

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stemmons, George Francis Senator Stemmons, George F.  
Represented Buchanan and Delaware Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 Aug 1875 Liberty Township, Buchanan County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mabel Lewis Thompson 1 Jan 1904 Buchanan County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Chairman of the Board of Northrup State Bank, Northrup, Iowa; Director Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association

B. Civic responsibilities T.O.F. Mason; Farm Bureau; Modern Workmen of America

C. Profession Farmer; stockman

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 39<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1921, 1923 House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1925, 1927 Senate

A. Local Township trustee; county assessor; School board; Buchanan County supervisor

B. State

C. National

7. Death 18 Dec 1964 Independence, Iowa; Laurel Hill Cemetery, Independence, Iowa

8. Children John Walter; Ruth Gertrude (Mrs. Maynard Pennington)

9. Names of parents James Merrill and Elizabeth Ann (Holt) Stemmons

10. Education Attended rural graded schools in Taylor County,  
Iowa; attended Wentworth High School

11. Degrees Attended Lehigh College in Hazleton, Penn

12. Other applicable information Republican

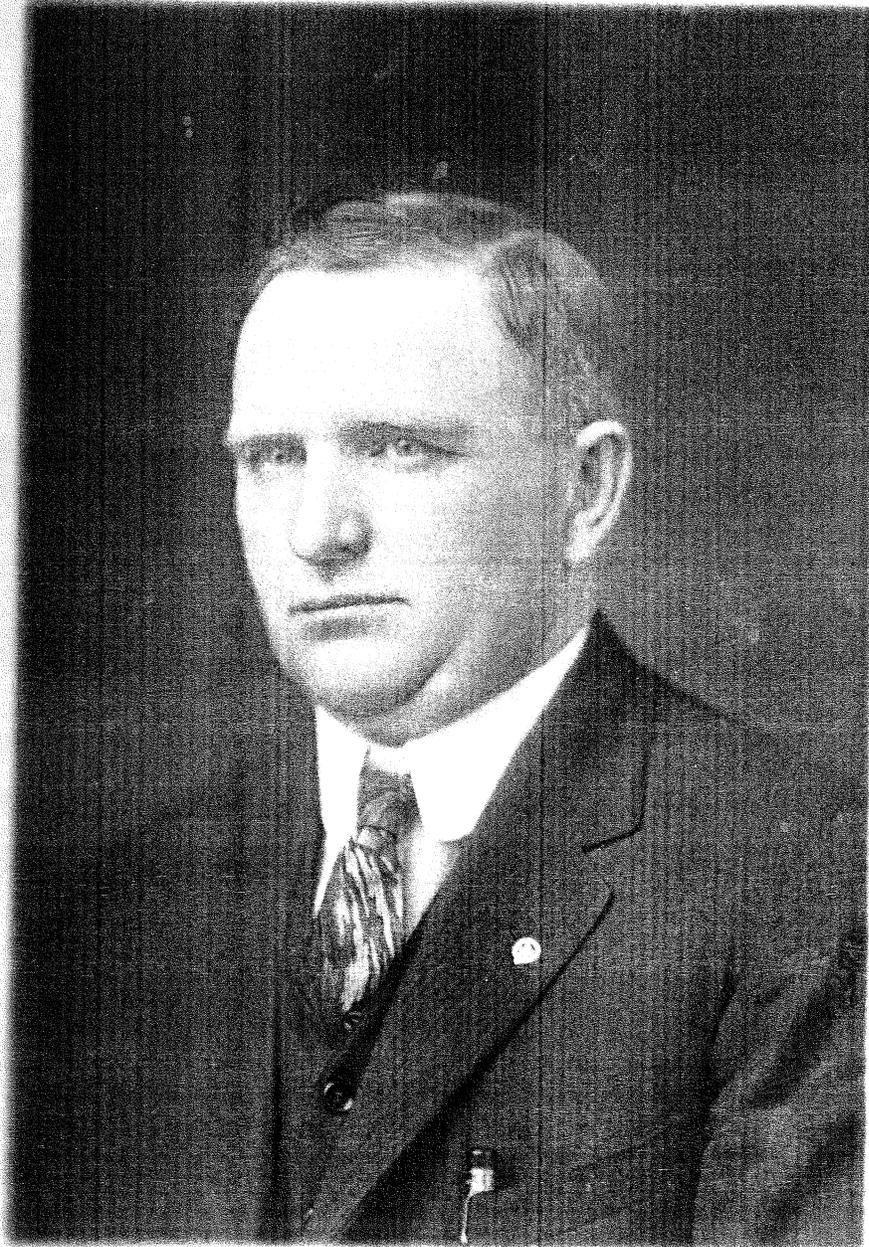
- Wife, Mabel, born 16 Sept 1881, died 1962, also buried  
in Union Cemetery, Independence, Iowa

