Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Kern, Charles Benoni Senator Kern, Charles Benoni - Represented Warren County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Feb 1867 near Norwalk, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Frances Spring 15 Aug 1892

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 37th, 38th General Assemblies 1917, 1919 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 41st, 42nd General Assemblies 1925, 1927 - Senate

A. Local School board member; township trustee; Warren County treasurer

B. State

C. National

7. Death 18 July 1942 near Norwalk, Iowa; buried Norwalk Cemetery, Norwalk, Iowa

8. Children Vermann; Mrs. Frank Harris; Mrs. Earl Briggs; Mrs. Cecil Briggs.

9. Names of parents John and Miriam (Black) Kern

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10. Education Educated in the public schools of Norwalk, Iowa

11. Degrees Graduate of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Wife, Mary, born 1866, died 4 Feb 1960, also buried in Norwalk Cemetery, Norwalk, Iowa

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Kern, Charles Bemont

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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- History of Warren County, Iowa 1908, p. 385-386			
- Obituary - The Indianola Tribune, Indianola, Iowa, Wed. Jul 22, 1942, p.1, col. 4-5			
- Iowa Press Association of Illustrators in Iowa 1940			

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INDIANOLA, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1942

Mr. Hunt is building the house
Farm. Mr. Hunt is discussing
(Penn.) News-Telegram.

Senator Kern, 75, Dies of a Heart Attack at Home

Elected to Upper House of Legislature in 1924. Born on Same Farm Where He Died

(By D. L. B.)

Closing a life of 75 years on the same farm a mile southwest of Norwalk, Senator C. B. Kern died at his home Saturday, July 18. The funeral service was held at the Methodist church in Norwalk Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Thus closes the second generation to exert a notable influence on the life of Linn township and Warren county. Senator Kern served the county as representative in the legislature from 1917 to 1921 and as state senator from 1925 to 1929. Besides this he gave years of service in the local offices of the community. For a long time he was a member of the school board and served as township trustee. He was active in the Methodist church and in the Masonic lodge.

He was Sunday school superintendent and taught a class for years.

Father Was Mayor Kern

He was typical of the high class of public spirited citizens who have given direction to the best class of local communities throughout the United States, and in making good local communities have made America great. The nation can never pay the debt it owes to men of the Ben Kern type who have given their time, their work, and their thought without expecting remuneration to those activities which make their neighborhoods better.

But Ben Kern inherited the disposition to do those things. His father, John Kern, came to Iowa from Ohio in 1852 when the county was hardly settled. He entered into the upbuilding of the county and state. He was active in organizing Co. H of the 34th Iowa infantry in the Civil war and was later promoted to the rank of major in that regiment. Throughout the remainder of his life he was known far and wide as Major Kern. His wife, Marian Black, whom he married in 1855, also came from Ohio.

This picture of Sen. C. B. Kern, who died at his Norwalk home last Saturday, was taken about the time he served in the upper house of the legislature. He was elected senator in 1924. He also served in the lower house during World war 1.

SODER CREDITED FOR BEAN YIELD

The Soybean Digest, official organ of the American Soybean Association in its June issue gives credit to Keats Soder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Soder of Hartford, for a decided boost in soybean production in Kansas, northwest Missouri, and southeast Nebraska in 1941.

Soder is agricultural agent of the Rock Island railroad at Kansas City, Mo. He organized soybean clinics and gathered the farmers in, with the assistance of county agents, extension service, and the newspapers. The result was an increase of 166 per cent in the Kansas soybean crop in 1941 over 1940, and almost as much in the Rock Island sections of Missouri and Nebraska.

CALL LACONA BOY BACK TO U. S. NAVY

Lacona, July 29.—Wayne Butler of Fort Madison, who visited [illegible] and Mrs. John W. Butler of Lacona, has been called back

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they will have a dream all their own. They think h outlay for the expense under $800.

Veneered With Brick

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house as present is enclosed tly lathed. Even the lath out on the Hunt mill. d start to find this ou might miss it. An im- road has been promised, entrance road is yet to oved and widened. The s almost hidden from the heavy timber. It could be seen better from he Des Moines river. To he place from Swan, go a d a half east of Swan, then a uth, 2½ miles east, then a rth, then a half mile back When the house and land- are completed, they are o be worth going a good see.

PHEN MARSH DEAD

le, July 20 — Stephen 77, long time resident of Carlisle, died Wednesday at his home. Mr. Marsh spent his entire life in Carlisle. His father was an Indian scout in 1812 and his grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Marsh was a farmer for 46 years but eight years ago. He is sur- by his wife and eight chil- four sons and four daugh-

en Marsh

RING HILL TEACHER

the remainder of his life he was known far and wide as Major Kern. His wife, Marian Black, whom he married in 1855, also came from Ohio.

Major Kern served two terms as treasurer of Warren county, which period was about the only time in his life when Ben Kern lived anywhere but on the farm where he was born. Major Kern served by appointment part of a term in the state legislature.

