

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, Willis Walter Senator _____

Represented James County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Sept 1869 Franklin, Arkansas

2. Marriage (s) date place

Gertrude Sophie Kuebler 1 Nov 1892 Franklin, Iowa
James County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business and organizer of the Buckingham Grain Company in 1919
being director and secretary for 30 years; president and director of the
Shannon Lumber Company, James, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mayor

C. Profession Farmer; Teacher

4. Church membership

Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 40th 41st, 42nd, 43rd General Assembly 1923 1925, 1927,
1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the James County James Bureau; Health Township club in Health
County; Health County assessed

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Feb 1952 Independence, Iowa; buried Buckingham Cemetery, James, Iowa

8. Children Carl Austin; Iris Eleanor (Mrs Roland Robinson); Mary Dorothy;
Donald (died at birth - Dorothy's twin brother)

9. Names of parents James and Nancy Elvira (Hayden) Wilson

The Traer Star-Clipper

FIRST PLACE IN IOWA FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE, 1949

TRAER, TAMA COUNTY, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1952

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's Boy Scouts Go "All Out" to Celebrate 42nd National Scout Week

Boy Scout Week, in observance of the 42nd anniversary of the organization, will strike its peak in Traer this morning when LeRoy Haenze, chief of Traer, will be honored with a highly-prized "God and Country" award at special ceremonies at 10 o'clock Sunday at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuel LeRoy recently achieved the award, one of the highly-prized awards given to any Boy Scout in the United States. He is the first in the Tama district of Traer to receive the award. In recognition of his outstanding accomplishment by the national organization, William Martin, Boy Scout executive in this area, here from Marshalltown to the Rev. Paul Somerville, pastor in making the award. Uniformed scouts will attend morning service in a group in the church in the annual custom and arrangement among the churches.

The observance of Boy Scout Week began Wednesday and

continues through next Tuesday, Feb. 12. Traer scouts are wearing their distinctive uniforms and have decorated the display window at the Holst Implement store. They are members of Troop 304 which has for many years been under the local sponsorship of the Traer Lions club and affiliated with the Tall Corn Area Council.

In the east half of the window, they have arranged scouting equipment, featuring camping material. They are privileged to use the camp area on the Edgar Sears place north of Traer and near the Clark State Park. Several scouts annually earn their way, with the assistance of the Lions club, to Camp Mitigwa, near Boone, for the yearly outing of scouts from the Tall Corn area.

The west half of the Holst window depicts the various scout awards and requirements for earning them.

Another achievement of the local Boy Scouts is the work they have done in transforming the storage basement beneath the post office into an attractive troop headquarters, lounge and recreation rooms. Lester Smith, owner, has donated the entire (See BOY SCOUTS, Page Five)

Cub Scouts Receive Badges; Entertain Traer Lions Club

The Traer Lions club which has sponsored and given financial backing to the Scout organizations of Traer, was entertained by the Cub Scouts at its meeting at the library Monday night. The Rev. Paul Somerville, who heads the Cub Pack, presided. The three Traer den mothers, Mrs. Dale Magnussen, Mrs. Robert Naylor and Mrs. F. E. Brutsman—introduced the boys of their dens, and the parents presented the badges earned by the youngsters.

Paul Bezman received a gold and silver arrow, and Jon Nagel, Billy and Bobby Naylor, Billy Thompson and Mervin Dalbey each received gold arrows. All are from Den No. 2. Five boys from Den 3—Billie Fleming, Bobby Brutsman, Teddy Joens, Jimmy Mellbye and Gary Weick—received Bear badges.

Two new Cub Scout members—Craig Untiedt and Norris Yazarian—were introduced.

The program was in observance of National Boy Scout Week, and the eighteenth anniversary of Cub Scouting and fifty-second anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

John Robert Thomas showed colored movies of Philmont Ranch in New Mexico, a large, well developed area given by a millionaire oil man of Oklahoma to the Boy Scouts of America which furnishes a wonderful outing and Scout training to about 12,000 Boy Scouts and Scout leaders throughout the United States annually. Mr. Thomas visited the ranch last year.

