

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Rogers,  
Charles Hedore - Represented Black Hawk and Grundy Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Dec 1863 Hestland, Iowa, and  
Clinton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Gertrude Eva Moffitt 12 June 1889 Grundy Center, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Passed the Iowa law in May 1897, directing the first  
National Bank of Grundy Center, Iowa a member of Grundy County, Iowa and the American  
Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason; Old Eastern Star; IOOF;  
Knights of Pythias; Shiner

C. Profession Lawyer; abstractor of titles; real estate;  
bank director; teacher; bank bookkeeper and cashier

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 43<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman of the Grundy County Republican Central Committee

B. State He was a member of the Iowa State Republican Central Committee

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 18 Jan 1946 Agua, California; buried Grundy Center Cemetery, Grundy Center, Iowa

8. Children Lawrence Edwin (died in 1909); Robert Moffitt

9. Names of parents Charles Gustavus and Eliza (Hines) Rogers

10. Education He was educated in the Wheatland, Iowa public schools  
and high school

11. Degrees attended Coe College for 2 years and later attended the  
Iowa College of Law in Des Moines

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His father owned a general store in Wheatland, Iowa
- In 1878, the store was sold and the family moved to Grundy  
County, locating on a farm southwest of Grundy Center.
- He came to Grundy Center to practice law in 1879.
- He was associated for many years with the Ruppert Brothers in the  
practice of law.
- His wife, Bertrude, died 17 Jan 1941
- Two of his ancestors came from England on the Mayflower in 1620. Thomas and  
Joseph Rogers, Thomas being the 18<sup>th</sup> signer of the Mayflower Compact
- His son, Lawrence E., was accidentally killed by a live wire at age 17.
- Charlie died in California while visiting his sister and brother.
- He read law with Hon. Daniel Kern at Grundy Center.
- He was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1897, but didn't practice actively until 1907 when  
he went into partnership with A. N. Wood who died 2 years later. He  
then went into partnership with George H. Wood. When Mr. Wood was  
elected to the bench in 1920 he became the firm of Rogers and  
Ruppert.



**GRUNDY CENTER CITY COSTS BELOW AVERAGE**

The Iowa Taxpayers Association lists cost of operating cities in Iowa ranging in population from 2000 to 5000. The average per person cost of operating these cities during the year ending March 31, 1945, was \$6.89. Grundy Center's average cost for the same period was \$6.65. The highest in the state was at Audubon where per capita costs were \$12.12 per person. At Waverly, one of the big-cost cities, the average for the year was \$10.11. The lowest in the state was Glenwood with an average of \$2.56 per person.

**HARM GRIMMIUS BUYS McCULLOUGH HOUSE**

Harm Grimmilus has bought the McCullough house in the northeast part of Grundy Center. The price paid was \$2500. Possession will be given next month. The George Thoren family live in the place now.

**County Is Asking For Bids On Two New Bridges**

**REPAIR TWO BRIDGES THAT WERE WASHED OUT; ASK BIDS ON 30 MILES OF NEW GRADING.**

At the meeting of the Grundy board of supervisors Monday the board adopted a resolution asking for bids on two new bridges and for thirty miles of new grading during the year 1946.

Bids for the new bridges will be received on the 25th of next month.

Biggest of the two bridge projects is the proposed bridge to replace the one that was washed out a few weeks ago one-half mile west and a half-mile north of Reinbeck. The board is asking bids on two different types of bridges for this location. The bridge is to have six 32-foot spans and it is to be 20 feet wide. One type of bridge is a sub wood structure with concrete floor and steel rails. The engineer's estimated cost of this bridge is \$20,000. The plans for the other type bridge is a structure 180 feet long and 22 feet wide with continuous eyebeam concrete sub-structure and super structure with hand rails. Estimated cost of this type of bridge is \$30,000.

Bids are asked for a skew concrete box culvert located in the northeast corner of Section 2, Colfax township. Specifications for this structure is twin 8x6 and 73 feet in length. This culvert is

**Charles T. Rogers Died Friday In California**

**HAD BEEN IN FAILING HEALTH A YEAR; WENT TO CALIFORNIA THREE MONTHS AGO TO SPEND WINTER WITH BROTHER AND SISTER.**

Charles T. Rogers, who spent nearly all of his long life in Grundy county, died at Azusa, Calif., last Friday. He had been in failing health for a year. Last fall his brother Harry came here from Azusa and he persuaded Charles to go with him to spend the winter in the west. Both believed that a change of climate would help Mr. Rogers' failing health and would slow up his physical decline.

