

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Merritt, John Grant Senator Merritt, John Grant
Represented Carroll, Boone and Sac Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Sept 1870 Kinley, Hancock County, Wis

2. Marriage (s) date place

Laura B. Elwood 19 Jan 1898 Carroll County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was agent and an executive of Insurance Companies

B. Civic responsibilities Red Cross; Mason; Shrines

C. Profession Farmer; insurance

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 41st General Assembly 1925 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 42nd, 43rd General Assemblies 1927, 1929 - Senate

A. Local Secretary of Farmers' Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Association of Carroll County;
Board member of Glidden Farmers Elevator Company; Glidden school board; Glidden
city councilman

B. State Iowa State Secretary of Farmers' Cooperative Elevator Mutual Insurance Association;
president of Farmers' Home Owners Association Iowa

C. National

7. Death 12 Dec 1947 Glidden, Iowa; buried Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Iowa

8. Children No children, but raised Harry Studor; Mrs. Lester Melhoy;
and H.O. Butrick

9. Names of parents George Harold and Mary Ann (Grim) Merritt

Merritt, John Grant

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____ *Republican*

- He came to Iowa with his parents and siblings in 1874. They made their home on a farm 2 miles north of Glidden.
- After marriage he and his wife made their home on this farm until 1920 when they moved into Glidden.
- His wife, Laura, died 20 Jan 1947, also buried in Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Iowa.
- After the death of his wife, he moved back to his farm where Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Buttrick cared for him until his death.

GLIDDEN GRAPHIC

THE GRAPHIC, GLIDDEN, IOWA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1947

MARTHA MAREAN WRITES FROM CALIF.

An Interesting Letter From a Former Resident of Glidden Next Week.

A former resident of Glidden—Martha Marean—has written us a long letter telling of her trip from Glidden to her home at Jackson, Wyo., and from there to Coronado, Calif., to visit a sister, Mrs. Kohn. Martha spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Gute, in Glidden, last summer, following surgery at Iowa City.

Because of the crowded condition of our columns, we will not print it for a couple of weeks. You'll like it and find it worth waiting for.

MARILOUSE CONE LELAND RODEN WED

Miss Marilouise Cone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Cone, 1344 55th st., and Leland J. Roden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roden of Glidden, were married Sunday afternoon at the Cone home. The Rev. Walter Edwards read the ceremony before an altar decorated with yellow and white pompons and candelabra.

Mrs. Clarice Crouch, harpist, and Mrs. John W. Cone, vocalist, provided nuptial music.

Mr. Cone gave his daughter in marriage. Her white marquisette gown was trimmed with ruffles edging the front panel apron and the heart-shaped train. Her fingertip-length veil fell from a Mary, Queen of Scots, cap of marquisette, and she carried a colonial bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

Dorothy Oppedal, maid of honor, wore turquoise blue brocaded satin and carried a bouquet of carnations. E. L. Cone, brother of the bride, was best man.

The reception was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conrad of West Des Moines.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will live in Glidden where Mr.

WEDNESDAY—NEXT ISSUE

We plan to put out the Graphic on Wednesday of next week, so we may enjoy a short holiday Thursday (Christmas Day). Send in your news Monday (or before) if you can. We will appreciate it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
—The Graphic Force.

MARGARET WHEELER GUY S. WOOD, MARRIED

In a single ring ceremony performed in the First Methodist church in Minneapolis, Minn., at 5:30 o'clock the afternoon of November 26, Margaret L. Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wheeler of Glidden, became the bride of Guy S. Wood, formerly of Alden, now of Omaha, son of Mr. H. C. Wood of Alden.

The bride chose a street-length dress of aqua with brown accessories and wore a corsage of red and white roses.

Mrs. Kenneth Miller of Minneapolis, bride's attendant, wore a dress of beige with brown accessories and a corsage of salmon colored roses.

The bride attended the Glidden schools and since June 1943 has been employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone office in Iowa Falls.

Mr. Wood attended school in Alden and is now employed in Omaha, as an auto fender and body mechanic. They will make their home in Omaha, within a short time.

Miss Marian Brand left Friday morning for Tulare, Calif., where she will spend the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams. She will also visit relatives in Madera, Lang Beach and Los Angeles, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sapp of Fort Collins, Colo., arrived Friday and are spending the holidays at the Roscoe Sapp home and with his mother, Mrs. Henry Irlbeck and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goodwin and Miss Bernadine Goodwin who had been visiting the former's parents at Lake Lynn, Pa., returned home last week. They brought back a large deer which they killed while on a hunting trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Conrad of West Des Moines, spent Sunday at the home

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR J. G. MERRITT

Prominent Resident of Glidden, 4-H Committee Member, Died Friday Morning at W. O. Butrick Home

Funeral services for J. G. Merritt, 77, who died Friday morning at the W. O. Butrick home, were held Sunday at 2:30 p. m., at the Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Harold Hewitt, officiated at the services.

