

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Simmes Leonard (William) Senator
Represented Hopewell County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Oct 1890 Agency, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date, place
Agnes Rhoda Shanks 9 June 1915 Iowa City, Iowa (divorced)
Rosa Klein 25 Nov 1939

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business held interest in the Chillieth State Bank, Bank of Jellison and the
Community Bank in Chillieth, Jellison, Iowa and Rich Hill all towns in Missouri

B. Civic responsibilities President of Chillieth, Missouri Chamber of Commerce,
Jaycees, I.O.O.F. Mason, Shriners, I.O.O.F., Moose

C. Profession Lawyer, banker, owned and operated Leonard Truck Lines
at Mason City, Iowa, owned and operated Simmes Oil Company, Ottumwa, Iowa,
minister

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 42nd, 43rd, 44th General Assemblies 1927, 1929, 1931

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Dec 1957 Bloomfield, Iowa; buried Bethaven Memorial Gardens,

8. Children John Dwendolyn (Mrs. Buffington); Leonard Keith Chillieth, Missouri
William Craig; Robert Warren; Gordon James

9. Names of parents Frederick Wilhelm and Catherine (Smith) Simmes

Simmons, Leonard

10. Education

He was educated and graduated from the Agency, Iowa schools graduating in 1909

11. Degrees

He attended Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt Pleasant, Iowa and the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa where he earned his Bachelor of Law degree graduating in 1920.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He was business manager of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt Pleasant, Iowa 1911-1912
- He was a minister at Coggon, Iowa 1914-1915 and student pastor at May Center, Missouri
- After law school he practiced law in Ottumwa, Iowa
- Later he was involved with Simmons Oil Company, and later Lorraine Land, a trucking company
- He was in Mealy, Iowa in 1949 and later to Chillaerthe, Missouri
- When he was age 10, his mother died and not long after he left home and from then on everything in his life depended on him.
- For 4 years he lived with Roy and Mame Reno at Agency, Iowa doing chores for them while he attended grade school and high school
- Later he worked for Andrew Diltner
- After graduating from high school he taught school for 5 months at Round Point.
- During college he was employed to fill in as a pastor in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Coggon, Iowa in Linn County.
- He attended Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois but in fall 1916 he decided he would rather follow law rather than being a minister.
- He bought the De Witt Observer, De Witt, Iowa newspaper which he published for 5 years.

Local News Items

Mrs. Forrest Godden drove to Sheffield Monday and brought her daughter, Mrs. Alex Just, and children here for a visit. The ladies attended the Camera Club meeting Monday evening and Tuesday went to Minneapolis taking the children along to see the Christmas decorations in the city.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Barney Dernek's, were Mr. and Mrs. Dell Dernek of Austin, Minn., Luella Bouck, Dorothy and Judy Alitz of Mason City.

Mrs. Leland Pinta and son, Mike, returned Friday from Des Moines where they had visited since Monday and spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ford.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests in the home Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Oman were Mrs. Kaufman's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Goetz of Wesley, Iowa.

Marvin Rusley left for Des Moines Wednesday where he is attending a three-day tax school put on by the Bar Association of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. William Young of Minneapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schou of Bagley, Minn., spent the Thanksgiving holiday in the Roy Stratton home. The Schous are old time neighbors and friends of the Strattons.

Thanksgiving Day guests in the Walter Dahl home were their son, Wesley Dahl and family of Mason City.

Jim Benjegerdes, student at Iowa State College, spent the Thanksgiving weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Benjegerdes.

Elsie Benjegerdes returned Monday afternoon to Elkader, Iowa, after visiting her sister Thursday. She does house work for an elderly man in Elkader.

Former Manly Banker Dies in Chillicothe, Mo.,

Leonard Simmer, former owner and president of the Manly State Bank, died at Chillicothe, Mo., Sunday afternoon following a stroke suffered Thursday. Funeral services were held Wednesday.

Mr. Simmer came to Manly in 1944, and as president of the



Leonard Simmer

Manly State Bank, was active in civic and community affairs.

Previous to coming to Manly Mr. Simmer operated the Leonard Truck Lines in Mason City and Osage. During a part of the time he was in Manly he was connected with the bank at Grafton.

Mr. Simmer sold his interest in the Manly State Bank in 1950 and purchased the controlling interest in the Chillicothe State Bank, of which he served as president.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rosa Klein; six sons and one daughter.

