

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Rice, William S. Senator _____
Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Mar 1865 near Elvira, Clinton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Levenson
Dorthea J. Christianson 8 Jan 1922 Clinton County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 43rd General Assembly 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elvira school director, school board secretary, 1890 and 1900
commissioner for two townships, township clerk, township assessor, Clinton
County supervisor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 11 Jan 1948 Clinton, Iowa; buried Elvira Cemetery, Elvira, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents John S. and Eliza (Rice) Rice

Rice, William S.

10. Education He was educated in the rural schools near his
home at Elvira, Iowa.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents arrived in Clinton County Iowa on 4 Mar 1864, a year before William was born. They were both natives of Pennsylvania.
- They rented a farm for 4 years and then bought an 80 acre farm very close to Elvira, Iowa. This William had consisted of from 1867.
- William was one of 6 children of whom 5 all died of diphtheria, leaving just him.
- He farmed this family farm and owned and operated a complete threshing outfit, which was a profitable investment.
- During 1886-1887 he went to Nebraska, but returned to look after the family farmstead of 80 acres which later he added 138 acres south of this farm.

Rice, William J.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

- Iowa Official Register 1929-1930, p. 249
- History of Clinton County, Iowa 1911, Vol II, p. 805
- The People of Iowa 1931, p. 419
- Obituary - The Clinton Herald, Clinton, Iowa
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ROUTING PROCLAMATION.—Mayor George Still signs accepting the Army's designation of Clinton as part of the for the second engineer brigade. The special campaign extends through March 31. Flanking the mayor in his Thomas Smith (left) and T-Sgt. Kenneth Trester, local ants.

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YORK LODGES HOLD TRIPLE INSTALLATION

Officers of York Rite Masonic bodies of Clinton were installed last night during ceremonies in the York Rite Masonic temple.

A. D. Thomas was installing officer for Holy Cross commandery, 10. Knights Templar, and Harold Luhn was marshal. Thomas also acted as installing officer for Delta council, 23. Royal and Select Masters. Lawrence Carstensen was marshal.

Luhn also was installing officer for Keystone chapter, 32. Royal Arch Masons, and Mayor George Still was marshal.

The new officers are:

Holy Cross commandery: James P. Carruthers, eminent commander; George Still, generalissimo; Christ J. Thompson, captain general; Ross Rhoades, senior warden; Irwin Giss, and J. Carstensen, prelate; Albert Rathbun, treasurer; Oswald Borun, secretary; Fr.

prices paid for live animals contrasted

WILLIAM RICE SUFFERS BURNS

86-Year-Old Elvira Man, Once State Legislator, Hurt in Home Fire.

Elvira—William Rice, nearly 86, former state representative, sustained severe burns over his body in a fire at his home just east of here about 6:45 a. m. today. He is being treated in Jane Lamb hospital where his condition was described as critical at noon today.

The burns were concentrated on his back and from his hips down.

Rice was discovered rolling in the snow in an attempt to extinguish the fire in his clothing, by a group of volunteer fire fighters from Elvira, who had been notified that the Rice house was ablaze.

Evidence reportedly indicated that Rice's garments were ignited when he was attempting to start a fire in a living room coal-wood stove. It also was reported that he jumped through a window onto a porch setee, his burning garments setting fire to the setee. He then proceeded to remove part of his clothing and to smother the flames in the snow.

Organization of the volunteer fire fighters was instigated by Lawrence Peters of Elvira, who in passing the Rice home saw smoke issuing from the structure. The Low Moor volunteer fire department, summoned by Mrs. Chris Edens, a neighbor of Rice, prevented the house from probable extensive damage or destruction, it was reported. Francis Enwright and son, Bob, of Elvira, rushed Rice, who was conscious, to the hospital.

The injured man, thought to have no relatives residing in this sector, has lived alone since the death of his wife a number of years ago.

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

Illinois-Iowa Deaths-Funerals

DEATHS

MRS. ANNA F. BIZEK

Oxford Junction — Relatives in this community have received word of the death of Mrs. Anna Frances Bizek, 78, in Richland, Calif. She was crossing the street near her home and was struck by a car. Death was instantaneous. She had lived her early life here in the Oxford Junction community and had visited here several years ago. She was a sister-in-law of Frank Bizek and an aunt of Mrs. John Nowachek, Mrs. Charles Slouha and John Burda, all of Oxford Junction.

MRS. HUGH HITE

Maquoketa — Mrs. Hugh Hite, formerly Dorothea Mathias of Maquoketa, died Thursday in her home in McLean, Va. Funeral services were held Saturday in Washington, D. C.

The daughter of the late William J. Fannie Trout Mathias of Maquoketa, she is survived by a brother, Donald, of Maquoketa, and a sister, Mrs. Miriam Dolan of Milwaukee, Wis.