The Lions initiated three new members during the evening—Ted Joens, Dr. D. N. Voelberg and James Croft, school band director.

County Oratory Meet Here Next Wednesday

American Legion, Schools Sponsor Speech Contest

Contestants from Traer, Tama, Gladbrook and Dysart will be heard next Wednesday evening in the Traer school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. There will be a small admission charge and the public is urged to attend.

Under sponsorship of the Traer school and the American Legion, four of the entrants will contest for Tama county honors in the Legion's original oratorical division. Crystal Wilson, winner in Traer's contest, will be speaking against Don Leo, of Dysart; Betty Wiese, of Gladbrook; and John Penhollow, of Tama. Judges will be named by contest time.

State District Speech contestants, who have been so certified by the district chairman at Oelwein, will be heard. They are Shirley Whannel, oratorical declamation; Janet Risvold, dramatic; and Kathryn Madera, humorous, all of Traer. They were chosen following the local contest held Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Whannel's oration will be heard first, followed at 10-minute intervals by the two other district speech contestants, and then by the four Legion oratorical entrants.

LUNDE RECOVERING

Jerome Lund, Traer implement dealer, is making a good recovery from an emergency operation for stomach ulcers which he underwent Tuesday of last week in Deaconess hospital. Lund escaped injury, but his car was damaged \$500.

Walter Wilson, Of Traer, Dies; Rites Saturday

Farmed in Buckingham Many Years—Served 4 Terms in Iowa State Legislature

W. Walter Wilson, 82, who lived in the Traer community most of his life, and represented Tama county in the Iowa general assembly in Des Moines for eight years in the '20's, died at 6:50 a. m. Wednesday in the state hospital at Independence, where he had been a patient since Dec. 31. Mr. Wilson failed rapidly in recent weeks, and while in the hospital lost at least 30 pounds in weight.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Traer Methodist church, to be conducted by the Rev. Paul Somerville, pastor. Mrs. Don Martin and Mrs. Elmer Taylor Jr. will sing, with Janet Risvold at the organ. Casketbearers will be Marcus Nelsen, Roy Keller, Carl Manfull, Frank Uridil, Dean P. Thomas and John Jacobsen. Mrs.



W. WALTER WILSON

John Steffen and Mrs. Marcus Nelsen will be in charge of flowers. Burial will be in Buckingham cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was born in Franklin, Ind., Sept. 5, 1869, and was 6 months old when his parents, James and Nancy Allen Wilson, moved to Illinois for a few years' stay. When Walter was 4 the family came to Iowa, making the trip in a prairie schooner which was ferried across the Mississippi river at Burlington. The family settled on a farm on the Tama-Black Hawk county line, half a mile from the Grundy line, in 1873. As a boy Walter herded cattle on unbroken and unfenced prairie. He was reared on the homestead, attended the State Normal school at Cedar Falls, graduating in 1892. He also attended the University at Iowa City, and received the bachelor of arts degree in 1894.

Before marriage he was a teacher a few years in Hamilton county, in the Hudson school and in the school of his home district. On Mar. 1, 1898, he married Sarah Sophie Keeler, daughter of the B. L. Keelers, on the Keeler homestead in Buckingham township. Walter had bought a farm in Hamilton county, and they farmed it until 1905, when they purchased

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Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection, compiled by volunteers and staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa

Lots of Hay Goes Up in Flames as Truckload Burns

Ninety-five bales of clover hay were destroyed, and the truck transporting it was badly damaged by fire on highway 63, north of Toledo, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The two-ton truck owned by Sam Bryan, of Toledo, and driven by his son, Carl, was moving the hay owned by Fred Uchytel from the former John Meisner estate farm, northeast of Toledo in Carroll township, to the Carl Walz farm, 2½ miles southeast of Tama, which Fred is to operate this year, because of the sale of the Meisner place. Charles Uchytel was riding in the cab with the driver.

Just as the truck drove onto highway 63 from a side road at the intersection south of the Harry Lane farm corner, Fred Uchytel, from the rear-view mirror in the cab, discovered fire in the hay behind them. They pulled out on the shoulder on the west side of the pavement. The fire was beyond their control, but they telephoned for the Toledo fire company. All of the hay was destroyed five tires on the truck and the truck box were destroyed, and the rear side of the cab was damaged. The driver has no idea how the hay was ignited.

