

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shaff, John Ostrander Senator Shaff, John Ostrander - Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Jan 1885 Shaffton, Camanche Township, Clinton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Bladyn Melick 16 Feb 1909

(2) Evelyn Lillian Purcell July 1921

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Operated grain elevators at Shaffton, Pawnee and McCausland, Iowa; president of Clinton Savings Bank at Low Moor, Iowa; Director of City National Bank, Clinton, Iowa
- B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Elk Club

C. Profession Farmer; dairying; barber; operated grain elevators

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 37th General Assembly 1917 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd General Assemblies 1923, 1925, 1927, 1929. Senate

A. Local Camanche Township trustee 1913-1917

B. State

C. National Member of the Resolutions Committee at the 1928 Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri

7. Death 1 Dec 1969 De Witt, Iowa buried Shaffton Cemetery, Shaffton, Iowa

8. Children Roger John; Jay Melick; James H.; David O. - step-sons - Martin Purcell and Donald Purcell; Jeanne (Mrs. James Healey); Lynn (Mrs. Dale Zupper)

9. Names of parents John H. and Jennie (Drips) Shaff

10. Education He graduated from Clinton High School, Clinton, Iowa

11. Degrees Graduate of Iowa State College, B.S. in 1904; University of Wisconsin, M.S. in 1908

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His first wife, Gladys, died in 1918
- He came to Concord Township in Clinton County, Iowa from Sodus Point, New York in 1887.
- He had 2 sons who were also in the Iowa Legislature.

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Death Notices

J. O. Shaff Dies at 84

J. O. Shaff, 84, of Camanche, a life resident of Camanche township, died this morning in DeWitt Community hospital. He was a member of a family which came to Clinton County from Sodus Point, N.Y., in 1837.

Mr. Shaff served first as state representative from Clinton County and then as state senator. He lived on the family farm until four years ago when he moved to Camanche. He also had been in the dairy business many years.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Snell-Smith funeral home with Dr. R. A. Dempsey of First Presbyterian church officiating. Burial will be in Shaffton cemetery, near Folletts. Six sons will be pallbearers. There will be no visitation.

Mr. Shaff was born Jan. 6, 1885, the son of John H. and Jennie Drips Shaff. He had a bachelors degree from Iowa State college and a masters degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Shaff was married in 1909 to Miss Gladys Melick of Dodgeville, Wis. She died in 1918. He was married in 1921 to Mrs. Evelyn Purcell.

Survivors include his wife, six sons, Roger of rural Camanche; Jay Shaff of Bettendorf; Martin Purcell of Kansas City, Mo.; Donald Purcell of Rock Island, Ill.; James Shaff of Cedar Rapids and David O. Shaff of Clinton; two daughters, Mrs. James (Jeanne) Kiley of Fullerton, Calif. and

CLINTON

MRS. RUSSELL J. WRIEDT

Funeral service for Mrs. Russell J. Wriedt, 54, 210½ 7th Ave. S.; who died at Jane Lamb Hospital Saturday afternoon, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Snell-Smith funeral home with the Rev. William King, pastor of Chancy Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will follow in Springdale cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

Pallbearers, all nephews, are Wayne Paulline, Ronald Paulline, Gary Paulline, Gary Dash, Gerald Schoepfhorster and Dennis Kair.

The former Evelyn Mohr was born April 14, 1915, in Clinton, the daughter of Henry and Julia Zerrien Mohr. She married Russell J. Wriedt, April 12, 1936, in Clinton. She was a member of the Chancy Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Mrs. Henry Mohr of Clinton; one brother, Robert Mohr of Clinton; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph (Marian) Pauline and Mrs. Fred (Dorothy) Anderson both of Clinton and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

ST. CHARLES, ILL.

CHARLES H. WEST

Charles H. West, 58, of St. Charles, Ill., formerly of Morrison, died today in the Delnor Hospital in St. Charles.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Reynolds funeral home in Morrison. Burial will follow in Grove Hill cemetery in Morris-

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F. Eugene Mack Andalusia, former Witt, was pronounced arrival at People's Hospital in Inc Iowa, Sunday, after found in the wreck car north of Inc

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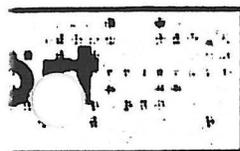
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Survivors include his wife, six
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Mrs. Dale (Lynn) Turner of
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brother, Heman D. Shaff of Ca-
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children and one great grand-
child. He was preceded in death
by his first wife, one sister
and two brothers.

During his incumbency as
state senator, Mr. Shaff work-
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Iowa's primary road system.
He was chairman of the se-
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He was a member of the
resolutions committee at the
1928 Republican national con-
vention in Kansas. Although he
had many interests he was de-
voted primarily to agriculture
and dairying until his retire-
ment and spent those years
on the family farm at Shaffton
in Camanche township.

MAQUOKETA CLYDE METHENY

Clyde Metheny, 63, of Ma-
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Jackson County Public Hospi-
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The funeral service will be

ST. CHARLES, ILL.

CHARLES H. WEST

Charles H. West, 58, of St.
Charles, Ill., formerly of Mor-
rison, died today in the Delnor
Hospital in St. Charles.

