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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Brookins,
Ansel Taylor - Represented Chickasaw and Floyd Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Dec 1883 Ionia, Chickasaw County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Ruth Alys Dodge 27 Aug 1907 Osceola, Iowa
(2) Maribel Dodge

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer; teacher; bank cashier; real estate; retail
investor

4. Church membership Congregational

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mitchell County treasurer; Osage city clerk; Chickasaw Township
Justice of the Peace

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Paul Dodge; John Ray;

9. Names of parents Franklin Wilson and Mary Jane (Chamberlain) Brookins

10. Education He was educated in Charles City, Iowa graduating
from Charles City High School, 1902

11. Degrees He attended the Methodist College at Charles City, Iowa in 1903

12. Other applicable information Republican

- From 1902-1905 he taught rural schools in Iowa and Minnesota
1905-1907 in Floyd, Iowa; 1907-1908 in Defiance, Iowa
- From 1908 he began farming in Chickasaw County near Anson, Iowa
- From 1915-1917 he was assistant cashier in the State Savings Bank of
Anson, Iowa; became cashier 1917-1919
- He engaged in a real estate agency in Charles City 1919-1923
- He operated a farm near Bassett, Iowa
- He was retired from 1930-1934

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appointed United States district judge for the northern district of Iowa to succeed the late Oliver P. Shiras of Dubuque, who retired November 1st preceding.

In 1868 Judge Reed was married to Miss Laura J. Webster, daughter of Julius F. and Eliza J. Webster. Her father was a native of Laporte county, Indiana, and in 1857 removed westward to Howard county, Iowa, settling in Howard Center township. He died in August, 1892, at the age of seventy-four years, while his widow died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Reed in Cresco, in February, 1916, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Judge and Mrs. Reed have two children: Carl W., who is practicing law in Cresco; and Kate C., who is now the wife of Dr. W. T. Daly of Cresco. The family is one of prominence in the community. Carl W. Reed has carried forward the work begun by his father, assisting in the upbuilding and development of this section of the state, and is now a member of the Iowa senate for the Howard-Winneshiek district.

A. T. BROOKINS.

Perseverance and energy feature as salient factors in the business career of A. T. Brookins and have brought him to the responsible position of cashier of the First State Savings Bank of Ionia. He was born December 16, 1883, on a farm within three miles of his present home, his parents being Franklin W. and Mary (Chamberlin) Brookins, the former a native of the state of New York, whence he removed westward to Wisconsin in young manhood. He was there married, in the town of Necedah, to Miss Chamberlin and for some years thereafter he engaged in the lumber business and in farming in Juneau county, Wisconsin. Subsequently he came to Iowa and purchased a farm in Bradford township, Chickasaw county. About 1888 or 1889 he removed to Ionia, where he resided until 1901, when he became a resident of Charles City, Iowa, and later he and his wife took up their home with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Gray, of New Hampton. The mother's death there occurred about 1913. In subsequent years the father has made his home among his children.

A. T. Brookins was educated in the town schools of Ionia and in the Charles City high school before entering the Charles City College. He was graduated from high school with the class of 1902 and following the completion of his studies he taught school for eight years, during which time he was principal of the schools of Floyd, Iowa, and also at Defiance, Iowa. He proved an able educator, having the happy faculty of interesting the children and imparting readily to them the knowledge that he had acquired. At length, however, he gave up his educational work in the spring of 1910 and went upon the farm. During the following six years he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and in September, 1915, he received his initial training in the banking business by entering the First State Savings Bank of Ionia in the position of assistant cashier. He made good in this connection and in January, 1919, was advanced to the position of cashier in which capacity he is now serving, having charge of the financial policy of the bank.

In 1906 Mr. Brookins was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Alys Dodge, of Osage, Iowa, by whom he has a son, Paul Dodge. In politics Mr. Brookins is a republican and in the November election of 1914 was the nominee of his party for the position of county auditor, running against Peter McGinn. He was nominated in the republican convention but not through the primary, and the election board of the county, then controlled by the democrats, ruled his nomination irregular and his name was not placed on the ticket. Notwithstanding this fact there were enough who wrote his name on the ticket to almost defeat his opponent, a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. He is now serving for the second term as justice of the peace in Chickasaw township and through his influence and his counsel to litigants he has succeeded in having all cases compromised and settled out of court, no cases ever having come to trial in his court. This is certainly a notable record and the influence of his work cannot be overestimated, as an amicable adjustment is far preferable to litigation, which is sure to leave behind it a trail of unpleasant feeling. Mr.