MICHAEL DIMMER

Maquoketa—Michael Dimmer, 81, died at 2 a. m. today in his home northwest of Otter Creek, after a six-month illness. The funeral will be held at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday in St. Lawrence church, Otter Creek. Burial will be there.

Mr. Dimmer was born Feb. 2, 1866, to Jacob and Margaret Dimmer in Luxembourg. The family came to America 56 years ago. Mr. Dimmer and Henrietta Pickay were married in 1890 at Holy Cross.

Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Laughlin of Zwingle, three sons, Joseph and Lawrence of Zwingle and Eldon of Maquoketa, a brother, Jacob, of Maquoketa, a sister, Mrs. Catherine Wilson of Maquoketa, 15 great-grandchildren and two grandchildren.

FUNERALS

HENRY SCHUMACHER

Charlotte — Last rites for Henry Schumacher were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday in Immanuel Lutheran church, Charlotte, the Rev.

WILLIAM RICE DIES OF BURNS

Former Representative, Retired Elvira Farm Operator, Succumbs.

Elvira—William S. Rice, nearly 83, died at 11:30 a. m. Sunday in Jane Lamb hospital, Clinton, of burns sustained Saturday morning when his clothing and residence were extinguished, reportedly while Rice was attempting to start a fire in a heating stove. The retired Elvira farmer was a member of the Clinton county board of supervisors from 1916 through 1918, and was a state representative in 1929 and 1930.

The Rev. M. E. Leshar of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Clinton, will conduct the funeral at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Snell funeral home, Clinton. Burial will be in the Elvira cemetery. The body will repose in the funeral home.

Mr. Rice was born March 3, 1865, the son of John and Elizabeth Rice of Elvira. His parents, who came by covered wagon from Pennsylvania, were among the first settlers of Elvira community. He and Miss Dorothea Levensen were married June 8, 1922. Mr. Rice was a member of St. Paul's church. He was a director and also secretary of the Elvira school board.

Surviving him are several cousins and other relatives in Clinton county and other locations. Preceding him in death were his wife, his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Enters Bantams in Boston, Denver Shows

DeWitt—Henry W. Yegge of DeWitt will compete for top honors with more than 10,000 entries from all sections of this country and Canada at the 100th annual Boston Poultry show Jan. 20-24.

His entry will be a trio of Golden Penciled Hamburg bantams. During the same week, from Jan. 21 to Jan. 25, Mr. Yegge will exhibit five Silver Penciled Hamburg bantams at the



WILL BE JUNE BRIDE—M

Mrs. John R. Hoff, Garden, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Lee Kane, to Donald Collinson, Moline.

The marriage will take place at Miss Hoff's graduation in June at Augustana college, Rock Island, where both are students.

Mr. Collinson was an aerial photographer during the war. Hoff is a graduate of Mt. St. Joseph academy, Clinton.

MARY LEE KANE TO HEAD SCOUT TROOP

Fulton, Ill.—Troop 7 International Girl Scouts, elected officers today in the Scout rooms. The following are the officers:

President, Mary Lee Kane; vice-president, Patricia D. Bielema; secretary, Barbara Hoise; assistant secretary, Marilyn Venema; treasurer, Patricia Joyce Bielema; assistant treasurer, Janet M. Miss Jean Wilcox is leader.

The sun is believed to rotate on its axis in about 27 days.

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WILLIAM S. RICE.

Among the farmers of Center township, the "garden spot of Clinton county," none is more efficient nor bears a more respected name than Mr. Rice. The son of one of the ablest farmers and most worthy residents of the township, he has himself in all respects proved himself a credit to the stock from which he sprung.

William S. Rice was born on March 3, 1865, in Clinton county, the son of John F. and Eliza (Hice) Rice, both natives of Pennsylvania. John F. Rice was born on September 15, 1825, his wife on June 7, 1828. They were married on February 13, 1851, and emigrated to Clinton county on March 4, 1864. For four years Mr. Rice rented land, then purchased a farm of eighty acres one-half mile east of Elvira, on which he has lived continuously since 1867. When purchased, the farm was poorly improved, but he has by careful management and industry improved it and brought his soil up to a higher fertility. There is a large maple grove near his residence which he planted from seed, and which has reached a height of sixty to ninety feet, and this with the various kinds of fruit and shrubbery surrounding the home give to it the appearance of a long established homestead, which it is. John F. Rice is enjoying good health at the age of eighty-five, his wife at eighty-two, a much respected couple. One of his brothers, Conrad, is living at Elvira, aged ninety-three, another, William F., lives at Clinton, while his sister, Mrs. Mary Fulton, the remaining member of the family, is living in the state of Delaware. Mrs. Rice's parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and had a family of eight children, of whom five are living. Three of her brothers served in the Civil war, one of whom died from a long confinement in Andersonville prison. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rice are members of the Lutheran church at Elvira, and are reckoned among its strongest supporters. They were the parents of five children, all of whom died young of diphtheria, except William S.

