

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Orv, John Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Keokuk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Feb 1850 County Down, Ireland

2. Marriage (s) date place \_\_\_\_\_

Anna L. Johnston 12 June 1898

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Grinner; Old Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup> General Assemblies 1921, 1923, 1925

6. Public Offices

A. Local School Director 1890-1912

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

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

7. Death 13 Apr 1939 Superior, Iowa; Buried White Oak Cemetery, Keokuk County, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents John and Elizabeth (Johnson) Orv

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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

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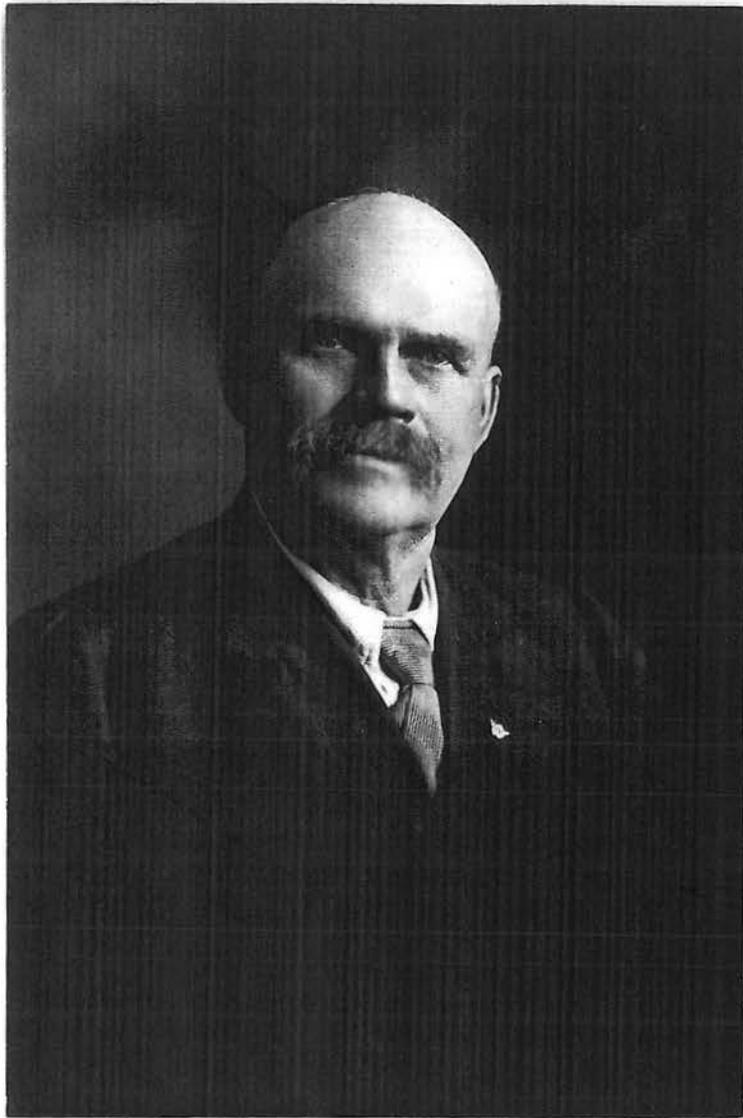
12. Other applicable information Republican

He came with his parents to America in 1870 and then settled at  
Rock Island County, Illinois. Six years later they moved to Iowa and in  
1879 they moved to Keokuk County, Iowa locating on a farm near Throckmory.  
He lived on this farm for 59 years.

He farmed with his brother in Orr Brothers Farming Operation since 1898

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**DEATH CLAIMED**

**JOIN ORR TODAY**  
**Thornburg Man, Prominent in Masonic Circles, Served in State Legislature**

John Orr, aged 89, well known Thornburg resident, died here this morning at 5:15 o'clock, at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Garrett, where he had made his home for more than a year. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago.

Mr. Orr was prominent in the Masonic lodge, and also served three terms as Keokuk county representative in the Iowa legislature about 20 years ago. He became a Mason in Ireland when he was 19 years old and had been a member for more than 70 years. At the time of his death he was a member of the Masonic lodge at Thornburg, Iowa Consistory number two of Cedar Rapids and the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

Born in County Down, Ireland, he came with his parents to Iowa in 1879 and they settled in Rock Island county, Illinois. Six years later they moved to Iowa and in 1879 came to Keokuk county locating on a farm near Thornburg, which was Mr. Orr's home for 19 years.