Emma S. Evens, 92, Dies at Gladbrook

Funeral Will Be Held at Gladbrook This Friday

Mrs. Emma Stolding Evens, 92, of Gladbrook, a Tama county resident 74 years, was taken suddenly at her home Tuesday. She was found dead by her son, John, when he returned home from work in the evening.

The funeral services are to be held at 2 o'clock this Friday afternoon at the Gottsch Funeral Home, to be conducted by the Rev. L. R. Poeschel. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Evens was born Jan. 24, 1860, in Germany, and was only 8 years old when she came to the United States with a brother after the death of their parents. She lived with an uncle and aunt in Davenport until 18 years old, then came to northwest Tama county. She married Jens Evens in Gladbrook in November, 1884. Her husband died there in 1906. They were parents of seven children, five of whom survive: Mrs. Mattie Pageler, Ernest, John and Robert Evens, all of Gladbrook, and Alfred, in California. A son Edward, and a daughter Ella, preceded Mrs. Evens in death.

She also leaves nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren, a niece and two nephews.

Mrs. Evens was a member of Peace Evangelical and Reformed church of Gladbrook, and active in the Senior Guild.

Dr. Tucker to Talk On China Monday to Traer Women's Club

A man who was born and educated in China, and whose army duty in World War II took him back to China and the Far East for three years, will speak next Monday afternoon, Feb. 11 to the members of the Traer Women's club in the library at 2:30 o'clock. He is Dr. Francis C. Tucker, pathologist at St. Luke's hospital, Cedar Rapids, who will speak on China.

Dr. Tucker, and attended elementary and high schools in North China. The father of the speaker, Dr. Tucker, was a missionary in China.

Ervin Thomas Wins Blue Girl as Donovan Bride of Geneseo Couple

A blue ring ceremony, Saturday, Feb. 2, at 9 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. John Donovan, of Warsaw, was the bride of Cpl. Merceus of the U. S. Air Force, and Mrs. Ray Thomas, of Traer. The Rev. Fr. John Peters, officiated at the nuptial mass at the Catholic church in Warsaw.

Malley, organist, played a nuptial selections during the preceding the wedding and accompanied Edward of Waterloo, as he sang "Panis Angelicus," and "On This Day, Oh Mother."

The bride was given in marriage by her white slipper satin long sleeves and bridal trimmed with chantilly and decorated with seed pearls. Her jewelry was a pearl necklace, and she wore an orchid, centered the altar was decorated with delandabra and baskets of ferns.

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Reception Thursday
New U. P. Pastor;
Community Invited
Public reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Jones and family will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at 7 o'clock in the United Presbyterian church basement. They will be warmly welcomed by the other ministers and by several officers of the U. P. church, and there will be a musical program. Light refreshments will be served during the reception. The reception will be open to the public, and the community generally invited.

Rev. Mr. Jones and family arrived in Traer last Saturday, and the pastor began his duties Sunday morning. They are occupying the house, although their household goods, shipped by truck from Waterloo, Pa., near Pittsburgh, have not yet arrived. Members of the U. P. congregation have provided beds and necessary equipment for the pastor until their own goods are received, and they are living well.

WEDDING—
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Edwin Falk, radio announcer at station KWWL, Waterloo, was the officiant and ushers were Leland Olson, Gene J. Ash, Norman Holub and John Draper.

The bride was graduated from East Tama school in Waterloo and has been employed by the Northwestern Bell phone company.

Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Geneseo school and before entering the U. S. Air Force was employed in Traer at the Cavalier Motor company. Following a wedding trip across the country to the west coast, the newlyweds will be at home, after Feb. 12, at 14-A Monterey, Vallejo, Calif. The groom is on furlough until then at Travis Air Force Base at Fairfield, Calif., where he has been stationed since last November.

