

Answer

Need Durant paper

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bierkamp, William Senator _____
Represented Cedar County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Sept 1849 Hanover, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place
Minnie Heldhaber 2 Sept 1874

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an organizer of the Durant Savings Bank

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Banker; land owner; implement business; real estate

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 41st General Assembly 1925

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Durant; town councilman; school director

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 13 Dec 1934 Durant, Iowa; buried Durant Cemetery, Durant, Iowa

8. Children William; Gustav; Otto; Albert; Frank; Walter;
Rosal Mae (Clara Hitchindorf)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education He attended school in his native land;
attended a private school in Denmark, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to the United States in June 1868
- Later he entered the implement business making wagons and buggies.
- He accumulated several farms and later was in the
real estate business.
- Later he set up a retail implement business.

35 CORN-HOG SIGN-UP DRIVE TO OPEN EARLY

AAA To Start Iowa Campaign Soon
After January 1

The campaign for signatures of Iowa corn and hog producers to the 35 corn-hog contract will be under way in Iowa immediately after Jan. 1.

R. M. Evans, chairman of the Iowa corn-hog committee, said Monday following a conference with AAA officials from Washington D. C., and representatives of six other states.

A statewide meeting of allotment committee chairmen and others interested in the drive probably will be held in Ames, Ia. next week just after Christmas. This meeting will be followed by a series of county meetings. Information regarding the handling of the 1935 sign-up and administrative matters on the new contract garnered by members of the Iowa delegation in the regional conference will be passed first to the county key men and then to the township committees.

The 1935 campaign is to be under the direction of the state corn-hog committee and the state board of review with the county and township committeemen charged with the responsibility of carrying the information on the program to the individual producers in the county.

The 1935 program holds for Iowa producers a potential benefit payment total of \$45,000,000 and every effort is being made to speed up the handling of it and reduce the cost of local administration. Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the corn-hog section of the AAA, said Monday. Also he announced that second benefit checks for the 1934 crop are now being written and will flow to the country in considerable volume the next few weeks.

One change announced by the AAA officials Monday in which the 1935 contract procedure varies from that of the 1934 plan is that producers must sign applications for participation in

Wm. Bierkamp, Cedar County Pioneer, Dies of Pneumonia

The Hon. William Bierkamp, one of the pioneer residents and most prominent citizens of the Durant community, passed away at his home in Durant, Thursday morning, December 13, 1934, at about 5:00 A. M. He was a little more than 85 years of age.

Mr. Bierkamp had been in failing health for some time, but a few days ago he was taken with an attack of pneumonia, which caused his death.

William Bierkamp was born in Hannover, Germany, September 18, 1849, and came to the United States in June, 1868. He has been identified with the business interests of eastern Iowa since his entry into business in Durant in 1874. He was mayor of Durant at different times.—Durant News

Mr. Bierkamp served the state as a member of the state legislature in the 41st General Assembly.

ITEMS OF NEWS AT THE CEDAR CO. COURT HOUSE

Marriage Licenses

Clerk Howard Hamilton's office reports marriage licenses issued during the past week to Darel Kohl of Mount Vernon and Esther Miller of Clarence, Iowa; John Krummel and Elizabeth Hack, of this county.

Supervisors Meet Today

In accordance with the date specified at adjournment last week, the Cedar county board of supervisors met again today, for the transaction of routine matters requiring attention as the close of the year approaches, and to audit and allow claims on file against the county. Minutes of the today's session will be published in next week's paper.

Court Jurors Drawn For The January Term

Twelve Grand Jurors Also Drawn for
Service During 1935

Fifty petit jurors were drawn last Friday, in accordance with the order of Hon. John T. Moffit, presiding judge of the January term of Cedar district court. The term will be convened Monday, January 7th. The fifty petit jurors for the term are being notified to appear for duty Monday, January 14th, 1935. The drawing was made by County Auditor Herma Onken, County Recorder Miss Helen Schriver, and Howard H. Hamilton, Clerk of the District Court, and the fifty names drawn are as follows:

C. F. Adams, Tipton
Mrs. H. P. Agne, Tipton
Earl Anderson, Tipton
Lillian Anderson, West Branch.
W. B. Barkhurst Jr., Atalissa.
T. J. Barnes, Tipton.
Ray Bixler, Clarence.
Ed Brennan, Tipton.
Mrs. Alex Buchanan, Mechanicsville.
C. R. Chambliss, Tipton,
Lynn Cornwall, West Liberty.
Beulah Dodds, Tipton.
E. E. Emery, Mechanicsville.
Harvey Ericksen, Wilton Junction
George Grouell, Tipton.
Harry Hansen, Clarence.
Mrs. Gladys Hart, Stanwood.
Irene Hemingway, West Branch.
Jens Ketelsen, Wilton Junction.
W. J. Kiehl, Mechanicsville.
Roy E. Kohl, Lisbon.
Henry C. Schafer, Durant.
H. Lehrman, Stanwood.
John Lelse, Durant.
Bernice Lerch, Clarence.
Irene Lodge, West Branch.
Mrs. Ed Nebergall, Tipton.
H. H. Oyler, Downey.
Beatrice Penningroth, Clarence.
Vern Postal, Tipton.
Dawson Powers, Tipton.
Neal Reeve, Tipton.
Vern Rix, Lowden.

