

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith, George Wesley Senator _____

Represented O'Brien County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Jan 1868 Richland County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Eppie Troutman 30 Jan 1890 Beairstown, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Modern Woodmen of America; Iowa Bureau

C. Profession Farmer; raised purebred cattle and hogs; insurance agent

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 41st, 42nd, 43rd General Assemblies 1925, 1927, 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayer of Pulling Iowa for several years; school board member;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 24 Feb 1959 Hart Dodge, Iowa; buried Prairie View Cemetery, Pulling Iowa

8. Children Clarence E.; Arlo H.; Jesse E. (died in 1918); Marvin H.

9. Names of parents Philip H. and Elizabeth (Biggle) Smith

10. Education He was educated in the public schools of Ohio
and Telford Academy at Vinton, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His wife died 5 Nov 1958
- He moved to Benton County, Iowa in 1884, at age 16, helping on the family farm.
- He then moved to Iowa County in 1889, living at Preston, Iowa.
- In 1902, he moved to O'Brien County, Iowa where he farmed.
- He retired from the farms in 1920 and moved into Paulina, Iowa
where he went into the insurance business.
- The home in which they lived in Paulina, was bequeathed to Morrisquit
College to be used toward a scholarship fund in commemoration of their
son, Jesse who was at the College in the ROTC program in 1918 when he died
of the flu pandemic.

after a candidate for director from district 3 on the O'Brien County Board of Education in the elections to take place on Monday, March 9. The county board elections take place along with the school board balloting. His term on the Paullina board ends at this time.

The present director on the county board from this area, district 3, is Dr. Jon A. Schiltz, who has filed for re-election.

Harrison C. Fisch of Gaza, incumbent director at large, has filed for re-election and will be opposed by Everett Dodge of near Hartley.

Ingwer Hansen, Hartley, is the only candidate for the directorship in district 1. Leonard Zahn, member of the board, whose term is just being completed, is not a candidate.

District 2 is presently represented by Fred Benson of Sheldon and district 4 by Elmer Baumgarten of Sutherland.

Missionary to Congo Will Be Speaker At Oakdale Church

Young missionary nurse who will speak into one of the forgotten corners of the Belgian Congo to help the Congolese physically and spiritually will tell her heart-warming story at the Oakdale Evangelical Free Church, located 7 miles south and 2 east of Paullina on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Miss Brown will also speak at the Women's Missionary Society meeting at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon.

She is Miss Ruth Brown, who resides in Orland, Calif., while home on furlough. The meeting is open to the public, according to the announcement by Pastor to the announcement by the Rev. congregation.

Colored slides or movies will illustrate the address.

Miss Brown, who took her training in Oakland, Calif., the Kentucky mountains and in Belgium, established and directed the medical dispensary at the Baya station located in the northwest corner of the Belgian Congo. She did pioneer work along this area for an extended period. She will tell of her experiences with the Ubangi people.

Miss Brown serves under The Evangelical Free Church of Paullina.

EUGENE AND LYLE WALLIN HAVE OPERATIONS

Eugene and Lyle Wallin, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallin, are recuperating at their home. Both had major surgery at the Sioux Valley hospital recently.

MRS. ROGERS IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Grace Rogers has been a medical patient in the Pringhar hospital since Monday. She expects to be able to leave today and will spend a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Richter.

George Smith, 91, Dies at Fort Dodge; Was In Legislature

George W. Smith, a Paullinan since 1902, who served O'Brien county as its representative in the state legislature from 1924 to 1930, died of a heart attack in a Fort Dodge business place Tuesday morning. He was 91 years of age in January. Death came to Mrs. Smith November 5, 1958. They had made their home the past two years at Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge.

Mr. Smith had gone downtown in Fort Dodge to an office supply firm and while there asked if he could sit down and rest for a few minutes as he felt he had walked a little too fast. He collapsed almost immediately and was dead upon arrival at a hospital.

Marvin Smith, Paullina, O'Brien county representative in the Iowa legislature now, is a son. Two other sons of the deceased are Clarence and Orlo of Estherville. One son, Jessie, died while serving the in the S. A. T. C. during World War I.

Funeral services Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the Methodist church with burial in Prairie View cemetery.

by Mrs. M. M. Frisbee, general chairman of the 1959 Heart Fund campaign in O'Brien county.

