

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Whitaker, Bert N. Senator _____

Represented Poweshiek County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 22 Apr 1887 Blue Grass, Scott County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Susan Lincoln 10 Sept 1908 Poweshiek County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business A director of the Grinnell State Bank and Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan Association; organized the Grinnell Livestock Exchange; manager of Grinnell and Oak Grove Shipping Department until 1930

B. Civic responsibilities Master; Elks; Kiwanis

C. Profession Livestock exchange business; farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 51st General Assembly 1945

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Grinnell 4 terms;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 24 Feb 1955 Grinnell, Iowa; buried Heartfield Cemetery, Great Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa

8. Children One (Mrs. Virgil Jones), Bessie (Mrs. Kenneth Palmer), Mary L. (born 26 Oct 1924, died 22 Aug 1930)

9. Names of parents David Wilhelm and Lougenia (Nebergall) Whitaker

Whitaker, Bert N.

10. Education He was educated in the public schools of Jasper and
Poweshiek Counties, Iowa.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- His wife, Susan, died May 1973
- In 1901 he moved with his family to a farm in Washington Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa
- After marriage they farmed in Washington Township and when his brother Rollo went to World War I they moved onto the family farm. When Rollo returned from the service they purchased a farm one mile west of the family farm.
- At age 2 years he moved with his parents to Kilduff, Iowa in Jasper County, Iowa
- He moved to Emmet, Iowa in 1924
- His wife, Susan, born 9 years 1886, died 22 May 1973, also buried in Stratford Cemetery.

Four-County School Plans Defeated

Deep River Voters Against Merger; County Ballots 103 to 138

A four-county school reorganization proposal was defeated Thursday, a tally of votes of the 3 participating districts shows. Neither did the proposal carry the required 75 percent of the districts, nor did it have a majority of the vote. Nine Poweshiek county districts balloted on the proposal, including the town of Deep River.

Total vote for the 28 districts was 794 for reorganizing, and 522 against reorganizing. Along with Deep River, What Cheer and Webster also voted against the proposal, though the issue carried at Gibson, Keswich and Thornburg.

In addition to Deep River Independent district, Deep River township schools, 1, 4, and 8 and Lincoln South voted against the proposal. Deep River 5, 6, 7 and 9 favored the proposal by slim margins.

Following is the unofficial vote for Poweshiek county school districts:

School	yes	no
Deep River Ind.	31	67
Deep River No. 1.....	12	17
Deep River No. 4.....	4	6
Deep River No. 5.....	8	6
Deep River No. 6.....	8	5
Deep River No. 7.....	7	6
Deep River No. 8.....	6	16
Deep River No. 9.....	19	6
Lincoln South (portion)....	8	9

Totals103 138
Most rural areas followed the vote of the independent district with which they are most closely associated, though rural districts near Webster favored the proposal, while the town district voted against it.

There are no immediate plans for renewing the reorganization proposal, though it is expected that a new proposal involving modified boundaries may be tried in the future.

Ballots in 14 of the 28 districts involved in the proposal rejected the plan with the 50 percent favorable vote being well below the required 75 percent.

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Bert N. Whitaker, mayor of Grinnell for four terms, died at a local hospital Thursday afternoon, following a lengthy illness. He was 67 years old.

Funeral services were held from James Funeral Home this afternoon (Monday) with Rev. John W. Rhodes conducting services with Hermon Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M.

Prominent Citizen

The prominent Grinnell citizen and community leader, well liked and one of the friendliest men in the community has been in failing health for some time. He had been active in his business and farm interests, and is carried in high esteem by his fellow business men and farmers.

Four-term Mayor

A four-term Grinnell mayor, Whitaker served the city from 1933 to 1939 and again from 1941 to 1943. He was elected to the state house of representatives in 1945.

A director of the Grinnell State Bank and Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan Association. Whitaker organized the Grinnell Livestock Exchange in 1931 and operated the business for nearly a quarter-century.

Resident 50 Years

Born in Scott county, he moved with his parents to Kilduff when he was two years old. He lived in the Kilduff community until 1908 when he was married to Susan Lincoln. They came to Grinnell in 1924 and seven years later he established the livestock exchange. He has also had farm interests in the Grinnell community.

He was born April 22, 1887 at Blue Grass, Iowa, but had spent nearly a half-century in this community.

