

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative CHARLTON, Clyde B. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

*Represented Polk County, Iowa*

1. Birthday and place 10 January 1899, Rolfe, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Grace Orcutt, (c. 1902-23 Feb. 1987), 12 June 1926, Monroe, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer; business executive

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 42 GA, 1927, Polk County

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National U S Navy, World War I

7. Death 29 October 1951; heart; Iowa Methodist Hospt; DM; bur. Resthaven Cem

8. Children Anne (Gruelich), Pittsburg, Pa. 1987; Clyde Henry (d bef 1987)

9. Names of parents James Henry Charlton (24 June 1856 - 7 April 1912), banker & farmer; Franc Lenore Beam (24 Apr 1865 - 19 Nov. 1941)

Charlton, Clyde B.

10. Education Rolfe, Iowa, schools; Univ of Iowa  
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11. Degrees B.A. 1921; LL.B. & J.D. 1923  
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12. Other applicable information father b. Ohio; came with parents to Davis & Dallas Co.; bought land in Pocahontas Co 1882; settled Rolfe, 1889; m. 1891. Managed Shannon Ranch in Co; then became vp of bank and owned ten stock farms with 3060 acres.

Clyde went to U of Iowa after navy svc WW i. Admitted to Iowa bar June 1923, and began practice of law in DM with firm of Stipp, Perry, Bannister & Starzinger. 1926 became partner with Louis C. Parker. 1929 in firm of Bannister, Brody, Charlton & Parker; which changed to Bannister, Brody, Charlton, Parker & Roberts in 1948; Brammer name deleted 1950.

Originally trial lawyer; then went into business, tax and corporate law; wrote several articles. HAD MANY BUSINESS CLIENTS, INCLUDING DM Railway Co. Gen counsel & director Wood Brothers 1935-1947; pres & dir Orcutt Hybrid Corn Co. 1940-1946. VP and dir. Iowa Paint Mfg Co from 1933 and Iowa Guarantee, Inc. from 1938 until time of death.

Active in Republican party--delegate to natl convention 1932.

Football letter 1919. Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Phi, Order of Coif; Law Review.

Polk Co., Iowa State and American Bar Assn. Law Club. Des Moines & Wakonda Clubs. Mweber Chamber of Commerce.

survived by wife, son, daughter, one brother (Shannon Charlton, who was Dist J in Manchester), one sister. When wife died in 1987, in Pennsylvania, she was survived only by daughter who lived in Pittsburgh, and 7 grandchildren.



THE  
*PIONEER HISTORY*  
OF  
*POCAHONTAS COUNTY, IOWA,*

FROM THE TIME OF ITS EARLIEST SETTLEMENT  
TO THE PRESENT TIME, IN

THREE PERIODS:

- I. 1855-1869, PERIOD OF EARLY SETTLEMENT BY THE PIONEERS.
- II. 1870-1882, PERIOD OF ORGANIZATION AND EARLY RAILWAY.  
CONSTRUCTION.
- III. 1883-1904, PERIOD OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

INCLUDING

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF EACH TOWNSHIP, TOWN AND  
IMPORTANT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; BIOGRAPHICAL  
SKETCHES OF THE LEADING CITIZENS; AND  
AN INTERESTING OUTLINE OF THE

EARLY HISTORY OF IOWA.

BY

ROBERT E FLICKINGER, A. B., B. D.

Pastor of the Presbyterian church, Fonda, 1886-1902.

AND PUBLISHED BY

GEORGE SANBORN

Editor and proprietor of the Fonda Times, 1879-1900.

PROFUSELY ILLUSTRATED WITH MAPS, VIEWS AND THE POR-  
TRAITS OF OVER 450 PERSONS.

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Fonda, Iowa,  
THE TIMES PRINT,  
1904.

charge of a general store. In 1900 he returned to Rolfe, where he and his son James are employed in the department store of M. Crahan. His brother, P. J. Carroll, was the first resident priest of the Dover and Fonda Catholic churches in 1882-87.

His family has consisted of nine children of whom Anna died at the age of sixteen and Francis at four.

1—Zachary Taylor (b. Dec. 4, 1871) in 1899 married Mina Negus, of Des Moines, and lives at Rolfe.

2—Patrick Henry (b. Feb. 22, 1874,) in May, 1898, enlisted in Co. K, 1st Reg. S. D. infantry at Madison and rendered military service in the Philippines until October, 1899, when he was honorably discharged as a sergeant. During a portion of his time he was a messenger for Brig. Gen. H. G. Otis, at the arsenal at Cavite, and he was accorded a public reception in McKee's hall, Oct. 27, 1899, on his return to Fonda. He is now located in South Dakota.

