

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Edward Mc Murray - Represented Adair and Madison counties
Senator Smith

1. Birthday and place 31. Oct 1870 Jackson County Iowa near
Magawata, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Evelyn Crossley 1 June 1899 Patterson, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Editor and publisher of The Heart of Madisonian for 54 years;
President of the Iowa Press Association 1922-1923; in 1933 he received the Iowa
Press Association Award and Iowa Press Editor
B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason; Shriners; Knights of
Lifeline; in World War I - Liberty Loan drive; Commercial Club
C. Profession Editor and publisher; farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th General Assemblies 1917, 1919, 1921,
1923

6. Public Offices
A. Local Superintendent of Madison County's public schools 1898-1900,
Winterest postmaster 1904-1908
B. State Appointed to fill vacancy in the office of Secretary of State 1928-1930;
candidate for Republican nomination for Iowa Governor, but not successful
C. National _____

7. Death 26 Oct 1953 Winterest Iowa; buried Winterest Cemetery, Winterest, Iowa

8. Children Sprothy (died in 1914); Marion (Mrs. J. C. Moore); Ruth (Mrs.
P. G. Grooming); Armand (Mrs. Wesley L. Fry)

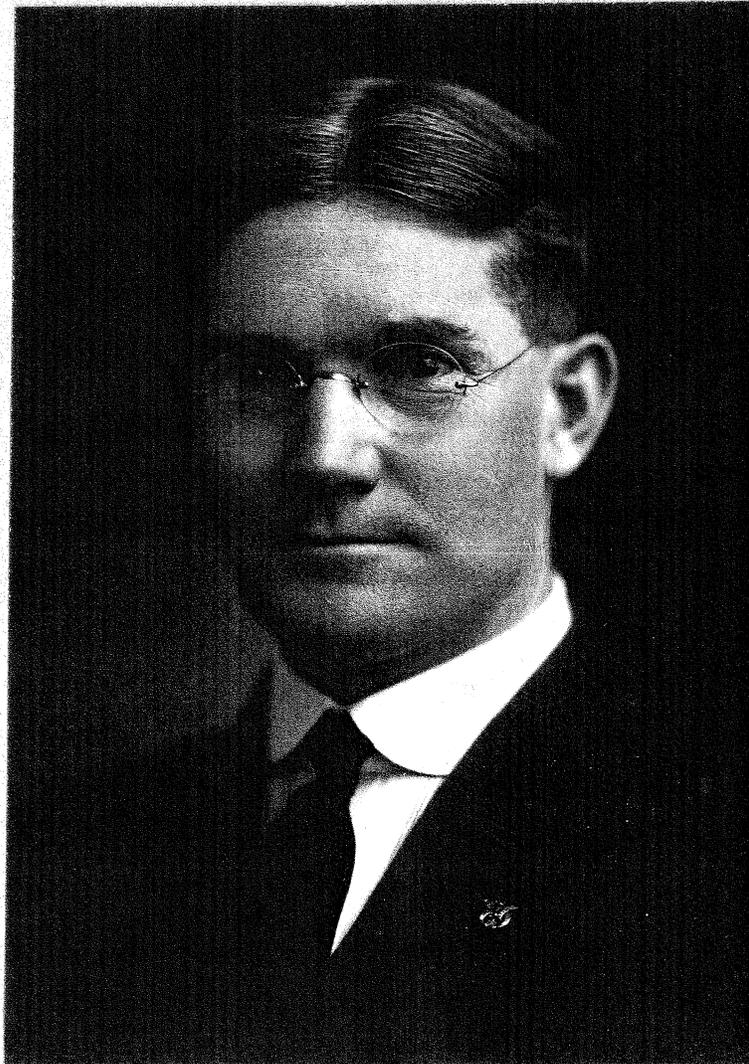
9. Names of parents John Mc Murray and Jane (Courtney) Smith