The chairman urged that contributions be mailed, care of the local Heart Fund, by March 15, when a final report must be made to the Iowa Heart Association.

Mrs. Howard Halstrom, local chairman, reports \$232.41 has been turned in from the Heart Fund Drive on Sunday. There are still several volunteer workers who have not reported, so the total amount is not yet available.

Heart contributions advance the work of the Iowa and American Heart Associations through programs of research, education and community service.

The chairman especially urged families not at home during the residential canvass last Sunday to return by mail the contribution envelope left at their door.

Mrs. Howard Halstrom, local chairman, expressed appreciation for the town's support and urged a good final push to make the best possible showing for Paullina, and commended all the campaign workers.

"Ten Commandments" Coming to Wonderland

The biggest production in the history of motion pictures, "The Ten Commandments" will bring the biblical story of Moses to the screen of the Wonderland Theatre here for one full week beginning Thursday, March 5.

The story, which takes nearly four hours to show, includes such stars as Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner, Anne Baxter, Edward G. Robinson and more of the same degrees of stardom, plus 25,000 extras.

It has shown at special prices since its opening. It will come to Paullina, however, at \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children.

lurch. Mrs. George Taylor of Virginia called to late her grandfathers.

Third Graders Learn About Newspapers - Visit Times Office

One of the most groups ever to visit office toured the plant week end. It was the third graders taught Lois Rootman. They been studying new they kept DSR busy a barrage of very questions.

This week we received of very appreciation from members of the

THREE COUNTY MEET HERE TO ANY OBJECT

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Mr. and Mrs. Allyn as their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boulder, Colo.

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Mrs. Theresa Call taken to the Pring Sunday night by ambulance. Callenius is the mother Callenius. He was due to her illness.

Goodwill Truck Paullina March

The Goodwill truck Paullina March 10 any clothing, shoe utensils, silver, dishes etc., you would like them. If you are have material no longer to you take it to the parsonage garage or Stoneking.

Free Rides Here Saturday

The Paullina Chamber of Commerce will pick up the tab Saturday on a special event planned just for the children of the area. The chamber has contracted with an amusement firm to bring two children's rides here for the entire day, free of charge to all.

operated continuously so that all children can take part of their

Panel Discussion, Speech Contest Entries and Art Exhibit at PTA Next Wednesday

GLENN BUSCH FAMILY MOVES TO MERTENS HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Busch and family have recently moved from 108 East Broadway to the Fred Mertens house at 203 North Cannon.

The regular meeting Paullina Parent-Teacher will be March 4. This will include a round discussion on Garding Well Rounded Interest Rohwer will be the

confined to his bed but improving steadily.

Nora Ebel and Harry Brown Mankato were guests in the Glenn Busch home. Mrs. Brown had spent several days here and she returned home with her husband.

Mrs. Clarence Cooper returned last Wednesday from Columbus, Georgia where she had spent the last ten days helping her son-in-law and daughter, Pvt. and Mrs. Wallace H. Fiddelke get settled in their new location. He is stationed with the arm at Fort Benning. Their address now is 3371 Victory Drive, Columbus, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville VerHoef, Sheldon and Mrs. Johann Ver Hoef of Alton were Sunday afternoon and evening guests at the Lawrence Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kruse and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Steffen and David and Mr. and Clarence Steffen visited at home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Steffen Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lester Crouse entertained at a dinner Sunday in honor of the birthdays of her husband and son Howard of Hawarden. Other guests present were Mrs. Howard Crouse and daughter, Debbie Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Idso and Linda.

Mrs. Victor Ivarson of Cherokee spent Thursday and Friday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lundell.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Burnstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lundell of Cleghorn came to the Elmer Lundell home Tuesday evening with a brought-in dinner which was enjoyed and appreciated by the Lundells.

Charles Moore of Big Lake, Minn. was a Thursday afternoon and supper guest at the Lester home. Mr. Moore is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and daughter Janelle of Bagley and Mrs. William Korup of Bayard were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy DeVoss and her mother, Mrs. Mae Hill who

Services for Former Legislator, Smith, Held Here Saturday

Funeral services were held at Grace Methodist church, here, Saturday afternoon for George W. Smith, 91, a Paullina farmer and resident for many years, who served this county as its state legislator from 1924 to 1930. An earlier service for the immediate family was held at Gaudian Funeral Home. The Rev. Frank Davies officiated at the church and the Rev. Ralph Woolston at the funeral home.