FARM BUSINESS FIELDMAN TO SPEAK

Mr. Walter Pilgram of Calmar, fieldman for the Northeast Farm Business Association, will be at the Northwood Vocational Agriculture Evening School on Monday evening, December 9.

The association, which consists of farm operators in northeast Iowa, has employed Mr. Pilgram

MANLY SENIOR CLASS PRESENTS PLAY

Presenting the Senior class play, "Mama's Angel Child," Wednesday evening, a small group of actors carried exceedingly heavy parts through three long acts with never a dull moment.

Diane McQuatters, a widow who would be young, did a fine job of luring the aged millionaire, excellently portrayed by Scott Westly. Her 21 year old daughter helped (?) by acting the part of "a spoiled brat" with a vim and vigor that put to the test all the acting ability of Gloria Sabin, who reverted again to poise and pulchritude to win her Dick Armstrong, charmingly played by Matt Miller.

Ellen, "the old family retainer", who constantly felt "privileged to speak her mind" gave Sarah Sutton a remarkable opportunity to prove her acting ability and Mike Harnack, with little to say, yet made the character of Willoughby, the man-servant, a delightful part of the play. Corrine Schneider did a major job with the minor part of Miss Kruch, a spinster, and brought down her share of audience laughter.

Mrs. Honsey, who coached the play, is to be congratulated.

Between acts there was music by the trio: Janet Hill, Joan Dahl and Sharon Birdsell, accompanied by Myrna Marken.

Other seniors taking part in the production were: Make-up Artists, Joan Durner, Janan Webb, Rita Strand; Advertisement, Maggie Aguilera, Carol Halfman; Prompter, Pat McCoid; Stage Crew, Tom Tietz, Wally Yoho, Leon Barnett, Ivan Hastings, Don Gordon, Dick Hynes; Ushers, Barbara Wren, Judy Ryan, Cecelia Rothamel, Magdalen Aguilera.

C. W. Meyer Dies In Garnavillo

Albert and Irving Meyer were at Garnavillo last Thursday at the funeral of their father, C. W. Meyer, who passed away at the light stroke about two weeks ago and was paralyzed on the right

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He is survived by a brother, Murton Hartzler, of Grand Junction, Colo.

Missouri Banker Dies Here Sunday

Leonard Simmer, 67, died at the Davis County Hospital Sunday afternoon of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Simmer was president of the Chillicothe, Mo., State Bank. He was a former resident of Ottumwa where he owned and operated the Simmer Oil Co. He also served Wapello county as state representative at one time. Simmer also formerly resided at Mason City and was a banker at Manly.

He and his wife, the former Rosa Kline, were visiting at the parental Fred Kline home near Pulaski when he was stricken. He was brought to the hospital Saturday.

The body was removed from the Wagler Funeral Home to the Gordon Funeral Home at Chillicothe.

Lions Will Eat At County Home

Members of the Bloomfield Lions Club will hold their December 9 meeting at the Davis County Home. President Chauncey Francis reports that the group will tour the home following the dinner. Members will leave from the east side of the square at 6:15 and the dinner will be served at 6:30.

The public is invited to attend.

Open Bids Dec. 10 On Road Projects

Bids will be opened December 10 by the state highway commission on surfacing eight farm-to-market and two secondary road projects in Davis county.

The roads will all be either rocked or graveled.

They are 3.618 miles in southern Cleveland township; .143 miles in western and 1.267 and 2.977 miles in southern Salt Creek township; 2.410 miles in Perry and Union township; 2.2 miles in West Grove township; 1.5 miles between Grove and Wyacondah township; 2.956 miles in Fabius township; 1.731 miles in Cleveland township; and 1.72 miles in Soap Creek township.

Legion Sponsors Fish Fry Dec. 12

The public is invited to attend a fish fry which is to be sponsored by Reed-Whisler Post No. 78 of the American Legion Thursday evening, December 12. The event will be held at the Legion Hall, with serving from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$1.50 per person.

NEW MEMBER

Dr. William J. Peterson, Superintendent, announces that 72 persons were elected to membership in the State Historical Society of Iowa during the month of November, including Quentin E. Johnson of Davis county.

Stores Are Re

The 1957 Christmas season has been officially launched in Bloomfield and evidence of the festive period can be found in every nook and corner.

The beautiful Christmas decorations in the business district were lighted for the first time Thanksgiving Day and the many features of the decorations — the many strings of lights, the attractive greens, Santa and his sleigh, the little white church, the nativity scene, carol singers, etc., — truly transform Bloomfield into the "Christmas City."