BOY SCOUTS—
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ment space to their use, except a small portion used for dead storage. Many Traer and Dysart merchants have given the scouts furnitures, lamps, chairs and equipment. The city furnishes light, heat and water. Other necessary materials for redecorating the walls and ceilings have come from local benefactors. The effects on American youth by the Scouts range between 11 and 14 years. When they reach 14, they become Explorer Scouts. Traer has four Explorers—LeRoy Haenze, Al McVey and Bryce Bohnsack; four Star Scouts—Kent Holst, States, Bob Joens and Haenze. The four also have earned enough merit badges to entitle them to Life Scout honors but have to await completion of the required time interval between Star and Life scouting ranks. Then they intend to work for the highly-rated Eagle award. Their patrols—Apache, Crow, Bob and Flying Eagle—are included in the troop. George Roepke is the leader in Traer, assisted by Mungler and Delmer Richmond. Al Haenze represents Traer on the Tama District Council which he has held for several years. He was succeeded by Frank Earley, and R. Thomas has been appointed

REDHAWKS—
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rans returned to the court at the start of the fourth quarter, but both acquired their fifth foul early in the period and were permanently retired. Grundy outscored the Redhawks in the final half, 32-10.
Coach Reece Lambert pointed with pride to the spirited struggle the youthful Redhawks staged against the highly-touted Spartans, but the absence of the steady influence of Voetberg and Halupnik permitted the rangy Grundy team to score almost at will.

Sharon Lee Beecher
Recuperating From
Skin-Graft Surgery

Sharon Lee Beecher, 3, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claire L. Beecher, and her baby brother, Thomas Merrill, lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the house in which they were living at Atlanta, Ga., is recovering from surgery performed last Saturday in Allen Memorial hospital at Waterloo. It was a skin-grafting operation. Skin from a leg was placed on her badly burned hands. Sharon's legs and feet were also badly burned, but doctors expect these burns to heal. They do not anticipate that any other grafting of skin will be necessary.

The little girl whose recent trip from Atlanta by plane to make her home in Traer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Beecher, made the headlines in scores of newspapers in many states, continues to attract much public attention in Waterloo. She will probably be in the hospital another week.

She is getting large numbers of cards and gifts, and is looking forward to a reunion with her pet dog, Popperjack, who arrived from Georgia last week.

WILSON—
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the Keeler homestead and returned to Buckingham township. They were active farmers until March 1, 1926, when they retired in Traer, occupying a new home built the year before. The Wilsons were parents of three children, all living: Carl, and Mrs. Roland (Iris) Bohnsack, of Traer, and Dorothy, a teacher in the high school at Medford, Ore. Dorothy is on her way home to attend the funeral, and will arrive Saturday morning.

There are six grandchildren. Mrs. Wilson, who survives, one of Traer's most notable women for many years, went to the state hospital at the same time as her husband. It is expected she will be able to attend her husband's funeral tomorrow. While still on the farm in Buckingham, Walter was induced to become the Republican candidate for the Republican nomination for Tama county representative in the lower house of the Iowa general assembly. He was elected, and re-elected for three additional terms.

He was the second president of the Tama County Farm Bureau, elected in 1919. He was one of the organizers in 1919 of the Buckingham Grain company, which is still prosperous today. He was director and the secretary of the company for 30 years, retiring in 1949. For 25 years he was president and a director of the Farmers Lumber company of Traer. He was active in the Traer Methodist church many years, serving as a trustee and in other offices. He was a 32nd degree Mason, and a citizen of high principles and character.

Mr. Wilson was the last of his family. He had ten brothers and a sister, and outlived the last of these by 17 years. Walter's paternal grandfather was born in the last years of George Washington's life.

Salvation Army Drive
In Traer Will Start
Next Tuesday, Feb. 12

Geneseo Church Sets
Date of Dedication
On Sunday, May 18

A lot of work remains to be done on the new addition of the Geneseo Methodist church, but the Geneseo folks have set the date of dedication—May 18—which is Rural Life Sunday, and have booked their guest speakers for the occasion.

There will be three services. The Rev. John C. Buthman, district superintendent, will preach in the morning. Bishop Charles W. Brashares, of Des Moines, will speak and formally dedicate the building in an afternoon service at 2:30. Former pastors of Geneseo will speak at an evening service.

