

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative JOHNSTON, CHARLES FREDERIC Senator JOHNSTON, CHARLES FREDERIC

Represented Franklin, Hancock, Cerro Gordo Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 January 1866, near Hampton, Franklin Co., Ia.

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Dealla Haecker, 29 June 1892, Hampton, Iowa (b. c. 1870).

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer, real estate, teacher, internal revenue collector, banker

B. Civic responsibilities political party activities; school board, mayor, chair Liberty Loan drive; church

C. Profession

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 26 & 27 GA 1896-1900, HD 74, Franklin Co. Hancock  
41 & 42 GA 1925-1929 SD 43 Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock Co

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Sheffield; pres. of school bd.

B. State Liberty Loan drive for 9 counties

C. National Internal Revenue Collector 7 years.

7. Death 26 November 1945, at home, Sheffield, Iowa

(1) Charles F. Jr. (Jan. 1895- ) (Dixon, Ill.); (2) Winifred (Krause)

8. Children (c. 1903 - ) (Rockford, Michn); (3) one son, died infancy.

9. Names of parents James J. Johnston (b. Ireland 1823 - 18 August 1877);

Elizabeth Bradsute (b. Greene Co. Ohio 8 Oct. 1829-12 June 1915); m. 31 August 1854. both bur. Hampton Cem.

Johnston, Charles Frederick

10. Education Hampton High School; Univ. of Iowa College of Law

11. Degrees grad HS 1887

12. Other applicable information taught country school, 1885-1886.

Studied law with Hampton law firm, 1887-1888. Took law course at Univ of Iowa 1889. Admitted to bar, 1891. ~~Mayor, Sheffield, 1890. Practiced law there many years with brother. Also~~ began private bank with brother, until brother's death in 1910. Still in bank.

~~First native son of Franklin Co. to be elected to both house and senate.~~

Deputy US revenue collector 1898-1904.

~~Chair House RR Comm. 26 CA; Elections Comm 18 25 CA.~~

President of bd of trustees of Methodist Church 15 years. Member Knights of Pythias,

Modern Woddmn.

Wife taught before marriage; she was named to Better Iowa School Committee.

Johnston, Charles Frederick

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Sheffield Press, Tjhur 29 Nov. 1943		x	death
Whos Who in Iowa 1940		x	bio
1947 Senate Journal		x	memorial res. <del>Hist Cerro</del>
Hist. Cerro Gordo & Franklin Co. 1883		x	bio father
Stuart, Hist Franklin Co. 1914		x	bio
WPA Cem Records		x	fa/mo
Abbas & Meyer, Hillside Cem, Hampton		x	fa/mo
1870 census	x		
1900 census Frnk 131/1/60		x	CP/wf/1 son; servant
1920 census " 169-3/71		x	fam--2 ch
1925 census " 119-43		x	fam--2 ch (son is widower)



Bradford; 1930-37 tank wagon agt for Standard Oil Co, Bradford; 1937- mgr Farmers Co-op Elevator, Bradford; 1936- mbr bd of edn, Bradford; during World War in US army motor transport corps, Des Moines, West La Fayette Ind, Fort Sheridan Ill, Fort Wingate N M, disch Apr 1919; hobby: raising chickens; off & res Bradford.

**INGEBRETSON, SILAS ORIEN:** Mayor; b Franklin Co near Sheffield, Iowa Dec 5, 1884; s of Albert Ingebretson-Johanna Hanson; ed Sheffield; Cedar Rapids Business Coll; m Martha Etta Wilhelm Mar 2, 1910 Sheffield; s Lloyd W; d Ona Mae; 1907-08 emp in gen mdse store, Alexander; 1908 emp by Moore Lbr Co, Sheffield; 1909 worked on dray line, Sheffield; 1910-14 farmer, Franklin Co; 1914-20 with father in livestock business, Sheffield; 1920- owner & opr farm, near Sheffield, hog raiser; has int & dir Farmers Co-op Elevator, 1934- pres; past assessor, Sheffield 4 years; past mbr bd of edn, Sheffield 7 years; past mbr town coun 6 years; 1935- mayor; VP Sheffield Savings Bank 3 years; Farm Bur, Franklin Co; Comm Club; hobby: raising horses; off & res Sheffield.

