

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Allen, Sewell Ellyson Senator

Represented Monona County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 May 1913 Iowa City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Marion Whiting 17 Mar 1943

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1939; member of the American, Iowa and Monona County Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities Kiwanis Club; Chamber of Commerce; American Legion; F. O. O. F.

C. Profession Lawyer; Monona County Attorney 1963-1965

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy clerk of District Court for Monona County 1935-1937; president of Young Democrats

B. State He was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor 1946 and 1952; member of the State Central Committee, 1954-1958; special assistant to the Attorney General of Iowa 1945-1967

C. National Delegate to the Democratic National Convention 1956 and 1960

7. Death 28 June 1975 Orava, Iowa; buried Orava Cemetery, Orava, Iowa

8. Children Stephen Whiting; Ellyson (Mrs Thomas Reinhardt)

9. Names of parents George Eugene and Nilda (Ellyson) Allen

10. Education He was educated in the Omaha public schools graduating in 1931

11. Degrees He attended Compton Junior High in Compton, California;
B.A. degree from the University of Iowa City, Iowa 1935;
J.D. degree from University of Iowa Law School 1939

12. Other applicable information - Democrat

- He joined his father's law firm, George E. Allen, at Omaha,
on 1 Aug 1939
- Military service - World War II - Staff Sergeant in the Army
Medical Corps, stationed in European Theater 3 years

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SEWELL E. ALLEN

Sewell E. Allen, senior member of the Allen and Allen Law Firm of Onawa, Iowa, passed away suddenly at his home on June 28, 1975, at the age of 62 years.

He was born at Iowa City, Iowa, on May 4, 1913, the son of the late George Eugene Allen and Hilda Ellyson Allen, and he had been a resident of Onawa continuously since 1915. Following his early education in the Onawa public schools, he took preparatory education at Compton Junior College in California and received his B.A. Degree from the University of Iowa in 1935. He graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law, Juris Doctor Degree, in 1939 and began his practice of law in Onawa in 1939 and had been continuously so occupied since that time, except for three years during World War II when he served as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Medical

Corps stationed in the European theatre of the war.

On March 17, 1943, he was married to Frances Whiting at Washington, D.C.

Long active in the Democratic Party, he was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in 1941-1942; National Committeeman, Young Democrats 1942-1945; Chairman of the Democratic Party in Monona County 1945-1966. He was a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor in 1946 and 1952. He served as a member of the State Central Committee 1954-1958; delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1956 and 1960. He was Monona County Attorney 1963-1965 and served as a special assistant to the Attorney General of Iowa in 1965-1967.

He was a member of the American, the Iowa, and Monona County Bar Associations, having

served as President of the latter in 1958 and 1968.

Sewell was a member of the United Methodist Church of Onawa, Delta Chi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities; the Onawa Kiwanis Club, having served as President in 1965, the Onawa Chamber of Commerce, the Onawa Country Club, David McNeill Post No. 129 of the American Legion of Onawa, and the I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 380 of Onawa. He was named to Who's Who in American Politics and to Who's Who in the Midwest.

He was one of the attorneys who established the Little Sioux Inter-County Drainage District and was attorney for West Monona Community School District. He was appointed as Chief Commissioner for the Condemnation Commission of the Federal District Court of the Northern District of Iowa, so appointed by Judge McManus. During a period of five years, he was retained as one of three lawyers by the Iowa Legislature who drafted the Iowa Conservancy Law, approved by Governor Robert D. Ray. The Conservancy Law, in effect in Iowa, has been widely studied in other states and elsewhere as a model vehicle for environmental control.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, of Onawa; his son and partner, Stephen Whiting Allen of Onawa; his daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Ellyson) Reinhardt of Minnetonka, Minnesota; a sister, Mrs. C.P. (Hermione) Baker of Long Beach, California; and his brother, Philip Allen of Omaha, Nebraska. There are four grandchildren. Thomas Whiting Allen, age 12; Anthony Michael Allen, age 5; Melissa Ann Reinhardt, age 4; and Rebecca Ann Reinhardt, age 2. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held on Tuesday, July 1, 1975, at the United Methodist Church, Onawa, Iowa, with Rev. Thomas Sears officiating. The organist was Clara Kelley; the soloist was Evan Davies. The song selection was "Danny Boy".

Active bearers were Elroy Maule, Don Reese, Dr. Omar Stauch, Ed Jones, Lyle Ross, and James Crafrod. Honorary bearers were the Monona County lawyers and judges.

Interment was in the Onawa Cemetery with arrangements by the Pearson Funeral Home, Onawa, Iowa.

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ville News," in Woodbury County. There he remained until August, 1939, when he entered the employ of the "Keosauqua Republican." In November, 1939, Mr. Kelley left Keosauqua to establish himself in Onawa. At first he was foreman of the mechanical department. In January, 1942, he was made business manager of the "Sentinel" and two years later, in January, 1944, he became editor and publisher, and he has since done much to build the paper further in prestige, circulation and advertising value and content.

