

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Rutherford, Thomas Senator _____

Represented Audubon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Feb 1869 Poweshiek County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Belle Hunt 11 Mar 1896 Audubon, Audubon County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason - Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 46th, 47th General Assemblies 1935, 1937

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township trustee; county supervisor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Dec 1956 Audubon, Iowa; buried

8. Children Vera (Mrs. Boust); Inez (Mrs. Graves); Alice (Mrs. Shupe); Clark H. (deceased in 1955)

9. Names of parents Robert and Mary (Campbell) Rutherford

10. Education He was educated in the Audubon, Iowa public schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came to Audubon County, Iowa with his parents at age 12
- After marriage, he farmed 4½ miles north of Audubon on 200 A.
- They retired from farming in 1922, moved into Audubon where they lived for 33 years.
- His wife, Belle, died in 1955

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7 to organize themselves. Newly
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Richard Heiken of Melville,
Merne Roisgaard of Audubon,
Elsworth Hays of Greeley, and
Art Christensen of Leroy. Re-
elected are Mrs. Herald Jensen
of Sharon and Elmer Jorgensen
of Douglas, all for two year
terms. Council members whose
term holds over for 1957 are
Robert Hansen of Lincoln, Cam-
eron Krauel of Cameron, Virgil
Clemson of Viola, Herbert Rat-
tenborg of Hamlin, Howard
Christoffersen of Oakfield and
Victor Petersen of Exira. At the
January 7th meeting they will
select a chairman, vice-chair-
man, secretary and treasurer
from among Council members to
serve for 1957.

The Weekly Record

NEW CARS
Martin Rold, Exira, Dodge; Al-
fred Weill, Gray, Dodge pickup;
Harry M. Rasmussen, Audubon,
Plymouth; Emmert D. Christensen,
Audubon, Buick; Harriet C. Phil-
lips, Audubon, Chrysler; Harold
Summers, Audubon, Ford; Harold
A. Scott, Gray, Ford; Ted Mølgaard,
Gray, Dodge; Herman Buck, Man-
ning, Dodge; George Gregerson,
Audubon, Ford; Melvin Hackwell,
Exira, Chevrolet.

MAYORS COURT
John T. Klinkfus was fined one
day of work with the street de-
partment for speeding.
Chris J. Petersen was fined \$1
for illegal parking.

OMAHA MARKET
Two Audubon County farmers
had market-topping loads of live-
stock in Omaha during the past
week. They included Evans Smith
with 24 heifers averaging 1,025 lbs.
which brought \$21; and William
Haeblinger with 27 hogs averaging
\$21 which brought \$17.50.
Other farmers marketing during
the week included Chester Larsen,
37 steers averaging 1032 at \$20.50;
Albert and Leonard Nelsen, 20 heif-
ers averaging 850 at \$18.50; Al-
bert Jourick, 24 hogs averaging
\$14.75.
Marnel Nelsen, 45 hogs averaging
\$12 at \$16.75; Frank Huffman, 40

OBITUARY

THOMAS RUTHERFORD

Thomas Rutherford, 87, of Au-
dubon, died at the Audubon Co.
Memorial Hospital Thursday af-
ter six weeks of confinement.
Thomas Rutherford was born
the son of Robert and Mary Ruth-
erford in Poweshiek County on
February 14, 1869 and came to
Audubon County with his par-
ents at the age of 12. On March
11, 1896 he was united in marriage
to Belle Hunt.

For 20 years they farmed a 200
acre farm 4 1/4 miles north of Au-
dubon. Retiring from farming in
1922, he and Mrs. Rutherford
moved to their home in Audubon
where they resided for 33 years.

He was a member of the First
Methodist Church, an active mem-
ber of the Masonic Lodge and was
an active member of the Repub-
lican party, serving numerous
county offices including that of
trustee, six years, as supervisor,
and two terms in the state legis-
lature.

Survivors include three daugh-
ters, Mrs. Vera Boust of Audu-
bon, Mrs. Inez Graves of Council
Bluffs and Mrs. Alice Shupe of
Sioux City; one sister, Nancy
Rutherford, nine grandchildren
and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by
five sisters, two brothers and in
1955, his wife and a son, Clark H.
Rutherford. Since the death of
his wife he has made his home
with his daughter, Mrs. William
Boust.