Music for the service at the church included a vocal duet, "Beyond the Sunset" by Mrs. Carl Wesemann and Mrs. Charles Smith and "My Home Sweet Home," by the mixed quartet, Mrs. Wesemann, Mrs. Smith, Don Kiser and David Davies. Pallbearers were: Winton Smith, Merrill Smith, Russell Smith, Clarence Smith Jr., Donald Burgess and Lynford Pauling. Mrs. Arthur Gebert was in charge of flower arrangement.

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ty-second degree Mason, and an active member of the Methodist church.

RICHTERS END WESTERN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richter have returned after a six-weeks vacation trip to California. They visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benner and family at San Pablo.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, memorial offerings and all the food brought to our home during our sad bereavement in the death of our husband and father, Swen Skaar. A special thanks to our friends who served the lunch at the Maple-side Community Room.

- Mrs. Swen Skaar
Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Skaar
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Skaar
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Van Heuvelen

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wester Dies Wednesday

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wester died at the Methodist hospital in Sioux City Wednesday morning. She was born March 1 at Primghar Memorial hospital and had been named Susan Marie. She was baptized before being taken to the hospital in Sioux City on Monday noon.

The Westers have one other child, a son, Danny.

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Mrs. L. J. Hagenbucher

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Olive U. Tjossem has moved back to her home at Mapleside after spending several months with her sister, Mrs. C. T. Twedt at Melbourne. Her home was just recently vacated by Mrs. Robert Tjossem.

The Times received a card from Mr. and Mrs. William Rehder who are vacationing in the south. They are now at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

Week end guests in the Ben Skaar home were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kleinhekel, Waterloo

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Surviving him are three sons: Clarence E. and Orlo H. of Estherville, and Marvin W. of Paullina. Also fourteen grandchildren and forty-six great grandchildren.

Mr. Smith led a very active public life. He served for a time as mayor of Paullina, was a member of the Paullina School Board and served three terms in the Iowa legislature. He was a member of Fulton Lodge, a thirty-

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There are nine sub-directors to be elected in the Caledonia Township school district. Voting will be Monday, March 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and take place in the township hall at Germantown with the exception of districts 3 and 4 where the voting will be in the Arnold Stamer and Tony Hunt homes.

Voting will also be on the Area III member of the O'Brien county board of education and

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PAST AND PRESENT
OF
O'Brien and Osceola
Counties, Iowa

BY

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For O'Brien County

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HON. WILLIAM J. MILLER
For Osceola County

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tion in the cause of American independence. It is recorded that Nancy Ballou, mother of President Garfield, was a cousin of N. Ballou and also Rev. Hosea Ballou, who reorganized the Universalist church.

N. Ballou migrated to Iowa in 1868. Six months later he removed to Anoka, Minnesota, and resided there for two years. He located in O'Brien county in 1881 and settled down to farming until his final retirement from active labor. His home for the greater part of the time is with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Archer. He has always been allied with the Republican party and has held many local and township offices.

Mr. Ballou was married in 1855 at Lowell, Massachusetts, to Eda A. Avery, a daughter of Foster Avery. She died in November, 1908, leaving motherless the following children: Edgar N., of Ekalaka, Montana; Mrs. Dora B. Archer, of Sheldon, Iowa; Frank H., who is located on the home-stead farm.

Mr. Ballou is an extensive reader, keeping abreast of the times and taking a keen interest in affairs despite his advanced years. It is such men as he who have formed the bulwark of advancing civilization in its better sense, and have been a power for good in their respective communities.

GEORGE W. SMITH.

It is a well attested maxim that the greatness of a community or a state lies not in the machinery of government nor even in its institutions, but rather in the sterling qualities of the individual citizen, in his capacity for high and unselfish effort and his devotion to the public welfare. In these particulars he whose name appears at the head of this review has conferred honor and dignity upon his locality, and as an elemental part of history it is consonant that there should be recorded a resume of his career, with the object in view of noting his connection with the advancement of one of the most flourishing and progressive sections of the commonwealth, as well as his official relations with the administration of the public affairs of the county honored by his citizenship.