A new water softener was installed last week in the church. An electric refrigerator and a 10-burner bottled gas stove have been received for the kitchen. Sinks and cupboards are yet to be installed.

Other work to be done includes the laying of the tile floor in the upstairs Sunday school rooms, and the installation of the light fixtures. The lights for the auditorium of the church have been on order many weeks.

Some varnishing remains to be done. On the outside, the new addition has received only a prime coat of paint.

The Geneseo church will be one of the few new building projects in the United States in recent years in which the final cost will be less than the estimates. The reason is that several thousand dollars worth of labor has been furnished by the people of the Geneseo community.

Star-Clipper Offers
Tours to Mardi Gras

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Janssen, near Traer, are the first Star-Clipper readers to make reservations for one of the popular low-priced "Happiness" tours to the 1952 New Orleans Mardi Gras which are now available through this newspaper. They will go by rail, via Chicago, where they will also spend some time seeing the sights. They will leave from Tama on Friday, Feb. 22, and will spend most of four days and nights in New Orleans, where in addition to enjoying reserved seats for all the Mardi Gras parades they will participate in a Mississippi river boat cruise, a sight-seeing tour of New Orleans, a special night club tour, and a Mardi Gras dinner-dance for "Happiness" party members only.

Four different Star-Clipper "Happiness" tours to this year's Mardi Gras are offered, ranging from five to eight days in length, and all priced amazingly low. Those who wish to drive their own cars to New Orleans may join the parties there, with all accommodations guaranteed. (All-expense costs on this basis may be less than \$50 per person.) Others will go by rail via Chicago or St. Louis, occupying reserved seats on air-conditioned streamlined trains, or may travel by air if desired. Since all the groups are limited in size, immediate reservations are advised.

COURT—
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last Friday in Toledo in two suits for hospital bills—against Max Rucker for \$154, plus interest at 5 percent from Feb. 16, 1948, and costs; and against Mr. and Mrs. John Young Jr. for \$104, plus interest from Nov. 26, 1949, and costs. Both judgments are to draw interest at 5 percent until paid.

The late Leonard Philp, farmer northwest of Traer, left a will dated Feb. 14, 1947, which bequeaths to his wife, Mary Elizabeth, all of his property of every kind to be her own without restrictions. Mrs. Philp is named to serve as executrix, without bond.

Lester W. Politz, Garwin young man, who lost his life in a highway accident in south Tama county in December, in which four other men were also killed, executed a will on August 29, 1945, while he was in

At The Churches

Tranquillity Presbyterian
Rev. Oliver Stevenson, Pastor
Morning worship service at 10:30.
Sunday school at 11:30.

St. Luke Lutheran
Rev. U. F. Groth, Pastor
Saturday at 2 p. m., Junior Mission band meets in church parlors. Church service at 9 a. m. and Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Choir practice at 7 p. m. Tuesday and confirmation class at 7:30 p. m.

United Presbyterian
Rev. Wesley Jones, Pastor
Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Church at 11 a. m. The sermon theme is "The By-Products of the Spirit."
The Session will meet Monday evening, Feb. 11, in the church office at 8 o'clock.

Methodist
Rev. Paul W. Somerville, Pastor
10 a. m. church school, 11 a. m. worship service. This is Boy Scout Sunday and the Scouts of Traer will take part in a special service. There will be the presentation of the God and Country award, 7 p. m. Youth Fellowship.
Monday, Feb. 11, Wesleyan Service Guild meeting.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m., choir practice.

Ripley Congregational
Rev. Carl P. Bast, Pastor
Saturday, Feb. 9, 2 p. m., Agnes Wood League at the home of Mrs. Arthur Thomas; leader, Jacqueline Nagel.
Sunday, Feb. 10, 10 a. m., morning worship service; anthem by the senior choir; sermon, "Our Search for Security," 1:15 a. m., Sunday school; classes for all ages, 7 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship; devotions led by Marilyn Stevenson; topic, "Keeping Our Pledge;" study lesson, "Learning More About Ourselves."

