direction Mr. Schirmer received thorough training along journalistic lines. He began his career in the newspaper office in the humble position of devil, but he was quick to learn and, being imbued with the determination to succeed in his chosen life work, he pushed his way steadily upward through various promotions until, upon the death of Major Evans in 1895, he became managing editor, handling the paper for the estate until February, 1907, when he purchased it from the heirs and has since concentrated his energies upon its management. The local newspaper that amounts to anything expends the most of its energy in gathering and printing home news, but its manager knows that while home news is of the greatest importance, something else is required. The people want to be kept informed in regard to what is going on throughout the state and the country. They may not care for lengthy reports of distant events, but they do want the important facts. Give them this news in condensed form and they are content. By reason of his recognition of these facts and his attempt to carry them out in every instance, Mr. Schirmer has been able to hold the attention of the general public through the columns of his paper, which is now recognized as one of the leading journals of the county. Fair and unbiased in his treatment of all subjects, progressive and up-to-date in his methods and honorable and upright in his dealings, he has every reason to be proud of the success which he has attained, for, under his careful and wise management, the Leader has flourished and is now enjoying the greatest prosperity which it has had since its inception.

It was on the 12th of June, 1901, that Mr. Schirmer was united in marriage to Miss Antoinette Wickie, who was born on a farm near Bellevue on the 19th of April, 1878. She is a daughter of Henry and Rosena (Tackman) Wickie, the former deceased and the latter a resident of Bellevue. One child has been born unto them, Allan Faber, whose birth occurred on the 10th of August, 1902. A most precocious little lad, he is the light and life of the household.

The religious faith of Mr. Schirmer is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder and superintendent of the Sunday school while fraternally he is connected with Bellevue Lodge, No. 51, A. F. & A. M. A lifelong republican in politics, he has been an active and influential worker in local party ranks, while he is well known in the business circles of the town as secretary of the Commercial Club. Not only has he prospered in business, but he has also been a factor in the public life of the community, supporting many public movements and taking a commendable interest in all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Choosing journalism as a life work, he has made such progress in his chosen calling that, although he

began in the most humble capacity, he is now accorded a high position among those who direct their efforts in the same field of activity. Success has come to him as the legitimate and logical result of intelligence and well directed effort, and he stands as a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest purpose and of high principle.

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#### WILLIAM GRAHAM.

William Graham, the third son of William and Hannah Houston Graham, was born at Montgomery, Orange county, New York, March 2, 1831. His father was a farmer and a man of influence in the community where he lived, and his mother was a graduate of Miss Pierce's famous school at Litchfield, Connecticut, and both were descended from the Scotch-Irish race, who were the early settlers of that region. The elder Graham represented his county in the New York legislature in 1850, and the next year he received, unsolicited, a unanimous nomination of his party for the state senate, which he declined although his election was a certainty, and the next year he refused to allow the mention of his name as a candidate for congress.

The subject of this sketch prepared for college at Montgomery Academy and, on applying for admission to Union College at the age of eighteen, was found on examination prepared to enter the junior class. His class number on entering was seventy, but he graduated two years afterward third in his class, which maintained a higher average of scholarship than any class previously graduated, and was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society. The next year he spent in teaching in the Poughkeepsie Collegiate Institute at College Hill, Poughkeepsie, and then entered the office of Hon. John J. Monell, in Newburgh, New York, and spent the following three years in the study of the law, and was admitted to practice in the supreme court at Brooklyn, January 8, 1856.

While a law student he was a successful manager of the Newburgh Gas Light Company, but soon after his admission to the bar he came to Iowa and located at Bellevue in August, 1856. He was admitted to the bar in Jackson county, September 8, 1856, and immediately entered into partnership with Hon. John B. Booth, who had been a prominent lawyer and politician in New York and who had shortly before retired from the district bench of Iowa. The firm of Booth & Graham continued until dissolved by the death of Judge Booth in February, 1869, although Mr. Graham had before that time removed to Dubuque. This firm enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, and Mr. Graham still attends every term of court in Jackson county and has not missed a half dozen terms since coming to the state, and he has never held any position nor engaged in any business that would interrupt his practice for even a day, making nearly fifty-four years of continuous and uninterrupted practice, a record such as very few lawyers in Iowa can exhibit.