10. Education Educated in rural schools of Mahoning County, Iowa
and attended Dexter Normal College, Dexter, Iowa

11. Degrees Duke University, Des Moines, Iowa (no degree)

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He lived with his parents in Jackson County until age 16
when the family moved to Madison County, Iowa settling on a
farm in Jackson Township.
- As a young man he taught rural schools
- 1 Sept 1899 he formed a partnership with Homer Thompson
and purchased the Winter Medicinan. Some years later
he acquired Mr. Thompson's interest and so he was the sole
owner and published 1903-1932. Later he sold a half interest
in the newspaper to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.
J.C. Moore. He continued supervision of the editorial page
until his death.
- His wife, Evelyn, died in 1950



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ments will be made to redeem 1952 crop of oats and wheat. 53-54 reseal period, ended this week by F. A. office manager county.

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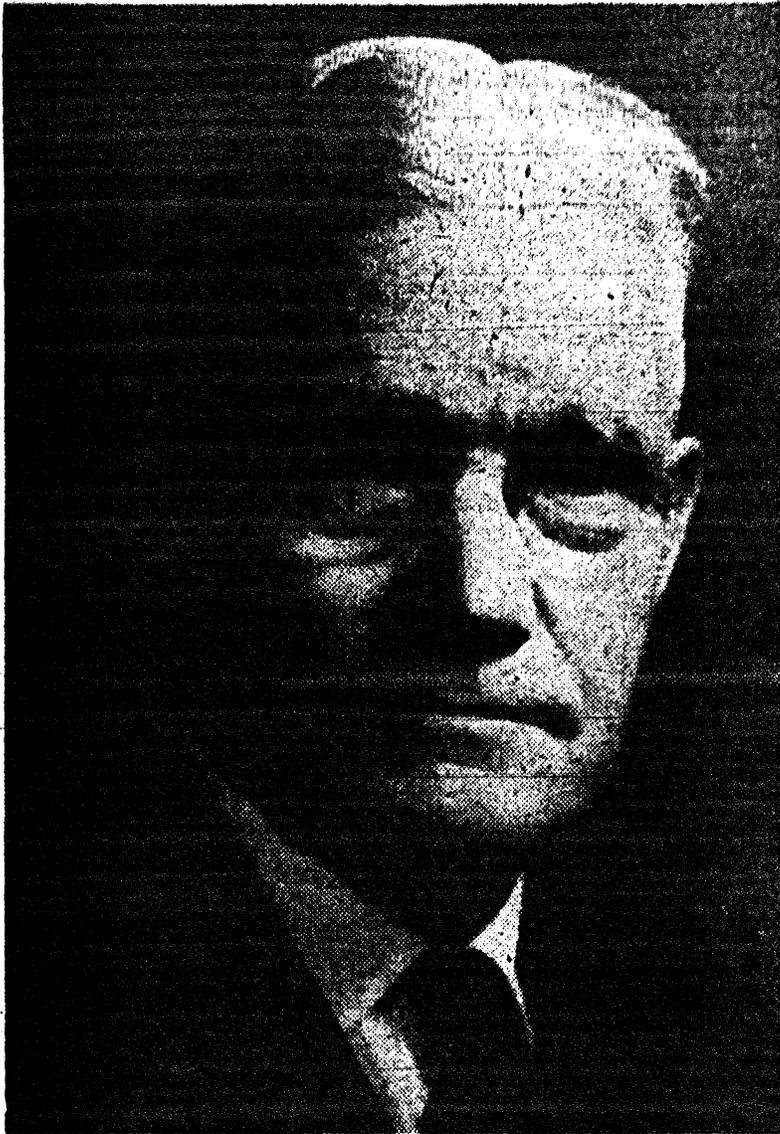
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Death Ends Distinguished Career



ED M. SMITH
1870 - 1953

ED M. SMITH, 82, DIED HERE MONDAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Was Editor and Publisher of Winterset Madisonian for 54 Years

Edward McMurray Smith, editor and publisher of the Winterset Madisonian for 54 years, died early Monday, Oct. 26, at the Madison County Memorial hospital in Winterset, after a brief illness.