William S. Rice, with the exception of two years spent in western Nebraska, has made his home with his parents, being unmarried, and has charge of the farm. He is also the owner of a complete threshing outfit, which he finds a profitable investment. Active in all public enterprises, he is one of the well known and respected young men of his county, and has served as school director and secretary of the school board for some years. In 1890 and 1900 he took the census of his township for the government. Mr. Rice is well read and well informed on all subjects. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church, and he takes a prominent part in the activities of the church, as do all the members of the Rice family.

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eastern states to Boston and return; to Cincinnati and Baltimore and return; through Kansas—Oklahoma—Texas and return; to Portland, Maine and return—all proclaiming the progress and opportunities of Waterloo. He organized and was the first secretary of the Dairy Cattle Congress—which he named—and is still a director in that outstanding and successful organization. He is a charter member of the Waterloo Boat Club and River Improvement association, vice president of Waterloo chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, and active member of the B. P. O. Elks, member of the Chamber of Commerce and just recently retired from six years service as a director of the Waterloo Baseball association. Countless civic and political movements have enjoyed his support, the benefit of his experience.

Naturally his active life has brought him in contact with many men of wealth and prominence in business and public life, ripe acquaintances, mutual friendships, of the utmost pleasure and value. And because of his four years direct contact with Western Canada and his travel in Europe his acquaintances and knowledge of affairs is of an international character.

His active life and wide and varied experiences eminently fit him for his profession with the result that he is perhaps the best known advertising man in Iowa. Always affable and agreeable, his counsel is constantly sought in the organization and promulgation of new ideas and new methods, both of business and altruistic movements looking to the betterment of mankind.

Such is the life story of Harry E. Kiester, resident of Waterloo, citizen of the world.

HON. WILLIAM S. RICE, who in 1929 took his seat in the Iowa Legislature as a representative from Clinton County, takes to his legislative duties a long record of local service in his home community and also the attitude of a practical farmer and business man.

Mr. Rice has lived all his life in Clinton County. He was born there March 3, 1865, son of John F. and Eliza (Hice) Rice. His parents were natives of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, and in 1864 came out to Iowa. After four years on a rented farm they bought the eighty acres half a mile east of Elvira which for the past fifty years has been known as the Rice Homestead. John F. Rice died March 16, 1915, and his wife, November 13, 1918. They were sturdy pioneer citizens and people who enjoyed the respect of all in Clinton County. They were the parents of six children: William S., Phoebe Cordilla, George C., Mary A., Harry S. and Albert E. All of these children except William died during a terrible scourge of diphtheria that went through the locality.

William S. Rice attended public schools at Elvira, and from early boyhood was helping his father on the farm. During 1886-87 he was in Nebraska, and then again returned to look after the homestead of eighty acres. For many years he has conducted that farm, which he now owns,

and he also has 138 acres of farming land located four miles south.

The schools and other public interests of the community have always had a claim upon his attention and generous support. For nine years he was secretary of the school board of Center Township and for four years a member of the Township School Board. He served three years on the board of supervisors, for two years was township assessor, township clerk two years, and in 1928 was elected on the Republican ticket as one of Clinton County's representatives in the Legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Rice are members of the English Lutheran Church at Clinton, Iowa.

He married, June 8, 1922, Mrs. Dorothea L. Levsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Levsen. Her parents were well to do farmers of Clinton County and both were born in Germany and came to America in their youth.

CHARLES EMMETT HUGHES was born at Ruthven in Palo Alto County, Iowa, on April 29, 1890. He has lived in Iowa all his life and represents a family which has been identified with Iowa since 1870. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Hughes, were pioneer residents of Palo Alto County and were material factors in its growth and development. His mother was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gesland, who moved to Emmetsburg from Manitowoc, Wisconsin, in 1870, which was before the railroad was extended farther west than Algona and when the town of Emmetsburg was situated on the Des Moines River west of the present location. One of the first schools and one of the first Sunday Schools was held in their home. Timothy J. Hughes was one of the outstanding men of his section of the state and was one of those who can truly be credited with constructive efforts in the upbuilding of his community. His father was Martin Hughes, who immigrated from Armagh in Northern Ireland to New Orleans and later removed to Galena, Illinois, where he died. Timothy J. Hughes passed away at Ruthven in March, 1924, and his widow survives him and resides in the family home.

Mr. Hughes is an alumnus of the Ruthven High School and of the State University of Iowa. He has been engaged in the general practice of law since 1914. While in college Mr. Hughes was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and upon his entrance in law school became a member of Phi Delta Phi. He has held office as county attorney of Benton County and city attorney of Belle Plaine and at the present time is serving as a member of the local board of education. He is a member of the Benton County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations. During the late war he was in the United States army and is a charter member and a past commander of John Jennings Post Number 39 of the Iowa Department of the American Legion. He is a Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner and also a member of the Knights of Pythias and D. O. K. K.