In June, 1858, Mr. Graham married Miss Harriet Watson, of Catskill, New York. She was a daughter of Hon. Malbone Watson, who was one of the

Outline of Personal History of William F. Schirmer

RESIDENCE Bellevue, Iowa

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR  
The Historical Department of Iowa  
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(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

- William F. Schirmer
1. What is your name in full? William F. Schirmer
  2. What is your present profession or occupation? Editor and Publisher
  3. Where and when did you begin? Entered office of Bellevue Leader as apprentice in 1890 and have been with same newspaper ever since, becoming owner of same in 1907
  4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? Clerk at Bellevue prior to 1890
  5. What is your residence address? Bellevue, Iowa
  6. What is your business address? Bellevue, Iowa
  7. What is the date and the place of your birth? June 16, 1878, at Bellevue, Iowa
  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? Attended Bellevue Public Schools; graduated from high school, June 14, 1899
  11. What was your father's full name? Frank Schirmer
  12. What was your father's occupation? Carpenter and miner
  13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Bertha Rechow

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Bellevue, Iowa
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? None
16. What military service have you had? None
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can?.....  
City recorder of Bellevue, Ia., 1897; Member School Board 1915 up  
to present time and re-elected  
Secretary and director of Bellevue Commercial Club
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?.....  
President of School board of Bellevue, Ia.
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican Party all my life
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? Presbyterian church; Elder  
Supt. Sunday School nearly 25 years
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline?.....
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?.....
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? A. F. & A. M. and M. B. A.
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? W. M.; S. W.; J. W.;  
J. D.; Chaplain  
President of M. B. A.
25. Of what social clubs are you a member?.....
26. Of what business firms have you been a member?.....
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?.....

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## DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

### FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Antoinette W. Wickie*

33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Bellevue, Iowa, June 12, 1901*

34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *On farm near Bellevue, Iowa*

35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *Lutheran*

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?

*Henry Wickie, born in Germany*

38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?

*Rosina Tackman*

39. Where and when was she born? *Jackson county, Iowa*

**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

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1. Allan Faber Schirmer	Bellevue, Iowa	August 10, 1902
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**SECOND MARRIAGE.**

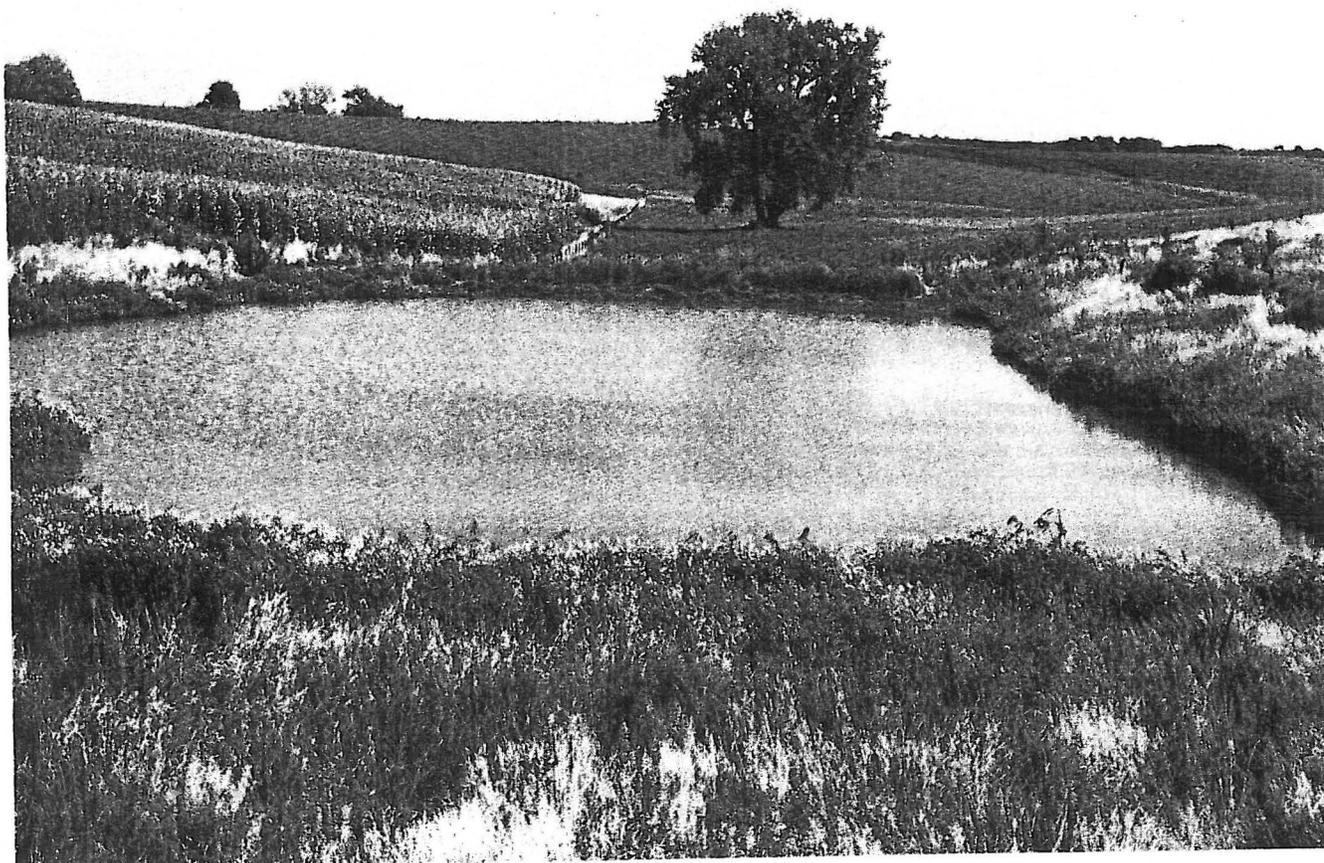
- 40. With whom was your second marriage?.....
- 41. Where and what date was this marriage?.....
- 42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?.....
- 43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?.....
- 44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving,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

**CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.**

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er's Club of America, Bellevue being the first of its kind. She was the first president of the American Legion Auxiliary in Bellevue and served as the first county president. In addition, she supported many church and social organizations.

Her parents were John Henry and Rosena (Tackman) Wickie, natives of Tete des Morts Township. Her grandparents were Johann and Friedericka (Heitmann) Tackman who were natives of Godberg, Germany.

Allan, after graduating from Bellevue High School in 1920, attended Coe College, Cedar Rapids; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music and Teacher's College, Columbia University, NYC. Also, he attended summer sessions at Juilliard School of Music, NYC, and at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, after which he studied voice with private teachers in Chicago, Paris, and New York City. For 36 years he was a professor of voice and choral music at several colleges, namely: Denison University, Granville, Ohio; Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and Indiana Central University. As a tenor soloist, Allan served in Fourth Presbyterian and Rockefeller Chapel; Chicago Fairmount Presbyterian Church; and Ansel Road Temple, Cleveland, Ohio; St. Paul's Episcopal and Oriental Masonic Quartet, Indianapolis. Also, the Brick Presbyterian Church and Temple Emmanuel, New York City. Allan was also the adjunct professor of hymnology at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, for three years.

During World War II, from 1942 to 1945, Allan was USNR Specialist (W) 1st Class, assigned to the chaplain's office at Great Lakes, Illinois. He was in charge of the Blujacket Choirs who sang on radio and during bond rallies in leading midwestern cities.

Allan is presently active in Bellevue Lodge No. 51 A F & A M; Bellevue Chapter 359 OES where he was been Worthy Patron for ten terms; Dubuque Chapter AGO Post Card Pals; Retired Teachers of Jackson County; Reveille Post No. 273, The American Legion. He also belongs to Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis; Pi Kappa Lambda and Phi Mu Alpha. He has been elected Sr. Elder First Presbyterian Church Fellow in NATS, Outstanding Alumni of BHS, and in 1986 was the outstanding Older Presbyterian in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Allan has been a guide at the Young Museum in Bellevue since 1967 and has as hobbies post card collecting, as well as items on local history.  
*Allan Schirmer*

#### EUGENE JOSEPH AND IMELDA E. R. (BUDDE) SCHLARMANN

Eugene was born on a farm near Dyersville. His parents moved to Dubuque when Gene was a teenager. He worked at Dubuque Pack Company, where he met Imelda also employed there.