Mr. Smith was stricken with a heart condition last Thursday night. Friday night his condition became more serious, and he was taken to the Memorial hospital. His death occurred about 4:15 a. m. Monday. Legislators competing for his efforts did so much to make possible.

his outstanding accomplishment in the Iowa legislature.

In 1928, Mr. Smith was appointed by Governor John Hammill to fill the vacancy in the office of secretary of state, caused by the death of Walter C. Ramsay. He filled out Ramsay's unexpired term and later was elected to a full term, serving until 1930.

In 1930, he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Iowa, but lost a close primary contest to Dan Turner of Corning. Since that time he had devoted his efforts to the publishing business in Winterset, and to his farming interests in this community.

His public service also had included a term as president of

TIMELY TOPICS

BY ED M. SMITH

Written Thurne Day, Oct. 22

Missed last week's Timely Topics but have a bomb proof alibi. If you doubt it, ask Dr. Chesnut — almost forgot that it's not ethical for doctors to advertise.

Sociologists tell us that if we were willing to accept the living standards of 1870, most of us could get by with a five hour week and about one-third of our increased production has been given over to leisure. We wonder what the reaction would be if we would start paying off our national debt. "Good" times too often include riotous spending.

If we would decide to pay off our national debt, times wouldn't be so rosy. Those who claim to have the facts say that about one-third of our increased production has gone into leisure. We now recognize a 40 hour work week, whereas it used to be 60 hours per week.

We are at peace, these are supposedly good times. Nevertheless, and notwithstanding, the U. S. is running on an annual deficit of 3.2 billion dollars and the end is not in sight. Prices must be high and the income taxes high. Our financial Bible, the United States News, tells us that Uncle Sam takes 52 cents out of every profit dollar in these so-called peace times. We wonder if the day is coming when no able man will want to be president of the U. S. A.

Would you like to be the President's wife? Our new "dictionary", the United States News, says Mrs. Eisenhower has a busy season ahead — dinners, reception of diplomats and other bigwigs. We wonder if being the wife of the president of the United States is a liability or an asset. Reminds us of the old, old saying "Uneasy lies the head who wears a crown". But we all agree that "Mamie" is a real help-mate when most needed.

We can't help but extend sympathy to our county board members, who are probably some of our administrators. We are to see the Court House dome restored. We, the public, are prone

SIS GROUP FALL SESSION

cheer of the Mad- Tuberculosis a n d tion was held at the a room last Satur- ending included the sentatives who will Christmas seal sale

are as follows: s. June Mathews; W. C. Price; Trea- Jones, Christmas R. Robert Pier- an, Mrs. Ira Nelson education chairman, Macumber; heart Claire Wambold; Mrs. C. J. Miller; r. Evelyn Olson and J. C. Moore.,

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Mr. Mayme Jones, Christman chairman, Mrs. Robert Pier-Co-chairman, Mrs. Ira Nelson; Health education chairman, George Macumber; heart irman, Mrs. Claire Wambold; ient, service, Mrs. C. J. Miller; finding, Dr. Evelyn Olson and Mrs. J. C. Moore.

La Vere Smith of Des Moines, field representative of the H. A. outlined the work done in the county and complimented the group for the work done in the past and interest shown in this county. Mrs. Claire Wambold gave a report of the state board meeting in Des Moines October 7th. The town and township chairmen for the 1953 seal sale drive is follows: Winterset, Mrs. C. P. Nay, co-workers Gray Ladies; tham, Mrs. John Conrad, co-workers, Legion auxiliary past presidents; Truro, Mrs. Harry Penn, Miss Mildred Boyle; iason, Mrs. Gene Jones; Jeffer-Mrs. Ormal Bane; Lee, Mrs. King; Jackson, Mrs. Earl wford, Douglas, Mrs. Glenn ue; Union, Mrs. Rodney De-t; Crawford and Patterson, Milo Miles; Webster, Mrs. ert Pierson; Lincoln, Mrs. d Callison; Grand River and ksburg, Mrs. Levi Fisher; roe, Mrs. Ethel Wearmouth; nut and Peru, Mrs. Earl er; Ohio, Mrs. Robert K. Phil-