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near the Mexican border. Four children were born to their marriage: E. Foster, a ranch owner near Wendell, Idaho; Charles M., an engineer at the ice plant at Charles City, Iowa; Pearl, wife of John S. Smith, of Del Rio, Texas; and Harland J.

Harland J. Maurer has made most of his opportunities since he graduated from the public schools of Waterloo. In 1902 he completed a course in the Waterloo Business College, and between the ages of eighteen and twenty taught school. After passing the civil service examination he became an employee in the Waterloo postoffice, and remained there until he resigned in September, 1906. He was then twenty-two and had resolved upon a career as an attorney. Preliminary thereto he took a general preparatory and college course in the Grinnell Academy and two years in Grinnell College. Mr. Maurer was graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa in 1912. For one year he was with Judge W. F. Lewis at Montezuma, and since 1913 has practiced at Mechanicsville. He enjoys a high standing as an attorney and has handled a large volume of general practice in Cedar County. Mr. Maurer has been active in Republican politics and in September, 1923, was appointed postmaster of Mechanicsville. He is a member of the Cedar County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations and was on the county board of education until he became postmaster. Mr. Maurer is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church. In 1926 he was chosen one of the two commissioners to represent the Cedar Rapids Presbytery in the General Assembly at Baltimore, representing the churches of the United States.

On June 15, 1915, he married Sara A. McIlrath. Her father, James McIlrath, was born in Ireland, came to the United States when a young man and married Emma McKee, a native of Iowa. James McIlrath was a farmer near Gilman, Iowa.

HON. WILLIAM BIERKAMP has been an Iowa citizen and business man for sixty years. The community that has known him longest is Durant in Cedar County, where his initiative, enterprise and public spirit have entered into many of the vital concerns of that locality.

Mr. Bierkamp was born in Hanover, Germany, September 18, 1849. He received his early educational advantages in his native land and was nineteen years of age when he came to the United States in 1868. While at Davenport he attended a private school, and in 1874 he set himself up in business as a manufacturer of wagons and buggies. He started with a small shop, with one hired helper, and did work and put out a product that insured a steady increase in the business. Eventually his shop employed six workers. From the manufacture of wagons and buggies he entered the retail implement business. Mr. Bierkamp has been a very substantial busi-

ness man. He is known for his excellent judgment, his integrity and his foresight. For many years he has conducted a real estate and loan business. Much of his time is also taken up with the supervision of his extensive farming interests, comprising six farms, aggregating 810 acres, all located near Durant.

Mr. Bierkamp was one of the organizers of the Durant Savings Bank, has served on the board of directors continuously and was for many years president of the bank, but recently retired to the less active vice presidency. In 1924 he was chosen a member of the State Legislature, serving for the term 1925-26, and he gave capable representation to the interests of the farming and business community where he has lived so long. For twenty-four years he was a director and most of the time president of the local school board, served on the town council twenty years and two terms as mayor of Durant. Mr. Bierkamp is a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church.

He married, September 2, 1874, Miss Minnie Feldhahn, of Durant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Feldhahn, both now deceased. Her father was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Bierkamp had a family of seven children: William, in the oil business in Texas; Gustave, foreman of a sash and door factory at Sioux City, Iowa; Otto, who was overseas during the World war and was gassed on the battle lines, now postmaster at Durant; Albert, assistant cashier of the Union Bond & Mortgage Company of Davenport; Frank, in the automobile business at Current, Canada; Walter, in the banking and bond business at Van Nuys, California; and Rosa, the only daughter, widow of Clint Hutchindorf.

WILLIAM B. ANDERSON is a native of Cedar County, Iowa, and since he was twenty years of age has been a merchant at West Branch, being proprietor of the William B. Anderson Company, hardware, furniture and undertaking. His business career was interrupted for over a year by his service in the World war.

Mr. Anderson was born on a farm in Cedar County, two and a half miles from West Branch, January 20, 1896. His parents, Peter and Sina (Madsen) Anderson, were born in Denmark and came to America when young people and were married in this country. His father was about twenty-three years of age when he arrived in Iowa and was for many years a prosperous and substantial farmer of Cedar County, where he died June 30, 1928, at the age of seventy years. There were seven children in the family: Harley, a farmer near West Branch; Gina, wife of Alfred F. Pedersen, and they live on the Anderson homestead farm; Alfred is a resident of West Branch; Edward operates a farm five and a half miles east of West Branch; William B.; Alvin is in the hardware business at West Liberty, Iowa; and Mildred.

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GEORGE C. CALL was born in Kossuth County, Iowa, September 24, 1860, and died in Sioux City December 18, 1934. His parents were Asa C. and Sarah (Heckart) Call, noted Kossuth County pioneers. He obtained his education at Algona and early turned his attention to real estate business and became a large land owner. He was active in civic affairs and was for a time mayor of Algona. In 1902 he removed to Sioux City, disposed of his properties in and around Algona, and soon became an extensive real estate owner in Sioux City and devoted much time and energy to forwarding that city's business interests. In 1916 he helped organize the Call Bond and Mortgage Company and at his death was its president. He early became an active advocate of the improvement of the Missouri River for navigation and worked incessantly for it. He labored for more equitable freight rates for his city, and for the improvement of the highways leading to Sioux City. He served as president of the Sioux City Real Estate Board, and was president of the Greater Sioux City Committee. For twenty years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Morningside College.