**INGLIS, DAVID DONALDSON:** Bank President; b Hampton, Iowa Nov 2, 1894; s of Norman A Inglis-Mae Clemmer; ed Hampton; Iowa St Coll 2 years; Phi Psi; m Helen Blanchard Jan 1, 1920 Lake City Minn; d Dorothy; 1919-28 teller Hampton State Bank, Hampton, 1928-33 cash, 1933-35 VP, 1935- pres; during World War ent US army July 1917, attached to navy aviation, O/S 8 months, England & France, disch Jan 1919; Amer Legion; Comm Club; Hampton Country Club; KP; Congl Ch; hobbies: fishing, golf, hunting; off Bank; res 714 1st Ave SE, Hampton.

**JAMES, JOHN A:** Merchant; b Oxford, Iowa Jan 28, 1896; s of Joseph James-Florence Watson; ed Oxford; m Vera I Cook Feb 4, 1919 Iowa City; d Geraldine LaVon; 1919-21 part owner, gen mdse store, Oxford; 1921-28 asst cash Tiffin Savings Bank, Tiffin; 1928-30 part owner groc store, State Center; 1930-35 owner groc & market, Colo; 1935- owner & opr groc & market, Hampton; org young peoples band, Tiffin; during World War enl troop C 1st Iowa cavalry Natl Guards, later tsf'd to 127th machine gun batt, machine gun co 133rd inf, OTS Camp Hancock Ga, disch 2nd lt Jan 1919; Comm Club, pres 1939; Country Club; IOOF; hobbies: golf, travel, fishing; off 120 1st NW; res 102 2nd Ave SE, Hampton.

**JENNINGS, F L:** Grocer; b Warren Co, Ill Feb 9, 1891; s of George S Jennings-Clara Mae Davis; ed Lucas Co; Business Coll, Chariton; m Blanche Loy Nachan Feb 10, 1912 Russell; s Richard Graydon; d Phyllis Agnes (Mrs C L Atkinson), Helen Elizabeth; 1912-14 emp by brother G S Jennings in gen mdse store, Russell; 1914-24 farmer, Lucas & Clark Cos; 1924-31 opr gen mdse store with brother, Woodburn; groc & meat market, Des Moines, 1931- Hampton, also opr stores Webster City, Albia & Knoxville; Rotary; Comm Club; Country Club; off & res 122 1st NW, Hampton.

**JOHNSON, RAYMOND AMES:** Postmaster; b Latimer, Iowa Oct 7, 1907; s of Thorvald Peter Johnson-Kjestic Peterson; ed Latimer HS; normal course Iowa Falls; Ellsworth Coll; m Florence Viola Clayton June 5, 1934 Latimer; 1925-33 asst P M, Latimer; 1933- P M, Latimer; mbr fire dept 10 years, 1936- fire chief; instrumental in securing funds to pur fire truck 1938; AF&AM 191, Hampton past master, youngest master Hampton lodge has ever had; Meth Ch; Dem; hobbies: fishing, hunting, photography; off & res Latimer.

**JOHNSTON, CHARLES FREDERIC:** Attorney; b Hampton, Iowa Jan 17, 1866; s of James J Johnston-Elizabeth Bradfute; ed

Hampton HS; U of Iowa, short law course 1891; m Delle Haecker June 29, 1892 Hampton; s Charles F Jr; d Winifred (Mrs Richard H Krause); 1884-85 rural sch tchr, Franklin Co; 1886-87 studied law in law off of D W Henley & E P Andrews, Hampton; 1888-91 opr of collection off, Sheffield; 1890-91 mayor, Sheffield; 1891 passed Iowa St bar; 1891-92 ptr of J W Luke in law firm, Hampton; 1892- prac law, Sheffield; 1895 mbr 26th & 27th gen assemblies Iowa St Legislature from Franklin Co; 1898-1903 dep US Revenue Collector; 1900-30 in banking business with brother George A, Sheffield; 1925 elected state sen of Franklin, Cerro Gordo & Hancock Cos in 41st & 42nd gen assemblies, 1st native son of Franklin Co to be elected to house & senate; Iowa St Bar Assn; Comm Club, pres; Meth Ch; Rep, 1916 del from 3rd cong dist to natl Rep conv, Chicago Ill; hobby: travel; off & res Sheffield.