George W. Smith, proprietor of a six-hundred-acre farm in Dale township, O'Brien county, Iowa, was born January 24, 1868, in Richmond county, Ohio. His parents were Philip B. and Elizabeth (Briggle) Smith. Philip Smith was born in Germany in 1822 and his wife was born in 1833 in Pennsylvania, of Swiss parentage. Philip Smith came to America when a

young man with his two brothers, Henry and Adam, and lived and died in Ashland county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Smith reared a family of twelve children: William, of Sioux county, Iowa; John, deceased; Mary, of Sioux county, Iowa; Mrs. Jennie Weaver, of North Dakota; Frank T., of Woodbury county, Iowa; Mrs. Catherine Krause, of Sioux county, Iowa; Mrs. Etta Lepker, deceased; Mrs. Ella Krause, of Sioux county, Iowa; George W., whose career is delineated here; Samuel E., of South Dakota; Harvey, of North Dakota; Mrs. Minnie Coleman, of Sioux City, Iowa, and one who died in infancy.

At the age of sixteen George W. Smith came to Blairstown, Benton county, Iowa, with his mother and family and lived for four years. They then moved to Ireton, in Sioux county, where Mrs. Elizabeth Smith is still living.

George W. Smith was married when he was twenty-two years of age to Effie Troutman, of Blairstown, Iowa, and at once went to farming for himself, having bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres the year previous in Sioux county, Iowa. He proved to be a successful farmer and added to his holdings until he had two hundred and forty acres by 1901. He then sold his Sioux county farm and bought three hundred and twenty acres in O'Brien county at fifty-five dollars an acre. In 1910 he bought eighty acres at one hundred and thirteen dollars an acre, the land not being improved, and in June, 1913, bought two hundred acres, for which he paid one hundred and sixty dollars an acre. It is needless to say that Mr. Smith has made a pronounced success of farming and his farm is now worth two hundred dollars an acre. He has two large barns on his home place, two other barns on the upper half of his farm and also has a large silo. In 1902 Mr. Smith built a fine country home, which is modern in every respect, having hot water and electric lights.

In politics Mr. Smith is a Progressive, having allied himself with that party upon its organization in the summer of 1912. Fraternally, he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and Masons, while in his religious faith he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have an interesting family of four sons: Clarence, aged twenty-one; Orlo H., aged eighteen; Jesse E., aged fifteen, and Marvin W., aged twelve. Mr. Smith has taken an active interest in the public life of his county and township and for the past twelve years has been township trustee, an office which he has served with eminent satisfaction to his fellow citizens, irrespective of their politics. His career in this county has been a notable

one, and success has met him at every turn since coming to this favorable locality. He is a man who is always on the alert for anything which he believes will add to the betterment of the community and gives all such movements his hearty approval and support.

DAVID WHITNEY.

The old settlers of this county builded wiser than they knew and it is eminently fitting that in this biographical volume their records be presented for the perusal of coming generations in the county. Their descendants today little realize the many discouragements and obstacles which they had to meet, and for this reason the record of their lives should be intensely interesting to their sons and daughters. The rude sod houses of the seventies are seen no more and even the dreaded grasshopper is no longer a foe to be dreaded, like a summer drought or a winter blizzard. Verily it can be said that no county in Iowa can show today more marked changes than Osceola county. This volume contains the interesting life history of many pioneers who settled here forty years ago, and among these David Whitney occupies an honorable and conspicuous place.

David Whitney, distinguished veteran of the Civil War and one of the most highly respected citizens of Osceola county, was born February 21, 1844, in Orange county, Vermont, and is the son of Daniel and Julia (Hall) Whitney. He received his common school education in the Green Mountain state, and when only eighteen years of age offered his services in behalf of the Union. He first enlisted on the 10th of December, 1862, in Company C, Fifteenth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and served until August 5, 1863, with this company. On December 26, 1863, he enlisted in Company G, Tenth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 10, 1865. He was wounded on April 2, 1865, before Lee, retreating from Richmond. On this day only twenty-three of his company reported for duty, and eleven of them, among which was Mr. Whitney, were wounded. This was the last day on which the roll of his company was called until he was finally mustered out. He was in ten of the hardest fought engagements of the Civil War, and was with Grant during the summer of 1864 and through the winter of 1864-65 and went through all the terrible experiences which befell the Union troops while storming Petersburg. He fought through all the battles of the Wilderness, and was present at the battle of Win-