Open House Set At South Ward

Open house will be held at the 4th ward school in Winterset Friday evening, Nov. 3, for the purpose of encouraging parents of children to become better acquainted with the teachers, and help the work being done by the staff. This is actually in observance of American Education week. Because of a conflict in dates, the 4th ward school is holding this session in advance. From 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., there will be room visitation, to talk with teachers and see work done for the children. From 8:10 to 8:30 p. m., there will be a program in the auditorium by the junior band. This will be followed by a panel discussion on the topic: Possibilities of a summer recreational program in Winterset. The Parent-Teacher association will serve refreshments at the close of this discussion.

Mr. Smith was stricken with a heart condition last Thursday night. Friday night his condition became more serious, and he was taken to the Memorial hospital. His death occurred about 4:15 a. m. Monday, in the hospital which his efforts did so much to make possible.

Had he lived five more days, Mr. Smith would have been 83 years old. He was born Jan. 31, 1870, in Jackson county, Iowa, a son of John M. and Jane Courtney Smith. His parents were Scotch-Irish immigrants, who had settled in New England first, and came to Iowa in 1869. The family lived in Jackson county until Mr. Smith was 16 years of age, when they came to Madison county. They settled on a farm here in Jackson township.

Mr. Smith was educated in the rural schools of his community, and at the old Dexter Normal school, and Drake university in Des Moines. As a young man he taught rural school, but in 1898 he launched a long career of public service by winning election to the office of superintendent of Madison county's public schools. He served in that capacity through 1900.

On Sept. 1, 1899, in partnership with Homer Thompson, he purchased the Winterset Madisonian from Fred Strong and Son. Four years later he acquired Thompson's interest in the newspaper, and from 1903 until 1938, he was sole owner and publisher. In that latter year, he sold a half interest in the newspaper to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore. However, he continued in active supervision of the editorial page of the Madisonian until his death.

His column of personal comment, under the title of "Timely Topics", was one of the most widely read and influential editorial columns in Iowa for more than a quarter century.

Mr. Smith returned to the field of public service in 1916, when he was elected to the state senate from the Adair-Madison county district. He served in the senate for eight years. There he headed the important Ways and Means committee as chairman for several years. Working in cooperation with Representative E. P. Harrison of Pottawattamie county, and the state code editor, he rewrote and codified the laws governing Iowa's printing. He also was co-author of the perpetual code law, designed to save taxpayers thousands of dollars. He always regarded the budget legislation as

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His public service also had included a term as postmaster of Winterset from 1904 to 1908. Mr. Smith was married June 1, 1898, to Evalyn Crossley of Paterson. They were parents of four daughters, one of whom, Dorothy, died in 1944. The wife and mother died in 1950.

Mr. Smith long was regarded as one of the leading journalists in the weekly field in Iowa. He was one of the early presidents of the Iowa Press association, serving in that capacity in 1922 and 1923. In 1933 he received the Iowa Press association's award as Iowa Master Editor, the second year in which that citation was made.

He was active for half a century in the affairs of both his community and his state. The Madison County Memorial hospital is a monument to his memory. It was he who took the first steps to organize and launch the hospital project, and his efforts were largely responsible toward the successful culmination of that project.

Mr. Smith had been a member of the First Presbyterian church in Winterset since he was 21 years of age. He was active in the Winterset Rotary club, was a 32nd degree Mason, Shriner, Knights of Pythias, and was affiliated with the Des Moines club, Prairie club and Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalistic fraternity.