Imelda's parents were Walter and Helen Budde. Imelda was born December 10, 1923, the oldest daughter; she had three older brothers and one younger brother, all now deceased. She had four younger sisters, the youngest is now deceased. Her parents farmed his father's farm until 1945, when they moved to Bellevue.

Eugene and Imelda were married November 30, 1944. They are the parents of nine children: Dennis is married, lives near Preston; Dale is married, lives in Ohio; Rosann is married, lives in Florida; Sandra is married, lives in Dubuque; Alan lives in Dubuque; Marlene lives in Dubuque; Mike is married, lives in Dubuque; Barb is married, lives in Dubuque; Brian lives at home. Eugene and Imelda have 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gene and Imelda live on a 40 acre farm in Tete des Morts township, where they raise beef cattle and hogs. Gene retired in 1988 after 20 years working in the power plant at Mt. St. Francis in Dubuque. Imelda retired in 1987 after 19 years

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State

History Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa. caring for the mentally handicapped at Area Residential Care Center in Dubuque.

Birthdays, anniversaries, and Christmas are special times. Graduations would usually mean a family reunion at the Schlarmann farm, consisting of a hog roast and all the relatives bringing a dish to serve. You will usually find some of the children home on Sundays with good food and a card game going on in the kitchen. When we need help, there is always a helping hand close by.

Gene likes to fish and hunt; he always has a big garden, with fruit trees and grape vines and a strawberry patch. Imelda is presently working part-time at the Toll Bridge Inn; she likes to play cards and bingo, and reads a lot. *Eugene Schlarmann*

#### ELMER AND MILDRED (BROWN) SCHLECHT

Elmer Joseph Schlecht was born January 3, 1899 to Frank and Catherine (Gerlach) Schlecht on their farm in Section 22, Washington Township, Jackson County, Iowa. Frank Schlecht was the eldest of the eight children of Joseph and Franciska (Menger) Schlecht and was born March 1, 1869 at Bellevue. Catherine Gerlach was born August 25, 1870 to William and Frances (Mester) Gerlach on their farm south of Bellevue. Frank and Catherine were married February 15, 1898 at St. Peter's Church, Sabula. Elmer was their only child.



Elmer and Mildred Schlecht

Mildred Ernestina Anna Brown was born April 7, 1904 to John Frederick and Emma (Flagel) Brown. John Brown, born September 27, 1870 at Hanover, Germany came to America when he was six years old with his parents, Herman Sr. and Adaline Bruns. Emma Flagel, daughter of Fred and Louise (Bruening) Flagel was born November 15, 1873 near Andrew. John (Fred) and Emma were married December 19, 1894. They became the parents of eight children; Herman, Albert, Martha, Fred, Mildred, Mabel, Elda and Malcolm.

Mildred, a graduate of Bellevue High School, was a rural school teacher in Washington Township for four years.

Elmer and Mildred were married, August 14, 1929, Davenport, Iowa. They left on a six weeks trip that took them through Yellowstone Park and to visit friends and relatives in Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota, Dakota's and Illinois.



Richard, Rita, Joseph and Elmer Schlecht

They established their home on farm where Elmer was born and raised. This farm was purchased by Joseph Schlecht, Elmer's grandfather, in 1882. Joseph raised his eight children on this farm and sold it to his eldest son, Frank in 1898 when Frank married. Joseph then moved to his adjoining farm which he sold to his son George in 1899 when George married. In April 1909 Joseph moved to Oklahoma and took a Homestead Patent on 160 acres at Crawford, Roger Mills County.

Elmer and Mildred became the parents of three children Joseph, June 20, 1931, Richard, December 11, 1935 and Rita, October 18, 1938. In September 1944 they purchased the George Schlecht farm.

Mildred suffered many years with a heart ailment caused by Rheumatic Fever when she was seven years old. March 2, 1955 Mildred passed away at age 50.

Elmer continued to farm and traveled with friends through Canada and nearly all the states. He made many trips to his grandfather's farm in Oklahoma which he owns a share of.

On March 2, 1977, Elmer passed away suddenly on his farm, which was exactly 22 years to the day his wife, Mildred, died.

They are buried at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Bellevue.

Joseph married JoAnn Wenzel, May 31, 1954 and had three children Paula, George and Frank.

Richard married Rosalee Jackson, August 22, 1959 and had two children Etta and Richard Jr.