Funeral service will be held
at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the
Reynolds funeral home in
Morrison. Burial will follow in
Grove Hill cemetery in Morri-
son. Friends may call at the
funeral home after 7 p.m. Tues-
day.

Charles H. West was born
April 24, 1911, in Morrison, the
son of Charles G. and Pearle
Hiddleston West. He attended
schools in Morrison and Iowa
State University, and was a
member of the Presbyterian
Church and the Morrison Coun-
try Club.

He was a quality control
manager of the St. Charles
Manufacturing Co. prior to
working at Arden's in Morri-
son and Mid-West Manufactur-
ing in Galesburg.

He married Jane Coleman
in 1952 in Wayne, Ill.

Survivors include his wid-
ow; two sons, Charles and
George of St. Charles; one
brother, Joshua West of Mor-
rison and Sun City, Ariz.

He was preceded in death
by his parents.

MORRISON MRS. RALPH GREEN

Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Green,
79, a life resident of Morri-
son, died Sunday morning in
the Resthove nursing home
following a long illness.

The funeral service will be
at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Rey-
nolds funeral home with the
Rev. Earl Clark of the First
Baptist Church officiating.
Burial will be in the Grove
Hill cemetery. Visitation will
be at the funeral home after
7 p.m. today.

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Outline of Personal History of

J. O. Shaff
RESIDENCE *Shaffton, Camanche P.O., Ia.*

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? *J Ostrander Shaff*
2. What is your present profession or occupation? *Farmer and Banker.*
3. Where and when did you begin? *Shaffton Iowa 1909*
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? _____
5. What is your residence address? *Camanche P. O.*
6. What is your business address? *Shaffton Iowa*
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? *Jan. 6th 1885*
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? *Shaffton High School
Iowa State College B. S. A 1904,
University of Wisconsin. M. S. 1908*
11. What was your father's full name? *John Herman Shaff*
12. What was your father's occupation? *Farmer & Banker,*
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? *Jennie Drips*



J. O. SHAFF
 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR
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31.

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Gladys ~~Adrian~~ Emor Melich*

33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Feb 16th 1909*

34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Adrian Miss.*

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

36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? _____

37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?
Otto's Soloman Melich, Dixon Ill.

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

39. Where and when was she born? *Dodgeville Wis, May 9th 1857*

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. <i>Roger John Shaff</i>	<i>Nov. 19th 1910</i>	<i>Shafftown Ia.</i>
2. <i>J. J. Melich Shaff</i>	<i>Aug. 4th 1913</i>	<i>" "</i>
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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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ROBERT D. RAY, Governor

ROGER W. JEPSEN, President of the Senate
WILLIAM H. HARBOR, Speaker of the House

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the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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

VERNON H. KYHL, Chairman
LEIGH R. CURRAN
LESLIE C. KLINK

Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

J. O. SHAFF

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable J. O. Shaff, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

J. O. Shaff was born January 6, 1885, the son of John H. and Jennie Drips Shaff. He held a bachelor's degree from Iowa State College and a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. He was a life resident of Camanche Township, a member of a family which came to Clinton County from Sodus Point, New York, in 1837.

He married Gladys Melick of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, in 1909. She passed away in 1918. In 1921 he married Mrs. Evelyn Purcell.

Mr. Shaff was a State Representative in the Thirty-seventh Session and a State Senator in the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-third Sessions of the General Assembly. During his incumbency as a State Senator he worked diligently in establishing Iowa's primary road system. He was chairman of the Senate highways committee during a special session of the legislature in which the first one hundred million dollar paving bond issue was approved. He worked successfully in behalf of shifting the cost burden for paving highway construction to road users instead of by special assessment. He was a member of a committee of twenty-two which went to Washington after World War I to petition for agricultural tariff protection. He was a member of the Resolutions Committee at the 1928 Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Two sons have served in the General Assembly.

Mr. Shaff passed away December 1, 1969. Surviving him are his widow, Evelyn; six sons, Roger J. Shaff of rural Camanche, Jay M. Shaff of Bettendorf, Martin Purcell of Kansas City, Donald Purcell of Rock Island,

James H. Shaff of Cedar Rapids and David O. Shaff of Clinton; two daughters, Mrs. James (Jeanne) Kieley of Fullerton, California, and Mrs. Dale (Lynn) Turner of Newport Beach, California; a brother, Heman D. Shaff of rural Camanche; twenty-one grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Second Session of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable J. O. Shaff, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ROGER J. SHAFF, Chairman
CLIFTON C. LAMBORN
HAROLD A. THORSEN

Committee

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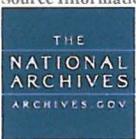


You searched for **John O. Shaff** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	John O Shaff	
Age in 1910:	25	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1885	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Son	
Father's Name:	John	
Father's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Mother's Name:	Jennie	
Mother's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Spouse's name:	Gladys	
Home in 1910:	Camanche, Clinton, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Shaff	58
	Jennie Shaff	54
	John O Shaff	25
	Gladys Shaff	23
	Hannah D Shaff	21
	Hannah Dripps	77
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You searched for **John O. Shaff** in Iowa

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	John O Shaff	
Census Date:	1905	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Clinton	
Locality:	Camanche	
Roll:	IA_82	
Line:	376	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household	Name	Age
Members:	John O Shaff	

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