**JOHNSTON, HOWARD HUBBARD:** Physician & Surgeon; b Spencer, Iowa Jan 23, 1893; s of John Edward Johnston-Helen Hubbard; ed Hampton; Drake U; Chicago Coll of Med & Surgery, MD 1917; grad work U of Toulouse, Toulouse France 1919; Tau Psi; Phi Delta; m Mary Beatrice Weeks Sept 10, 1917 Hampton; d Mary Helen, Josephine; 1917 interne Franklin Square Hosp & West End Maternity Hosp, Baltimore Md; 1919-21 prac med, Industrial Hosp, St Louis Rock Mountain & Pacific Cos, Raton N M; 1921-26 in chg of pediatrics & obstetrics, Hampton Clinic; 1926- prac obstetrics & gynecology; instrumental in promoting establishment Beads Lake State Park; during World War enl US army 1917 med corps, base hosp Camp Wadsworth S C 8 months, 3 months gen hosp Fort McPherson, Atlantic Ga, 11 months O/S with evacuation hosp 23, disch Aug 1919; Franklin Co & Iowa St Med Soc; AMA; Amer Soc of Obstetrics & Gynecology; Rotary; Comm Club; Country Club; hobby: hunting; off Manatt Bldg; res Hampton.

**JUHL, LEE K:** Dentist; b Coulter, Iowa Aug 20, 1907; s of Simon N Juhl-Pearl E Baltzer; ed Hampton; U of Iowa, DDS 1931; interne U of Okla; Sigma Nu; m Dorothy A Pfeifer Oct 12, 1933 Waterloo; d Nancy Lee; 1933- dentist, Hampton; 1st lt in dental res US army; Rotary, secy; Comm Club; Country Club; AF&AM 191; hobbies: golf & photography; off Marshall Bldg; res 109 1st SE, Hampton.

**KOCH, GEORGE ALFRED:** Clergyman; b Petersburg, Ill Mar 7, 1899; s of George H Koch-Pauline Emden; ed Garner HS; St Paul Minn; Milwaukee Wis; Concordia Coll, Milwaukee; Concordia Seminary, St Louis Mo; ordained 1922; m Clara Magdalene Beer Aug 4, 1922 Latimer; s Charles Oliver, Gerhardt Paul, George Gerald; 1922-26 pastor, Luth Ch, Alamosa Colo, 1926-30 Odebolt, 1930- Hampton; chaplain Luth Hosp, Hampton since 1930; mbr bd Luth Orphanage, Fort Dodge since 1934; editor dist publication of Iowa Dist, E Supplement of Luth Witness since 1937; 1935- visitor, Eldora circuit of Iowa dist E of Mo Synod of Luth Ch; mbr Mo Synod Iowa dist E; hobbies: fishing, gardening; off & res 308 1st Ave NE, Hampton.

**LADWIG, OTTO O:** Automobile Dealer; b Sumner, Iowa Feb 23, 1878; s of Carl Ladwig-Freda Gitch; ed Sumner; m Hannah McMeans Jan 15, 1904 Sumner; s Roy Otto; d Esther Hannah; 1897-1901 clk for C A Austin Merc Co, Sumner; 1901-02 hdw dlr, Hawkeye; 1902-04 clk for Farand Hausner & Cas Brothers Merc Co, Sumner; 1904-08 mgr Sidney Brothers grain elevator, Sumner; 1908-11 ptr in Wascott, Thull & Ladwig Merc business; 1911-13 farmer, Sumner; 1913-24 auto dlr; 1924-25 traveling salesman for Globe Electrical Co, Milwaukee Wis; 1925-31 salesman & later mgr Sumner Motor Co, Sumner; 1931- auto dlr, Chevrolet & Buick

dlr; mbr Iowa & Natl Auto Dir's Assn; Country Club; Comm Club; IOOF; AF&AM; Meth Ch; Rep; hobby: golf; off 216 Central Ave; res 216 NE 4th Ave, Hampton.

**LEMING, G GERALD:** Attorney; b Lawrenceburg, Ind Sept 4, 1884; s of George Leming-Lyda Whipple; ed Ludlow Ky; Ohio Wes, BA 1904, MA 1907; U of Cincinnati Ohio law sch, LLB 1907; Stanford U, Chicago Ill 1 year; Acacia; m Hazel L Allen June 18, 1912 Lohrville; d Garelaine (Mrs Mainard Geuriek), Lillian J; 1906 adm to Ohio bar, Iowa bar 1913; 1909-14 instr Ellsworth Coll, Iowa Falls; 1915-17 prac law with F M Williams, Iowa Falls; 1917-20 priv law prac, Iowa Falls; 1920-23 prac law with E P Andrews, Hampton; 1923-25 prac law with B H Mallory, Hampton; 1935- prac law ptr of A S Hobson, Hampton; 1918-20 mayor, Iowa Falls; 1929-33 city atty, Hampton; 1928-32 Franklin Co atty; Iowa St & Amer Bar Assns; Amer Law Inst; Rotary; Comm Club; Country Club; KP; AF&AM; Congl Ch; Rep; hobbies: golf, fishing; off 9 1st Ave SW; res 122 4th Ave SE, Hampton.