- He was president of the Buchanan County Mutual Insurance Company for 15 years

## Sources Log For Legislation Entries

## Applicability

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| - <u>History of Buchanan County</u> 1914, p. 61  |                |            |                      |
| - <u>Iowa Official Register</u> p. 294   |                |            |                      |
| - <u>Buchanan County Iowa</u> 1990, p. 314   |                |            |                      |
| - Portrait - The original is located in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa. |                |            |                      |
| - <u>History of Buchanan County</u> 1990, p. 314   |                |            |                      |
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# **Slemmons Dies At Independence**

(The Register's Iowa News Service)

INDEPENDENCE, IA. — Former State Senator George Slemmons, 89, of Independence, died Friday at a hospital here.

He served in the Senate in the 1925 session of the Legislature. Prior to that he had served two terms as a state representative. He also had served as a Buchanan County supervisor, county assessor and was a former president of the Buchanan County Mutual Insurance Co.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church here. He is survived by a son, a daughter, a sister, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

# **Maude McBrien Funeral Monday**

Mrs. Maude McBrien, 80, died Friday at the Rest View Convalescent Home, 1211 Pleasant

# Ex-Senator Dies At Independence

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

**INDEPENDENCE** — Services for George Slemmons, 89, former state senator and representative, will be at 1 p. m. tomorrow in the First Presbyterian church here.

Mrs. Slemmons, who served as a representative and senator in the 1920's, died Friday at Peoples hospital here. He also was a county supervisor from 1935-41.

Survivors include a son, John, St. Paul, Minn., and a daughter, Mrs. Maynard Pennington, Independence.

Hawe Funeral home is in charge. Burial will be in Wilson cemetery.

## TRIPOLI FIREMEN ELECT

**TRIPOLI (CNS)** — The Tripoli Fire Department has re-elected Richard Buhr fire chief. Other officers re-elected are Lawrence

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# Rites Monday for George Slemmons

**I N D E P E N D E N C E**—  
George Slemmons, 89, a former state legislator and insurance executive, died Friday. A retired farmer, he had lived in Independence since 1950.

Mr. Slemmons served two terms in the Iowa house prior to his election as state senator from Buchanan county for the 1924 term. He was president of the Buchanan County Mutual Insurance Co. for 15 years and a member of the county board of supervisors from 1935 through 1941. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Quasqueton and the Odd Fellows lodge at Jesup.

Surviving are a son, John of St. Paul; a daughter, Mrs. Maynard Pennington of Independence, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services: Monday at 2 p.m., First United Presbyterian church. The body is at the Hawe funeral home.

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In 1906 Dr. Agnew was united in marriage to Miss Minnie McBride, who was born in this county, a daughter of James McBride, a native of New York. They have three children: Frederick Bryant, born September 9, 1908; Kathryn Alice, born July 30, 1910; and James Ward, born September 16, 1912.