During his active lifetime Mr. Rogers was engaged in real estate, in abstract work, and in the practice of law. He was very deeply interested in civic and lodge work and devoted much of his time to their promotion. Politics absorbed much of his interest and he was for many years one of his party's leaders in the county.

**Served in State Senate**

Mr. Rogers served two terms in the Iowa state senate by appointment to fill vacancy. He was the only member of the republican party from Grundy county ever to hold that position.

**Came to Grundy County in 1879**

Mr. Rogers was born at Wheatland, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1863. His father owned a general store in that town. In 1878 the elder Rogers sold his store and the following year brought his family to Grundy county where they located on a farm southwest of Grundy Center. The family built their barn that year, hauling the rock from Marshalltown. Charles attended school at State Center and later went to Coe college for two years. He attended the College of Law in Des Moines. In May 1879 he passed the state bar and came to Grundy Center to practice.

**Married in June, 1889**

On June 12, 1889, he and Gertrude Moffett were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Moffett, in Grundy Center. Fifty years later, the couple were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in the home where they were married.

**ROGERS—**

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**County Contracts For Gas and Fuel Oil For Year**

The Grundy board of supervisors at a meeting held Monday let contracts for the county's needs for gasoline and fuel oil for the year.

There were six bidders for the gasoline contract. The contract was let to the Henry Hippen Service Station at Wellsburg, who handle the Skelly gasoline products. His bid was 2.2 cents below tank wagon price which at present price is 13.1 cents, delivered where and when the county wants it. The county contracted for 30,000 gallons of gasoline. The Mid-Continent Company had last year's contract. Their price was 2 cents below tank wagon price.

**Diesel Fuel to Gladbrook Firm**

The contract for 30,000 gallons of diesel fuel was given to Street & Campbell from Gladbrook. Their price was .6 cent below tank wagon price, which at present is 11.2 cents per gallon. The price last year was .5 below tank wagon price. Street & Campbell had the contract last year. F. O. Beckman is their tank wagon man in this territory.

**Reinbeck Husband Gets Divorce and Custody of Three Children**

Gus Rudolf Larsen from Reinbeck was granted a decree of divorce by Judge Evans in the district court last Thursday from Iona M. Larsen. He was awarded custody of the three children, Dallas, 10, Dennis, 7, and Geneen, 9. The mother was given permis-

**DR. MOL GETTING BETTER**  
Dr. H. L. Mol's condition at Allen Memorial hospital in Waterloo has been improving daily. He no longer needs night nurse as he is recovering well. Miss Zoe Lynn, who one of the nurses taking care of him, has returned home.

**Morrison Elevator Will Change To Co-Operative**

The Morrison elevator was owned and which has been operated as a stock company re-organize. The plan liquidate the present stock company and change to a co-operative. The co-operative plan the advantage of patronage dividends for the benefit of stockholders who buy and their own company. The plan favors farm operators who grow grain to sell and who are customers for coal and feed.

The board of directors of Morrison Elevator Company at recent meeting decided in favor of the plan of changing from stock company to a co-operative and they will call a meeting of the stockholders to submit the proposed change to them. It is believed a majority of the stockholders will favor making the change.

The Morrison Elevator Company was organized in 1920 and shares of stock were sold at a time at \$100 per share. The company has paid a 10% dividend to stockholders every year, one, since the company was organized. In addition to the surplus has been built up to the amount more than equal that of capital stock. If the company is liquidated, the stockholders probably receive \$200 a share for their stock. Old stockholders will be offered shares in the company. The par value of shares is to be \$25 each.

For the benefit of the old stockholders who are not in position to profit through patronage dividends there will probably be an issue of preferred stock which will earn a guaranteed dividend of from 4 to 5% annually. It is believed the par value of stock will be placed at \$10 a share.

The board of directors at meeting held Tuesday night decided to call a meeting of stockholders some time next month to make final decision on the future policy of the company.

**Buy Feeding Cattle In Minnesota**

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the city purchased the power plant. The bonds and interest are to be paid off from the earnings and they are not to result in an increase in taxes.

