

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Swaner, John James Senator _____
Represented Johnson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Jan 1898 near Iowa City, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ruth Joy Ray 4 Oct 1920 Iowa City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Owner and operator of the Swaner Dairy, later named the Home Iowa Dairy starting in Johnson County and expanding into eastern Iowa in 1948
- B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Elks; Chamber of Commerce; Mason; Johnson County Middle School Convention Club; Community Club; Boy Scouts
- C. Profession Dairy farmer owner and operator; lumber yard clerk; American Legion

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 49th, 50th, 51st General Assemblies 1941, 1943, 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local Director of Hills Bank and Trust Company

B. State Appointed to serve on the Iowa State Highway Commission 1945-1949

C. National _____

7. Death 15 Oct 1981, Iowa City, Iowa

8. Children Ruth Eleanor; Marilyn Joyce; James Robert

9. Names of parents James and Mary (Scorpil) Swaner

12. Other applicable information

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abuse, Company H, 11th Regiment, U.S. Division
In 1922 to handle business from being a field agent in the
in 1948. He practiced, purchased, used, carried, and then being
products.*

11. Degrees

10. Education

He was educated in the public schools of Iowa City, Iowa.

Grassley leaning against AWACS sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said today he's leaning toward opposing the proposed sale of sophisticated AWACS radar planes to Saudi Arabia, but will give President Reagan ample opportunity to explain his position.

Grassley said the instability of the Middle East makes him doubt the wisdom of the sale.

Grassley added, however, that he could support the sale if the Saudis agree to become an integral part of the peace keeping effort, particularly if they move away from being a parent to activities of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Deaths

John J. Swaner

John (Jack) J. Swaner, 83, 2700 E. Washington St., founder of Swaners Farm Dairy and former legislator, died at Lantern Park Care Center this morning after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. A rosary will be at 8 p.m. Friday at the George L. Gay Funeral Home where friends may call beginning at 9 a.m. Friday. Memorial donations may be made to the Mercy Hospital Fund or St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

Mr. Swaner was born Jan. 9, 1898, in Johnson County, a son of James and Mary Scorpil Swaner. In 1922, he founded Swaners Farm Dairy which expanded to Hometown Dairy in 1948.

He married Ruth Joy Ray on Oct. 4, 1920. He served two terms as Johnson County representative from 1940-1944 in the Iowa House of Representatives and two terms with the Iowa State Highway Commission from 1945-1949. He was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, a member of the board of directors of Hills Bank and Trust Co., served with the Marines in WW I, was a past member of the Hawkeye Area Boy Scouts, past president of Rotary, and past chairman of the Community Chest Drive.

Survivors include his wife; a son, James R.; two daughters, Ruth and Marilyn, all of Iowa City; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Agnes Miller of Iowa City.

He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

Leonard Miller

Leonard Miller, 49, 2109 Hollywood Blvd., a University of Iowa faculty member, died Tuesday evening after a sudden illness.

Services will be Friday at 8 p.m. at the Beckman-Callahan Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller was born May 23, 1932, in Sioux City, a son of George and Bessie Pokjanok Miller. He attended public schools in Sioux City graduating from the Central High School in 1950. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict and received a bachelor's degree from Morning-side College in 1957. He received a master's degree in psychology in 1959 and his PhD in 1963, both from UI.

He was employed as a professor in counselor education at UI and was past president of the American Psychology Association.

Survivors include his mother of Sioux City; two sons, Michael of Iowa City and Mark of Salt Lake City, Utah; and three brothers, George, Robert, and Donald all of Sioux City. He was preceded in death by his father.

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Our opinion

A man who cared

A few years ago, John J. Swaner — known locally as Jack — told historian Irving Weber that "Iowa City has been good to the Swaners" and that service to his state and community "was one way to show appreciation."

Swaner, who died at the age of 83 Thursday, was commenting on his career as a legislator and member of the State Highway Commission.

Jack Swaner was that way. He showed appreciation to others. And he stands out in our community as an example of what hard work and risk-taking, combined with a desire to succeed, can produce.

The son of immigrants from Czechoslovakia, he grew up knowing what hard work on a farm was all about. He came home following service in the Marine Corps and World War I, took a correspondence course in accounting, and worked as a clerk for a lumber yard. When he and his wife, Ruth, decided to go into farming, they started with a rented farm, eight cows and four horses. Swaner soon appeared in town selling milk door-to-door. Soon he added freshly dressed chickens, and then fruit to his route. It was hard work and there was little time for community service then.

It was not long before the Swaners started a larger dairy and a pasteurizing facility. In 1948, the Swaner Dairy became Home Town Dairy as the business expanded out of Johnson County into eastern Iowa.

In the 1940s, Swaner was drafted to run for the legislature. He was elected to two terms. Then he was appointed to serve on the State Highway Commission. His decision to run for the legislature was based on a desire to help secure more funds for the University of Iowa and the Iowa City area.

In recent years when ill health slowed him down, Swaner continued to have a keen interest in everything around him. In retirement he served as a director of Hills Bank, maintained membership in the Iowa City Rotary Club and attended St. Wenceslaus Church. He loved to cultivate roses, to sing harmony, and tend to the annual barbecue at the Hills Bank.

He was one of those people you felt you've known all your life after only one meeting. He let you know he was interested in you, and you felt that he cared.

That's because he really did care.



Jack Swaner

Vehicle

By EDWARD FLATTA

You can escape civilization on a barrier island off the Virgin Islands, strolling a mere 100 yards down the point of entry.