Senator Kern was born Feb. 1, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of Norwalk and Indianola and in Simpson college. At Simpson he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Aug. 15, 1892, he married Mary Frances Spring. Four children, with Mrs. Kern, survive him.

Surviving Relatives

All the children were born on their father's farm. They are Herman Kern, who now lives on an adjoining farm, Mrs. Frank Warren of Pleasantville, Mrs. Earl Briggs of Westfield, N. J., and Mrs. Cecil Briggs of King's Point, Long Island, N. Y. He leaves a sister, Miss Blanche, of Indianola, and a brother, Bert, of St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Kern's father, Samuel Spring, served in the Civil war in the same company with Major Kern. He was also a native of Ohio. Mrs. Kern's mother, Amanda Perkins, was a native Iowan. So the Kern family has genuine roots in Warren county and in the Ohio emigration which gave so much direction to the life and ideals of the county.

World War Legislator

Senator Kern had been suffering a serious heart ailment since last fall. He was confined to the house except for getting out occasionally to go to the mail box. Mrs. Kern, Herman, and Mrs. Warren were with him when the end came. Mrs. Earl Briggs and Mrs. Cecil Briggs arrived Monday evening.

Ben Kern served Iowa in the house during the period of the first World war. He had a part in coordinating Iowa with the war effort. During his term in the senate the matter of a permanent road program for the state was uppermost in public attention. Senator Kern supported the bill which gave Iowa a centralized road authority and made possible the development of the state's present road system.

Served in Two Important Periods

A man could scarcely have been thrown into the legislature in two four-year periods of more importance to the state and the community he represented than the two periods served by Ben Kern. His record was one of which his family and his county may well be proud.

SUPERVISES CAMP

Miss Constance Carr of Cedar

BACK TO U. S. NAVY

Lacona, July 29.—Wayne Butler of Fort Madison, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Butler of Lacona, has been called back to the navy.

Wayne served four years in the navy enlisting in 1936. He was on the ill-fated Lexington for a short time, later being transferred to the destroyer U. S. S. Dale for the rest of his enlistment period.

He brought his wife and son Jackie Lee to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Silverise, where she will make her home during Mr. Butler's absence.

Wayne was born and reared in Lacona and graduated from the Lacona high school in 1936.

He is visiting his parents and relatives and expects to leave in about a week.

SWEATERS MADE FOR RED CROSS

About 50 sweaters which are being knitted for war relief out of red, blue, brown and green yarn by women doing Red Cross work all over the county should be turned in before July 26, Mrs. Boyd Brewer, head of the knitting at the Indianola Red Cross production center, said Monday.

These sweaters and the sweaters for the men in service, which are made out of khaki yarn, must be pressed, and ready to be shipped on that date, Mrs. Brewer said.

Many of the khaki sweaters have been returned and the other sweaters are coming in more slowly and she urges that their delivery be speeded up. One hundred have been turned in to date, she said.

FUNERAL OF ERNIE NUTT HELD MON.

Services for Ernest Nutt, 50, who died June 26 near Fairbanks, Alaska, following an accident while he was working on the military highway, were held Monday, July 20, at the Orr Funeral Home. The Rev. Dr. W. M. Scheuermann, pastor of the Methodist church, was in charge.

Mr. Nutt was returning from work when he met with the accident. He and other workmen were riding in a truck and as it went around a corner he was thrown out. He landed on his feet, but was thrown violently to the ground. Robert Nine, employed on the same project, was placed in charge of the body and of the arrangements for returning it to Indianola. It was he who informed relatives by letter how the accident occurred.

The body was shipped to Indian-

Change Is Mad In Personnel FSA Office I

Order Received Frida plies to Mrs. Winif Jones and Two Ot ers in Office

Under an order received day, the personnel staff Farm S administ in the ol ren C bank has been ed to tw announc week by Allbaugh rehabilit supervis Mrs. W Jones, m a n a supervis

E. B. Allbaugh

The o comes effective Aug. 1. M baugh remains at the head office, but the commun stated that three of the st to leave in the order of length of service in the of

Mrs. Jones to Leave

Included in the three Winifred Jones who becam management supervisor Ju 1941.

The other two are T. Clanahan, assistant rural r tation supervisor, who beg duties May 15, 1941, and Doolittle, junior typist, who ed work Oct. 1, 1941.

Miss Edith Jenner, senior will remain in the office.

Mrs. Eleanor Combs of district FSA supervisor, w in Indianola Monday, announced that no successor would be appointed for Mrs. Jones. She said congress had cut in half the appropriations for administrative work and that office personnel was being cut all over Iowa as well as in the nation.

Mrs. W.

Mrs. Jones expressed re leaving a work she had so enjoyed.

Fine Cooperation

"Farmers' wives and have worked in a fine spirit operation which has mad work pleasant," she said.

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