The city issued \$200,000 in bonds to pay for the plant when it was purchased nearly five years ago. Up to this time \$41,000 of these bonds have been paid off in addition to interest payments. Another \$13,000 of that bond issue will be taken up this year out of last year's earnings. The L. & P. bonds bear 3/4 per cent interest.

**NEED NO NEW BUILDING**  
Additional buildings will not be needed for the new equipment. There is ample space for the new machinery in the space taken up by the old equipment.

**Need Distribution System**  
There is another item of expense that the city will have to meet in the near future to modernize the light and power plant. It is a new distribution system. The one now in use has been outdated for many years. Estimated cost of a new distribution system is between \$50,000 to \$60,000.

**Other New Equipment**  
There are a number of other items of new equipment that will be needed to complete the plant in addition to those purchased and the distribution system. The other equipment not listed will bring the total outlay for new improvements up to approximately \$250,000.

Sale of the bonds will not be made until total costs of all of the new equipment is determined and the bond issue will be sufficient to cover the entire amount.

### NEW EQUIPMENT WILL RE- DUCE OPERATING COST

Buying new equipment wasn't a matter of choice by the L. & P. Trustees. It had to be done. Some of the equipment that is being replaced is worn out and it is no longer safe to depend on it. That applies principally to the boilers. Other of the equipment is inadequate to the needs of the plant. And these plant needs are increasing from month to month as the volume of business grows.

The new equipment will require less fuel and less labor. The engineers' estimate on the saving from this source is \$4500 annually. Another big saving will be in procuring current. Our L. & P. Department has been and is now buying electric current from a

## Rogers

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Mr. and Mrs. Rogers had two sons. One of the sons, Lawrence, died in 1909 from an electric current while helping with some wiring at the Grundy Center Presbyterian church. The other son, Robert, lives in Kansas City. Two other surviving members of his family are his brother, H. S. Rogers of Azusa, California, and one sister, Bessie Rogers, Monrovia, California.

### Helped to Organize Grundy Rotary Club

Mr. Rogers was a charter member of the Grundy Rotary club and he was the club's first president. He was one of the few charter members who remained with the club up to the time of his death. He also served one year as president of the Grundy Community club and continued his membership up to the present time.

Mr. Rogers traveled extensively during the later years of his life. He visited all sections of the United States and made a number of trips to Canada.

### Retired from Active Practice

For many years Mr. Rogers was associated with the Ruppelt Brothers in the practice of law, first with Edw. Ruppelt and later with E. W. Ruppelt. A few years ago Mr. Rogers retired from active practice, but retained a place in the office. He made his home most of the time since the death of his wife in an apartment in the Columbia Hotel.

### Ranked High in Lodges

Mr. Rogers was affiliated with many lodges. He was a regular attendant and continually very active in lodge activities. He early joined the Masonic lodge in Grundy Center and he became a 33rd degree Mason and joined the Shrine and the Scottish Rite. He was also a long time member of the O.E.S. of Grundy Center and of the Odd Fellows lodge at this place.

### Was Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias

Mr. Rogers attained the highest rank in the Knights of Pythias lodge. He served as grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the state of Iowa and was a supreme representative of the supreme lodge K. of P.

He was for many years a member of the First Presbyterian church in Grundy Center and was a regular attendant.

### Wife Died 6 Years Ago

Mrs. Rogers died at her home in Grundy Center January 17, 1941, six years and two days before her husband joined her.

### Business Houses Close For Funeral

All business houses in Grundy Center were closed during the funeral service from 2:30 to 3:30 at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Virgil Smith, assisted by Rev. David Alexander. Burial was by the side of the wife in the Grundy Center cemetery.

### Many Attend Funeral Service For L. G. Kinsinger

Funeral services for L. G. Kinsinger were held at Alice church last Thursday afternoon and there was a large attendance.

Belmond visited at the Mrs. H. Bleeker home Sunday.

## 1000 At P. H. Knock Closing Out Sale

It was estimated that 1000 people attended the P. H. Knock closing out sale yesterday. Cars filled all of the parking space in the yard and the space provided in the field and there was an overflow of cars on both sides of the highway for more than a quarter of a mile both north and south of the house. Very few farm sales in the county attracted such a crowd of buyers and spectators.

The sale started promptly at 10:30 and the last item on the bill was sold by Auctioneer Ellis Copley at 2:15 in the afternoon. There was snappy bidding from the time the sale started until it was over.