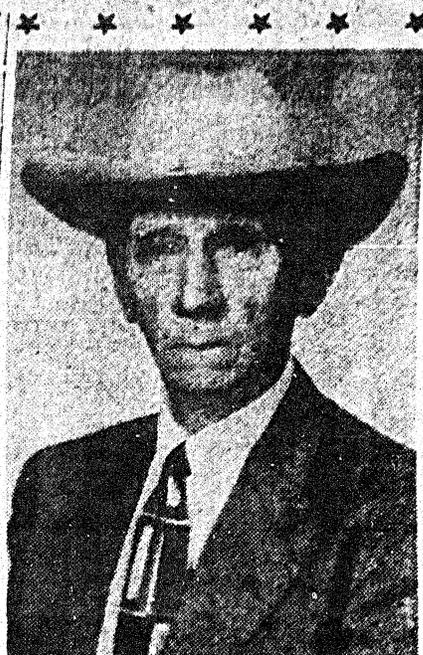
Survivors

Surviving are his wife, Susan, of Grinnell; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil Jones and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Mary Ann, David, Dennis and Tommy Palmer; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Donai and Mrs. Hazel Adams of Grinnell; Miss Nelle Whitaker and Miss Verna Whitaker of Oak Park, Ill.; and two brothers, Rolla Whitaker of Grinnell and Lee Whitaker of Merced, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary, in 1930; and his parents.

Final Rites

Honorary pallbearers at the final rites were William Laymiller, Everett Baker, J. L. McIlrath, A. C. Jones, A. B. Man-



Bert Whitaker

MEMORIAL FUND

Honoring Bert Whitaker, prominent Grinnell citizen whose funeral services were held this afternoon, a Whitaker Memorial Fund has been started.

The fund will be used to further the Lake Nyanza project, a program in which the late mayor was highly interested.

The family has asked that contributions be made to the fund in lieu of floral mementos. Several memorial gifts have already been received.

Floyd Beaver, Ralph Spooner, Ross Lincoln and Erwin Meredith.

Interment was in Westfield cemetery with James Funeral Home in charge.

School Study Meet Slated Wednesday At Lynnville

Further study in the Sully-Lynnville-Searsboro school reorganization proposal will be carried out in a meeting to be held Wednesday evening, March 2 at the Lynnville high school. The meeting is called for 7:30 p. m.

Individuals interested in the proposed school district reorganizing are asked to attend.

The meeting will be conducted by Ollie Wisgerhof of Sully, chairman; and Lory Cause of Lynnville, secretary; of a group reorganization plan for several months.

POWESHIEK COUNTY

HERITAGE

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in Ames as a Journalist. Janice married Brian Appelgate, a pilot and airplane mechanic, May 3, 1980, at the Methodist Church in Montezuma. They are the parents of a daughter, Leah Joy Appelgate, born December 1, 1986, a daughter, Emily Dawn Applegate, born July 1, 1988, a third child is due May 1, 1991.

Frank has worked with the building trade since 1936 and started the General Contractor Business in May, 1950. He and his son, Harold, are now partners in this business.

Frank has always been active in the Fraternal Order Knights of Phthias and is a 50 year member in the Order. *Submitted by Frank and Dorothy Wheeler.*

Thomas Grayson Wheeler

Thomas Grayson Wheeler, born October 25, 1832, son of Richard D. and Dorothy Ensor Wheeler, was married January 10, 1856, to Grace Rebecca Moore, born September 17, 1832, daughter of James and Sarah Adams Moore. They were members of the Methodist church. T.G. was a brick mason by trade. While employed on the erection of the Washington Monument he fell and dislocated his knee. He was given employment after his injury as a gardener on the White House grounds. For eighteen years he served as gardener to the presidents of the United States and worked in this capacity during the two Lincoln administrations. His specialty was growing roses and President Lincoln often walked through the rose gardens. He also arranged the floral decoration for the martyr President's funeral. Two daughters, Mary Mollie, born October 30, 1856 and Alberta, born July 20, 1858, and died September 22, 1859, and three sons, James Franklin, born November 10, 1859, George Richard, born January 23, 1862, Thomas Arthur, born June 15, 1864 and twin girls, Lily Grace and Ella May, born September 15, 1866 were born to the family while they lived in Washington, D.C. In 1868 they moved to a farm near Brooklyn, Iowa, Poweshiek County. Three more daughters were born. Effa Viola, born April 28, 1869, Lulu Sarah, born September 10, 1871 and Nannie Laura, born March 15, 1875. In 1883 they moved to Des Moines, Iowa. T.G. Wheeler was one of the organizers of the Grace Methodist Church in Des Moines. He was an active Mason and was honored by the Thirty Third Degree of the Order. Grace Rebecca Moore Wheeler died March 25, 1912. Thomas Grayson Wheeler died December 2, 1917. They are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Des Moines, IA. *Submitted by Ruth Henry Johnston.*