Suddenly, you are a solitary figure on a small island, with the Atlantic Ocean universe defined by the sky above and the beach that soon dips below the horizon. The surf skitter across the hard, wet sand, loitering in the surf, dart into the air at your arrival.

Drivers of off-road vehicles (ORVs) have this rare intimate opportunity to do so.

Emboldened by Interior Secretary Watt's declaration that he wants to restrict former President Carter's 1977 Executive Order restricting ORV use on public land, petitioners have petitioned to open up heretofore unspoiled and parklands.

None of their requests is more than their demand that Interior give here to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge's 10.2 miles of pristine beach where foot traffic can only be negotiated on foot.

By virtue of every policy pronouncement made on the subject, the ORV would not stand a chance.

The Secretary repeatedly has vowed to manage the parks and refuges to fit the greatest number of people rather than for just an "elitist" few, usually allusion to "backpackers".

But in the situation here, it clearly users who are the "elitist" minority have access to about 40 percent of long barrier island, yet comprise 10 percent of the visitors.

Most of the 1.4 million people who annually are seeking to get away from motorized presence that the ORVs represent.

The petition has been filed by the United Sportfishermen's Association, which fishing Refuge rules exclude its members from the best fishing spots along the beach.

Yet fishermen can cast their lines anywhere they please on this island, and are willing to travel by foot — just like Charles Elliott, spokesman for the

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Turning Will man's

By JUDITH RANDALL

Oscar Wilde once defined a cynic as "a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."



Letters From



Return to John J Swaner

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Children (3)
 Living Swaner B:
 Living Swaner B:
 Ruth Eleanor Swaner B: 1921

John J Swaner
 B: 1898 in Iowa
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Parents
JAMES A SWANER
 1864-

MARY SCORPIL or SKORBIL
 1866-

Ruth Ray Hendricks B:1902

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John Swaner**
 Home in 1900: **Newport, Johnson, Iowa**
 Age: **2**
 Birth Date: **Jan 1898**
 Birthplace: **Iowa**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to Head of House: **Son**
 Father's Name: **James**
 Father's Birthplace: **Bohemia**
 Mother's Name: **Mary**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Bohemia**
 Marital Status: **Single**
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Name	Age
Members: James Swaner	36
Mary Swaner	34
Mary Swaner	15
Annie Swaner	13
Clara Swaner	11
Albert Swaner	7
John Swaner	2
Mary Scorpel	72

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Newport, Johnson, Iowa; Roll T623_440; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 88.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	John Swaner
Age in 1910:	12
Estimated birth year:	abt 1898
Birthplace:	Iowa
Relation to Head of House:	Son
Father's Name:	James
Father's Birth Place:	Austria
Mother's Name:	Mary
Mother's Birth Place:	Austria
Home in 1910:	Iowa Ward 5, Johnson, Iowa
Marital Status:	Single
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Members:	
Name	Age
James Swaner	45
Mary Swaner	43
Albert Swaner	17
John Swaner	12
Agnes Swaner	6
Anna Scorbil	81

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: *Iowa Ward 5, Johnson, Iowa*; Roll T624_408; Page: 234; Enumeration District: 91; Image: 1038.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.



Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

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1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **John Swaner**

Home in 1920: **Iowa City Ward 3, Johnson, Iowa**

Age: **22**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1898**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Son**

Father's Name: **James**

Father's Birth Place: **Bohemia**

Mother's Name: **Mary**

Mother's Birth Place: **Bohemia**

Marital Status: **Single**

Race: **White**

Sex: **Male**

Able to read: **Yes**

Able to Write: **Yes**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Swaner	56
	Mary Swaner	53
	John Swaner	22
	Agnes Swaner	16

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Iowa City Ward 3, Johnson, Iowa; Roll T625_496; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 97; Image: 879.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.



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You searched for **John J. Swaner** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	John J Swaner	
Birth Year:	abt 1898	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Johnson	
Locality:	West Lucas	
Relation to Head:	Head	
Mother:	Mary Scorpil	
Mother's Birth Year:	abt 1869	
Mother's Birthplace:	Bohemia	
Father:	James Swaner	
Father's Birth Year:	abt 1867	
Father's Birthplace:	Bohemia	
Marriage Place:	Iowa IA	
Spouse Name:	Ruth M Swaner	
Roll:	IA1925_1783	
Line:	4	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John J Swaner	27
	Ruth M Swaner	24
	Ruth E Swaner	3
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Birth Date: 9 Jan 1898
Death Date: Oct 1981
Social Security Number: 482-26-5571
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 52244
Localities: Iowa City, Johnson, Iowa

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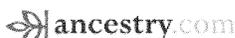
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Birth **1898** in Iowa
Death

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Timeline (View details)

- 1898 Birth** Iowa 3 source citations
- 1900 Residence** Newport, Johnson, Iowa 1 source citation
Age: 2
- 1910 Residence** Iowa Ward 5, Johnson, Iowa 1 source citation
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- 1920 Residence** Iowa City Ward 3, Johnson, Iowa 1 source citation
Age: 22

Comments

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Family Members

Parents

- JAMES A SWANER**
1864 -
- MARY SCORPIL or SKORBIL**
1866 -

Show siblings

Spouse & Children

- Ruth Ray Hendricks**
1902 -
- Living Swaner**
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- Ruth Eleanor Swaner**
1921 - 2003

Family group sheet

Source Information

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1900 United States Federal Census

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