### Horses Sell High

One span of horses sold for \$129 each. That is a high price for farm horses. Another team brought \$71 each.

The top milk cow brought \$167.50. The twelve milk cows brought an average of \$150. The herd bull brought \$202.50. A lot of spring calves sold for \$58 each. Brood sows brought \$37.

### Machinery brought top prices.

A used 15-ft. disc was sold for \$215, which was about \$50 above the price for a new one. A grain elevator brought \$338.

Mr. Knock was very well pleased with the response he received to his sale and highly satisfied with the prices he received.

## MORRISON

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jencks and daughter Carol of Fredericksburg spent a few days here part of last week with the former's sister, Mrs. E. Hostetter, and family.

Mrs. Lester Kahl and Kenneth returned Wednesday from Milwaukee where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kahl's brother.

Mrs. Clyde Hartley and son Kirkman of Eldora called on friends in Morrison Thursday. Kirkman has received his discharge from the army.

Mrs. Bill Kline and son Lowell Lynch of Waterloo were visitors Thursday in the Mrs. Lenore Morrill home.

Susan Gummert of Marshalltown spent several days in the Cooley and Reed home.

received word from their daughter, Mrs. Carol Harvey, who with Capt. Harvey have been located at Newport Beach, Calif., stating they were leaving for San Angelo, Tex., where Capt. Harvey will be located.

Lula Cooley spent last week with her friend, Susan Gummert near Marshalltown.

Adolph Folkerts attended funeral services Monday for his brother, Ed Folkerts, at Reinbeck.

Mrs. Floy Hood entertained the Happy Hour club at her home Friday afternoon. A 5 o'clock dinner was served by the hostess.

Mrs. H. C. Buffington is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties as postmaster. Mrs. F. Hostetter has charge of the post office for this week.

## WANT ADS (Too Late To Classify)

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the friends and relatives for their sympathy and kindness shown during our recent bereavement. —MRS. L. C. KINSINGER and Family. 1\*

FOR SALE—Modern 5 rm. House—excellent cond., 2 large lot. Two blocks from Main St. Possession March 1st. John H. Meyer 4-1\*

FOR SALE—On Saturday between 2 and 5 p.m., a davenport with slip covers, a large living room rug and a 39-inch bed. Johanna Hook, Beckman Apt. 1

FOR SALE—China closet, book case, roll top desk with typewriter compartment, good plan several sewing machines, portable typewriter, 12 gauge single barrel shotgun, .32 calibre revolver talking machine. A. C. Schafe Grundy Center. 1\*

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX  
STATE OF IOWA,  
Grundy County, ss.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as executrix of the estate of Herman Abels, late of Grundy County, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment; and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated to the undersigned for allowance. Dated January 12, 1946.

3-2 ANNA C. ABELS.  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

## Farm Equipment

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One New 6-ft. Horse Drawn  
Mower.

Two Jacks.

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ment for service in the Civil war. Her mother, Alameda Sloan, was of English stock. She had the honor of being not only the daughter of a Civil war veteran, but also married an old soldier of that war and was a sister to two Spanish-American war veterans and mother of two World war veterans, an additional part of this interesting record being that all these soldiers returned safely home from the wars in which they served. Mrs. Palmer is a graduate of the Cedar Rapids Business College and also studied in Northwestern University. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have one son, Bruce A.

**HON. CHARLES T. ROGERS.** A leading member of the bar of Iowa for many years, Hon. Charles T. Rogers has been prominent in public affairs for an extended period and at present is a member of the Iowa State Senate, representing the Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, consisting of Blackhawk and Grundy counties. As a lawyer he has taken part in much of the important litigation brought before the courts, maintaining his headquarters at Grundy Center, and as a public servant has discharged his duties in a manner that has won him the full confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Rogers was born at Wheatland, Clinton County, Iowa, December 21, 1863, and is a son of Charles Gustavus and Eliza (Graves) Rogers. The Rogers family was founded in this country by Thomas Rogers, one of the passengers on the original voyage of the good ship *Mayflower*. His son, Joseph Rogers, served on the military staff of the first governor of the colony. Charles Gustavus Rogers was born July 20, 1834, at Sidney, New York, and as a young man entered mercantile pursuits in New York State, and after his marriage came to Iowa, in 1861, where he conducted a store for some years at Wheatland in Clinton County. At the outbreak of the war between the states he recruited, organized and drilled Company I, Twenty-sixth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the front, but after several months as a non-commissioned officer became desperately ill, was honorably discharged because of disability and was sent home with the expectation that he would die. However, he recovered and conducted his mercantile business at Wheatland until 1879, then moving to a farm south of Grundy Center, Grundy County, where he carried on operations for many years and also took an active and prominent part in public affairs as an influential Republican. In February, 1895, Mr. Rogers moved to Monrovia, California, where his death occurred April 16, 1920. He married Eliza Graves, an old family of New England, which traces its ancestry back 800 years in England. She was born in either Massachusetts or Connecticut, and died in California in the spring of 1909. There were five children in the family: Matthew, who died at the age of three years; Charles T., of this review; Harry S., who operates an orange grove at Azusa, California; James,