Thomas Grayson Wheeler Family — Back Row - Lily Grace, Lulu Sarah, Thomas Arthur, James Franklin, Effa Viola. Front Row - George Richard, T.G. and Grace Wheeler, Ella May, Nannie Laura and Mary Mollie

Isaac and Daisy Whisenand

Isaac Roscoe Whisenand's ancestors came from Germany and Switzerland in the 1700's. "Ike" was born in New Boston, Missouri to Jake

and Sarah (Guthrie) Whisenand on April 14, 1899. On March 3, 1921, he married Daisy Maude McCain, daughter of Edward and Clara (Miller) McCain of New Sharon, Iowa. Her ancestors came from Ireland.

They were the parents of 8 children:

Donald, now deceased, married June Fleisher on Feb. 11, 1943, in Farmington, Illinois and they were the parents of 2 daughters; Sharon Whisenand and Donna (Boyer). Donald died on June 20, 1966 after many years as a farmer.

I.R., Jr. (Jack) now lives in Prescott, Arizona. He married Mildred Newman of Peoria, Illinois and they are the parents of three children; Debra (Mrs. Bruce Mollenkopf) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, I.R. (Ikie) of Black Canyon City, Arizona and John of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His second marriage was to Carol Shaunessy and they were the parents of one son, Joseph, of Phoenix, Arizona.

Gerald, now of Roscoe, Illinois, was married to Faye Talbert of Montezuma and they were the parents of one daughter, Patsy, of Hawaii. He is now married to Sylvia Mann of Hampton, Illinois, and they are the parents of three sons, Keith, Kurt and Kevin, all of Illinois. Gerald works for Woodford Company in Rockford, Illinois.

Bill lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is retired after 23 years in the Air Force. He was married to Martha Blevins of Ohio and they have one son, Thomas. His second marriage on Aug. 9, 1958, is to Helen Harrison of New Mexico.

Lois was married on Dec. 24, 1950, to Ralph Ogan, a Grinnell police officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1963. They have 3 children; Robert of Montezuma; Roberta (Mrs. Dale Schnell) of Lynnville; and Michael of Grinnell. Lois works for General Telephone in Grinnell.

Paul married Merlene Meldrem of Malcom on June 27, 1954. They have three children: Charles of Kelley, Iowa; Sherill of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Mary of Reseda, California. Paul is a 30 year employee of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Phyllis married Duane Phillips of Searsboro, on September 2, 1960. They live in rural Montezuma. They are the parents of four children; Douglas of Riverton, Iowa; Dan, Steve and Kathy, all of Montezuma. Duane is employed at Vannoy Chevrolet and Phyllis works at the Montezuma Senior Home.

Linda was married to Richard Hautekeete of Malcom and they are the parents of Jeff. Linda married James Hotchkin of Grinnell on Aug. 18, 1967. They have a son, James (Jimmy), also of Grinnell. Linda is a waitress in Oakland Acres, Iowa.

The Whisenands moved to Poweshiek County in 1942 where they were engaged in farming near Ewart. Ike died May 14, 1966. Daisy, who celebrated her 85th birthday on July 22, 1990, is retired and lives in Grinnell, where she is active in Senior Citizen Activities and the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program. *Submitted by Merlene (Meldrem) Whisenand.*

Bert N. and Susan Whitaker

In 1901, Bert moved with his family from Jasper County to a farm in Washington Township, across from the Oak Grove church and school which at that time had a post office and railroad station. He was the son of David Wilhelm and Lougenia Nebergall Whitaker.

Susan Lincoln Whitaker, the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Thompson Lincoln, was born in a log cabin in Washington Township in the Oak Grove area. Bert and Susan had three daughters: Ona, married to Virgil Jones; Bessie, married to Kenneth Palmer; Mary, died at age 6.

After their marriage Bert and Susan farmed in Washington Township, and when Bert's younger brother, Rollo, went to service in World War II they moved onto the family farm. When Rollo returned from service they purchased a farm one mile west of the family farm.

After farming for several years and going through hard times in the early twenties, they discontinued farming and moved to Grinnell.

After moving to Grinnell, and during the 1930 years, Bert served as mayor of Grinnell for several years and also served in the State Legislature from the Poweshiek County district.