Many home owners and business concerns have started work on private displays for the holiday period.

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Death of Leonard Simmer Occurs While on Visit in Iowa

President of Chillicothe State Bank Is Stricken Unexpectedly.—Rites Here.

William Leonard Simmer, 67, president of the Chillicothe State Bank, died yesterday morning in the Davis County hospital at Bloomfield, Ia. Death was sudden and followed a cerebral hemorrhage suffered while on a Thanksgiving holiday trip to visit relatives in Iowa.

Mr. Simmer became ill Friday night.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the East building of the Methodist church. The Rev. Don Cook will officiate. Burial will be in Reshaven Memorial Gardens. The body will be removed from the Gordon Home for Funerals to the church at 12 noon Wednesday.

Banks Close for Afternoon

Both the Chillicothe State and Citizens National banks will be



closed Wednesday afternoon for the funeral. Both will close at 11:45 o'clock.

Mr. Simmer purchased controlling interest in the Chillicothe State Bank in 1950. He owned controlling stock in the Bank of Gallatin and had interests in the Community Bank of Dawn and the Security Bank of Rich Hill, Mo.

He was a member of the Methodist church, had served as vice-president of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce and last spring was chosen "Boss of the Year" by the Chillicothe Jaycees.

Simmer was one of the sponsors of a law which became known as the "Water Facilities Act" when passed by Congress and which opened the way for low interest rate loans from banks for certain farm soil and management improvements. The first loan in the nation under the law was made formally in 1954 at a State bank field day.

Born in Iowa

The Simmer family came here from Manly, Ia., where Mr. Simmer was president of the Manly State Bank. Before entering the banking business, he practiced law at Ottumwa, Ia., and served three terms in the Iowa legislature.

He was born Oct. 22, 1890, at Agency, Ia., was graduated from Agency High School, Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant and the University of Iowa, receiving from the latter his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was a member of the Methodist church, the I. O. O. F. the A. F. & A. M. of Chillicothe and Molla Shrine Temple of St. Joseph.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa of the home at 708 Sunset; seven children, Mrs. Iola Buffington Sacramento, Calif.; Keith, Robert and Gordon Simmer, all of Houston, Tex.; William Simmer, Wayne Neb., and Lenny and Frederick Simmer of Chillicothe; a sister, Mrs. Iva Sneed, Salina, Kan.; a brother, Alford Simmer, Des Moines, Ia. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

SIMMER FUNERAL RITES ARE TOMORROW AT 2

Funeral services for Leonard Simmer, 67, president of the Chillicothe State Bank, who died unexpectedly Sunday while on a holiday visit in Iowa, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the East building of the Methodist Church.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens under direction of the Gordon Home for Funerals.

For those who intended to send flowers and have not already ordered them, the family requests that the money be sent instead to the Methodist church building fund, in memory of Mr. Simmer.

Work Is Begun for City Christmas Party

Committees for Eighth
Annual Function Named
After Council Session.

The eighth annual mayor's Christmas party will be Dec. 20 this year, with Maurice Dorney and Howard Chambers named co-

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Death Toll in London Train Wreck Climbs to 84

And Number of Injured Is Set at 174; Tragedy Could Have Been Worse.

By TOM OCHILTREE
LONDON, Dec. 5. (AP)—Rescue teams tonight removed the last bodies from the wreckage of a disastrous two-train pileup and fixed the immediate death toll at 84.

Another 174 persons were injured, 107 seriously, in the crash last night of two trains jammed with London commuters and Christmas shoppers, police said.

Authorities had feared from 20 to 30 bodies would be found in a coach smashed by the collision and then crushed by the heavy girders of a damaged viaduct that fell atop the wreckage.

But rescue crews, exhausted after nearly 24 hours of ceaseless work in the twisted metal and battered woodwork, broke through the paneling of the coach and found it empty.

Tarpaulin screens were erected along roadways overlooking the scene in southeast London to hide the wreckage from passing motorists and the curious.

Horrible as the wreck was, it just missed being even worse, for a third train almost was involved.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR LEONARD SIMMER

Funeral services for William Leonard Simmer, whose death occurred Sunday, Dec. 1, at Bloomfield, Ia., were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church. The service was conducted by the Rev. Don Cook. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of the Gordon Home for Funerals.