who died at the age of eleven months; and Elizabeth J., who makes her home at Monrovia, California.

After attending the public schools of Wheatland Charles T. Rogers spent two years at Coe College, during a part of which time he taught school and worked on a farm, and on completing his schooling engaged in farming on his own account. He was married, June 12, 1889, while residing on his farm four miles south of Grundy Center, but in 1891 moved into town, where he was first engaged in the insurance business. Following this he was bookkeeper and assistant cashier of the First National Bank and served as clerk of the Legislature for two years. After reading law in the office of Hon. Daniel Kerr he was admitted to the bar, in May, 1897, following his examination by the Supreme Court at Des Moines. However it was not until about 1907 that he entered actively upon the practice of his profession, in partnership with A. N. Wood. Mr. Wood died two years later and Mr. Rogers subsequently formed a law firm connection with Hon. George W. Wood. When Mr. Wood was elevated to the bench, in 1920, Mr. Rogers formed the firm of Rogers & Ruppert, which has continued to the present and is known as one of the strongest legal combinations in the state. Mr. Rogers has long been prominent in the ranks of the Republican party, and from 1926 to 1930 was a member of the state central committee from the Fifth Congressional District. He had not been an office-holder until elected to the Senate in 1928, representing the Thirty-eighth Senatorial District, composed of Grundy and Blackhawk counties, and served as chairman of the committee on enrolled bills, and a member of the committees on aeronautics, appropriations, cities and towns, constitutional amendments, elections, insurance, judiciary, manufactures and mines and mining. He has rendered conscientious and constructive service and has the fullest confidence of his constituents and the esteem of his associates. Mr. Rogers is a member of the directorate of the First Trust & Savings Bank of Grundy Center. With Mrs. Rogers he belongs to the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the board of elders and has always been a generous supporter of religious and charitable movements. Mr. Rogers is a past master of the Blue Lodge of Masonry and a member of the Chapter, Consistory and Mystic Shrine; is a past chancellor and grand vice chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Knights of Pythias, has passed through the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was the first president of the local Rotary Club, is a member of the Community Club, and belongs to the Grundy County Bar Association, the State Bar Association, in which he is a member of several important committees, and the American Bar Association.

Mr. Rogers married Miss Gertrude Moffett, daughter of William Moffett, of Grundy Center, and to this union there were born two sons: Robert and Lawrence E. Robert Moffett Rogers

graduated from Coe College and spent three years at Harvard Law School, and is now a leading attorney of Kansas City, Missouri, where he is manager of the mill and elevator department of the Western Millers Mutual Fire Insurance Company. During the World war he held a lieutenant's commission while in service at Fort Saint Maria, Michigan. He married Helen Ridgway, of Kansas City, Kansas, and they are the parents of a daughter: Kathryn Sue. The younger son, Lawrence E., met an accidental death June 29, 1909, at the age of seventeen years, while a student at Coe College.

**JOHN J. SEERLEY.** The legal profession is admittedly the most learned of all callings, but in addition to scholarship there must be other qualities if success is to come to its members. A natural inclination toward and love of the solving of intricate problems, an astuteness, resourcefulness, keen judgment and knowledge of men and their motives, and, above all, a high sense of honor, are some of these requisite characteristics. One of the learned and deeply respected members of the legal profession of Burlington, John J. Seerley, measures up to the above requirements, and his success has been commensurate with his attainments.