Funeral services were held on
Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.
at the First Methodist Church in
Audubon with the Rev. James
Buikema officiating.

lambes averaging 96 at \$18.50; Wil-
lam B. Petersen, four steers aver-
aging 950 at \$18; and six heifers
averaging 829 at \$16.
Pavel Jensen, 10 sows averag-
ing 430 at \$15; and Jerry Petersen,
50 hogs averaging 266 at \$16.25.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
Ralph Gramer & wife to Nels R.
Christensen & wife, warranty deed
conveys W 60 PL. of Lot 11 & 12
Block 31, Audubon, Iowa. Consider-
ation \$1.00.

Audubon (Ia.) News-Guide
Thursday, December 27, 1956

Local News

● Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roth enter-
tained their card club at supper
on Saturday evening. Present
were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hutch-
ins, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ralls-
back, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kulla,
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Akers of
Exira and Mr. and Mrs. George
Oakley, Jr.

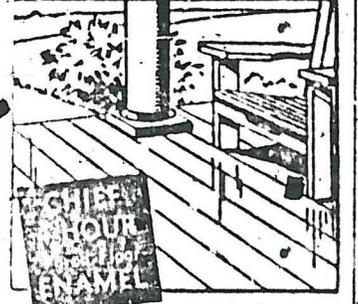
● Gerald George Davis, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis A. Davis of
Audubon, is attending the Uni-
versity of Kansas. Davis, a fresh-
man, is majoring in Engineering
and Architecture.

● Christmas Eve supper guests
of Mr. and Mrs. George Oakley,
Jr. and family were Mrs. Nellie
Oakley, Mrs. Bessie Oakley, Allen
L. Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Schmidt and family, Mr. and Mrs.
Lyle Lauritsen and family, Mr.
and Mrs. Lloyd Oakley and Debra,
all of Audubon and Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Oakley and family of
Lincoln, Nebr.

● Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zinke
and boys of Gray, Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Oakley and family of
Lincoln, Mrs. Bessie Oakley and
Mr. and Mrs. George Oakley, Jr.
and family of Audubon were
Christmas Day dinner guests of
Mrs. G. D. Oakley and girls in
Manning.

Burial was in Arlington Heights
cemetery.

COLOR LIFE! FOR PORCH OR FLOOR



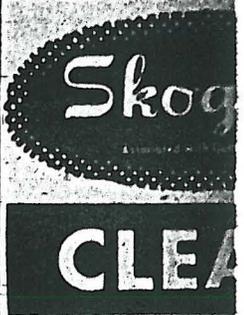
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wearing finish that withstands the con-
stant scuffing, scraping and scrubbing
that interior floors receive—as well
as the wearing effect of severe weather
conditions outside. Plus, with a slip-
proof finish, it's the most effective
protective coating to choose from.

LEGION BALLROOM, Arcadia, Ia.

FLOYD WARREN AND THE RADIO RAMBLERS
Thursday, December 27

Admission 75¢, no reserve. Tax Included.

New Years Eve Dance - Dec. 31



Take advantage of
Our policy is to keep
goods around here

Men's
ALL WOOL
COAT SWEATER
Reg. \$8.95

Choice \$5

Men's
WINTER CAP
CHOICE
\$1.25

Men's-Boys
CORDUROY
SPORT SHIRT

Priced To Move
Were \$3.98

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Boys Winter
CAPS
Reg. \$1.98
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Men's
SPORT JACKETS
Wool Lined
\$8.00 \$10

Men's
DRESS PANTS
Were \$8.95
12 PAIR ONLY

HISTORY
OF
AUDUBON COUNTY
IOWA

ITS PEOPLE, INDUSTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS

H. F. ANDREWS
Editor

With Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens and
Genealogical Records of Many of the Old Families

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and her mother, marrying a second time, came to America in 1889. By her first marriage, Mrs. Hansen had two children, John T., born August 13, 1894, and Matilda C., born July 26, 1896.

To Christoffer and Tena (Nelson) Hansen have been born five children, Peter C., born on September 30, 1904; Dorothea C., born on May 1, 1906; Louie J., born on June 17, 1908; Oscar F., born on September 27, 1911, and Walter M., born on August 26, 1913, a lively set of youngsters who make merry the happy home of the Hansens.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen are members of the Danish Lutheran church, in the various beneficences of which they are actively interested and are regarded as among the leaders in the community in which they live. Mr. Hansen is a Democrat and gives such attention to political affairs as a good citizen owes to his commonwealth. He is public-spirited and enterprising, a good farmer and neighbor and he and his good wife are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

ROBERT RUTHERFORD.