Music for the service was furnished by Mrs. Sam Long, who sang "My Task" and "My Times Are In Thy Hand." Mrs. J. J. Shy was the organist.

The casket bearers were John Gusick, Mort Cathey, Marion Murray, Kenneth McIntire, Dale Wood

and Ivan Buckman. The honorary pallbearers were Randall Kitt, Dec Lawhon, Donald Dowell, Clint Hutchinson, Oscar Cooke sr., Howard Watterson, Eldon Hoover, Bert Kammerer, Carl Kanan, Lloyd Cleveland, Ronald Somerville, Ralph Wigfield, Jack Owens, George Somerville, Pat McCall, Oscar Cooke, Jr., Roy Moore, Bert Clark and the members of boards of directors of the Gallatin, Dawn and Rich Hill banks.

The flower attendants were Mrs. John Cusick, Mrs. George Somerville, Mrs. Logan Mason, Mrs. Henry Boehner, Mrs. Mort Cathey, Mrs. Donald Burgard and Mrs. Donald Dowell.

Nabbed in Attempt To Rob Supermarket

But Another Escapes Early Today at Brookfield.

BROOKFIELD, Mo., Dec. 5. (AP)—One man was trapped, but a second got away in an attempted break in at a supermarket here early this morning.

A man identified as Hobert Myrl Porter, 42, Nowata, Okla., was arrested by police and the highway patrol after a passerby spotted him and another man in the Temple Stephens grocery about 4:30 a. m.

When officers surrounded the building some 20 minutes later, only Porter was found inside. He surrendered quietly.

Prosecutor Ed Yagel said burglary charges would be filed against Porter.

The men had entered the building by forcing a glass front door. Officers found a wrecking bar, an 8 pound sledge, and an 18-inch screwdriver inside the grocery.

Porter identified his companion only as "Bill Jackson," and said he knew nothing more about him.

The Oklahoman told police he was a horse trader, and shortly after his arrest he called his wife in Nowata to remind her to feed and water his stable of horses twice a day as long as he is in custody.

Woman Grocer Out-Talks Two Would-Be Bandits

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The People of Iowa

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entered the service of the Iowa Railway & Light Corporation as an engineer, where he remained only a few months. In July, 1919, he went to Kansas City, Missouri, to become industrial engineer, for the Kansas City Power & Light Company, where he remained until May, 1922. At that time he returned to Ames where he engaged in the manufacturing business for two years. In 1924 he was made division manager of the Iowa Railway & Light Corporation with headquarters at Nevada. Lieutenant Merrick is a member of the American Legion, Rotary Club and Commercial Club. He holds a commission as first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps.

He married Miss Norma Lee at Ames on December 31, 1919. Her father, C. G. Lee, is an Ames attorney. They have two children, James Lee, born at Kansas City, September 17, 1920, and Mary Ann, born May 1, 1924, at Ames, Iowa.

HARRY B. WILKINSON is an Iowa physician with twenty years of active service and experience, well and favorably known at Denison. He is a World war veteran.

Doctor Wilkinson was born on a farm in Poweshiek County, Iowa, November 2, 1882. His father, George D. Wilkinson, was born near Columbus, Ohio, and on coming to Iowa first located in Cedar County, where he married, and then moved to Poweshiek County. He taught ten winter terms in one school in Poweshiek County. His main occupation through life was farming, and he acquired three good Iowa farms. He was a Republican in politics and was honored with the office of supervisor in Poweshiek County. Both he and his wife were Methodists. George D. Wilkinson died in 1905, at the age of sixty-three. He married Minnie H. Howard, also a native of Ohio, who was brought by her parents to Cedar County, where she taught school a number of years. She died in Poweshiek County in 1901, at the age of fifty-six. Of her five children four are living.

Dr. Harry B. Wilkinson attended schools in the rural district where he grew up, the high school at Brooklyn, Iowa, and completed his education in the University of Iowa, taking both the Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees. He was graduated from the medical college in 1910, and prior to the war practiced at Perry in Dallas County.

In September, 1917, he enlisted in the Medical Corps, and had the fortune of getting an early assignment to overseas duty, where he spent eleven months. He was attached to Base Hospital No. 88, at Longres and Savenay, France, and served with the rank of captain. During much of his service he was detailed for surgical duty, and subsequently he took special post-graduate work, while in the service, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Dodge, Iowa, August 16, 1919.