Rita married Raymond Wiegert, December 3, 1960 and had three children Roland, Reynold and Rhonda. *Rhonda Wiegert*

#### JOSEPH E. AND JO ANN E. (WENZEL) SCHLECHT

Joseph Elmer Schlecht, born June 20, 1931 at Moulton Hospital, Bellevue, Iowa, is the son of Elmer and Mildred Brown Schlecht.

JoAnn Edith Wenzel was born September 7, 1935 on a farm near Bryant in Clinton County, Iowa. JoAnn is the daughter of Arthur and Kathryne (Blievernicht) Wenzel.

Joseph attended country school at Grandview. He attended Miles Consolidated High School at Miles, Iowa. JoAnn attended country school at Elk River in Clinton County. She also attended Miles High School.

Joseph and JoAnn were married May 31, 1954 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Clinton, Iowa. They have three children: a daughter Paula Marie Schlecht Leavens, and two sons, George Allen and Frank Albert. They have three grand-

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ARCH W. McFARLANE, President of the Senate

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Mr. Pierce was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, serving in the House of Representatives in the Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra sessions. He was always keenly interested in all public affairs and devoted much time and energy to matters of civic interest in his state and community. His judgment and insight won for him the highest respect and esteem of his associates both in his home community and in the Legislature.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That the foregoing memorial be adopted in appreciation of the life and public service of one of Iowa's distinguished citizens, the Honorable Henry Linn Pierce.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions 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.*

J. PARK BAIR,  
P. H. DONLON,  
G. H. HESSE,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

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HON. WILLIAM F. SCHIRMER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable William F. Schirmer, former member of the House of Representatives from Jackson county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

William F. Schirmer, editor and publisher of the Bellevue Leader, a representative of Jackson county in the General Assembly of Iowa during the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Regular and Fortieth Extra sessions died very suddenly in Bellevue, August 26, 1930. His death closed an active newspaper career of forty years. The only son of Frank and Bertha Schirmer, born June 16, 1873, at Bellevue. Attended the public schools and graduated from the high school in 1889. In 1890 he entered the office of the Bellevue Leader. On June 12, 1901, he was married to Antoinette Wichie and to this union one son, Allan Faber, was born, who is now connected with the musical department of an Ohio University. His life is closely connected with the social, civic and church activities of his community. He served the Presbyterian Church for thirty-two years as elder and superintendent of Sunday School, also member of the church choir. Fraternally a member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, serving as Master and Worthy Patron. In civic responsibility, director and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the library board, former president of the Board of Education. More recently he had been associated with the Bellevue State Park Board and the Mississippi Scenic Highway. Politically he was a staunch republican. Mr. Schirmer was held in highest esteem by all who knew him in business, political and social relations. Every activity, every endeavor, was entered into with enthusiasm and zeal. These characterized the ability, service and life of

this splendid citizen. His love and devotion to his home, city and state, his kindly consideration of others, were outstanding virtues.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable William F. Schirmer the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions 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.*

CAROLYN C. PENDRAY,  
MILTON PEACO,  
G. J. VAN BUREN,  
*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

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HON. LEVI B. SHANNON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Hon. Levi B. Shannon, beg leave to submit the following report:

Levi B. Shannon was born in Warren County, Iowa, March 28, 1877. He was the oldest son of James M. and Agnes Phillips Shannon. His father was a soldier in the Civil War, being a member of the First Iowa Cavalry, Company D.

Mr. Shannon was united in marriage to Maud A. Greenwood, November 29, 1903. Two sons were born to this union, Howard J. and Elmo L. Mrs. Shannon died January 22, 1920. Mr. Shannon was later married to Stella M. Wilson.

He entered the ministry while still in his teens. He was a member of the Des Moines conference for twenty-six years.

During his life, Mr. Shannon lived in Pleasantville, Kent, Macksburg, Villisca, Des Moines, Peru, De Soto, Wiota, and Tingley.

He was associated with the republican party and was elected to the House of Representatives from Cass County, Iowa, in 1928.

Mr. Shannon passed away November 6, 1930, after an illness of one year. He was buried at Glendale Cemetery.

