

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Preston Eugene Eskine Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Wayne County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Oct 1883 Humeston, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha Kathryn Ballew 18 June 1915 Corydon, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was vice president of the State County Attorney's Association

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Mason

C. Profession Lawyer; farmer; real estate and farm loan business

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1941,  
1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951

6. Public Offices

A. Local Wayne County attorney 1925-1933, school board member

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National Clerk of the federal court for the southern district of Iowa  
10 years

7. Death 22 Oct 1961 Corydon, Iowa; buried Corydon cemetery, Corydon, Iowa

8. Children William; Elizabeth (Mrs McHenry); Theodore C.

9. Names of parents Rufus Caldearon and Clara (William) Preston

10. Education Educated in the public schools of Corydon, Iowa  
graduating from high school in 1903.

11. Degrees Iowa University, Des Moines, Iowa - graduate of law  
school. 1907

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He moved with his parents to Corydon at an early age.
- As a young man he went to western Canada and there  
undertook to pioneer in land breaking and raising wheat  
and flax on a large scale. 1909-1915.
- Later he returned to Corydon and engaged in a number of  
business ventures - a small industrial plant making soft  
drinks, opening the first movie theatre in Wayne County, and  
employed by the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of which his  
father was president.
- He later worked as an executive officer of the Second Colonial Insurance Company.
- During his law practice he was in association with his father, A. L.  
Murrow, H. B. Bracewell and his son, T. C.



# E. E. (Gene) Poston, Distinguished Corydon Citizen, Is Dead

Death came Sunday evening to one of Wayne county's most distinguished citizens, E. E. "Gene" Poston. He died at 9:40 after a long and painful illness. Despite the fact of his long illness it was not until Saturday afternoon when he suffered a serious relapse, was it thought that the end was near. For a year or more he has been suffering from a strange and unusual disease, probably a creeping paralysis that began in his lower limbs and rendered them completely useless and was accompanied by acute pain almost constantly. When the malady reached his abdomen, it became fatal. Despite his incapacity Gene carried on his work courageously as federal court clerk after he was in a wheel chair and almost helpless. Finally he was forced to hospitalization and after a few weeks in the Iowa Methodist hospital he was brought to the Wayne county institution three weeks ago. His suffering was almost constant, yet he displayed a marvelous spirit and wonderful morale to the very end. In the presence of his devoted wife and one son, he passed away Sunday evening while his daughter and older son were hastening to his bedside.

Eugene E. Poston, son of the late R. C. and Clara Poston, was born at Humeston, but came with his parents to Corydon at an early age and spent the active years of his life as a resident of Corydon. He graduated from Corydon high school in 1903. In 1909 he completed his liberal arts education and his law study and graduated from Drake University and was admitted to the practice of law which he followed for over fifty years.

In June of 1915 he was married to Miss Kathryn Ballew, who survives him together with three children, William Poston of Greenfield, Mrs. Elizabeth McHarry of New York City and T. C. Poston of Corydon and seven grandchildren and a wide circle of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church of Corydon today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Mark A. Weston, with final interment in the Corydon cemetery. The court house in Corydon will be closed during the afternoon and Judge Stevenson of the Federal Court has decreed that his court will be in recess as a mark of respect. Business houses generally in Corydon are closing during the afternoon.

E. E. Poston was born October 6, 1883 and was thus 78 years of age at his death. During a busy lifetime he did many interesting things and engaged in many activities. As a young man he went to western Canada and there undertook to pioneer in land breaking and raising of wheat and flax on a huge scale. Later he returned to Corydon and engaged in a number of business ventures. At one time he had a small industrial plant making soft drinks, opened

the first picture show in Wayne county and he was employed by the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of which his father was president. Later he accepted a position in Des Moines as an executive officer of the Green Colonial Furnace Co., but always he was not far from the practice of law. He was first associated with his father and Hon. D. L. Murrow. After the death of his father, the firm became known as Murrow & Poston. Later H. B. Bracewell became a member and the firm was Bracewell, Murrow and Poston. In addition to a very large practice of law, the firm handled a large volume of farm loans and to this Mr. Poston gave a great deal of his attention.

When D. L. Murrow retired from the firm the partners, H. B. Bracewell and E. E. Poston, continued until the death of the former. Poston continued until his son, T. C. Poston, became a lawyer and he then became associated with his father, just as Gene had been associated with his father.

In politics, Poston was an active and devoted member of the democratic party although he did not become interested in public office until he was more than forty years of age. He was elected county attorney of Wayne county four times, serving from 1925 to 1933.

In 1940 he was nominated by his party for state representative and was elected six successive times. In the house he became leader of his party and served for some time as a member of an important interim committee, a service that cost him considerably more than the compensation provided. He resigned in 1952, to accept an appointment by the late Federal Judge W. F. Riley to become clerk of the federal court, southern district of Iowa, a position he held under three judges for almost ten years or until health compelled him to retire a few weeks ago.

Although he was active in politics and faithful to his religious beliefs, he did not permit either to interfere with his personal relations with friends and acquaintances. His friends were legion in both parties and in all church denominations. At no time in his life was he intolerant of the beliefs of others.

Poston was a member of the Corydon Christian church throughout his mature life, the church of his father and mother. He was a fifty-year Mason. He was always close to Drake University and during his college days honors were heaped upon him. In later years he has served as a member of the board of trustees, and he gave the university his unselfish and devoted efforts. He was an honorary member of the Corydon Rotary International at the time of his death.