Dr. Agnew is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic fraternity and also with the Knights of Pythias. In his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness, and his practice gives him many opportunities to follow the tenets of the order. In a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability, he has worked his way steadily upward and now enjoys a high and well deserved reputation.

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#### GEORGE F. SLEMMONS.

George F. Slemmons follows farming in Liberty township and was born upon the farm upon which he now resides, his natal year being 1875. His father, Jesse Slemmons, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1846, and when nine years of age was brought to Iowa by his parents, the family traveling overland to Liberty township, Buchanan county, where they arrived in 1855. This section was then one of the frontier counties of the state and all the evidences of pioneer life were here to be found. It was not an unusual thing to see Indians and, in fact, the red men were almost as numerous as the white settlers. Wild game of many kinds was to be had in abundance and there were also wild animals, Mr. Slemmons being chased by a panther during his boyhood days. There were no schools or churches when the family first came and the Slemmons family bore their part in instituting the improvements which have contributed to the intellectual and moral as well as the material progress of the community. In fact, Mr. Slemmons, the grandfather, was one of the founders of the Hickory Grove Presbyterian church and his daughter taught school in a log house, which was a private home, before any public schoolhouses were built.

After Jesse Slemmons became of age he, too, was very active in all the affairs of the community, contributing largely to upbuilding and public progress along various lines. He became the second largest taxpayer in the township, owning six hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land. He fed and shipped much stock and the different branches of his business were a source of gratifying profit. The cause of education found in him a friend and he was an earnest Christian man, holding membership in the Presbyterian church. He also exercised considerable influence in politics and was one of the most prominent citizens of the township. He died in 1898, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Work, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1851, and is still living.

George F. Slemmons was the eldest in a family of seven children. He attended the township schools and further continued his education at Winthrop and in Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa. He was twenty-two years of age when his father died and returned home from school to look after the family

affairs. At that time he was elected a member of the school board, although so young, and has held the office for about seventeen years, it being a well recognized fact that he is a stalwart friend of public education and believes in continuous progress in the schools and the improvement of their methods. He has also held other township offices and in many ways has given evidence of his loyalty to the best interests of the community. Like his father, he stands today as one of the leading and prominent business men of his section of the county, being extensively engaged in the feeding of cattle and sheep. He is also a director and stockholder of the Winthrop State Bank and is the owner of two hundred and seventy acres of land. He devotes all of his time to his farm and his success is the merited reward of his capable management and persistent effort.

Mr. Slemmons was united in marriage to Miss Mabel L. Thompson, a daughter of Walter Thompson, and they have become parents of two children: John Walter, born May 20, 1907; and Ruth Gertrude, born July 13, 1909. Mr. Slemmons holds membership with the Odd Fellows and has been an active worker in his lodge. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, and he is a member of the Presbyterian church, taking deep interest in its work. He serves as one of its trustees, contributes generously to its support and does all in his power to further the work of the church. The family name has long been indelibly impressed upon the history of this county and the work instituted by the grandfather in pioneer times and continued by the father is now being carried on by the son, the name of Slemmons ever being synonymous with business enterprise, reliability and progressiveness in citizenship.

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#### HENRY MEYER.

Henry Meyer, who in the course of an active, busy and useful life has converted raw prairie land into highly cultivated fields and is now the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred and twenty acres situated on section 11, Byron township, was born July 19, 1843, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, a son of Henry and Isadora (Sullivan) Meyer, of whom mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son-in-law, Colonel Jed Lake.