**LIND, HARRY:** Farmer; b Franklin Co, Iowa Oct 4, 1894; s of Peter H Lind-Helena Hansen; ed Franklin Co; Grandview Coll, Des Moines 1917-18; m Sophia P Hansen Mar 16, 1922 Coulter; s DeLos Harry, Darrel Keith; d Doris Beaunette 1922- farmer, Franklin Co; mbr many years Franklin Co bd of edn; 1932- past mbr Hamilton Co-op Creamery, 1933- secy; mbr Hamilton twsch sch bd; during World War ent US army July 23, 1918, 83rd div inf, 11½ months O/S, disch as corp Aug 5, 1919; mbr Soil Conservation Bd since 1933; mbr REA; mbr Franklin Co Farm Bur; mbr Nazareth Luth Ch, SS tchr; Rep; hobby: purebred stock; res Hampton.

**McNIE, MORRIS MALCOLM:** Manager Elevator & Lumber Co; b Benton Co, Iowa Feb 9, 1881; s of Malcolm Forman McNie-Agnes Harper; ed Tilford Acad, Vinton; m Bertha Eggleston Jan 15, 1903 Vinton; d Anna Belle (Mrs T R Smith), Jean Agnes; 1903-19 owner & opr farm, Benton Co raiser of Duroc hogs; 1919-20 asst co agt of Farm Bur, Vinton; 1920-22 Franklin Co Agr Agt of Farm Bur, Hampton; 1922- mgr Farmers Grain & Lbr Co, Hampton; 1933-36 pres bd of edn, Hampton; 1935 & 1937 mbr House of Rep 46th & 46th special & 47th gen assemblies; past pres Comm Club; Rotary, 1930 pres; Hampton Country Club; AF&AM; KT, Vinton; Shrine, Cedar Rapids; hobby: fishing; off 411 W Central; res 16 2nd Ave SW, Hampton.

**MADSON, PETER:** Salesman; b Malta, Ill Feb 27, 1878; s of Soren Madson-Marie Knudsen; ed Hamilton Center; Elkhorn 1 year; m Minnie Hansen Apr 4, 1900 Latimer; s Leon Benjamin; d Adel Anita (Mrs Tillman Sogge), Gilberta Marie (Mrs Carl Almgren), Vera Elizabeth (Mrs Lewis Johansen), Virginia Marguerite; 1900-10 & 1921-23 farmer, Franklin Co, 1910-11 Minot N D; 1911-19 impl & auto dlr, Coulter; 1923-40 mgr Fullerton Lbr Co, Coulter; 1940- salesman for Johnston Clay Works, Inc of Fort Dodge, covering 10 cos; mbr bd of edn many years; Franklin Co Farm Bur; Luth Ch, mbr ch bd several times; hobbies: fishing, hunting; off & res Coulter.

**MANATT, ERNEST S:** Osteopathic Physician; b Brooklyn, Iowa Sept 26, 1878; s of James Manatt-Cornelia Squires; Brooklyn; Kirksville Mo, DO 1901; Amer Sch of Osteopathy; m Maude Kartochvil Jan 21, 1903 Franklin Co (dec); s Earle K, Frank E; m Clara May Zimmerman Oct 22, 1939 Hampton; 1901- osteopathic phys, Hampton; 1915-20 mbr Hampton Clinic Luth Hosp; Iowa St Osteopathic Soc; Amer Osteopathic Assn; Comm Club; past mbr IOOF; past mbr BPOE & KP; off & res Hampton.

**MARTIN, JOHN FRANKLIN:** Physician

of the Journal of the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, and that an enrolled copy be transmitted to his family.