Brookins belongs to Nashua Lodge, No. 110, K. P., also to the Masonic lodge of Nashua and has taken the Royal Arch degrees at New Hampton. He and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Congregational church and they are keenly interested in everything that has to do with the uplift of the individual and the upbuilding of the county. Their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances and throughout Chickasaw county Mr. Brookins is spoken of in terms of high regard as a representative business man and citizen.

FRANK TETZNER.

There was an old belief that the success of the farmer depended upon his industry and the weather, but it is a recognized fact today that there are other elements which enter into his success. He must possess the sound judgment that is essential in any undertaking and moreover, he must have an understanding of the scientific principles which are basic elements in the production of crops. Well qualified in all of these particulars is Frank Tetzner, who is living on section 18, Howard township, Howard county. He was born in Traer, Iowa, October 30, 1888, a son of John and Margaret (Odson) Tetzner, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. About 1884 they came to the United States, settling in Tama county, Iowa, near Traer, where the father took up the work of cultivating rented land. He was thus engaged until 1910, when he purchased his present farm and removed to Howard county, where he has since lived. In 1915, however, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 20th of May of that year. They were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom survive, namely: Alvina, who is the wife of Claus Solto, of Reinbeck, Iowa; Lena, the wife of Frank Manlick, who follows farming in Oakdale township, Howard county; Minnie, the wife of Jacob Solto, of Bingham Lake, Minnesota; Anna, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Jebens, of Davenport, Iowa; John C., a farmer residing at Reinbeck, Iowa; Herman, a resident of Reinbeck, Iowa; Frank, of this review; Dora, who is the wife of Martin Shoemaker, of Waterloo, Iowa; and Albert, who for ten months served on the Alsace front in France as a member of Company F, Three Hundred and Fifty-second Infantry, in the Eighty-eighth Division, known as the Clover Leaf Division.

Frank Tetzner, whose name introduces this review, having acquired a fair education in the district schools of Tama county, concentrated his efforts and attention upon farm work on his father's place and thus gained the practical experience which has constituted the basis of his later successful effort. In October, 1915, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Lambert, of Howard township, Howard county, and in the following spring he took charge of the home farm and has since cultivated it. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and the progressive methods which he employs have gained him place among the successful farmers of Howard township.

In his political views Mr. Tetzner is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, thus being able to support his position by intelligent argument. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the German Lutheran church and they are well known people of the district in which they reside, their substantial traits of character gaining for them the warm regard of those with whom they have been associated.

FRANK E. HOWARD.

Frank E. Howard, editor and owner of the Elma New Era, one of the leading weekly publications of Howard county, was born in Howard Center, Iowa, January 17, 1875, a son of Daniel and Margaret (Creamer) Howard, the former a native of County Cork, Ireland, while the latter was born in Columbus, Ohio. The father came to the United States when a lad of fourteen or fifteen years in company with his father, his



1920 United States Federal Census

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[Ansel T Brookins]
 Home in 1920: Chickasaw, Chickasaw, Iowa
 Age: 36 years
 Estimated birth year: abt 1884
 Birthplace: Iowa
 Relation to Head of House: Head
 Spouse's name: Ruth A
 Father's name: Franklin
 Father's Birth Place: New York
 Mother's Birth Place: New York
 Marital Status: Married
 Race: White
 Sex: Male
 Home owned: Own
 Able to read: Yes
 Able to Write: Yes
 Image: 325

Neighbors:

Household Members:

Name	Age
<u>Ansel F Brackins</u>	36
<u>Ruth A Brackins</u>	33
<u>Paul Dodge Brackins</u>	1
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Franklin Brackins	78

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Chickasaw, Chickasaw, Iowa; Roll: T325-3782; Page: 13A; Enumeration District: 48; Image: 325.

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Ancestry.com, 1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. For details on the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA.

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Individual Record

FamilySearch™ Ancestral File v4.19

Search Results

Ansel Taylor BROOKINS (AFN: 2QPL-HS)

Sex: M

Pedigree

Family

Event(s)

Birth: 16 Dec 1883

Orchard, , Ia

Parents

Father: Franklin Wilson BROOKINS (AFN: 2QPH-WG)

Family

Mother: Mary Jane CHAMBERLAIN (AFN: 2QPH-XM)

Marriage(s)

Spouse: Ruth Alyn DODGE (AFN: 9WH8-BJ)

Family

Marriage: 1906

, Prob Chickasawco, , Iowa

Spouse: Muriel DODGE (AFN: 1RQL-N11)

Family

Marriage:

Submitter(s)

Details

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