

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wagner, Joseph Senator _____
Represented Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Apr 1883 Bensheim, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elsie Gertrude Treftz 3 Nov 1903 Keokuk, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Past president of The Food Association for Inf Justice;
past president of the Motor Club of Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club; Kiwanis Club; Woodmen of
the World; Chamber of Commerce; Elk's Club

C. Profession Real estate broker; insurance agent

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 41st, 42nd General Assemblies 1925, 1927

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy Scott County auditor 1909-1917. Scott County
auditor 1917-1924; 1928-1929 Des Moines alderman, Deputy
city clerk 1904-1905

B. State Director of Iowa State Association of Real Estate Boards and
State Association of Insurance Agents

C. National

7. Death 9 Apr 1957 Bettendorf, Iowa; Burial Oakdale Mausoleum

8. Children Paul Leslie (died in 1928)

9. Names of parents Daniel and Susanna (Heck) Wagner

Wagner, Joseph

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Davenport, Iowa
graduating from grade school in 1897.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- Wife, Elsie, died Sept 1956
- He was in the real estate business in Davenport beginning in
1924
- He came to Davenport, Iowa from Germany with his parents in 1884.
- Military service - World War I - He served as Secretary of the Draft
Board
- He was the developer of residential sections of Davenport named
Mississippi Heights and Panorama Park.
- In World War II he sold war bonds and worked with the
Red Cross.

DAVENPORT

MRS. JOHN M'ELROY

Mrs. John McElroy, 84, of 222 1/2 W. 10th St., Davenport, died Tuesday at 6:45 a.m. in her home after an extended illness.

The former Anna Bratton was born Oct. 2, 1872, in Keithsburg. She married Mr. McElroy in Keithsburg in 1917 and the couple came to Davenport after their marriage. She was of Lutheran faith.

Survivors include three sons, Foster, George and Kenneth McElroy, all of Davenport; three daughters, Mrs. Millie Brown, Mrs. Leonard Britt, and Mrs. Nettie Weisheit, all of Davenport; two brothers, Walter Bratton, Des Moines; Henry Bratton, of Van Nuys, Calif., and Arthur Bratton, Burlington; two sisters, Mrs. William Burnett, Van Nuys, and Mrs. Minnie Gaylor, of Chicago; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death in 1931.

The body was taken to the Davenport Mortuary. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Davenport Memorial Park.

J. KROUSE

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a. m. in the Hill & Fredericks Chapel for John Edwin Krouse, 82, of 4022 Brady St., Davenport. He died at 7:15 p.m. Monday in his home. He was former president of the Davenport Pearl Button Co.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Krizan will officiate. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery. Mr. Krouse was born Feb. 3,

in Rose Lawn Men's Club. Mr. Wood was a charter member of Omega Lodge No. 1067, AF & AM of Alpha. He was of Methodist faith.

Surviving is the wife. He was preceded in death by three sisters.

Surviving are the wife; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Brown,

FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Joe Wagner, Real Estate Broker, Is Dead At 74

Joe Wagner, 74, Davenport real estate broker and former alderman, Scott County auditor and state representative, died unexpectedly at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday at his home, 1227 Broadlawn Ave., Bettendorf.

Mr. Wagner had been in the real estate business in Davenport since 1924. He had served as state representative from 1925 to 1929. Prior to his election to that office, he had served as deputy Scott County auditor from 1909 to 1917, and as Scott County auditor from 1917 to 1924.

He was a past president of the Iowa Association for Tax Justice and of the Motor Club of Iowa. He served as a director of the Iowa State Association of Real Estate Boards and the State Association of Insurance Agents.

Locally he had served as president of the Davenport Real Estate Board, the Rental Listing Exchange and the Lions Club. He was a member of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Davenport Country Club and Woodmen of the World. In 1928-29 he was a Davenport alderman.

A native of Germany, he was born April 4, 1883. He married Elsie Gertrude Treftz Nov. 3, 1903,



JOE WAGNER

in Keokuk. She died in September of last year. He was also preceded in death by a son, Paul Leslie in 1928 and a brother and a sister.

Surviving are two brothers, Art and LeRoy Wagner, both of Davenport.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Hill & Fredericks Chapel. Burial will be in the Oakdale Mausoleum.

Mr. Myers was 1895, in Terre Haute attended rural school in Adams County, Ind. On Jan. 1917 married Tressie White Haute.

For the last 21 years employed as a mold maker at the Deere Malleable Works, a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Durward W., Fenton, Terre Haute, Ind., and a daughter, Mrs. Michael, Indianapolis, Ind., and a son, Mrs. Michael, Chicago, Ill.

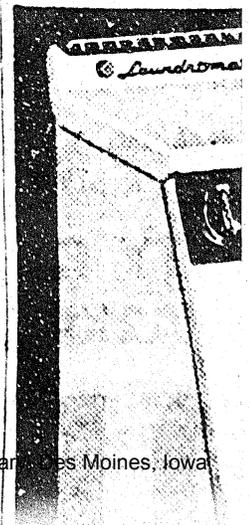
FREDERICK M. H

Frederick M. H. died at his home, 1184 St., Moline, Ill., on Tuesday.