This biography records the chief facts in the life of a man, who, in early manhood, tired of living where populations were large and incomes small, turned his eyes toward America in the hope that he might reach above the general level. There is something almost pathetic in the trustfulness and confidence with which the youth of the Old World look toward the newer civilizations as affording ample opportunity for the prosperity of all who may seek their shores; and the fact that an Iowa foreign-born farmer is able to retire from active business before he becomes aged, is evidence that much of this youthful trust is not misplaced.

Robert Rutherford, now one of the well-known retired farmers of Ross, Iowa, was born on December 24, 1833, in County Down, Ireland, son of Thomas and Fannie (Simpson) Rutherford, farmers and weavers, to whom were born, in the order of their birth, the following children: William, Thomas, Jennie, James, John, Robert, Alexander, Eliza and Adam, of whom Robert, the subject of this sketch, is now the sole survivor. Thomas Rutherford and his wife were Presbyterians and their children were reared in that faith.

It was when Robert Rutherford was a young man of nineteen that he and his brother, Alexander, started for America in a sailing vessel called

"Guiding Star." It seems that the youthful travelers were not guided very rapidly, for it took them seven weeks to go from Liverpool to New Orleans. Landing on the Southern coast, they boarded a river steamer for St. Louis, and somewhere in the vicinity of that city the brothers engaged in farming for one year. Robert Rutherford's next home was Rock Island, Illinois, and there he lived for seventeen years, at the end of which time he removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa.

In June, 1861, Robert Rutherford married May Campbell, an interesting fact concerning the marriage being that although both bride and groom lived in the same county in this country, both were born in the same county in Ireland. At the time of their marriage, May Campbell was living with her parents, John and Margaret (McQuaid) Campbell, who had come to this country from County Down, Ireland, and in 1850 had located in Rock Island county, Illinois, where they spent the remainder of their lives. May Campbell was born on April 9, 1840. Her father, John Campbell, was born on February 11, 1806. He was a farmer, and a member of the Presbyterian church. His first wife was a Miss Warnick, and by this marriage there were two children, Ann Jane and Hugh, both of whom are dead. His children by his second wife were May, who married Mr. Rutherford; Margaret, born on December 22, 1844, deceased; Robert, January 17, 1848, deceased, and the Hon. Thomas Campbell, January 9, 1842, who lives in Rock Island county, Illinois, having permanently located there after coming to America with his parents in 1850. He was educated in the schools of that county and was brought up by a man named John Boyer. Before the Civil War, he was a farmer. During his service in the army, he was shot through the right leg, the injured member afterwards being amputated. The Hon. Thomas Campbell, in 1914, was re-elected to the Illinois Legislature on the Republican ticket. He also has been county treasurer of Rock Island county, Illinois. His wife was, before her marriage, May Carson.

After the marriage of Robert Rutherford, he and his wife lived on a farm in Rock Island county for a number of years. Then they purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Poweshiek county, Iowa, where they lived until March, 1881. Then they sold out, came to Audubon county and bought an equal number of acres one mile north and a quarter of a mile east of Ross, in Cameron township. To this farm another hundred and sixty acres presently were added, and still later, forty acres more, so that he now has two hundred and eighty acres of well-improved land, which is valuable in itself as well as because of the improvements made by the owner.

Mr. Rutherford carried on general farming and stock raising from

that time until 1901, in which year he retired from business and moved to the village of Ross, building his home there on a piece of land consisting of two and three-fourths acres. Other valuable property is owned by Mr. Rutherford in his home town. Mr. Rutherford was at one time school director in Cameron township. He is a Democrat and has always taken an interest in politics.

The chief joy of Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford during their declining years is the pleasure they derive from the visits of their children and grandchildren. The eldest child born to Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford was Margaret Jane, born on March 24, 1862, who married John McKage, of Brunnell, Iowa. Their children are James, Lizzie, Jane and Sarah. Mary Rutherford, the second child, born on October 27, 1863, now deceased, married Hugh McGill, and by this marriage became the mother of Florence, Robert, Fannie and Thomas. The third child, Fannie, born on April 6, 1866, married Isaac Stewart, of Sanborn county, South Dakota, and their children are Mary, John, James, Stella, Albert, Lulu. Thomas, of Cameron township, this county, born on February 14, 1869, married Belle Hunt, and to them have been born Vera, Clark, Inez and Alice. John Rutherford, born on February 14, 1871, married Nellie Quinby and makes his home in Emmett county, Iowa. Their children are Merrill, Lucile, Jack, Edna, Mary and Emmett. Jane, now Mrs. George Rutherford, was born on February 17, 1873. She and her husband and their three children, Lester, Nellie and Charlie, live in Hastings, Nebraska. Essie, born on April 6, 1875, is now deceased. Of this entire family, Nancy, born on December 24, 1877, who clerks in a store in Ross, is the only child living at home. The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford is Robert J., born on March 19, 1881, who, with his wife and three children, Harold, Glenn and Howard, lives in Cameron township.