Doctor Wilkinson has practiced at Denison since 1920. While living at Perry he was city health physician. In November, 1930, he was

elected coroner of Crawford County, to take office January 1, 1931. He is a member of the Crawford County and Iowa State Medical Societies, is a Nu Sigma Nu, medical fraternity, and a Mason, a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the American Legion, Denison Post No. 8.

He married, on November 8, 1912, at Perry, Iowa, Hazel Wickham, who was born in Dallas County, Iowa, daughter of George C. and May Wickham. Her mother is deceased. Doctor and Mrs. Wilkinson have one child, Maxine Elizabeth, a student in the Denison High School.

LEONARD SIMMER, representative of Wapello County in the Iowa Legislature, is an Ottumwa attorney, a young man with a successful record in his profession, and whose career as a lawyer, public official, and during his student days had deservedly earned the admiration and esteem of people who have known him as boy and man.

Mr. Simmer was born in Wapello County, just east of Ottumwa, October 22, 1890, son of Frederick Wilhelm and Catherine (Smith) Simmer. His father was German and his mother of English ancestry. Frederick W. Simmer was a coal miner and gardener, working in the mines during the winter and raising truck in the summer for sale in Ottumwa. When Leonard Simmer was ten years old his mother died, and not long afterward he left home, and after that not only his educational advancement but his entire livelihood depended upon his own exertions and industry. For four years he lived in the home of Roy Reno and wife, Grace Reno, near Agency, doing chores while attending the grade schools and the high school. Later he worked for Andrew Giltner, and while with him completed the two-year course in high school at Agency. After graduating from high school in 1909 he taught a five months' term of school at the Round Point School. Mr. Simmer in 1910 entered Iowa Wesleyan College at Mount Pleasant, and earned his expenses all through the four-year course. He was graduated in 1913 and was the successful debater three times, thus winning the diamond medal and membership in the Pi Kappa Delta forensic fraternity. He received by popular election the post of business manager of the *Wesleyan News*, the college paper, and the following year was elected its editor.

In the fall of 1913 Mr. Simmer enrolled in the law department of the University of Iowa, but it was not until 1920 that he received his law degree. While at the university he became active in the Y. M. C. A., and for two years he was also employed to fill in as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Coggon in Linn County. He had received a great deal of encouragement from friends to take up the ministry, and for one year he attended the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois. In the fall of 1916, having determined to follow the law rather than the ministry, he bought the DeWitt, Iowa, *Observer*, a weekly newspaper, and he published this paper

for five years. In the meantime he resumed his studies in the law department of the University of Iowa, and while at Iowa City was secretary of the University Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Simmer on July 7, 1920, opened his office and began the practice of law in Ottumwa. In addition to his law practice he is president of the Wapello Oil Company, which operates seven service and distributing stations, and is owner of a compounding plant for the manufacture of lubricating oils, which company is known as the Simmer Oil Corporation. He now enjoys a secure degree of success and prestige as a lawyer and business man, all of which has been well won, and his associations entitled him to the respect and esteem he has enjoyed among all classes of Wapello County citizens, particularly those who have to earn their living as farmers or laboring men.

Mr. Simmer is a Republican in politics. On the Republican ticket he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1926, and in 1928 and 1930 was reelected. He is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner, member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose, and is a Methodist. He married Miss Agnes Shank, of Agency, Iowa. They had grown up together and had been sweethearts for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Simmer have had five children: Iola Gwendolyn, Leonard Keith, William Craig, Robert Warren and Gordon James.

ABEL KIMBALL was one of the pioneer railroad men of Iowa. It is important to remember that the men who manned and directed the first railroad and who through summer flood and winter blizzard fought long days and nights that these roads might carry on, deserve a high place on the honor roll of Iowa's pioneers. Some account of the life and work of Abel Kimball in Iowa is of particular importance because from his arrival in the state in 1856, and for nearly fifty years thereafter he was closely and actively associated with the operation and development of what is now the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway.

When, in 1920, this road commemorated its seventieth anniversary there was placed on the grounds of the railway company in Davenport a bronze tablet in memory of Abel Kimball.

Abel Kimball was born in Sanbornton, New Hampshire, December 15, 1822. He was compelled to go to work at the age of thirteen, and by the time he was eighteen he had developed a decided taste for mechanical work. Securing employment in the Locomotive Works at Lowell, Massachusetts, he learned the trade of machinist. About 1854 he went to the shops of the Western Railroad at Springfield, Massachusetts, becoming foreman of the work on Baldwin locomotives. Locomotive building was not merely a routine of precise working and fitting of metals, as Kipling has reminded us in one of his stories—"A locomotive, next to a marine engine, is the most sensitive thing man ever made."