The boyhood days of Henry Meyer were spent at the old home in Pennsylvania and at Rockford and Dixon, Illinois, following the removal of the family to the middle west. In 1855, however, another removal brought the family to Buchanan county and their home was established in Byron township. Henry Meyer was then a youth of about twelve years. He continued to assist his father in the task of developing and improving a new farm and at the same time spent the winter seasons in the acquirement of his education. He gave his father the benefit of his services up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 7th of July, 1869, Miss Sarah L. Spangler becoming his wife. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in January, 1844, and is a daughter of George and Rebecca (Cleggett) Spangler, both of whom were natives of Maryland, the former of German lineage and the latter of English extraction. Removing to

Outline of Personal History of

*2*  
*Geo. F. Stenmons*

RESIDENCE

*Independence 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  
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(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? *George Francis Stenmons*
2. What is your present profession or occupation? *Famer*
3. Where and when did you begin? *Always was.*
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? *None*
5. What is your residence address? *R. F. D. 6 Independence Ia*
6. What is your business address?
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? *Braham Ia August 17-1870*
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal?
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? *Rural school, Quintlog  
grades. Sioux College.*
11. What was your father's full name? *Jesse Merrill Stenmons*
12. What was your father's occupation? *Famer*
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? *Elizabeth Ann Cook.*

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? *Buckman Co*
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? *None*
16. What military service have you had? *None*
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? *Assessor, County Prop 1909-1910, Prop Trustee 1911-19-12, Prop Trustee 1919-1920. Justice of the Peace 1899-1890.*
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? *Trustee State Bank ~~from 1910~~ <sup>since 1910</sup>, Farmer Commission Co, Presbyterian Church of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup>.*
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? *Republican*
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? *Presbyterian*
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? *Mason, Oddfellow and Modern Woodman of America*
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates?
25. Of what social clubs are you a member?
26. Of what business firms have you been a member?
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa  
*Photograph follow soon.*
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?

29. Please supply for permanent preservation for the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....  
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 30. Will you attach your autograph to one or more of your works and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa for permanent preservation?.....  
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 31. ....

**DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE**

**FIRST MARRIAGE.**

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Mabel S. Thompson*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Bushman Co June 1-1907*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Sept 14-1881 Bushman Co*
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *Presbyterian.*
36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?.....  
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37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?.....  
*Walter Thompson, Ontario Canada*
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?.....  
*Mora Jane McDonald*
39. Where and when was she born? *Ontario Canada*
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**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. John Walter Summers	May 20 - 1907	Burlington Ia
2. Ruth Gertrude "	July 3 - 1909	Burlington Ia
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**SECOND MARRIAGE.**

40. With whom was your second marriage?.....
41. Where and what date was this marriage?.....
42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?.....
43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?.....
44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?.....
45. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?.....
46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?.....
47. Where and when was she born?.....

**CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
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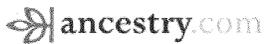
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Name:	<b>George F Slemmons</b>	
Birth Year:	abt 1876	
Birth Place:	Buchanan	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Single	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Buchanan	
Locality:	Liberty	
Roll:	IA1885_153	
Line:	15	
Family Number:	79	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Jesse M Slemmons</a>	36
	<a href="#">Lizzie Slemmons</a>	33
	<a href="#">George F Slemmons</a>	9
	<a href="#">John W Slemmons</a>	8
	<a href="#">Maggie E Slemmons</a>	2
	<a href="#">Mary Florence Slemmons</a>	2
	<a href="#">Sarah E Work</a>	69
	<a href="#">Maggie A Work</a>	31
	<a href="#">John Buck</a>	32
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You searched for **George F. Slemmons** in **Iowa**

### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>George F Slemmons</b> <b>[George F Stemmons]</b>	
Home in 1920:	Liberty, Buchanan, Iowa	
Age:	44	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1876	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Mable	
Father's Birth Place:	Ohio	
Mother's Birth Place:	Ohio	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>George F Slemmons</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>Mable Slemmons</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>John W Slemmons</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>Ruth G Slemmons</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>Source Information:</b>		
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### 1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>George F Slemmons</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Liberty, Buchanan, Iowa</b> <a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	<b>54</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1876</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Mabel L</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>George F Slemmons</b>	<b>54</b>
	<b>Mabel L Slemmons</b>	<b>48</b>

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**Description:**  
Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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