3—Emma Theresa on May 18, 1897, married Charles F. Linnan and lives in Fonda, where he is engaged in the real estate business.

James Michael, Emmet Robert, Ella and Regina are at home.

**Charlton** Jesse, (b. July 2, 1818,) was a native of Butler county, Ohio. In March, 1850, he married Sarah Ann Brenton, (b. Ind., Jan. 20, 1828.) In 1857 he moved from Butler county, Ohio, to Davis county, Iowa; in 1863 to Dallas county, where his wife died in 1868; and in 1883 to section 11, Center township, Pocahontas county. His family consisted of nine children, of whom William, Hettie and an infant died early in life, and Rebecca Jane, wife of James H. Campbell, died at Rolfe April 10, 1896, Martha Elizabeth in 1889 married William Callon and lives in Center township. Mary Ann (Maulsby) lives at Earlham, Iowa; James Henry at Rolfe; Ida Bell

\*See page 463.

**Charlton** James Henry, (b. June 24, 1856,) is a native of Butler county, Ohio, accompanied his parents (Jesse and Margaret) to Davis and Dallas counties, Iowa, and in 1882 purchased eighty acres and prepared a home on section 11, Center township, for his father and family who arrived the next spring. In the fall of 1889, he located at Rolfe. In September, 1891, he married Franc Lenore, daughter of Dr. Wm. Otterbein and Esther Ann (Stewart) Beam and a native of Linn county. In the spring of 1895 he moved to the old home on the farm in Center township, but in the fall of 1899 returned to Rolfe. He was for several years the manager of the Shannon ranch in Center township. He is now vice-president of the First National Bank of Rolfe and owner of ten improved stock farms\* in that vicinity that contain 3,060 acres and on which he has put about fifty miles of tiling. His family consists of four children—Lucile Beam, Shannon B., Frank B. and Clyde B.

**Charlton** Charles Alvin, (b. March 17, 1865) is a native of Dallas county, Iowa, the son of Jesse and Sarah Charlton. In the fall of 1882, he located with his brother on a farm in Center township. In the fall of 1893 he was elected treasurer of Pocahontas county and being twice re-elected, served in that capacity six years, 1894-99. In 1895 he married Minnie, daughter of Henry and Mary Jarvis, of Rolfe. He lives at Pocahontas and owns 502 acres of land in that vicinity.

**Clason** Joseph, one of the early pioneers of Pocahontas county, in the spring of 1863, located on a farm of 80 acres on section 1, Clinton township, with a family consisting of his wife (Rebecca Kinyon) and ten children. Upon an unbroken prairie, covered with tall grass and inhabited by mosquitoes, he built a log house and oc-

**Average:** Newspapermen are pretty normal people. Most of them have families and they go to their homes quietly when they are through work. They mow their lawns, shovel snow from their sidewalks and play with their children.

Rare, indeed, is the modern newspaperman who drinks on the job—and he knows that he risks dismissal if he does. He may push along his hunches to a detective or a prosecutor but he doesn't make it a habit to play cops and robbers. He is more likely to uncover wrong-doing by painstakingly probing records, official and otherwise.

As the Holden letter suggests, reporters don't dictate headlines. They'd be laughed out of the office if they did. Nor do they decide whether a story should be on Page 1 or Page 28.

The modern newspaperman is a trained professional—he has studied and prepared for his work just as lawyers, doctors, accountants, engineers and architects have. Usually he's pretty crazy about his work. A good story makes his heart beat faster. But, by and large, he's an average guy.

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**Joe:** Champions should quit before they become duds. There was a lump in my throat when I saw the once-great Joe Louis sprawled out on a canvas of humiliation Friday night—felled by a fighter he would have walloped in stride a few years ago.

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Source: *Harvard Educational Review*, August 1952. The other day when, while on his after-dinner walk at Yonkers he

# Charlton, 52, Lawyer, Dies

## In Hospital Since Heart Attack.

Clyde B. Charlton, 52, prominent Des Moines attorney, died Monday at 8:30 a. m. at Iowa Methodist hospital where he was taken Oct. 11 following a heart attack.

Mr. Charlton lived at 5241 Woodland ave. He was a member of the law firm of Brody, Charlton, Parker and Roberts with offices in the Empire building.