Monday, Feb. 11, 8 p. m., Circle 4 at the home of Mrs. Richard Staveley; co-hostess, Mrs. Richard Kubik; program chairman, Mrs. Wilson Dinsdale.
Thursday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p. m., Church Family Nite sponsored by Circle 4. Bring covered dish, sandwiches and own table service; entertainment; bring your parcel post packages for exciting auction, 7:30 p. m., senior choir rehearsal.

Friday, Feb. 15, Circle meetings: No. 1 at the home of Mrs. Harry Taylor, program chairman Mrs. E. Frank Thomas; No. 2 at the home of Mrs. L. H. Geyer, program chairman Mrs. Leonard Mochal; No. 3 at the home of Mrs. Ed Bohnstengel, co-hostess Mrs. Adele Hoepfner, program chairman Mrs. John Ames.

Social Calendar

Feb. 9—Agnes Wood League, with Mrs. Arthur Thomas; 2 p. m. Leader, Jacqueline Nagel.
Feb. 11—Rebekah regular meeting night, 7:30 p. m. Party for February birthdays. Refreshments.
Feb. 11—Traer Women's club, 2:30 p. m. at library. Speaker, Dr. Francis C. Tucker, on "Chijia."
Feb. 11—Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. Marcella Wignall, hostess; Mrs. Frances Clark, co-hostess; 8 p. m.
Feb. 11—Circle No. 4 of Congregational women will meet with Mrs. Shirley Staveley; co-hostess, Martha Kubik; program chairman, Mrs. Frances Dinsdale. Please note change of date.

Feb. 12—Traer Garden club, library, 8 p. m. Hostesses, Mmes. Anna Kubik and Roland Bohnsack.
Feb. 12—Alpha club; hostess, Mrs. Harry E. Taylor; 2:30 p. m.
Feb. 13—Busy Bee club, with Mrs. Lulu Paustian, 7:30 p. m.
Feb. 13—Country club, at library basement; 12 o'clock, Hostesses Mmes. Homer Sears, Ray Pressley, Earl Vaubel and Earl Hotzel. The men are invited. Bring covered dish. Meat and potatoes will be furnished by the association, with Mrs. John Ames; 2:30 p. m.

STAKERS—
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county. Mrs. Staker has and two sisters. Two brothers ceased.
Both Mr. and Mrs. St. good health. With the c Julius' major operation 30 years ago, he and his not furnished much business in their 50 years of 1

CARD OF THANKS

Ann Marie and I wish friends and relatives who ed us with cards, gifts while we were in the since our return home.—Ann Marie Wiciek.

CARD OF THANKS

The Rev. and Mrs. V wish to thank all those w such fine work on the U terian manse and grou the food which has been

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank all o and relatives for all the and gifts that we received hospital. Mrs. Wallace little son, Wallace Lee.

IF IT'S NEWS—CAL



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LOST AND FO

LOST—Billfold contain papers.—Clark Sherr

STRAYED—Hereford 975 lbs., ends of each branded with circle on ters "M" and "J" on side near Edward Buresh f southwest of Traer, bet p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. fy Randy Currens, phot F13.

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He was a member of the Methodist Church of Waverly; Tyrell Lodge 116 A. F. and A. M. and the Order of Eastern Star. Mr. Vosseller was very active in civic affairs. He was president of the Farmers State Bank of Plainfield for eighteen years, which position he held at the time of his death. He served one term as Representative in the Forty-third General Assembly. For several years he was a member of the Bremer county board of supervisors and served as township clerk for a number of years. He was a member of the local school board for twenty years; had served as an officer with the Butler-Bremer Telephone Company; as treasurer of Bremer County Farm Bureau and also president of the Bremer County Fair Association. He had also served four years as a member of the official board of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his widow, one daughter, three sons and seven grandchildren; also two sisters, Mrs. F. F. Lynes, Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Jennie Lynes of Waverly, who is the mother of W. S. and J. K. Lynes, members of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly. One sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in the Waverly Methodist Church and burial was made in Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield, where the Masonic service was held.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of The Honorable George M. Vosseller 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.

ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
AMOS C. PETERSON,
W. S. LYNES,

Committee.