He was a member of a family of four brothers, James, Will J. and Sam C. Smith, all of whom preceded him in death.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Moore, of Winterset; Mrs. P. K. Graening, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Wesley L. Fry of Berkeley, Calif.; five grandchildren, John Edward Gorman of Winterset, Lt. J. G. James Wesley Fry and Meredith Anne Fry of Berkeley, and David and Gretchen Graening of Oklahoma City. Two grandchildren, Ted Fry and Jane Graening, preceded the grandfather in death. He also leaves two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held this Thursday at 2 p. m. from the First Presbyterian church in Winterset, conducted by the pastor the Rev. George DeF. Fisher. Burial will be made in the Winterset cemetery.

"a crown". But we hope that "Mamie" is a mate when in need.

We can't help but sympathize to our country members, who are more anxious than you see the Court House stored. We, the public, do not forget that the difficulty in Winterset county board members like the bald top on House any better than

How well do you events of one year course we were in the of a Presidential can which General Eisenhower elected by a big majority of the southern states Republican for the 1. The newspapers made reference to the "dr say that the present is at least a year old a much of the nation.

Birds are coming to bath for their drink and to enjoy a good if any of the birds have on their yearly migratory sunny south land. I bird bath, and locate you can see it from the windows. The robins fly on their southward Oct. 1, but this year tending their summer. And one year ago papers, including the ian, were making references to the 'drouth

Legion Members Stag Party For

Winterset's Green I of the American Legion a public stag party ne day evening, Nov. 4, at hall here.

A roast beef dinner served, beginning at Stag tickets at \$1.00 ea on sale.

Members of the Ed family request that flowers for the funeral be made to the Smith Memorial fund ial needs at the Madis Memorial hospital. I son, hospital administ accept the contributi

HISTORY OF
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Winterset, where he is highly esteemed as a man and citizen. He has long been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and values highly the associations of that body.

EDWARD M. SMITH.

Edward M. Smith has been connected with Madison county in a number of ways but probably his greatest service has been as editor of the *Madisonian*, one of the leading papers of the county. He was born on the 31st of October, 1870, in Jackson county, Iowa, a son of John M. and Jane (Courtney) Smith. Both were born in Ireland, the father in County Down and the mother in County Antrim, and both were left orphans when small children. As soon as old enough to make their own way they emigrated to the new world and here fought their own battles unaided, having no influential friends to assist them. They were married at Brookline, Massachusetts, and in 1869 removed to eastern Iowa, where their youngest son, Edward M., was born upon a farm. They removed to Madison county in 1886 and located upon a fine farm of three hundred and fifteen acres in Jackson township. There the father passed away in January, 1909, and the mother joined him in death five years later. Both were members of the Presbyterian church. Their family numbered four sons, James A., William J., Samuel C. and Edward M.

The last named as a boy and youth lived under the parental roof and much of his time was taken up in attending the public schools. He was also for two terms a student in the Dexter Normal School and for one term in Drake University at Des Moines. For several years he taught school during the winters in this county, his excellent education and his executive ability fitting him for the profession of teaching. During that time he devoted the summers to farm work. From 1898 to 1900 he was county superintendent of schools and in that capacity demonstrated his ability to successfully direct the work of others. When, in 1900, he left that office, he, in connection with Homer Thompson, purchased the *Madisonian*, one of the oldest papers in southern Iowa. After four years Mr. Smith bought the interest of Mr. Thompson and has since conducted the paper alone. He has maintained a high standard of excellence in the news and editorial columns, and that he is an able business man is proven by the fact that he has built up an unusually large advertising patronage and employs a number of representatives on the road. The paper ranks among the best of the weeklies published in Iowa and exercises a large influence upon affairs in this county, an influence which is always on the side of justice and advancement.

On the 1st of June, 1898, Mr. Smith married Miss Evalyn Crossley, a native of this county and a daughter of John W. and Cynthia (Hardy) Crossley, pioneer settlers of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: Marion, sixteen years of age; Ruth, fourteen; Frances, nine; and Dorothy, three.