RALPH E. BENSON,  
ROBERT KEIR,  
JAY C. COLBURN,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### CHARLES FREDERIC JOHNSTON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Charles Frederic Johnston of Sheffield, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Charles Frederic Johnston was born in Franklin county near Hampton, Iowa, January 17, 1866, the son of James J. and Elizabeth Bradfute Johnston. He attended rural school and graduated from Hampton high school in 1887; located at Sheffield and established a real estate business dating from September 26, 1888. At the same time he took up law in the office of D. W. Henley in Hampton and the Iowa State University. He was admitted to the bar in 1891. June 29, 1892, he was married to Delle Haecker of Hampton, who survives him. He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. R. H. Krause, of Rockford, Michigan, and a son, Chas. F. Johnston, Jr., of Dixon, Illinois.

Senator Johnston served as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in sessions of 1896, 1897 and 1898, and of the Iowa Senate in 1924 and 1926. His record in the legislature was distinguished and outstanding.

Senator Johnston served as delegate to both state and national Republican conventions; served as mayor of Sheffield; the local school board and other local committees and organizations. He traveled for seven years as an internal revenue collector.

Senator Johnston, with his brother, George Johnston, established the Citizens Bank in Sheffield. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and several fraternal organizations, and spent his entire life a resident of Franklin county. He died at his home at Sheffield, Iowa, November 26, 1945.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Johnston the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.*

H. M. KNUDSON,  
DUANE DEWEL,  
LEO ELTHON,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Lewis Shroyer came to Franklin county in the spring of 1855, and first stopped at Maysville, where he worked at carpenter work two years, that being his trade, when he went to Mayne's creek, and run a saw mill eight years, after which he obtained an interest in it. In the spring of 1865, he moved to the farm where he still lives. He was born in West Virginia in 1832. His parents were natives of the same State, the father born in 1807, the mother in 1810 and were married in 1830. In 1838, they emigrated to Delaware Co., Ind., where the father died in 1876, the mother in 1849. Lewis grew to manhood in that county, receiving his education in the log school house of that day, and followed farming and carpentering. He was married in the fall of 1856. to Joan Jones, born in Virginia in 1834. They have four children—D. W., Clara J., Martin L. and Victor E.

James J. Johnston, a native of Ireland, came to America at the age of sixteen, in company with a cousin, going first to Canada. He then spent three years in New York, took a trip to New Orleans, and in 1855 went to Washington Co., Iowa. In the fall of 1855 he came to Franklin county and located on section 2, Reeve township, where he has since resided. He was born in 1823 in Ireland, where his parents remained until their death. James was married Aug. 31, 1854, to Elizabeth Bradsute, born in Green Co., Ohio, Oct. 8, 1829. They have had seven children—John E., David F., Ralph W., James H., Charles F., George A. and Jennie E. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are members of the Congregational Church at Hampton. He is a republican in politics and his neighbors have,

at different times, honored him with local offices. In speaking of pioneer days, Mr. Johnston gives the following: When I came to Iowa, in the spring of 1855, there was not a mile of railroad west of Dubuque, and when we wanted flour we usually had to go to Cedar Falls, a three days journey, and when we raised anything to sell it had to be taken to that place. We also had to dress our own pork and haul it to Cedar Falls or Waterloo. I sold pork, the year before the war, at that town, for \$2 per hundred and my wheat for thirty-three and one-third cents per bushel. These are facts, which perhaps my grandchildren will hardly believe, unless I here record it in history.

During the next decade, among those who made settlement in the township were: John Imlay, J. M. Soper, Albert Pickering, Amos Shephard, George W. Wilton, Amos B. Hudson, Garrett Luke, Isaac Way, Philip Kratz, Mrs. Susan Cole, John Meyer, O. D. Andrews, A. D. St. Clair and Warren S. Towle.

J. M. Soper is an old settler of Reeve township. He is one of the leading farmers in the county, and for many years has been engaged in buying and selling stock, which he still follows, and in which he is very successful. He was born in Franklin Co., Vt., in 1815, and is a son of Joseph and Elicta (Mansfield) Soper. His father was a captain in the war of 1812, and his grandfather a soldier in the war of the Revolution. When J. M. Soper was six years of age, his parents removed to Franklin Co., N. Y., where he spent his boyhood and received a liberal education. The country being new and heavily timbered, he worked hard at clearing land

wife of the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, now the wife of Clarence Moore.

Mr. Eberhart is a republican in his political views and interested in the growth and development of Franklin county. During a period of residence here covering twenty-six years he has become widely and favorably known, his upright and honorable life commanding for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### CHARLES FREDERIC JOHNSTON.