Following the regular services, the Masonic service was given, James Post of Carroll giving the lecture.

Music was furnished by a mixed quartet composed of Harry Copenhaver, C. M. Roberts, Mrs. Wm. Dankel and Miss Vanessa Pruss accompanied by Mrs. Earl Sherfield at the organ. The numbers sang were "Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The pall bearers were T. W. Everts, Dr. F. E. Wagner, W. H. Rust, W. L. McLaughlin, Willard Bentley, and Wm. Kline.

Burial in Westlawn cemetery beside his wife who preceded him only by a few months.

Relatives from a distance who attended the rites include, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Milligan, Mason City; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartman, Sutherland, Neb.; Mrs. Blanche Lauck, Rock Island, Ill.; George Lauck, Indianola; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kline, Ames.



CARROLL COUNTY

4-H Committee Christmas Dinner

The Carroll County 4-H Committee Christmas dinner was held at the County home, Dec. 9, in the presence of

representatives from all townships. Mrs. Dona county chair; new officers New officers county chair; rock of Carroll Grant Friedrich chairman; Hepleton, librarian; Gebhart chairman; Mcpleton, Interiman; Mrs. D music chair; of Manning. man. The six installed each

men. The group after hearing A record by the 4-H played in mesedel.

The group refreshments Nick Wittry the tea table.

Sights Seen By Mary C.

The 4-H leaders, and committee had their Christmas party at their part Christmas ca that there are ty chorus. W Delbert Ford, led the group working out The date will

The 4-H

After a short wedding trip, the couple will live in Glidden where Mr. Roden is employed at the First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Potter left Saturday morning for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will spend several weeks with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Potter and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Black.

Mrs. John Philo Jr., and two children of Cedar Falls, are guests this week at the John Philo home. John Jr., who attends school at State Teachers college will join them here Friday for the holiday vacation.

Carol Jean Moore spent Saturday at the Leonard Goodwin home and helped Linda Jean celebrate her fifth birthday.

STAR

The Star Methodist church school will have its Christmas program and tree as usual Christmas Eve.

Linda Burnell underwent a tonsillectomy last week Thursday at the Greene county hospital at Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kreger of Ralston are the parents of a baby girl, Carolyne Grace, born Dec. 9, at St. Anthony hospital, Carroll. Mrs. Kreger is the former Miss Edith Thomas of the Star community.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brannan, Barbara and Roger entertained at dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Prueitt, Keith and Janet from north of Glidden and Mrs. Laura Anderson.

Mrs. Gerald Bull spent several days last week helping her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lee, papering and painting her home. The Lee's have recently moved to the Jewell farm.

Mrs. Hazel Bolger will return home today from a week's visit at Perry, with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Grimm, Mickey and Danny.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bolger and Nancy, Mrs. Charles Brannan and Mrs. Laura Anderson were Carroll visitors Tuesday where the three women attended a Christmas party given by the county 4-H leaders and girls to the officers of the Farm Bureau women's organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnell were Fort Dodge shoppers Saturday. Richard stayed with Mrs. Charles Brannan.

The county Farm Bureau is sponsoring a collection of used clothing to be sent overseas. Mrs. Gerald Bull who is Union townships International Relations chairman is asking those who will donate garments or shoes to leave them at the homes of Mrs. Freda Green, Mrs. Bernice McLaughlin or at her home, which ever place

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Esmay of Newell, S. D., spent Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Philo.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Skow Monday morning, Dec. 15, at St. Anthony hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and has been named Mary Jacqueline.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ramsey of Perry, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Toole.

RALSTON

As the first Thursday in January is New Years Day, the Ladies Aid meeting and dinner will be postponed one week and will be held Jan. 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Esmay returned from Ames, where they were visitors in the home of their son Merle and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook were Sunday visitors in the home of their son John and wife at Storm Lake.

Mrs. Delma Hermanson spent Sunday in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Squibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kreger are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born at St. Anthony hospital in Carroll, Tuesday, Dec. 9. The little Miss has been named Carolyn Grace for her two grandmothers, Mrs. Claude Thomas and Mrs. E. L. Kreger. Mother and babe returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dobson were Sunday visitors in the A. U. Nesbitt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Linn and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Esmay were Sunday visitors in the John Philo home at Glidden.