In 1931, Bert established the Grinnell Livestock Exchange, operating first in the old Altig Feed Shed, on West Street. In 1936 the business was moved to a bigger, more modern facility, just south of Grinnell.

The business was one of the first livestock auctions in Iowa and became the principal method for farmers in Poweshiek and surrounding counties to market their livestock.

Susan was a part of the business and operated the Sale Barn Cafe, which was well known for its home cooking, including home made pies and ice cream.

Bert died in February, 1955, and the business was continued as a family business, until the death of Susan in May of 1973. *Submitted by Ona W. Jones.*

David and Lougenia Whitaker

The family came to the Kilduff area in Jasper County, from Blue Grass, Iowa, in Scott County. In 1901 the family moved from Jasper County to Poweshiek County, settling in the Oak Grove community south of Grinnell. At that time there was a post office and railroad station at Oak Grove.

David and Lougenia Nebergall Whitaker had seven children.

Bertran N. Whitaker married Susan Lincoln. They had three children: Ona married Virgil Jones, living near Grinnell, no children; Bessie married Wm. Kenneth Palmer (dec.), living near Grinnell. They had four children; Mary Ann Coppinger, Oskaloosa, Iowa; David Palmer, Grinnell, Iowa; Dennis Palmer, Aledo, Illinois; Thomas Palmer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mary Lougenia Whitaker, died at age 7.

Bessie Whitaker married Arthur Donai, both deceased.

Hazel Whitaker married Bert Adams; both deceased.

Lee Whitaker married Winifred Harris, (dec.); later married in California and had a son, Lee Whitaker Jr. All deceased.

Rolla Whitaker, married Agnes Esler, both deceased; they had three children: Margaret married Lavern Morrison, living in Grinnell; they have two children: Marla Leuty, Iowa City, Iowa, David Morrison, Colorado.; Doris married Thomas Lowry, living in Grinnell; they had three children: Terry Lowry, Poweshiek County; Gary Lowry, Poweshiek County; Lori Vos, Poweshiek County; Harold Whitaker married Wanda Beukema, both deceased; they had five children: Dennis Whitaker, Grinnell; Tom Whitaker, Grinnell; Tim Whitaker, Iowa City, Iowa; Ruth Whitaker, California; Dale Whitaker, deceased.

Nelle Whitaker, deceased.

Verna Whitaker, living in Grinnell. *Submitted by Ona W. Jones.*

White Family

Thomas (1837-1919) and Caroline (1846-1930) Hadsell White came from Ohio to Poweshiek County in 1880, residing in Madison Township on farms until 1903 when they moved into Brooklyn. They had six children.

Viola (Ola), born in 1866 in Belmont, Ohio, and never married, came into Brooklyn when quite young to learn the seamstress trade which was her vocation all her life. Her dressmaking rooms were destroyed in the disastrous fire which destroyed sixteen business places in Brooklyn in 1894. Viola died in 1948.

Ida was born in 1870 in Belmont, Ohio, married Elber Bigelow, a photographer in Brooklyn

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A. C. HANSON, Speaker of the House

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itors. When Mr. Vincent located in Guthrie Center, Iowa, he transferred his church membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Guthrie Center, where he served as elder, trustee, and lay delegate to the District Presbytery, as a faithful and loyal member.

In November, 1918, he formed a partnership with J. E. Batschelet in Guthrie Center for the practice of law, which partnership continued until February, 1945, when he was appointed as judge of the district court to act as judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. W. Dingwell. He was elected as judge at the next election and continued as such until the time of his death.

He served as county attorney of Guthrie County for two terms, from 1919 to 1923. He was elected as Representative from Guthrie County to the State Legislature and served in the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, and Forty-first General Assemblies.

In 1928 he was elected Congressman from the Ninth Congressional District and served through the winter sessions of 1928 and 1929.

He was an active member of the Guthrie County Bar Association and served as its president. He was a member of the District Bar Association of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa, State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He was a charter member of the Lions Club of Guthrie Center and continued as an active member until his death. He served one year as district governor of Lions International.

Judge Vincent was recognized as a lawyer of high integrity, honesty, and ability. He served his profession capably and faithfully. He made an excellent record as judge and was held in high esteem by all associates.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Earl W. Vincent, the state has lost an honored citizen, a hospitable friend, an able lawyer and judge, and a faithful, 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.

FRANK R. THOMPSON,
SCOTT SWISHER,
CONWAY E. MORRIS,

Committee.