Charles Frederic Johnston, a prominent attorney and banker of Franklin county, is the sole proprietor of the Citizens Bank of Sheffield, a private concern which was organized in 1899 and is one of the leading institutions of the county. He has likewise been a leading figure in local politics, representing Franklin county in the lower house of the state legislature during the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth general assemblies. His birth occurred on the old Johnston homestead a mile and a half east of Hampton, January 17, 1866, his father being James J. Johnston, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume.

Charles F. Johnston spent his boyhood on a farm and acquired his early education in the district schools, while subsequently he attended the Hampton high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. During the winter of 1885-86 he taught in a country school. Following his graduation he studied law under D. W. Henley, who later became a member of the firm of Henley & Bedell and afterward was the senior member of Henley, Bedell & Andrews. On the 26th of September, 1888, Mr. Johnston came to Sheffield and opened an office of his own. In 1889 he pursued a law course in the State University of Iowa, passed the examination before the supreme court of the state and was admitted to the bar in 1891. Throughout the intervening twenty-two years he has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Sheffield, Iowa. He served as mayor of the city in 1890 but resigned this office and went to Hampton, where he was engaged in the practice of law at Sheffield, Iowa. He served as mayor of the city in 1890 but resigned this office and went to Hampton, where he was engaged in the practice of law in association with J. W. Luke for one year. During his absence his brother, G. A.



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Johnston, had charge of affairs at Sheffield. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury, and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted. Mr. Johnston is also the sole proprietor of the Citizens Bank of Sheffield, a private concern which was organized in 1899. His brother George A. was associated with him as partner in its conduct for several years until his death February 7, 1910. Since March, 1911, W. H. Reynolds has been cashier of the bank, which is one of the leading institutions of Franklin county and one of the foremost in the state for a city the size of Sheffield. It has been built up and managed on a sound, conservative basis and is recognized as a safe and solid institution in every particular.

In 1892 Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Delle Haecker, a native of Franklin county and a daughter of Henry and Barbara Haecker. She was graduated from the Hampton high school with the class of 1888 and followed the profession of teaching prior to her marriage. She is still a faithful worker in the cause of education and was named a member of the Better Iowa School Commission by the state superintendent of public instruction. Her cooperation is ever given on the side of mental and moral uplift and her efforts have not been without result. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, namely: Charles Frederic, Jr., who is a member of the freshman class at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; Winifred, who is seven years of age; and one son who died in infancy.

As stated above, Mr. Johnston has been a prominent figure in local political ranks. He represented Franklin county in the lower house of the state legislature during the twenty-fifth general assembly and acted as chairman of the elections committee, also helping to make the new 1897 code. While a member of the lower house of the twenty-sixth general assembly he served as chairman of the railroad committee of the house of representatives and was strongly recommended as speaker of the house. In 1898 he was appointed deputy revenue collector for fourteen counties in the northern half of the state, ably serving in that capacity for six years or until 1904. He is

identified fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as president of the board of trustees for fifteen years. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Franklin county and are among its best known and most highly esteemed residents. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing Charles F. Johnston to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions, but there are as dominating elements in this individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained for him the respect and confidence of men.

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#### WILLIAM SENF.

William Senf, living retired in Latimer after many years of close connection with business interests of the city, was born in DuPage county, Illinois, December 31, 1869. He is a son of August and Mary (Schermer) Senf, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was twenty-one years of age and located first in Cook county, Illinois, whence he moved to DuPage county. In 1890 he came to Franklin county, Iowa, and located in Marion township, where he resided until he retired from active life. He and his wife are now living in Latimer. Among their eleven children are included the following: Henry, of Minnesota; Louisa, deceased; William, of this review; Annie, the wife of F. H. Menning, of Latimer; and Herman and Louis, both deceased.

William Senf was reared in DuPage county and in 1892 established himself in the hardware business in Latimer, this county, and operated this enterprise for ten years thereafter, building up a large and representative patronage. When he disposed of this business he bought a grain elevator, which he conducted successfully for eleven years, or until he retired from active life in 1913. He owns a fine house in Latimer and two hundred acres of excellent land in Wisner township.

On the 26th of November, 1892, Mr. Senf married Miss Emma Schmidt, a native of DuPage county, Illinois, and they have become