W. WALTER WILSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable W. Walter Wilson begs to submit the following memorial:

W. Walter Wilson was born in Franklin, Indiana, September 5, 1869, and passed away February 6, 1952, at the age of 82 years, 5 months and one day.

He was the son of James and Nancy Allen Wilson. When Mr. Wilson was four the family came to Iowa, making the trip in a prairie schooner

which was ferried across the Mississippi River at Burlington. The family settled on a farm on the Tama-Black Hawk County line in 1873. As a boy he herded cattle on unbroken and unfenced prairie. He was reared on the homestead, attended the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, graduating in 1892. He also attended the University at Iowa City, and received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1894. Before marriage he was a teacher for a few years in Hamilton County, in the Hudson School and in the school of his home district.

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The Wilsons were parents of three children, all living; Carl and Mrs. Roland (Iris) Bohnsack of Traer, and Doothy, a teacher in the high school at Medford, Oregon.

While still on the farm in Buckingham, Mr. Wilson was induced to become the Republican candidate for Tama County Representative in the lower House of the Iowa General Assembly. He was elected and served in the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Extra and Forty-third sessions of the Legislature.

He was the second president of the Tama County Farm Bureau elected in 1919. He was one of the organizers in 1919 of the Buckingham Grain company, serving as secretary of the company for 30 years, retiring in 1949. For 25 years he was president and a director of the Farmers Lumber Company of Traer. He was active in the Traer Methodist Church many years, serving as a trustee and in other offices. He was a 32nd degree Mason, and a citizen of high principles and character.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of The Honorable W. Walter Wilson, 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.

LAWRENCE PUTNEY,
GEORGE PAUL,
R. O. BURROWS, SR.,
Committee.

Outline of Personal History of W. Walter Wilson

RESIDENCE Trav Tama Co, Iowa.

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
DES MOINES, IOWA

(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? Willis Walter Wilson
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Farming
3. Where and when did you begin? Hamilton Co 1898
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? Taught school in Iowa,
Five terms during 1894 to 1898
5. What is your residence address? Trav Tama Co Iowa
6. What is your business address? The same as above
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? Sept. 6th 1869 at Franklin
Indiana
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? Moved to
Illinois in spring of 1870 and again to Iowa
in the fall of 1873
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Was graduated
from State Teachers College in 1892 degree
M. D., State University 1894 degree B. A.
11. What was your father's full name? James Wilson
12. What was your father's occupation? Carpenter and contractor
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Nancy Elmer Hayden

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Indiana

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?
Twp. clerk Hamilton Township Hamilton Co.
Township Assessor same township as above.

18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? Director
and president of Farmers Lumber Co at Trass Ia at present
Secretary of Buckingham Grain Co Buckingham Ia, trustee of M.E. Church
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican since 1890.

20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? Methodist Episcopal

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? 32° Mason

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? Farmers Lumber Co Trass Ia
Farmer's Saving Bank Trass Ia, Buckingham Grain Co
Buckingham Ia.

27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa
I haven't any photograph but think you can get one from
the author of the red book for the 40th General Assembly.

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 in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....
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?.....
31.

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Sarah Sophie Keeler,*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *March 1st. 1898.*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Indiana*
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *M. E. Church*
36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?.....
37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? *Benjamin Lockwood Keeler, New York 1841*
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Mary Clark*
39. Where and when was she born? *New York 1842*

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. Carl A. ^{Winters} Wilson	Feb. 5th. 1899	Hamilton Co, Ia.
2. Iris Elvira Wilson	June 22 1900	Hamilton Co, Ia.
3. Mary Dorothy Wilson	March 1st 1906	Tama Co Ia,
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