Mr. and Mrs. Oerl Denny of Blencoe, have been visitors since Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Linn received announcement of a new grandson in the home of their son Darrell and wife at Warba, Minn. He has been named Philip Darrell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schaffer and family were Sunday evening callers in the Walter Schaffer home at Glidden.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan and sons and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Perl Denney were visitors Sunday in the Thaine McClurg home at Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nicholson of Des Moines, were week end visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Edith Nicholson.

Harmon Linn and son Deane trucked two loads of household goods to Wisconsin one day last week for Mr. and Mrs. Lee Powers.



J. G. MERRITT

The following obituary was read at the services:

John Grant Merritt, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt, was born Sept. 29, 1870, at Finley, Ohio. The family consisting of three sons and two daughters, moved to Iowa in 1874, making their home on a farm two miles north of Glidden which is still known as the Merritt farm.

He was united in marriage to Laura Elwood Jan. 19, 1898, and they made their home on this farm until 1920, when they moved into Glidden. They opened their home to three youths who looked upon them as parents: Harry Studor of California, a niece, Mrs. Lester Milligan of Mason City, Iowa and W. O. Butrick at whose home he passed away, Dec. 12, 1947. Mrs. Merritt preceded him in death, Jan. 20, 1947, as have also his two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Merritt became a member of the Methodist Church in his youth and through the years has been most loyal as Superintendent of the Sunday School, teacher of young men and active member of the official board. He was interested in state affairs, having served in many offices among which was that of Representative in the 41st Assembly and State Senator from 1926-1930. As agent and executive of Insurance Companies he became widely known and served his community in numerous capacities.

At the time he had been a member for fifty years, Haggai Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Glidden honored him by presenting him with a life membership. He was also a member of Za-Ga-Zig Temple and Con-sistery of Des Moines.

After the passing of his wife, he went to his farm to live in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Butrick. Ill health required retirement from the many activities he enjoyed as a progressive leader. He is survived by several nieces and nephews as well as a host of friends.

"As the glory of the autumn with the ripening of the leaves. Marks the ending of the harvest and the binding of the sheaves. So there seemed a fitting beauty in the glory of the day. That marked the peaceful ending of the life that's passed away. And the waning of the season with its fruit all bravely won. Blended with the finished life as though the two were one."

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1900 United States Federal Census		
Name:	John G Merritt	
Home in 1900:	Glidden, Carroll, Iowa [Glidden, Carroll, Iowa]	
Age:	29	
Birth Date:	Sep 1870	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to head-of-house:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's Birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Spouse's Name:	Laura B Merritt	
Marriage year:	1898	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years married:	2	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John G Merritt	29
	Laura B Merritt	32
Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Glidden, Carroll, Iowa; Roll: T623_421; Page: 14A; Enumeration District: 41.		
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	Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.	
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1910 United States Federal Census		
Name:	John G Merritt	
Age in 1910:	39	
Estimated Birth Year:	1871	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Relation to Head of House:	Head [Self (Head)]	
Father's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Spouse's Name:	Laura B Merritt	
Home in 1910:	Glidden, Carroll, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John G Merritt	39
	Laura B Merritt	42
	Vera L Merritt	15
Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Glidden, Carroll, Iowa; Roll: T624_395; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 0047; Image: 181; FHL Number: 1374408.		
Source Information:		
	Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.	
Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA		
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1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	John G Merritt	
Home in 1920:	Fresno, Fresno, California	
Age:	51	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1869	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's Name:	Laura E Merritt	
Father's Birth Place:	Kentucky	
Mother's Birth Place:	Tennessee	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Rent	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John G Merritt	51
	Laura E Merritt	40
	Percy L Merritt	15
	Eugene D Merritt	13
	Glenn A Merritt	7

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Fresno, Fresno, California; Roll: 7625_97; Page: 2B; Enumeration District: 39; Image: 244.

Source Information:



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John G. Merritt

Birth **Sep 1870** in [Ohio](#)

Death *12 Dec 1947*

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Timeline [\(View details\)](#)

1870 Sep	Birth Ohio	5 source citations
1880 Age: 10	Residence Glidden, Carroll, Iowa, United States	1 source citation
1898 Age: 28	Marriage to Laura B Elwood	1 source citation
1900 Age: 30	Residence Glidden City, Carroll, Iowa	1 source citation
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1900 Age: 30	Residence Glidden City, Carroll, Iowa	1 source citation
1910 Age: 40	Residence Glidden, Carroll, Iowa	1 source citation
1920 Age: 50	Residence Glidden, Carroll, Iowa	1 source citation
1925 1 Jan Age: 54	Residence Glidden	1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

- [George Harold Merritt](#)
1828 - 1907
- [Mary Ann Grim](#)
1827 - 1910

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Spouse & Children

- [Laura B Elwood](#)
1867 -

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