His wife, who was a sister of Mrs. Garrett, died in 1922 and a brother Robert Orr, also preceded him in death, last December. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Jane Harding of What Cheer, Mrs. Agnes Durbar of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Belle Bigelow of Washington state.

The body was taken to What Cheer this morning and later will lie in state at the Mrs. Robert Orr home in Thornburg. Tentative funeral arrangements are that the services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the White Oak church near Thornburg, of which Mr. Orr was a member. The Rev. Mr. Eaton, pastor of the What Cheer Presbyterian church, will be in charge and burial will be made in White Oak cemetery.

**TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY**

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS with bath. Bernice Zaki. Phone 108 Black.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Miss Ruth Clubb of Des Moines visited in Sigourney last week end and accompanying her home were Rachel Higgins and Benita Dighton, both of whom are employed in Des Moines. Miss Clubb plans to leave on a several days' trip to Washington, D. C. this week.

Spending Easter in the home of Mrs. Rosa Shaver were her daughter Jean of Davenport; Harold Robinson and Lois Jung of Oden, visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Clara Robinson and Rodney Feldverd of Ames, guest of Edythe Robinson.

William Buehmann of Westover, South Dakota came last Thursday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Eva Buehmann.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Spending Easter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McEldowney Sunday, Mr. Kringel is Mrs. McEldowney's father.

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Needham, John Howard and Billie B. and Mrs. John W. Axmear of near Webster drove to Centerville to spend Easter with Mrs. Olive A. Needham, mother of Mr. Needham and Mrs. Axmear and Mrs. Mary Baker, mother of Mr. Will Needham.

Mary Grace McClenahan of Des Moines and Charles Leo McClenahan and Doris Paul of Iowa City spent Easter with the parents of Mary Grace and Charles Leo, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McClenahan.

—Don't forget the card party, sponsored by Saint Mary's Altar society at Memorial hall tonight.

**Gladya Snakenberg, Former Local Girl**

A wedding of interest to many local persons took place on Sunday afternoon, March 19 at Petaluma, California, when Miss Gladya Cocilla Snakenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snakenberg, former residents near Sigourney, became the bride of Richard Hedrick of Petaluma. The ceremony took place at the First Christian church at 5:00 o'clock.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and the Rev. D. Loyd Morgan read the ceremony while the couple stood in front of the altar, beneath a lattice archway over which blossomed red camellias.

The bride wore a white silk gown, made with tight fitted bodice, low

neckline and puffed, pleated skirt had a white diamond necklace and wore a diamond necklace which belonged to mother, the late Mrs. E. and carried a shower bouquet of carnations and sweet peas.

She was attended by Miss Helen Snakenberg, honor, who wore a yellow frock. In her hair was lavender sweet peas, which was fashioned of matpeas. The bridegroom, by Arthur Ervine Snakenberg of Francisco, brother of the best man.

Late that evening, Mr. Hedrick left for Lake and they spent their honeymoon.

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Outline of Personal History of John Orr  
RESIDENCE Thornburg

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

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR  
The Historical Department of Iowa  
DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. What is your name in full? John Orr
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Farmer
3. Where and when did you begin? in Ireland
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? none
5. What is your residence address? Thornburg Iowa
6. What is your business address? Thornburg Iowa
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? Feb. 18-1850  
County Frown Ireland
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America? in Rock Island  
Co Ill.
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal? to Iowa  
Co Iowa in 1876- then to my present residence  
in 1879
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Common School
11. What was your father's full name? John Orr
12. What was your father's occupation? Farmer
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Eliza Donnors

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? *County Down Ireland*
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?  
*None*
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?  
*School director, from 1890 to 1912*
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? *Always Republican*
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? *None*
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? *Presbyterian*
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership? *None*
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? *32° Mason*  
*O.E.S. and Shriner*
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? *Master Perfect Union*  
*277-A.F. & A.M. 1888 & 1889. 1894. 1895. 1896. 1897.*  
*High Priest Excelsior Chapter No 109 in 1897*
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? *None*
26. Of what business firms have you been a member? *Our Bros Farming*  
*Since 1898*
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa  
*you will find Photograph under separate cover*
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem? *Farming*

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

## DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

### FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Annie R. Johnston*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Iowa Jan 12-1898*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Iowa 1870*
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *Christian Church*
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? *James Johnston*
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Elija Montgomery*
39. Where and when was she born? *Ireland 1846*