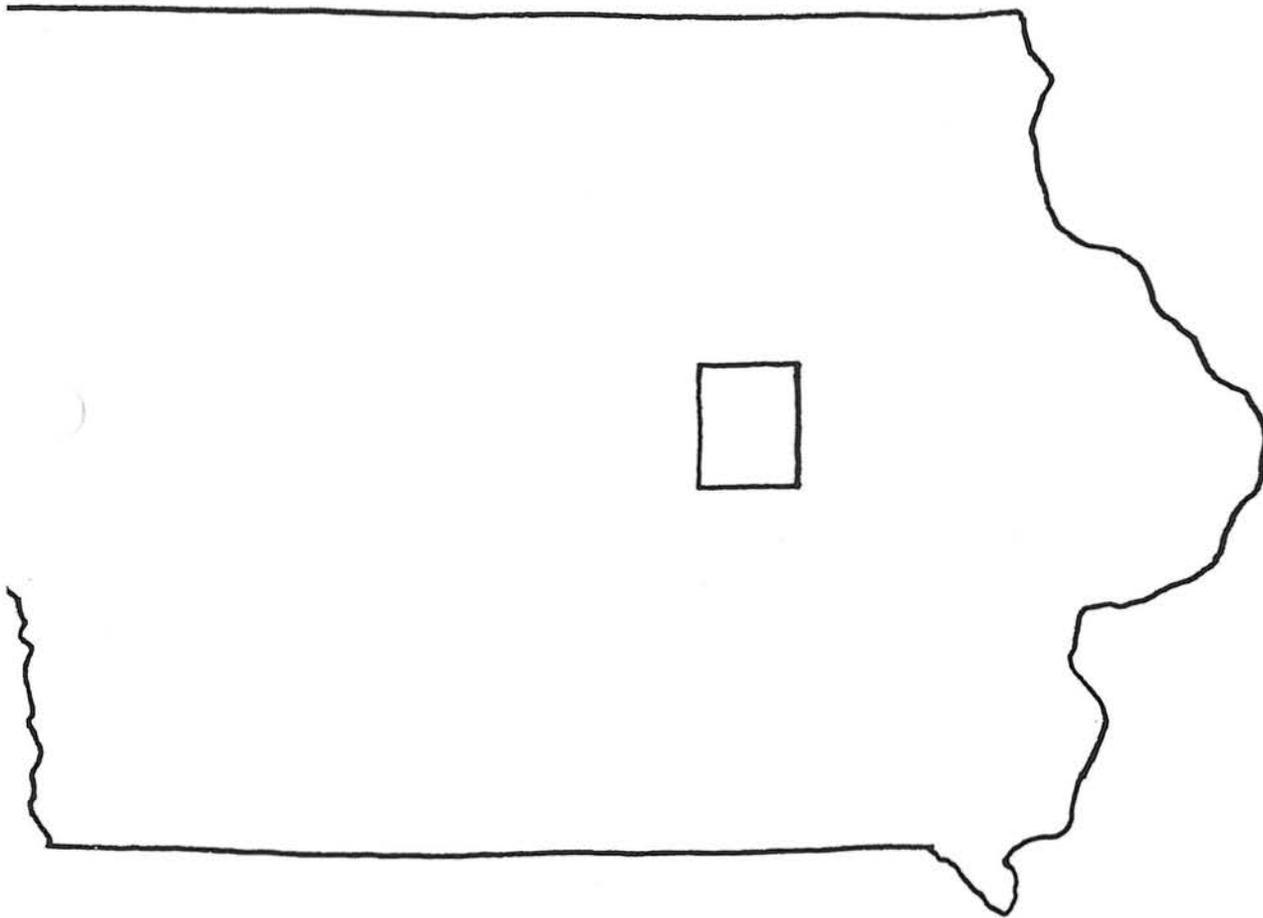
SECOND MARRIAGE.

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.
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Willis Walter Wilson
Born: 5 Sep 1869
 Franklin, [county], Indiana, USA
Died:

James Wilson

Nancy E Hayden

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James Hayden
 Ellen Wright

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Spouse

Sarah Sophie Keeler
Born: 17 Dec 1872 in Howe, [county], Indiana, USA
Died:

Marriage: 1 Mar 1898 in Traer, Tama, Iowa, USA

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Children

	Sex	Birth
Carl Austin Wilson	M	Feb 1899 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA
Iris Eleanor Wilson	F	22 Jun 1900 in Jewell, [county], Iowa, USA
Dorothy Wilson	F	1907 in [city], [county], Iowa, USA

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Contact people **who submitted this information**

HISTORICAL RECORDS

- 1930 United States Federal Census
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