Mr. Kelley has always been active in the affairs of the communities in which he has worked. He has become a leading citizen of Onawa. At Correctionville he was president of the Lions Club twice and he is taking a leading part in the program of the Lions Club of Onawa. He is also active in the Masonic fraternity, in which he holds the Thirty-second degree, and is a Past Master of the Onawa lodge; in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is prominent in the organizations of the newspaper trade, including the Iowa Press Association and the National Editorial Association. He worships in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Kelley married Clara Evelyn Jobes, a native of Casey, Iowa, on May 15, 1930. Mrs. Kelley, who is a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, is president of the P.E.O. Sisterhood of Onawa, Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Federated Women's Clubs and the Rebekahs at Onawa. One son was born to the Kelleys, Donald Ray Kelley.

SEWELL ELLYSON ALLEN—An attorney who has served his area as political leader and legislator, Sewell Ellyson Allen has a statewide reputation for zeal in public service, which began long before he obtained his law degree, when he assumed the responsibilities of deputy clerk of the Court of Monona County. Mr. Allen, whose base of operations and home are in Onawa, seat of that county, is a veteran of World War II.

He was born in Iowa City on May 4, 1913. His father was the noted Western Iowa attorney, George Eugene Allen of Onawa. Born in Delavan, Illinois, on October 17, 1886, the elder Mr. Allen had a most distinguished career that ended in Onawa with his death on November 20, 1944. He was educated in the public schools of Nevada, seat of Story County; at Coe College, Cedar Rapids; the State University of Iowa, Iowa City; and the University of Chicago. He spent one year at Coe and received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts from the State University in 1910 and of Bachelor of Laws in 1913. Between the two degrees he spent two years at the University of Chicago, where he also studied law and where he achieved such prominence among his fellow students as to be elected president of his class. At the State University of Iowa he was the debater for the law school. He was elected to Delta Chi fraternity while in Chicago. During the summers and other free time in his school days, George E. Allen worked on his father's farm in Story County. After obtaining his degree in law, the elder Mr. Allen taught in the high school at Mitchell, South Dakota, for one year and then for another year practiced law and was an editor and publisher at Merville, in Woodbury County. In 1915 George E. Allen moved to Onawa, where he continued the practice of law, forming a partnership called Oliver and Allen. Later he practiced independently. He served three terms as County Attorney of Monona County, the first beginning in 1919, the

second, in 1932, and the third, in 1936. For several years he was also president of the school board. At the time of his death in 1944, he was chairman of the Monona County Democratic Committee. Throughout his career as an attorney he was active in the Monona County, Iowa State and American bar associations. In June, 1912, George E. Allen married Hilda Ellyson, a native of Iowa's West Branch. A graduate of the State University of Iowa and the holder of the Bachelor of Arts degree, Mrs. Allen taught in Iowa's high schools for eight years. Sewell Ellyson Allen is the oldest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Allen's three children. The other two, in the order of their birth, are Philip Austin Allen and Hermione Georgette, now Mrs. Clarence Potter Baker.

Sewell Ellyson Allen was graduated from the Onawa High School in 1931. His high school career had been distinguished. He not only was a football player but a leader among his fellow students, whom he served as president of the junior class, as well as in other capacities. In the summer vacations he worked in various stores. In the fall of 1931 he went to Compton, California, near Los Angeles, where he became a student in the Compton Junior College, in which he was active also in student programs, including the Spanish Club. At the conclusion of his two years there, Mr. Allen returned to his native state and entered the State University at Iowa City. In 1935 he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At the university he was elected to Delta Chi fraternity. Mr. Allen proceeded with his education until he reached the junior year at the State University School of Law, but then withdrew to become deputy clerk of the Monona County Court at Onawa. In the fall of 1937 he reentered the Law School and in 1939 was graduated with the degree of Juris Doctor. At the law school he became a member of Phi Delta Phi.

Admitted to the Iowa State Bar in August, 1939, Mr. Allen formed a partnership with his father in Onawa, the law firm being called Allen and Allen. The partnership continued until July 2, 1942, when Sewell Allen was called into the United States Army. In 1940, he had been elected to the Iowa State House of Representatives and had otherwise begun to exhibit qualities of public leadership. In the Army he was trained at Camp Pickett, Virginia, and then served with the 23rd General Hospital in the European Theater of Operations for two years, attaining the rating of staff sergeant. Exactly a month after V-J Day ended World War II in the Pacific, Mr. Allen was separated from the service, on October 2, 1945.

His father having died the year before, Mr. Allen, on his return to Onawa, took up the practice of law alone. At the same time he resumed his place in civic and Democratic leadership, and in 1946 he was the Democratic candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor of Iowa. In 1948 he was the Democratic candidate for District Judge of Iowa's Fourth Judicial District. A former member of the Young Democrats National Committee, he is now chairman of the Monona County Democratic Committee. He is also active in the Monona County, Iowa State and American bar associations, the American Legion, the Masonic fraternity, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Allen married Frances Whiting on March 17, 1943. A native of the town of Whiting, Mrs. Allen is a former student of both Rockford College, at Rockford, Illinois, and the University of Arizona, at Tucson. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen: Stephen Whiting Allen and Ellyson Allen.