**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

**SECOND MARRIAGE.**

40. With whom was your second marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
41. Where and what date was this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_
42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? \_\_\_\_\_
43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? \_\_\_\_\_
44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? \_\_\_\_\_
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.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

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1939

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# Journal of the House

OF THE

## Forty-eighth General Assembly

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CONVENED JANUARY 9, 1939  
ADJOURNED APRIL 26, 1939

GEORGE A. WILSON, Governor  
BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, President of the Senate  
JOHN R. IRWIN, Speaker of the House

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The lights are out, 'tap's' echo creeps  
 Across God's camp, our soldier sleeps;  
 But all the things for which he fought,  
 The ideals that he ever sought  
 Have been passed on to you and I;  
 He's answered Taps,  
 But shall not die!"

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That in the passing of the Honorable Oley Nelson, the county of Story and the state of Iowa has lost a valuable and honored citizen and the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa, Forty-eighth General Assembly, tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Forty-eighth General Assembly, be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ALBERT STEINBERG,  
 JAMES E. IRWIN,  
 E. M. LICHTY,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

#### HONORABLE JOHN ORR

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Honorable John Orr of Keokuk county, begs leave to submit the following:

John Orr was born February 18, 1850 in County Down, Ireland, and died at the home of Mrs. Jennie Garrett in Sigourney, Iowa, April 13, 1939, at the age of eighty-nine years; one month, and twenty-six days. He suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied.

In 1870 he came with his parents, brothers, and sisters to America. They settled in Rock Island county, Illinois. Six years later they moved to Iowa, and in 1879, came to Keokuk county, locating on a farm near Thornburg which was his home for fifty-nine years.

He was married January 12, 1898, to Anna L. Johnston who preceded him in death in 1922. A brother, Robert Orr, with whom he was closely associated in business, died last December. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Jane Harding of What Cheer, Mrs. Agnes Dunbar of Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Belle Biglow of Edmonds, Washington.

Mr. Orr served as Keokuk county Republican Representative in the Iowa Legislature during the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-first General Assemblies. He was prominent in Masonic circles and was made a Mason in Ireland at the age of nineteen years, and has held a continuous membership in the Order more than seventy years. At the time of his death he was a member of the Masonic Lodge and O. E. S. at Thornburg, Iowa Consistory at Cedar Rapids and Shrine at Davenport.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That the state has lost a valued and beloved citizen, and the House of Representatives would tender, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their sorrow.*

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

W. C. AXMEAR,  
F. E. HYETT,  
MELVIN WILSON,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

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#### HONORABLE WILLIAM OLDENBURG

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable William Oldenburg, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

William Oldenburg died at Rock Rapids, Iowa, July 13, 1937 at the age of 74 years.

He was born in Davenport, Iowa, September 18, 1863. Educated in the public schools of the county, he later took a business course in Duncan Business College. In 1891, he married Miss Meta Kuelper, of Scott county. To this union were born five children, Mrs. Malinda Wohlers, Mrs. Stella Schnepf, Mrs. Esther Schnepf, Mrs. Amanda Schemmel, and Wilbur Oldenburg.

In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Oldenburg retired from the farm and moved to Rock Rapids, Iowa. For many years he served as secretary of the German Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company, besides doing a general insurance business. He served Lyon county in the State Legislature during the Thirty-sixth General Assembly in 1915.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable William Oldenburg, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and*

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

J. T. DYKHOUSE,  
M. D. VAN OOSTERHOUT,  
W. A. YAGER,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.



You searched for **John Orr** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>John Orr</b>														
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1850</b>														
Birth Place:	<b>Ireland</b>														
Gender:	<b>Male</b>														
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>														
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>														
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>														
Residence County:	<b>Keokuk</b>														
Locality:	<b>Prairie</b>														
Roll:	<b>IA1885_214</b>														
Line:	<b>30</b>														
Family Number:	<b>182</b>														
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You searched for **John Orr** in **Iowa**

### 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John Orr**  
**[John J Orr]**

Home in 1900: **Prairie, Keokuk, Iowa**  
**[Thornburg, Keokuk, Iowa]**

Age: **50**

Birth Date: **Feb 1850**

Birthplace: **Ireland**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Immigration Year: **1873**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Ireland**

Mother's Birthplace: **Ireland**

Spouse's name: **Anna L Orr**

Marriage Year: **1898**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **2**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">John Orr</a>	<b>50</b>
	<a href="#">Anna L Orr</a>	<b>30</b>

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