From building locomotives Abel Kimball was attracted into the field of railroad operation. Later he was employed by the Connecticut River Railroad, Cacheco Railroad, and the Newburyport & Georgetown Railroad in Massachusetts, where he was superintendent. In addition to his mechanical skill he evinced a marked ability to handle men.

It was in 1856 that he was offered the position of master mechanic of the Mississippi & Missouri Railroad at Davenport, Iowa. This road, the first to bridge the Mississippi and the first to extend its rails across that historic stream toward the great western plains, was at that time the last link between the terminus of the Rock Island Railroad at Rock Island, Illinois, and the Iowa prairies. Mr. Kimball reached Davenport on November 20, 1856, and immediately assumed his new duties. Afterwards he was in the habit of saying that in all his life he had only been out of work during his trip from Massachusetts to Iowa.

Pioneer days and pioneer railroads called for qualities of leadership found only in industrious, farseeing men; men with a fixed and steady purpose, whose faith in the future and in their own resourcefulness could not be shaken. Such men were those who tamed the western country, and such men were those who visioned, built and operated Iowa's early railroads.

On these men, of all nationalities, but with a high and common purpose, Iowa too left her mark, and none of them privileged to spend years of life on Iowa soil but grew to love the state of their adoption.

This was true of Abel Kimball. As he advanced from rank to rank, from the Mississippi & Missouri Railroad to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, and from general superintendent of that road to vice president and finally assistant to the president, his appreciation of Iowa grew. He was a man of few words, reserved, calm and equable, but he spoke always in terms of affection and admiration for the State of Iowa.

Abel Kimball married Emma Prettyman, of a family that also came to Davenport in the early '50s. Their son, William H. Kimball, is a civil engineer and a native son of Davenport, where he has earned a reputation in his profession and where he was born February 22, 1873.

William H. Kimball was educated at Davenport, attended the University of Iowa and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After taking his degree he was employed as a civil engineer with the Rock Island Railroad Company until 1901. For the past twenty-five years he has carried on a widely diversified practice as a consulting engineer. Much of his work has been done in Davenport. He was engineer for and also a member of the Davenport Levee Commission. He served on the special sewerage commission. Early in 1918 he was called to Washington to serve under the direction of the United States housing board and did municipal engineer-



You searched for **Leonard Simmer** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	Leonard Summer [Leonard Simmer]	
Age in 1910:	19	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1891	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Boarder	
Father's Birth Place:	Indiana	
Mother's Birth Place:	Indiana	
Home in 1910:	Agency, Wapello, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Andrew Gillner	59
	Emma Gillner	55
	Leonard Summer	19
	Harry Hurst	46

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1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Leonard W Simnier [Leonard W Simmer]
Home in 1920:	Iowa City Ward 4, Johnson, Iowa
Age:	29
Estimated birth year:	abt 1891
Birthplace:	Iowa
Relation to Head of House:	Self (<i>Head</i>) [Head]
Spouse's name:	Agnes R
Father's Birth Place:	Iowa
Mother's Birth Place:	Iowa
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Home owned:	Rent
Able to read:	Yes
Able to Write:	Yes
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Members:	Name Leonard W Simnier Agnes R Simnier Iola G Simnier Leonard K Simnier

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Name: Leonard Simmer

Birth Date: 1890

Death Date: 04 Dec 1957

Cemetery: Resthaven Memorial Gardens

Description: Located One Mile North of Chillicothe, Mo. on Highway 65 As recorded in the Resthaven Memorial Garden Office:

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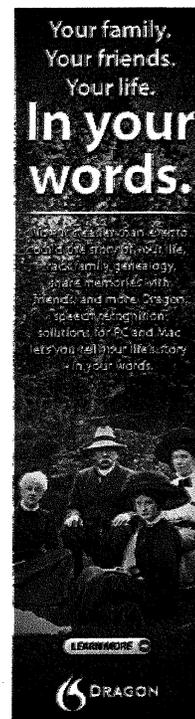
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Catherine Smith

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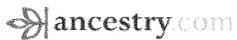
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 Name: Leonard Simmer
 Sex: M
 Death: 1 DEC 1957
 Note:
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Marriage 1 Rosa I. Kleine b: 29 NOV 1910
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