Born at Rolfe, he attended public schools there. He was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1923 with bachelor of arts and law degrees and after the winning of a number of scholastic honors.

1937 Alumni Head.

He was a member of the Order of the Coif, the Law Review, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Phi, and won a letter in football in 1919. He later served as a vice-president of the I club and as a president of the Iowa Alumni association in 1937.

Mr. Charlton began the practice of law in Des Moines in 1923 with the firm of Stipp, Perry, Bannister and Starzinger. In 1928 he formed a partnership with Louis A. Parker.

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# International Frog Derby

A direct report from our Mr. Tuttle, who is in the frog country . . . . .

There's a strong man—a teacher. See "Front Row" on . . . . . Page 13

Businessmen "lifted" by Churchill's victory . . . . . Page 18

Herb Owens, back from

a vacation up north into the duck situation Manitoba . . . . . Pa

The strange, so lonely life of a cotton executive's wife . . . . . Pa

# Rabies Caused Death Of Boy, 6, State Says

## Dale Hall, 6, Was Victim June 29; First Such Case in Iowa Since 1944.

The death of 6-year-old Dale Hall here last June caused by rabies, it was announced officially Monday.

It was the first human rabies death in Iowa since a 76-year-old Muscatine county man died in 1944.

How the boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Hall, 1246 E. Twenty-fifth court, contracted the disease still is undetermined. He is not known to have had contact with a rabid animal.

Incidence of rabies among animals, particularly dogs, has been high in Des Moines and Iowa generally, however, the last two years.

### Report.

A report of the case, including a series of tests to establish the cause of death, was made by the state health department.

Dr. Abraham Gelperin, city-county health director, made the report public. He commented that the case emphasized the importance of "control through protection (by vaccination) of the most common carrier of rabies, which is the dog."

The rabies control program undertaken earlier this year will be resumed in the spring in Des Moines and Polk county, the health director said.

### Vaccination.

Des Moines dog licensing ordinance requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies.

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### No Mark.

The Hall boys' mother Monday that she was certain that he had been bitten.

"We never found a mark of any kind," she said. "I'll be well one day and ill the next."

(Authorities say saliva from a rabid animal may transmit the disease to a person or another animal through a break in the skin or through an actual bite.)

### To Hospital.

The state report said Dale was "hospitalized on the day of illness with a high fever, earache, muscular weakness and difficulty swallowing. He soon became delirious and unable to talk coherently.

"Upon admission to the hospital he was found to have rigidity of the legs and moderate rigidity of the spine," the report said.

His eyes did not appear to be properly closed and spasms occurred when given fluids. His condition progressively worsened and he died on the twelfth day of illness.

### Post-Mortem.

Autopsy of Dale Hall did not show the presence of any type of bacterial inflammation of the brain.

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I'd like to have seen young Pal Lane of 1922 Douglas the other day when, while on his after-school job at Youkers, he bumped into a mannequin on an elevator. Looked up and politely said, "Excuse me, please."

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**Picket:** From a friend in New York comes the report that socially prominent persons are being asked to join the picket line at the Stork club that was established after Josephine Baker was unable to get a table there.

The picket line reportedly is so exclusive that names of volunteers are checked to make sure that Communists don't get into it.

And the situation has recalled the occasion when George Jessel took Lena Horne to another very swank New York spot and got the do-you-have-a-reservation treatment. Jessel said no, he didn't have a reservation and then said:

"I forgot. I DO have a reservation. It was made by Abraham Lincoln." And Jessel and Lena were ushered right in.

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He was general counsel and director of Wood Brothers, Inc., from 1935 to 1947 and was president and director of the Orcutt Hybrid Corn Co. from 1940 to 1948. He served as vice-president and director of the Iowa Paint Manufacturing Co. from 1933 and of Iowa Guaranty, Inc., from 1933.

#### Club.

Mr. Charlton was a member of the county, state and national bar organizations and of the Law club.

He also was a member of the Des Moines and Wakonda clubs, the Masons, the Chamber of Commerce and the Methodist church.

He is survived by his widow, a son, Clyde Henry; a daughter, Ann; a brother, District Judge Shannon E. Charlton of Manchester; and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Hall of Dallas Center.

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#### Vaccination.

Des Moines dog licensing ordinance requires annual vaccination of dogs.

"This case is of particular public health importance because it proves that when the incidence of rabies in animals reaches high proportions, human cases develop," the state report said.

(Des Moines has had 43 known

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#### Post-Mortem.