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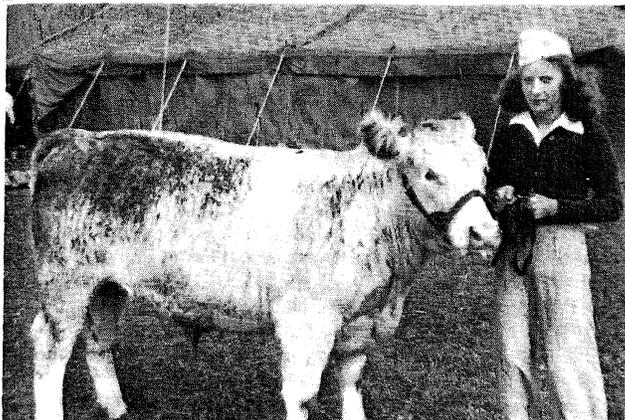


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Ellen with shorthorn calf "Captain" 1944.

Day program in June and the Christmas Programs were highlights and she can still remember forcing her shy personality to get up to speak loud enough to be heard and remember the words of a new song.

She attended Morningside College, majoring in business administration and worked at the O'Brien County Farm Bureau Office before marrying Paul Rohwer, December 6, 1947, at the Methodist Church. They lived at Ophir, Colorado, until April, 1948, when they moved to Anchorage, Alaska. They have four children: David, Ralph, Donna, and Lee, and four grandsons. Life in Alaska has been exciting for them, with building their own homes, surviving a 1953 volcanic eruption, 1964 earthquake, and helping a new city and state grow up.

Ione Elizabeth Stonehocker was born on July 17, 1929, at Sheldon, Iowa. Early childhood was spent on the farm northwest of Paullina and she continued to remain there until 1948, when she graduated from Paullina High School. As a child growing up much of the time was spent milking the 15 cows, feeding the 4-H club calves, and helping with the purebred Chester White hogs. Summer time was a busy time making hay and helping with the cooking when the threshers came. This was always a special time because their very special friends, Marilyn and Margaret Weems, came to stay with them. Music became very much a part of her: singing in the Methodist Church choir, school glee clubs, entering the music contests during her high school years as a soloist, and winning a #1 at the state contest as a senior.

After graduation from high school she entered Morningside College majoring in elementary education. It was there she met William F. Stonehocker, and was married in September, 1949. Their family has four girls: Sharon Ree, Dawn Elizabeth, Lisa Lynn, and Denise Kay. The girls married and have given them five grandchildren, four girls and a boy. At the present time they are living near Houston, Texas, in a little town called Magnolia. They have built their own home out in the country and drive into Houston where they both work. Bill has been in the paper business for many years and Ione is a secretary for an oil company.

Clarence, Sr. was chairman of the O'Brien County Fair, and was responsible for having the buildings put up in Primghar.

The family had a large garden each summer and canned sometimes 600 to 700 quarts. They milked cows, churned butter, and butchered two or three hogs each winter. There was a depression in the 30's and times were hard as corn was 10¢, and hogs 3¢ a pound.

Clarence and Vera have enjoyed many trips. Their first long trip was February, 1940, when Clarence, Jr. and Lucille Horstman were married. Lucille's father also went along to Portland, Oregon, and Caldwell, Idaho. In the fall of 1940, Erma and LeRoy were married and went to Boston to live. They also took in the World's Fair in New York. Their next trip was to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1949. It took them eight days to travel 4000 miles. They visited their daughter, Ellen, and her husband, Paul. Clarence and Vera have been there eight times now. Vera flew to Paris, France, to visit Ruth and her husband, Stephen and family in September.

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1966. They have enjoyed their trips to Tucson, Arizona, going with Dan and Lucille Sullivan since 1978.

Clarence and Vera moved to Estherville, Iowa, in 1958, as Orlo and Adelma Smith lived here. They both have kept busy through the years as Clarence sold Acco seed corn awhile and made candles for many years. They sold them in various places, including the Spencer Fair and met many people there. Vera enjoyed knitting, painting, pottery, and also made jewelry. She kept busy writing letters to family and friends, and possibly had a world's record. Vera passed away May 3, 1984, due to a car accident.



Back row: Ellen, Ruth, Erma, Ione, Lucille, Arlene and Maurene. Front row: Clarence, Jr., Clarence, Vera, and Russell Smith. 60th anniversary 1982.