BERT N. WHITAKER

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

Bert N. Whitaker was born April 22, 1887, at Blue Grass, Iowa. He passed away February 24, 1955, at the age of 67.

He moved with his parents to Killduff when he was two years old. He lived in the Killduff community until 1908 when he was married to Susan Lincoln. They moved to Grinnell in 1924 and seven years later he established the livestock exchange.

Mr. Whitaker was mayor of Grinnell for four terms, serving the city from 1933 to 1939, and again from 1941 to 1943. He was a director of the Grinnell State Bank and the Grinnell Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He served in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Fifty-first session.

Mr. Whitaker was a prominent citizen of Grinnell and a community leader. He was well liked and one of the friendliest men in the community.

Surviving Mr. Whitaker are his wife, Susan, of Grinnell; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil Jones and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer of Grinnell; four grandchildren, four sisters and two brothers. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary, in 1930; and his parents.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Bert N. Whitaker, the people of Poweshiek County and of 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 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,
HENRY H. STEVENS,
JAY C. COLBURN,

Committee.

HARRY C. WHITE

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

Harry C. White was born October 6, 1869, in Guernsey County, Ohio, of Irish parentage. At the age of six years his family moved to Benton County, Iowa, and farmed near Garrison, Iowa. He was educated in the rural elementary schools, Tilford Academy and Cornell College at Mount Vernon. During Mr. White's memorable years he taught school, owned and operated a large stock farm and was a vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank at Garrison.

Westfield
 Grant Twp.
 Poweshiek County, Iowa

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Wilson, George T. 1861-1935
 Geneva M. 1864-1948
 George W. 1910-
 Mildred E. 1915-1970
 Shirley J. 1939

Maples, Mary C. 1853-1936
 Stephen A. 1859-1934

Krumm, Margaretta Irene 1928
 Marion 1899- *Sept 11, 1899 - January 3, 1980*
 Thelma Gillespie 1906-1968

Lord, Chas. C. CoF 81 ? ME Inf; GAR marker
 Caroline B. 1858-1942
 Elizabeth S. 1894-1937; mother

Lincoln, Myrtle 1881-1914; wife of Ernest

Guyer, Duaine 1933-1945; grandson
 Janice 1937; granddaughter
 Paul 1939; grandson

Lincoln, Ernest Edwin 1849-1922
 Elizabeth 1859-1921; wife

Whitaker, Bert N. April 22, 1887-Feb. 24, 1955; father; Grinnell FD
 marker (fire department
 Susan Jan. 9, 1886-May 22, 1973; mother
 Mary L. Oct. 26, 1924-Aug. 22, 1930; daughter

Lincoln, Robert C. Nov. 8, 1894-Oct. 23, 1972; Ia Sgt US Army WW I; VFW marke.
 Beryl Champion 1893-1949

Guyer, Dale E. 1914-1969
 Roxie F. 1914-

Lincoln, Charles Dec. 24, 1834-Dec. 11, 1950; funeral home marker
 Nellie 1886-1975
 Alex 1877-1960
 Emma B. 1884-1974

Krumm, Jacob Oct. 29, 1897-Sept. 20, 1976; FLT marker
 Henry Feb. 25, 1867-Apr. 12, 1945
 Katharina Mathes May 26, 1874-Nov. 19, 1944

Brown, Ralph d Nov. 2, 1933; Kansas Bglr 20 Inf 10 Div; WW marker

Waring, Frank 1855-1918
 Roxy A. 1858-19
 J. Maude 1878-19

Altig, Dr. Perry D. 1862-1946
 Nicholas A. 1886-1912

Otcheck, Henrietta 1891-1918; wife of AF
 Arthur d Sept. 19, 1925; son of Gus & Eunice
 Gus 1893-1978
 Eunice 1902-
 Verne M. Mar. 2, 1897-May 9, 1937

Simmons, Jerry L. 1948

Williams, Samuel N. 1882-1946
 Florence A. 1888-1949

Eullock, Sarah C. Sept. 19, 1870-May 24, 1950
 William H. Sept. 17, 1869-Mar. 9, 1938

Oct. 28, 1900-Feb. 10, 1929
 Samuel 1862-1939
 Mary 1865-1946



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- ID: I387
- Name: **Bert N. WHITAKER**
- Sex: M
- Birth: 1887
- Death: 1955
- Note: Bert and Susan had three children.
- Change Date: 2 OCT 2000

Marriage 1 [Susan LINCOLN](#) b: 9 JAN 1886 in Powechnik Co., IA

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