Mr. Smith is a republican and served as postmaster of Winterset under President Roosevelt from 1905 to 1908 inclusive. Fraternally his connections are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. In the former order he belongs not only to the blue lodge but also to the Des Moines Consistory, in which he

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EDWARD M. SMITH

has taken the thirty-second degree, and to the Mystic Shrine. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are among those who carry on the work of that organization. The man who successfully conducts a weekly newspaper must have well balanced powers and abilities, as he must readily recognize the news value of copy, must possess a lucid, forceful style of writing, must understand the conditions and needs of his community and must also have considerable knowledge of typographical work and be an energetic business man. If his paper is to be a power in the community he must also have the courage of his convictions and be willing to champion a righteous cause, even if it is at first unpopular. Mr. Smith has succeeded admirably in his work and is held in high esteem, not only in his community but among his fellow workers of the press of the state.

JOHN COX.

John Cox, a retired farmer and carpenter of Winterset, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 13, 1849, and accompanied his parents to this county when but a child. He attended the Guiberson district school of Union township and also pursued his studies for a time in a log schoolhouse in Jefferson township. Upon starting out for himself he operated a part of his father's farm in Union township but in 1872 purchased land and concentrated his energies upon its cultivation. From time to time he added to his property until he became the owner of four hundred and forty acres. He followed general farming and his labors were rewarded by a good financial return from his land. In 1900 he sold his holdings and removed to Winterset, where he has followed the carpenter's trade to some extent, although ill health compels him to live partially retired.

On the 11th of November, 1869, Mr. Cox married Miss Nancy McDonald, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in June, 1849, and died on the 31st of November, 1901. Her parents were William and Jane (Atchinson) McDonald, who in 1858 removed to this county, settling in Jefferson township, where the father owned considerable land. He was a man of progressive views and took a keen interest in public affairs. He served as supervisor for some time and in 1865 was chairman of the board. He was also active in church circles and helped to organize the United Presbyterian church of Jefferson township. He passed away upon his farm and his death was sincerely mourned. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom Mrs. Cox was the youngest. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: Harriet, who was born November 17, 1870, married M. E. Addy, a farmer of Madison township, by whom she has five children. Charles A., a farmer of Douglas township, who was born October 18, 1872, is married and has four children. William Riley, born December 15, 1877, is farming in South Dakota and has one child. LeRoy was born September 26, 1882. Beulah is the wife of C. L. Cox, of Winterset, by whom she has one child. On the 16th of January, 1904, Mr. Cox married Miss Barbara Mills, a native of Douglas township, this county, and a daughter of Enos and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Mills, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Outline of Personal History of

Ed. M. Smith

RESIDENCE

Hitterset 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?

Edward M. Smith

2. What is your present profession or occupation?

Publisher of the Hitterset Madisonian

3. Where and when did you begin?

In Hitterset Ia. Sept. 1899

4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when?

Farming, school teaching
Began teaching winter term of school. Full term farming seasons, in 1892. In 1897 was elected po Sept. 1 and in 1899 united the po business

5. What is your residence address?

Hitterset Iowa

6. What is your business address?

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7. What is the date and the place of your birth?

Oct 31, 1870 - Jackson Co 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?

Moved to farm in Madison Co in 1886

10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree?

Sexton Normal College, Drake University - No degree

11. What was your father's full name?

John M. Murray Smith

12. What was your father's occupation?

Farmer

13. What was your mother's full maiden name?

Jane Covertney

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Brookline, (near Boston) Mass
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? x
16. What military service have you had? x
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can?
Co. Supt of School 1897-1898 1898-1900, Postmaster
of Winnetka from Apr. 1904 to Aug 1908 - 4y 4 mo
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?
Trustee Winnetka Carnegie Library from June
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Rep. always
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? Protestant Church
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? Knights of Pythias
Masonic, Des Moines Co-operative Scientific Bible Museum
and Ju-ga-zig Temple Mystic Shrine
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? none
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? none
26. Of what business firms have you been a member? Thompson & Smith Print Co. 1899 to
Jan 1904
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?