FRED AND LENA SMITH

Fred's father came to Iowa at the age of seven from Brighton, New York, Monroe County, near Rochester and the Erie Canal. He and his wife bought 80 acres of land for \$1400.00, seven miles north of Marcus and two and one half miles west in Caledonia Township. As soon as the weather permitted, they built a house and a straw shed and dug a well. They moved to this farm in July, 1883. There were eight children in the family and here the children lived and grew to adulthood.

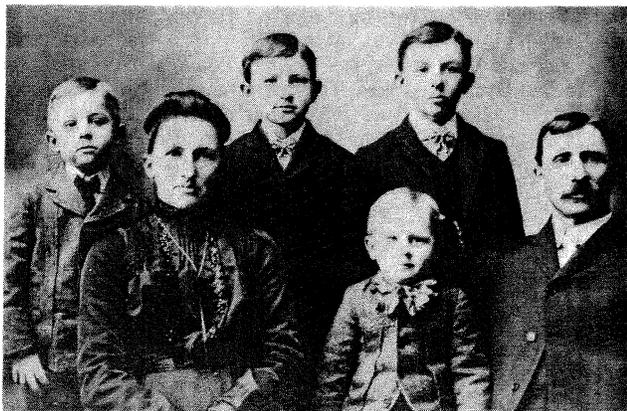
In 1896, Fred started farming for himself. He farmed 250 acres and got hauled out, so had to quit. Then in 1900 he started farming again, and farmed Joe Kaiser's farm. He boarded with the Kaisers and paid \$8.00 a month for room and board.

In 1903, Fred was married to Lena Raun from Marcus. Lena was born in Denmark and came to Iowa with her family when she was three years old. They lived on a farm adjoining the home farm and it was owned by his father. It was 240 acres and a new set of buildings was built on it. They lived here for five years. Three children were born on this farm: Bernice, Harold, and Florence.

In 1908, Fred and his brother, John, went to Highmore, South Dakota, and bought land. They each bought a quarter section. That fall they built a house and a shed for a granary. In the spring of 1909, they moved to South Dakota. Fred stayed there for two years and two children were born there, Martha and Frances. They moved back to Iowa as it was a dry two years and not much crops. Then they rented a farm three miles west, five miles south and one half mile west of Paullina. They farmed here for two years until they bought their own farm which was three miles west and four miles south of Paullina. They lived here for thirty-five years. Elmer and Erma were born here. The mother died in 1946, and Fred stayed on the farm for awhile and then bought a house in Primghar. He died in 1950.

GEORGE W. AND EFFIE SMITH

George W. Smith was born at Ashland, Ohio, January 24, 1868, the eighth in a family of ten. His father, Philip Smith, was born in Germany and his mother's parents were natives of Zurich, Switzerland. Philip's death at an early age left his wife to raise this



Left to right: Jesse, Effie, Orlo, Marvin, Clarence, and George Smith, 1904.

young family alone. Philip Smith was buried at a rural cemetery near Ashland, Ohio. George's mother moved her family to Benton County, Iowa, when George was sixteen, and he helped operate the family farm for four years while attending Tilford Academy at Vinton, Iowa, during the winter months. It was at this academy that he met Effie Troutman of Blairstown, whom he married on January 30, 1890.

Effie Troutman, the daughter of Daniel and Nancy Thompson Troutman, was born February 20, 1869, at Blairstown, Iowa. Effie's family was of Scotch and Dutch descent. Effie had two brothers and one sister: Royal, Harvey, and Relda. She, too, attended Tilford Academy.

In 1890, this couple settled on a farm near Ireton, that George had purchased the previous year, and it was here that all four sons were born. Clarence (1892), lives at Estherville, Orlo (1895-1961), Jesse (1899-1918), who died of influenza in the service during World War I, and Marvin (1901-1982).

After living on this farm near Ireton for twelve years, George sold this land and purchased a half section: Section 30, Dale Township, in 1902. This farm was owned by the Smith family for 62 years, Marvin having purchased it from his father in 1943.