FERGUS L. ANDERSON was born near Ohio, Illinois, March 16, 1865, and died in Marion, Iowa, December 25, 1934. Burial was in Oak Shade Cemetery, Marion. His parents were Fenwick and Jeanette Peck Anderson. He acquired his education in rural public school. When seventeen years old he began to learn telegraphy and afterward was stationed as an operator at several points on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, going to Marion in 1890 as a night operator. During leisure hours he took up the study of law and was graduated from the Ann Arbor Law School in 1894 and began practice in Marion. He served as city attorney of Marion for six years, and was mayor of the city. On September 1, 1921, Governor Kendall appointed him as one of the judges of the Eighteenth Judicial District in place of Milo P. Smith, resigned. By reason of elections he served for eight years, or until in 1929 when he resigned and returned to the practice of his profession.

GEORGE W. SPEER was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1855, and died in Indianola, Iowa, February 4, 1935. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In 1887 he removed to Indianola and engaged in abstract, real estate, loan and insurance business in which he continued until shortly before his death. He was a member of the Indianola City Council, was elected representative in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, was active in civic affairs of Indianola, was mayor of the city, and for several years was justice of the peace.

WILLIAM BIERKAMP was born in Hanover, Germany, September 18, 1849, and died in Durant, Cedar County, Iowa, December 13, 1934. Burial was in Durant Cemetery. He spent his boyhood in his native country, and migrated to the United States in 1868, settling at Davenport. There he attended a private school for a time and later entered

the implement business, removing to Durant in 1874. He also engaged in real estate business and was financially interested in and a director of several banks. He served as school director, councilman, mayor, and representative, being elected to the latter position in 1924, and serving in the Forty-first General Assembly. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was a Republican. September 2, 1934, he and his wife, who was Miss Minnie Feldhahn of Durant, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

FRANCIS MARION LAIRD was born on a farm five miles south of Tabor, Iowa, in 1855, and died in Tabor December 3, 1934. His parents were Johnston and Mary Laird, pioneer settlers of Fremont County. He followed farming in his early life, and although retired and living in Tabor, he continued until his death to own the farm on which he was born. He was secretary of the local school board, was a trustee of Tabor College, a member of the town council, and was elected representative from Fremont County in 1903, serving in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active member of the Congregational church.

MILTON REMLEY was born in Lewisburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), October 12, 1844, and died in Iowa City, Iowa, March 17, 1930. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City. He came with his parents to a farm in Johnson County, Iowa, in 1855. He was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the State University of Iowa in 1867, and the degree of A. M. in 1872. He began the practice of law at Anamosa in 1868, and in 1872 his brother, Howard Marshall Remley, joined with him as a partner, but in 1874 he removed to Iowa City where he continued in practice until a few years before his death. In 1894 he was elected attorney general and was twice re-elected, serving six years, 1895-1901. He ranked among the abler men who in the history of the state, occupied that important position.

OTTO STARZINGER was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1882, and died in the same city March 12, 1935. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines. He was graduated from East Des Moines High School in 1899 and from Iowa State College, Ames, in 1903. For a few years he was employed by the General Electric Company, and the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Electric Company, but in 1908 returned to Des Moines and assumed the management of the Northwestern Hotel in East Des Moines which he continued to do until his death. For years he was interested in raising prize stock. In 1916 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.



1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **William Bierkamp**
 Home in 1880: Durant, Cedar, Iowa
 Age: 30
 Estimated birth year: abt 1850
 Birthplace: Hanover
 Relation to head-of-household: Self (*Head*)
 Spouse's name: Minnie
 Father's birthplace: Hanover
 Mother's birthplace: Hanover
 Neighbors:
 Occupation: Wagonmaker
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind:
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>William Bierkamp</u>	30
	Minnie Bierkamp	28
	Willie Bierkamp	5
	Gustav Bierkamp	4
	Frank Bierkamp	1
	Fredrick Sich	26
	<u>William Giese</u>	26

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Durant, Cedar, Iowa; Roll: T6_331; Family History Film: 195,479; Page: 203,3000; Enumeration District: 357; Image: 0611.

Source Information:

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **William Bierkamp**
Death Date: 13 Dec 1934
Page #: 45
Cemetery: Durant
Town: Durant, Fulton
Relative: 85-2-25
Level Info: *Cemeteries in Muscatine County, A-E*

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Works Project Administration. *Graves Registration Project*. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

Description:

These cemetery records represent seventy-six counties and Graceland Cemetery of Sioux City, Iowa, in the United States, that were transcribed by the Works Project Administration. Records in this database generally include the page number where the record can be found in the WPA index, the full name of the deceased, birth date, death date, age, cemetery name, town name, and additional comments if any. Learn more...