In all he lived a life of activity and service. Friends over the entire state mourn his departure and esteem him for his valuable service to the state, but most of all he was devoted to Corydon and the best interests of the home town.

## Seymour And A-C-L Victorious Locals Lose

Seymour and A-C-L grid squads came out on top in their games last week, but the Cambria-Corydon Falcons were trampled by a powerful Bedford football team.

Cambria-Corydon played at Bedford on Wednesday night, and were beaten 28-0. The Falcons accounted for a total of 210 yards gained, but the boys were never once in touch-down-land. An aerial attack failed, even though Dave Hook completed 17 of 19 passes. John Sellers was cited by Coach Dwight Huggins for defensive play Wednesday night.

Cambria-Corydon, with one win and five losses, will be host Friday evening to Seymour, a traditional rival.

Seymour Community eked out a 13-12 victory over Lamoni Friday night at Seymour. Danny Jones scored in the first quarter on a two-yard run, and he also scored Seymour's winning TD from the seven-yard hash mark with three minutes left in the game.

A-C-L, Wayne county's most successful ball club, raced over Russell Friday night, 44 to 6. Gary Warnock, Terry Cobb and Jim Alley accounted for A-C-L's scores at Russell. Gene Curran scored Russell Community's TD.

## Wayne County Hospital Notes

### ADMITTED—

October 16—Myrtle Briner, Derby; Janette Miller, Indianola; Josephine Cordts, Montegle, Tenn.

October 20—Lillie Belle Wyldes, Seymour; John Morford, Humeston. October 21—Johnie Smith, Garden Grove.

### Surgical—

October 18—Bertha Dunshee, Corydon.

October 20.—Richard Rush, Cambria.

### DISMISSED—

October 16—Rev. Elmer Clark Woodburn; Beverly June Wilson Corydon; Ethyl Tatman, Allerton. October 18—Bertha Dunshee, Corydon.

October 20—Flora Laughlin, Allerton; Richard Rush, Cambria; Lillie Belle Wyldes, Seymour.

October 21—Myrtle Briner, Derby; Ina Daugherty, Allerton; Janette Miller and Echo Janette, Indianola.

October 22—Marion Whitlock, Corydon.

### BIRTHS—

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller of Indianola are the parents of a baby girl, born October 16. The infant weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/4 ounces and has been named Echo Janette.

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## EUGENE E. POSTON

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

Eugene E. Poston, son of R. C. and Clara Poston, was born at Humeston, Iowa, on October 6, 1883. His parents moved to Corydon when he was very young, where his father was a prominent lawyer and banker for many years. He always regarded Corydon as his home until his death on October 22, 1961, following an illness of several months.

Eugene graduated from the Corydon High School in 1903, from Drake University in Liberal Arts in 1907 and in Law in 1909.

In June 1915 he was married to Miss Kathryn Ballew. She and their three children, Mrs. Elizabeth McHarry of New York City, William Poston of Greenfield and T. C. (Dode) Poston of Corydon and seven grandchildren survive him.

As a young man he went to Canada and as a pioneer engaged in breaking land and raising wheat and flax on a large scale. For a time he was employed in a bank of which his father was president and was engaged in various business enterprises before he took up the practice of law with his father and Honorable D. L. Murrow. Later he was in partnership with Honorable H. B. Bracewell and after that, with his son, T. C. Poston.

Mr. Poston served as County Attorney of Wayne County for eight years and was elected in 1940 to the House of Representatives. He served in the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly.

He was Democratic floor leader in the House, and served as a member of the Interim Committee. He resigned in 1952 to accept an appointment as Clerk of the Federal Court for the Southern District of Iowa, under Federal Judge W. F. Riley, a position he held until a few months before his death.

He was a member of the Christian Church, a member of the Board of Trustees of Drake University, a fifty-year Mason, a Rotarian and active in community affairs.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Eugene E. Poston the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*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.

REED CASEY,  
LORNE WORTHINGTON,  
DELMOTT MOFFITT,  
*Committee.*

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**EUGENE ERSKINE POSTON**[Pedigree](#)Male

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**Parents:****Father:** [RUFUS CALDEARON POSTON](#)[Family](#)**Mother:** [CLARA WILLIAMS](#)

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**Marriages:****Spouse:** [Martha Kathryn Ballew](#)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 18 JUN 1915 Corydon, Wayne, Iowa

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Name:	<b>Eugene E Poston</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Corydon, Wayne, Iowa</b> <a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	<b>46</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1884</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Katharine Poston</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military Service:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Eugene E Poston</a>	<b>46</b>
	<a href="#">Katharine Poston</a>	<b>37</b>
	<a href="#">Betty B Poston</a>	<b>14</b>
	<a href="#">William E Poston</a>	<b>11</b>
	<a href="#">Theodore C Poston</a>	<b>5</b>

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 Wayne County  
 Iowa, USA  
**Death:** unknown  
 Corydon  
 Wayne County  
 Iowa, USA



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Husband of Martha Kathryn (Ballew) Poston.  
Son of Rufus Caldearon Poston and Clara A. (Williams) Poston.

Family links:

Parents:

Rufus Caldearon Poston (1855 - \_\_\_\_)  
Clara A. *Williams* Poston

Children:

William Eugene Poston (1918 - 2007)\*

Spouse:

Martha Kathryn *Ballew* Poston (1893 - \_\_\_\_)\*

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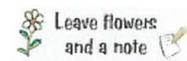
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