He was a member of the I. O. O. F., M. W. A., and W. O. W.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That in the death of the Honorable Levi B. Shannon the state has lost an honored citizen and takes this occasion to express its appreciation of the public services of the deceased and to extend sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family.*

C. E. MALONE,  
LEWIS GREASER,  
S. B. DURANT,  
*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.



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### William F Schirmer

Birth **16 Jun 1873** in Bellevue, Jackson, IA, USA

Death *26 Aug 1925 Bellevue Iowa*

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1873 16 Jun	<b>Birth</b> Bellevue, Jackson, IA, USA	7 source citations
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1901 12 Jun Age: 27	<b>Marriage to Antoinette Wickie</b> Bellevue, Jackson, IA, USA	
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1925 1 Jan Age: 51	<b>Residence</b> Bellevue	1 source citation
1930 Age: 57	<b>Residence</b> Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa	1 source citation
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	<b>Residence</b> Jackson, Iowa	1 source citation

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#### Family Members

##### Parents

**B. Frank Schirmer**  
1851 -

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1853 - 1910

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#### Historical Records

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Children (2)

Allan Faber Schirmer

B: 1902

Allen Faber Schirmer

B: 1903

**William F Schirmer****B:** 16 Jun 1873 in Bellevue, Jackson, IA, USA**D:**

Parents

**B. Frank Schirmer**

1851-

**Bertha Rechow**

1853-1910

**Antoinette Wickie** B:19 Apr 1878 in Jackson, IA, USA

## 1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William Schirmer</b>
Home in 1880:	<b>Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa</b>
Age:	<b>6</b>
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1874</b>
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>
Relation to Head of Household:	<b>Son</b>
Father's Name:	<b>B. Frank</b>
Father's birthplace:	<b>Austria</b>
Mother's Name:	<b>B.</b>
Mother's birthplace:	<b>Prussia</b>
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>
Race:	<b>White</b>
Gender:	<b>Male</b>
Cannot read/write:	
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Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	
Household Members:	
Name	Age
<b>B. Frank Schirmer</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>B. Schirmer</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>William Schirmer</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Louis Rechow</b>	<b>24</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa; Roll T9\_345; Family History Film: 1254345; Page: 352.2000; Enumeration District: 308; Image: 0568.

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc. 2005. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1880. T9. 1,454 rolls.

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<p>Children (2)</p> <p><b>Allan Faber Schirmer</b> B: 1902</p> <p><b>Allen Faber Schirmer</b> B: 1903</p>	<p><b>William F Schirmer</b></p> <p><b>B: 16 Jun 1873 in Bellevue, Jackson, IA, USA</b></p> <p><b>D:</b></p>	<p>Parents</p> <p><b>B. Frank Schirmer</b> 1851-</p> <p><b>Bertha Rechow</b> 1853-1910</p>
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Antoinette Wickie B:19 Apr 1878 in Jackson, IA, USA

1900 United States Federal Census

**Name:** William Schirmer

**Home in 1900:** Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa

**Age:** 26

**Birth Date:** Jun 1873

**Birthplace:** Iowa

**Race:** White

**Gender:** Male

**Relationship to Head of House:** Grandson

**Father's Birthplace:** Germany

**Mother's Name:** Bertha

**Mother's Birthplace:** Germany

**Marital Status:** Single

**Residence :** Bellevue City, Jackson, Iowa

**Occupation:** [View on Image](#)

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Wilamena Rechow	74
	Bertha Schirmer	48
	William Schirmer	26

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### 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William F Schirmer</b>	
Age in 1910:	<b>36</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1874</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Germany</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>Germany</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Antoinette</b>	
Home in 1910:	<b>Bellevue Ward 2, Jackson, Iowa</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>William F Schirmer</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>Antoinette Schirmer</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>Allen Faber Schirmer</b>	<b>7</b>

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**Antoinette Wickie** B:19 Apr 1878 in Jackson, IA, USA

### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **Will Schirmer**

Home in 1920: **Bellevue, Jackson, Iowa**

Age: **46**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1874**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Self (Head)**

Spouse's name: **Antionell**

Father's Birth Place: **Iowa**

Mother's Birth Place: **Germany**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Sex: **Male**

Image: **29**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Will Schirmer</b>	<b>46</b>
	<b>Antionell Schirmer</b>	<b>41</b>
	<b>Allen Schirmer</b>	<b>17</b>

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