John J. Seerley was born in Illinois, in 1852, a son of Thomas and Louise (Smith) Seerley, he born in Pennsylvania and she in Indiana, and they were married in the latter state. Following their marriage they came to Illinois, and farmed until 1854. In that year they moved to Keokuk County, Iowa, and entered land, being pioneers at South English. For many years the father farmed this property, improved it, and lived upon it. When he sold this farm he moved to Iowa City, and there he died at the age of eighty-three and one-half years. She died at the age of eighty-nine years.

Attending the public schools of his home district, John J. Seerley prepared for later work at Iowa City College, from which he was graduated in 1875, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and in 1877 he was graduated therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For one year thereafter he was principal of the Iowa City High School, and then, in 1879, came to Burlington and began the practice of law, and has built up a practice that is very important and valuable.

In November, 1879, Mr. Seerley was married, at Iowa City, Iowa, to Miss Elizabeth L. Clark, born in Ohio, a daughter of J. Warren and Sophia (Clapp) Clark, of Ohio. The following children were born of this marriage: Florence, who is the wife of Frank Reed, of Denver, Colorado, has five children; Hazel, who married G. I. Bell, of Winnetka, Illinois, where he is engaged in the bond business, has a son and a daughter; and John, who resides at Chicago, Illinois, married Helen Gosling, and they have two sons, John and Thomas. John Seerley was graduated from the University of Chicago in academic law and

accountancy. He has the distinction of having been the only American Ace from Iowa during the World war. While he is owner of 2,500 acres of land near Savanna, Illinois, he has other interests, being a director in the Iowa State Savings Bank, and was assistant secretary of the Illinois & Missouri Light & Power Company, but is now with the Studebaker Light & Power Company.

The first Mrs. Seerley died in 1923. In October, 1915, Mr. Seerley was married to Miss Carrie Keeler, born at Freeport, Illinois. There are no children by the second marriage. During his mature years John J. Seerley has been a member of the Congregational Church, and was trustee of the Burlington body for a number of years. For ten terms he was city attorney, and in 1890 was elected to Congress and served as a member of the national assembly for one term. He is a Knight Templar Mason, and belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Burlington Golf Club, of which he has been a director, and he is president of the Iowa State Bar Association and for ten years served as president of the Burlington Hospital Association. Interested in farming, he is part owner of 871 acres of grain bottom land in Des Moines County. In every walk of life Mr. Seerley has proved his worth as a man and a citizen, and what life has given him has been honorably earned and put to the best of uses.

**JOHN WALTER COVERDALE,** of Cedar Rapids, is a native Iowan who has given the best years of his life to the development of the state's greatest resources, those based on agriculture. He has been a practical "dirt" farmer, a leader in the Farm Bureau and other phases of organized agriculture, and is also a Cedar Rapids business man.

He was born in Clinton County, Iowa, April 4, 1883, son of Elijah Anthony and Sarah Jane (Jepson) Coverdale. His grandfather, John Coverdale, was of English ancestry and an early settler in Clinton County, Iowa, where he was a farmer and live stock dealer. The maternal grandfather, Hans J. Jepson, followed the trade of ship carpenter, and after seven trips on sailing vessels around Cape Horn left the sea to join in the rush to the California gold mines in 1849. Several years later he came to the Middle West and settled on a farm in Clinton County, Iowa. Mr. Coverdale's parents are retired residents of Maquoketa, Iowa, and both were born in Clinton County. His father has been one of the influential and progressive men in Iowa agriculture, and for years carried on an extensive business in Clinton County as a dealer and shipper of live stock.

John W. Coverdale attended high school at Delmar, Iowa, and from 1902 to 1905 was a student in the Iowa State College at Ames. In 1906 he engaged in farming in Clinton County, near Elwood, and during the six years he had his headquarters in that community specialized in

raising pure bred seed. I received the championship Yellow Dent spring.

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**FIFTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Adjourned April 25, 1947

ROBERT D. BLUE, Governor  
KENNETH A. EVANS, President of the Senate  
G. T. KUESTER, Speaker of the House

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and of the Iowa Senate from 1900 to 1904, being the youngest member of each house at the time of his service, only 23 when he was named to the House; a member of the investigating committee that recommended the board of control system for management of state institutions; from 1914 to 1918 served as United States Attorney for southern district of Iowa; became special Assistant U. S. Attorney General and later Assistant Attorney General in charge of criminal prosecutions; next was chief counsel to the Federal Trade Commission, and later special counsel of that commission; unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Secretary of State of Iowa in 1898, three times a Democratic candidate for governor and five times for United States Senator, in none of which was he successful; first appointed member of the interstate commerce commission by President Coolidge in 1928, to fill a vacancy, and reappointed by President Coolidge in December following for term expiring in 1935; served as chairman of the commission and reappointed by President Roosevelt for term expiring in 1949.