29. Plea: **E. D. M. SMITH** Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....

30. Will **PUBLISHER OF THE WINTERSET MADISONIAN** **WINTERSET IOWA** and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa.....

31.

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Evalyn Crossley*

33. Where and what date was this marriage? *June 1, 1898. Painesville Ia*

34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Sept 10, 1872*

35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *Methodist Church
New Sweden Presby Union Church*

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

37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? *John W. Crossley - near Findlay Ohio - 1845*

38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Cynthia Jane Hardy
in Ohio 1848. Hancock Co*

39. Where and when was she born?.....

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. <i>Marion Crossley Smith</i>	<i>March 6, 1899</i>	<i>Winters Ia</i>
2. <i>Ruth Courtney Smith</i>	<i>May 23, 1900</i>	"
3. <i>Frances Meredith Smith</i>	<i>January 27, 1896</i>	"
4. <i>Dorothy Hardy Smith</i>	<i>August 21, 1911</i>	"
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.

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A. C. HANSON, Speaker of the House

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our institutions and sought to support and strengthen them in every way.

His friends respected him for his outspoken courage; he served his party and his state to the full measure of his ability. At his death, we are reminded of the words of the poet:

"No man is an island, entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Senator Skourup made substantial contribution to the improvement of his county and his state; the State of Iowa is a better place to live and to worship by reason of his devotion to it.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable W. N. Skourup, the state has lost an active loyal citizen. The Senate tenders, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving 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 instructed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

THOMAS J. DAILEY,
EDWARD J. MCMANUS,
CARL T. ANDERSON,
Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ED M. SMITH

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable Edward McMurray Smith, begs leave to submit the following report:

Edward McMurray Smith, editor of the Winterset Madisonian for 54 years, former Secretary of State, and State Senator, died at the Madison County Memorial Hospital in Winterset, October 26, 1953, after a short illness, at the age of 82 years.

A son of John M. and Jane Courtney Smith, he was born in Jackson County, Iowa, October 31, 1870. At the age of 16 years the family moved to Madison County, and he lived on the farm until he grew to manhood. He attended the rural schools, and took his higher education at Dexter Normal School in Dexter, Iowa, and Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, after which he taught school. In 1898 he became County Superintendent of Schools, and at the close of his term, he purchased the Winterset Madisonian, and remained as its editor and publisher until his death.

He was married to Evalyn Crossley of Patterson, Iowa, June 1, 1898, and they established their home in Winterset, where they resided until

their deaths. They were the parents of four daughters; his wife and one daughter, Dorothy, preceded him in death. He was the last survivor of a family of four brothers.

Mr. Smith was active in Republican politics, and returned to the field of public service in 1916, when he was elected to the State Senate from the Adair-Madison County district, and served in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extra General Assemblies. In 1928 he was appointed by Governor John Hammill to fill the vacancy in the office of Secretary of State, caused by the death of Walter C. Ramsay, and was elected for one term, serving until December, 1930.

His public service also had included a term as postmaster of Winterset, from 1904 to 1908. He was active in the Iowa State Press Association for many years, and was one of the early presidents, in 1923. In 1933 he received the Iowa Press Association's award as Iowa Master Editor, the second year in which that citation was made.

Mr. Smith took a deep interest in the affairs of his community. He was a member and officer of the First Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Winterset Rotary club, a charter member of the Farm Bureau organization, a member of the Des Moines club, Pioneer Law-makers Association, Prairie Club and Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity. He was a member of the local school board for several terms, and a fifty year member of the Local Knights of Pythias, and Masonic Lodges. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner. The Madison County Memorial Hospital is a monument to his memory, as he organized and launched the project for the building of the hospital, which he helped dedicate in June, 1950.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Marion Moore, who with her husband, J. C. Moore, had been partners and co-publishers in the newspaper business since 1937, Mrs. P. K. Graening of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mrs. W. L. Fry of Berkeley, California. He also left five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Edward McMurray Smith, the people of Madison County and of the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the Senate expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

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

LORIN B. SAYRE,
JOHN D. SHOEMAN,
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Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.