In 1903, just one year after having moved to this farm, George decided to move the buildings a half mile south to a better site and closer to Paullina. On one hot August day, the movers had the house on the road and Effie had 26 men to cook for, including movers, threshers, tilers, and carpenters. When she was asked later if that situation didn't worry her, Effie's answer was, "No, only that the bread was rising on the kitchen table, and it



Four generations of Smiths 1942. Left to right: back row, Clarence Smith, Jr. and Clarence Smith, Sr. Front row: Effie, Joyce Ann and George Smith.

might fall before the house was located and she could start the kitchen stove."

On retiring from farming, the Smiths moved to Paullina, where George spent many of his remaining years in public service positions, including mayor of Paullina, school board, and then six years in the Iowa House of Representatives. He served as Methodist Sunday School Superintendent many years, and also was on church boards. Effie taught Sunday School and served on the Paullina Library Board for many years.

The Smiths bequeathed their home in Paullina to Morningside College to be used toward a scholarship fund in commemoration of their son, Jesse, who was stationed at the college in the R.O.T.C. program at the time of his death in 1918. Presently this home is owned and occupied by the Darrel Shirk family.

Effie's father, Daniel Troutman, was one of the original donors to the fund for the construction of the first buildings on the campus of Western Union College, now known as Westmar at LeMars, Iowa. His gift of \$25,000, certainly was generous by the economic standards of that day.

Effie died in November, 1958, and George died in February, 1959, after 68 years of marriage. They spent their last years at Friendship Haven in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

MARVIN AND MABEL SMITH



Left to right: Margaret Ann McGregor, Frances Burgess, Mabel and Marvin Smith, Helen Pauling. June 6, 1975.

Marvin W. Smith was born near Ireton, Iowa, in 1901, the son of George and Effie Troutman Smith. The family moved to a farm northwest of Paullina in 1902. This farm, located in Section 30 in Dale Township, was in Smith ownership for 62 years, since Marvin purchased it from his father in 1942.

Marvin graduated from Paullina High School in 1918, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry from Iowa State University in 1923. He was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. During his junior and senior years, Marvin was a member of the undefeated wrestling team, that was National Champion.

Mabel M. Smith was born near Ireton in 1902, to Robert and Elizabeth Stewart Brown. The Brown family moved to a farm on the south edge of Paullina in 1912.

Mabel graduated from Paullina High School in 1919, and received a Bachelor of Arts from Grinnell College in 1923. While in college, she was on the self-governing board and active in journalism. She taught school at Vinton and Armstrong the two years before her marriage.

Marvin and Mabel were married June 6, 1925, at her parents' home. Their children are: Helen married to Lynford Pauling, Frances married to Don Burgess, living at Denison, and Margaret Ann married to E. Brian McGregor, living at Lakewood, Colorado. There are eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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GEORGE WESLEY SMITH

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

George Wesley Smith was born January 24, 1868, near Ashland, Ohio, and passed away February 24, 1959, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the age of 91 years. At the time of his death he was a resident of Friendship Haven.

He married Effie Troutman of Blainstown, on January 30, 1890. To this union, four sons were born: Clarence E., Orlo H., Jesse, and Marvin W. The couple observed their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary in January, 1958.

The Smiths farmed near Paullina until their retirement in 1920.

Mr. Smith was elected state representative from O'Brien county in the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, and Forty-third sessions of the General Assembly.

He served as mayor of Paullina, was a member of the Paullina school board, belonged to Fulton lodge, was a thirty-second degree Mason, and was an active member and trustee of the Paullina Methodist church.

Mr. Smith's wife preceded him in death by less than four months, having passed away November 5, 1958. One son, Jesse, passed away in 1918.

Surviving him are three sons: Clarence E. and Orlo H. of Estherville, and Marvin W. of Paullina; fourteen grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable George Wesley Smith the people of O'Brien county and the entire state of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

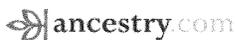
Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ELMER H. DEN HERDER,
J. HENRY LUCKEN,
ARTHUR C. HANSON,
Committee.

ISRAEL ALEXANDER SMITH

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

Israel Alexander Smith, who lost his life in an automobile accident on June 14, 1958, was a quiet, dignified gentleman, and at his death was spiritual leader and administrative head of the Reorganized Church of



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George Wesley Smith

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Age: 62 **Residence**
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1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	George W Smith	
Home in 1930:	Union, O'Brien, Iowa View Map	
Age:	62	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1868	
Birthplace:	Ohio	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's name:	Effie F	
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Occupation:		
Education:		
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