Senator Porter's death was occasioned by a cerebral hemorrhage two days previous, and subsequent to receiving word of the death of his 45-year-old son, George B. Porter, a Washington, D. C., attorney, the Sunday night previous at a hotel in San Francisco, who choked on a piece of food found lodged in his windpipe. He is survived by his wife, the former Maude Boutin of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, whom he married in 1899; by four married daughters and ten grandchildren. He was active in the Centerville and Des Moines Presbyterian Churches. Thirty-two years ago he organized at Centerville the Porter Bible Class, which is still active. An aggressive foe of the liquor industry in Iowa; always a man of great zeal in the causes he advocated and held the confidence of those who knew him through a long and creditable public service.

J. R. BARKLEY,  
R. B. HAWKINS,  
LEROY S. MERCER,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### CHARLES T. ROGERS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Charles T. Rogers, begs leave to submit the following report:

Charles Theodore Rogers was born at Wheatland, Iowa, on December 21, 1863, and died on January 18, 1946, at Azonza, California, while visiting a sister and a brother.

Mr. Rogers was the son of Charles C. and Eliza A. Rogers and a direct descendant of Thomas and Josephine Rogers who came to America on the Mayflower. He moved with his parents to Grundy county in 1879.

He attended Coe College and the Iowa College of Law and was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1897, and since that time practiced law in Grundy Center, Iowa.

He was an active Republican, serving as a member of the county and

state committees, and served his district as State Senator in the Forty-third General Assembly by appointment of the governor. He was a charter member and the first president of the Grundy Center Rotary Club; a past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Iowa, a member of the I.O.O.F., O.E.S., A.F. and A.M., Shrine, a 32 Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On June 12, 1889, he was married to Gertrude Edna Moffett who preceded him in death. Two sons were born to them, Lawrence Ervein, also deceased, and Robert Moffett Rogers of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Rogers was a capable, conscientious and honest citizen and a man who devoted many years of his life to community service.

*Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa,* That in the passing of Senator Rogers, Iowa has lost a distinguished citizen whose life symbolized integrity and honesty in affairs of the state.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Journal of the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, and that an enrolled copy thereof be transmitted to his son, Robert Moffett Rogers, of Kansas City, Missouri.

JOHN BERG,  
IRVING D. LONG,  
ROBERT A. ROCKHILL,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### BERTEL M. STODDARD

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Bertel M. Stoddard of Sloan, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Bertel M. Stoddard was born at Minonk, Illinois, on January 21, 1871. His boyhood was spent at Minonk. Later he attended Illinois College, Jacksonville, from which he was graduated in 1891. For the next seven years he was engaged in the grain business at Toluca, Illinois.

He was married in 1897 to Wilhelmina E. Simater, and to this union were born two children, a son, Bela M., and a daughter, Jane M.

In 1901 Bertel M. Stoddard removed to Sloan, Iowa. Here he was most active in community affairs, serving as a member of the Sloan school board for twenty-five years, as a member of the county board of supervisors, and as county chairman for Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. drives and war loan campaigns.

Senator Stoddard with his son operated grain elevators at Sloan and Owego, Iowa, as well as engaging in farming and stock raising.

Senator Stoddard's record in the Iowa legislature was long and distinguished. After first serving in the House of Representatives he represented Woodbury county in the Iowa Senate from 1918 until 1934. He was prominent in securing road legislation and ranked high upon com-



You searched for **Charles T. Rogers** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Charles F Rogers**  
**[Charles T Rogers]**

Age in 1910: **46**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1864**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birth Place: **New York**

Mother's Birth Place: **Connecticut**

Spouse's name: **Gertrude M Rogers**

Home in 1910: **Palermo, Grundy, Iowa**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

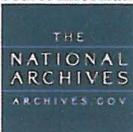
Gender: **Male**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Charles F Rogers</a>	<b>46</b>
	<a href="#">Gertrude M Rogers</a>	<b>41</b>
	<a href="#">Robert M Rogers</a>	<b>19</b>

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