A post-mortem did not show the "spore" type of ancephalitis inflammation of the brain tissue was submitted to pathologists.

The final report, received from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington was that death had been caused by rabies.

## Monday's Market

**STOCKS**—Brisak rally late.

**BONDS**—Lower.

**HOGS**—Steady to 25c lower; Iowa top, \$19; Chicago top, \$19.00.

**CATTLE**—Chicago market steady to weak; top, \$46.

**CORN**—Futures up 1/4 to 1 cent in Chicago.

**WHEAT**—Ahead 1/4 to 1/2c on Chicago futures.

**SOYBEANS**—Chicago futures up 1/4 to 1/2c.

Give Thailand Two U. S. Ships.

**YOKOSUKA, JAPAN** (AP)—The United States navy Monday turned over to the royal Thailand navy two American frigates, the Glendale and the Gallup.

## Reds Again Allies Usir

**TOKYO, JAPAN** (AP)—

The Chinese Red Monday their families that the Americans poison gas in Korea.

This accusation, as stated, is usual out whenever things are going poorly for the Communists.

Monday's broadcast ping alleged that more gas shells were fired from the gun Oct. 4. The explosion described as causing "inhalation of yellow, purple smoke, which smells of sulfur dioxide."

served as permanent chairman of the Memorial Day Committee in Iowa Falls.

In the field of politics he was one of the county's powers in Republican circles, being county chairman of the party for 22 years, and serving in the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second and Fifty-second Extra Sessions of the Iowa Legislature.

He was Iowa Falls city attorney at the time of his death, a post he had held continuously since 1924, after earlier serving in the same capacity from 1901 to 1903. He was Hardin county attorney for three terms, from 1910 to 1916. He also was a member of the Iowa Falls fire department for 40 years, from which he retired many years ago.

Mr. Bryson was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, and for three years served as state commander of the Iowa division. He was also national counselor of the organization.

He was married November 30, 1899, at Des Moines to his first wife, Miss Jessie F. Reissner, who died March 26, 1946. Three children, all of whom are living, were born to the couple. They are Mrs. Paul E. Jones, Sr., of Iowa Falls; two sons, Philip of Ironwood, Michigan, and Robert of Moorpark, California. His present wife, May, also survives him.

Mr. Bryson died on March 29, 1952, at the age of 77 years, after a few weeks' illness.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Cassius Allen Bryson the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

PAUL M. WALTER,  
G. T. KUESTER,  
JOHN A. WALKER,

*Committee.*

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CLYDE B. CHARLTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Clyde B. Charlton, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Clyde B. Charlton was born at Rolfe, Iowa, on January 10, 1899. He attended public schools in that town, graduating from the Rolfe High School in 1916. After serving in the United States Navy in World War

I, he entered the University of Iowa from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1921 and the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Juris Doctor in 1923.

After his graduation from law school, Mr. Charlton was admitted to the bar in Iowa in June of 1923 and at once commenced the practice of law in Des Moines with the firm of Stipp, Perry, Bannister and Starzinger. In 1926 he formed a partnership with Louis A. Parker.

Mr. Charlton married Grace Orcutt of Monroe, Iowa, on June 12, 1926. To this union were born two children, Anne Charlton and Clyde Henry Charlton.

In 1929 Mr. Charlton and Mr. Parker, with Joseph I. Brody and the late Judge George E. Brammer formed the law firm of Brammer, Brody, Charlton & Parker, which emained in existence until 1948 when its name was changed to Brammer, Brody, Charlton, Parker and Roberts. In 1950 this firm was succeeded by the firm of Brody, Charlton, Parker & Roberts, of which Mr. Charlton was a member at the time of his death.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. Charlton was financially interested in a number of local business concerns and actively participated, as an executive, in the management of their affairs. He was general counsel and director of Wood Brothers, Inc., from 1935 to 1947 and was president and director of the Orcutt Hybrid Corn Company from 1940 to 1946. He became a vice president and director of the Iowa Paint Manufacturing Company in 1933 and of Iowa Guarantee, Inc., in 1938. He continued to hold these offices until the date of his death.

Throughout his life, Mr. Charlton was active in the Republican Party and a strong believer in its principles. He was elected on the Republican ticket as State Representative from Polk county in the Forty-second Iowa General Assembly. He was a delegate to numerous county and state conventions and in 1932 was a delegate to the party's national convention in Chicago.

Mr. Charlton's sudden and untimely death occurred at Des Moines, Iowa, on October 29, 1951. He left to survive him his wife and two children.

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