You searched for **Edward M. Smith** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	Edward W Smith [Edward M Smith]	
Age in 1910:	39	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1871	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birth Place:	Ireland	
Mother's Birth Place:	Ireland	
Spouse's name:	Evelyn	
Home in 1910:	Winterset Ward 3, Madison, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Edward W Smith	39
	Evelyn Smith	37
	Maria Smith	11
	Ruth Smith	9
	Francis Smith	4

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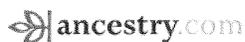
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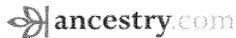
Name:	Edward M Smith	
Home in 1920:	Winterset Ward 2, Madison, Iowa	
Age:	49	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1871	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Evalyn C	
Father's Birth Place:	Ireland	
Mother's Birth Place:	Ireland	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Edward M Smith	49
	Evalyn C Smith	47
	Marion C Smith	20
	Ruth C Smith	19
	Frances M Smith	13
	Dorothy H Smith	8

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ID: I3861
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 Text: x EDWARD M. SMITH.

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The last named as a boy and youth lived under the parental roof and much of his time was taken up in attending the public schools. He was also for two terms a student in the Dexter Normal School and for one term in Drake University at Des Moines. For several years he taught school during the winters in this county, his excellent education and his executive ability fitting him for the profession of teaching. During that time he devoted the summers to farm work. From 1898 to 1900 he was county superintendent of schools and in that capacity demonstrated his ability to successfully direct the work of others. When, in 1900, he left that office, he, in connection with Homer Thompson, purchased the Madisonian, one of the oldest papers in southern Iowa. After four years Mr. Smith bought the interest of Mr. Thompson and has since conducted the paper alone. He has maintained a high standard of excellence in the news and editorial columns, and that he is an able business man is proven by the fact that he has built up an unusually large advertising patronage and employs a number of representatives on the road. The paper ranks among the best of the weeklies published in Iowa, and exercises a large influence upon affairs in this county, an influence which is always on the side of justice and advancement.

On the 1st of June, 1898, Mr. Smith married Miss Evalyn Crossley, a native of this county and a daughter of John W. and Cynthia (Hardy) Crossley, pioneer settlers of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: Marion, sixteen years of age; Ruth, fourteen; Frances, nine; and Dorothy, three.

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Surnames: Smith, Courtney, Thompson, Crossley, Hardy, Roosevelt.

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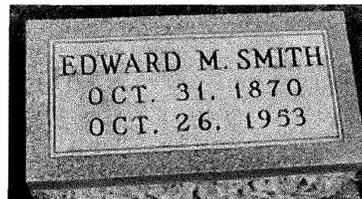
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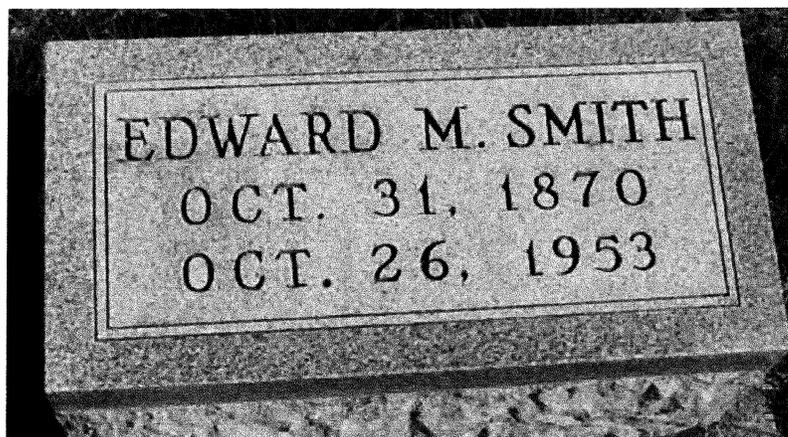
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