The man whose name forms the title of this short biography, is now enjoying the fruits of a life of industry and thrift, his companion, the wife who has shared all the hardships and joys of the larger part of his years, sharing also the peace and quiet of the present years. Both were willing to start life in a small way, and to climb the ladder by degrees, often by very slow degrees. Somewhere among his reminiscences is the memory of a period of eight years during which he worked for fourteen dollars a month, and, not to be surpassed by her husband in the matter of memories, Mrs. Rutherford recalls the time when she worked for a dollar and fifty cents a week. These facts are quoted merely to indicate, in a very imperfect way, the strong will power and almost unlimited capacity for work which this couple possessed. And it is gratifying to know that they are permitted to

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enjoy together their declining years in the companionship which made their younger days happy. Their presence is an inspiration to their children and friends.

SAMUEL BEERS.

The proprietor of "Forest Home Farm," in Greeley township, this county, Samuel Beers, is a native son of Audubon county and is one of the substantial and progressive men who have done so much to establish the present excellent conditions of living in this section of the proud state of Iowa.

Samuel Beers was born on a farm on the site of what later became the old town of Hamlin, in Hamlin township, Audubon county, Iowa, March 24, 1859, the son of Bradley and Hannah G. (Eles) Beers, natives of New York state, who came to this county from Delaware county, that state, and who spent the rest of their lives here, the former dying in March, 1878, and the latter on October 23, 1902.

Bradley Beers, who in his day was one of the best-known and most influential residents of Hamlin township, came to Audubon county about the first of the year 1856 and bought three hundred and twenty acres of virgin land in Hamlin township, where the town of Hamlin later sprang up, giving for the same one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre. After erecting a house and a barn here, Mr. Beers returned to New York and brought back with him to their new home on the prairie, his wife and their child, Frank, the two other children, Samuel and Clara, the latter of whom married Edward Young, being born after the parents arrived here. On account of the distance from his home to a school house, Samuel Beers did not have an opportunity of attending school until he was ten years of age, after which he attended two or three terms of district school and one or two terms at Exira. His father dying when Samuel was but nineteen years of age, much of the responsibility of keeping up the farm was thrown upon the latter, who, upon his marriage, brought his wife to the home farm, which his father had purchased in Greeley township about three years before his death, and where his mother spent her last days.

On September 11, 1881, in the town of Exira, this county, Samuel Beers was united in marriage with Ora D. Herrick, who was born in Exira on October 28, 1863, the daughter of Urbane and Charlotte (Spurling) Herrick, natives of Wisconsin, who came to Audubon county in 1853 and

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WILLIAM H. NICHOLAS, President of the Senate
W. L. MOOTY, Speaker of the House

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the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

CARL HENSLEY,
LESTER L. KLUEVER,
PETER STEENHUSEN,
Committee.

RALPH SHERMAN

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

Ralph Sherman was born October 10, 1870, in Chester Centre, Iowa, and passed away October 17, 1956, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vogt of Grinnell. He was eighty-six years of age.

His parents were born in New Hampshire and were descendants of Revolutionary stock.

He retired from farming in 1932. He was a charter member of the Elks Lodge in Grinnell and a member of the Fortnightly Club. He was a State Representative from Poweshiek County from 1911 to 1915, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Sherman is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Clarence Vogt of Grinnell, Mrs. Joe L. Gettys of Oskaloosa, Mrs. George Dare of Crawfordsville, Mrs. Curtis Nelson of Alexandria, Minnesota, and Mrs. Wendell Hise of Milwaukee; eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Ralph Sherman, the people of Poweshiek county and the entire state of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

GEORGE L. PAUL,
NEIL E. JOHNS,
MAHLON N. BROWN,
Committee.

WILLIAM FREDERICK STIPE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William Frederick Stipe, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

William Frederick Stipe was born on a farm near Grant, Montgomery County, Iowa, March 7, 1870. He was the son of David Stipe,