He was born Aug. 18, 1872, in

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tive duty on March 15, 1942, and reported at Washington, D. C. There he was assigned to the Judge Advocate's office, and was later sent to the 1st Service Command headquarters, then transferred to Fort Devens, where he was post judge advocate, and commissioned a major. Later, at Washington, D. C., he was commissioned lieutenant colonel and sent to Iceland where he was appointed judge advocate general of the Iceland Base Command. He spent twenty-two and a half months at that base, before being returned to the United States, and was discharged in December, 1945, with the rank of colonel. Due to impaired health, Mr. Grapes spent a short time at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., and was later sent to the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He had been in active service for a total period of forty-nine months during World War II. He is a member of the Disabled Emergency Officers of the World Wars, and the Judge Advocates Association.

Leon A. Grapes's professional affiliations include membership in the Iowa Bar Association and the Scott County Bar Association. He belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, York Rite Chapter and Council, and holds eighteen degrees in the Scottish Rite. Member of the Knights of Pythias, he is on the Grand Tribunal for the state of Iowa. He is a member also of the American Legion, and of the Sportsmen's Association.

Leon A. Grapes is unmarried. His offices are located at 218½ Harrison Street, in Davenport, and he resides at 2622 Brady Street.

JOE WAGNER—To Joe Wagner is attributed considerable development of the city of Davenport, especially its residential areas. Mr. Wagner, who is both a real estate operator and insurance man, with offices in the Putnam Building, has achieved such prominence and leadership in the community as to have served it as representative in the State Legislature and auditor of Scott County, as well as member of the Davenport City Council. He has headed various important organizations, city and statewide in scope, and in World War I served with the draft board. Outstanding among residential sections he has developed in Davenport are Mississippi Heights and Panorama Park.

Joe Wagner was born in Bensheim, Germany, on April 4, 1883. He is the second eldest of five children born to Daniel and Suzanna (Heeb) Wagner. When he was about a year old, his parents brought him to Iowa. The family settled in Davenport, where Daniel Wagner engaged in the cigar-making business until his retirement. He died in 1944, thirteen years after his wife.

Joe Wagner was educated in Davenport's public schools, being graduated from grade school in 1897. Until 1909 he followed various interests, and in that year he entered the employ of Scott County, at Davenport, as deputy county auditor, and so continuing until he became county auditor in 1917. The higher office he held until 1924. Meantime he had entered the real estate and insurance business and the manner in which he administered this business, along with his public activities, brought him great public favor. He was elected to two terms in the Iowa State Legislature and served from 1925 to 1929. He also served one term on the Davenport City Council. As a real estate man, Mr. Wagner, foreseeing the city's growth and the necessity for providing attractive residential areas outside the commercial and industrial sections, went into the suburban territory now called Mississippi Heights and developed twenty-four acres. As a result of his

work, Mississippi Heights is today a part of the city proper. Panorama Park, also subdivided under his direction, is a sixty-two-acre development. In insurance, he sells a general line. Altogether he employs seven persons in his business.

In World War I, Mr. Wagner was secretary of the Scott County Draft Board and, in World War II, he participated in various home-front campaigns, such as war bond and Red Cross. In addition to the public offices he has held he is former president of the Iowa Association of Tax Justice, of the Iowa Good Roads Association, and of the Motor Club of Davenport. He has served as the president of the Lions Club of Davenport, and currently is president of the Davenport Real Estate Board. He is also a former member of the board of directors, of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce. He continues active in the Chamber of Commerce and the other organizations and is also a member of the Davenport Realty Board and a charter member of the Davenport Country Club.

Mr. Wagner married Elsie G. Treftz in Keokuk, on November 3, 1903. One son, Paul Wagner, was born to them in 1904. He had completed the study of law at the University of Iowa in Iowa City when, in 1929, he died. Mrs. Wagner is a member of the Church of Christ Scientist. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner reside at 1227 Broadlawn Avenue, Davenport.

CARL B. SCHMIDT—As president of the Crescent Macaroni and Cracker Company, of Davenport, Carl B. Schmidt heads an organization long associated with his family, and which is one of the outstanding manufacturing organizations in Davenport. He has himself been associated with the firm for over forty years, and has become a prominent figure in the business and civic life of Davenport.

Carl B. Schmidt was born in Davenport, December 7, 1888, son of Oswald and Agatha (Bruhn) Schmidt; and grandson of Hugo Schmidt, who organized the company. The latter, the pioneer of the Schmidt family in the state of Iowa, was born in Germany, in 1839, and came to the United States in 1854. He was a native of Dahl, in the province of Westphalia, and after reaching manhood he married, at Davenport, Zella Koehler, a native of the same community. Hugo Schmidt was well reared and well educated, a man of the typical intelligence of that immigration of German people which came over in the late 1840s and 1850s. For several years he was connected with the law office of Corbin and Dow. Mr. Corbin had a prominent part in the organization of the First National Bank of Davenport which was the first banking institution of a national nature to begin business after the passing of the national banking act during the Civil War. Mr. Corbin made Hugo Schmidt the first cashier of the bank. Later Mr. Schmidt was associated with the Citizens National Bank. After several years as a banker, he entered partnership with a Mr. Reupke and they engaged in cracker manufacturing, under the name of the Reupke-Schmidt Cracker Company, which grew rapidly, prospered, and was incorporated in 1885. Hugo Schmidt died as the result of an accident in 1878, when forty years of age.

Oswald Schmidt, son of Hugo and Zella (Koehler) Schmidt, entered the cracker business when he was sixteen years of age. Originally known as Reupke, Schmidt and Schwarding (engaging in the manufacture of crackers, cookies, and candy), the firm had been incorporated as the Reupke-Schmidt Cracker