

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sharp, Fern Eugene Senator Sharp, Fern Eugene
Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Feb 1894 near Edgewood in Clayton County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jessie Mitty 31 Aug 1920 Manchester, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He received his law degree in 1923; member of the Clayton County and Iowa Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; commander of the Clayton County American Legion; Knights of Pythias; Eastern Star; Shrine; Rotary

C. Profession Attorney; educator; Clayton County attorney;

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 48th, 49th, 50th General Assembly 1939, 1941, 1943 House of Representatives
51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th General Assembly 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951 - Senate

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Elkader, Iowa; mayor of Edgewood, Iowa; member of Elkader school board

B. State

C. National

7. Death 22 Oct 1967 Elkader, Iowa; buried East Side Cemetery, Elkader Iowa

8. Children Fern Eugene; Laura Mae (Mrs. Robert Roehrk); Charlotte Elizabeth "Betty" (Mrs. Grant Endham)

9. Names of parents Joseph and Laura (Jean) Sharp

Sharp, Fern Eugene

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Edgewood, Iowa, graduating
in 1912

11. Degrees He earned a B.A. degree in 1916 from Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar
Falls, Iowa. attended law schools at University of Wisconsin, Madison Wisconsin
in 1922, transferred to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, graduating in 1923

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Following graduation from Iowa State Teachers College, he entered
the field of education. In 1916-1917 he was a social and manual
training teacher at Livermore High School, Livermore, Iowa
- In 1919-1921 he was Superintendent of Schools at Emerson, Iowa.
- In 1924 he established his law practice at Edgewood, Iowa which
continued until 1937. In 1927 he expanded by adding a partner,
V. E. Pries at Elkader. This partnership lasted until 1931 when Mr. Pries
died. In 1934 he became partner with H. F. Roggenbach which lasted
until June 1963.

Military service - World War I - U. S. Army - entered in 1917, trained at
Camp Dodge in the 313th supply train of the 88th Division. He
was overseas Aug 1918 - June 1919, attaining rank of Sergeant 1st Class.

Wetzel In Jail On Charge of False Pretense

Richard W. Wetzel, 29, was ordered held for district court action when arraigned before Justice of the Peace H. M. Wolf Tuesday morning, Oct. 24, on a charge of obtaining property under false pretense.

His bond was fixed at \$1500 and he is being held in the county jail in lieu of the bond. Wetzel told local authorities that his home was La Porte City, but it has since been discovered that his wife and family live at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Events leading up to Wetzel's hearing began on Monday, Sept. 18, when he appeared at a stock sale being conducted by Irving Leonard at the Elkader Sales Barn. Leonard had known Wetzel slightly as an employee of Vance Willard, operator of a livestock sales at La Porte City. Leonard and Vance had known each other in previous business.

Wetzel bought about \$4500 worth of cattle at the Leonard sale and told Leonard that Vance would forward a check for the amount of the sale. Then Wetzel loaded up his animals and left.

The check did not come through from Vance and inquiries were started. Leonard then learned that Vance had not ordered the purchase and had not received the cattle. Later, it developed that Wetzel had sold part of the cattle at Edgewood and part at Coggon and decamped with the money.

Leonard swore out a warrant for Wetzel and the hunt began. About that time it was learned that Wetzel was being held in the Butler County jail at Allison on a check charge.

Sheriff Milton Klink got in touch with the Butler County sheriff so that when he was to be released there he was held instead for Sheriff Klink. Klink and his deputy, Bob Potter, went to Allison last Friday and brought Wetzel to the county jail in Elkader.

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Heart Attack Is Fatal for Local Man

Funeral services for Fern Eugene Sharp, 73, Clayton County attorney, were held Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 25, at 2 o'clock at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Elkader. Rev. Alvin Volle, pastor of Peace United Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in the East Side Cemetery.

Mr. Sharp died early Sunday morning, Oct. 22, at Central Community Hospital following a heart seizure. He had been in the hospital one week.

Masonic services were conducted Tuesday evening at the Witt Funeral Chapel by Elkader Lodge No. 72 A.F. & A.M., of which Sharp was a member.



FERN E. SHARP

Sharp was born at Edgewood on February 19, 1894, and was a son of Joseph and Laura Tear Sharp. He graduated from Edgewood High School in 1912 and got his BA degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1916. In 1922 he graduated from the University of Wisconsin and in 1924 he got his LLB degree from the University of Iowa.

On August 30, 1920, he was married to Jessie A. Fritz at Manchester. Three children were born to this union—a son, Fern Mae and Charlotte Elizabeth "Betty."

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In 1924 he established a law practice in Edgewood and continued it until 1937. In 1927 he expanded his law practice by entering a partnership with Attorney V. T. Price at Elkader. This partnership continued until Price's death in 1931. Then in 1934 he took H. K. Roggensack as a partner in his Elkader practice. This partnership continued until Roggensack's death in June 1963.

Sharp had moved his family from Edgewood to Elkader in 1927 and has lived here since.

Sharp was active in public affairs and politics during his adult life. He was mayor of Edgewood, 1924-1927, and later served a number of terms as Elkader mayor. In addition he was elected several times to the Iowa House of Representatives and also served several terms as State Senator.

During World War I he entered the army in 1917 and trained at Camp Dodge in the 315th supply train of the 88th Division. He was overseas from August 1918 until June 1919. He was a sergeant first class when discharged in 1919. He later served as commander of the Clayton County American Legion.

In legal activities he was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and of the Clayton County Bar Association. He served intermittently as county attorney for a number of terms.

Sharp was a member of the KP order, of the OES and of Elkader Lodge No. 72 A.F. & A. M., Clinton Consistory and El Kahir Shrine. For many years he served as a trustee or moderator of the Congregational Church in Elkader. He was a member of Rotary and served as Savings Bond chairman for a number of years.

Besides his legal practice in Elkader, Sharp was president of the Elkader School Board for a time. In addition he owned or managed several farms in Clayton and Delaware Counties for a number of years.

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Sons Attend Civic Clubs

ideas for projects in getting more participation in the chamber by its members. He suggested that the Chamber take a more active part in government and economic affairs. By doing this, he suggested, the individual members would become more interested in the community and country and its future.

The meeting was opened by Burrell Streit, Elkader mayor and president of the Elkader Rotary Club. After welcoming the members of the various clubs to the meeting he introduced the delivered the invocation.

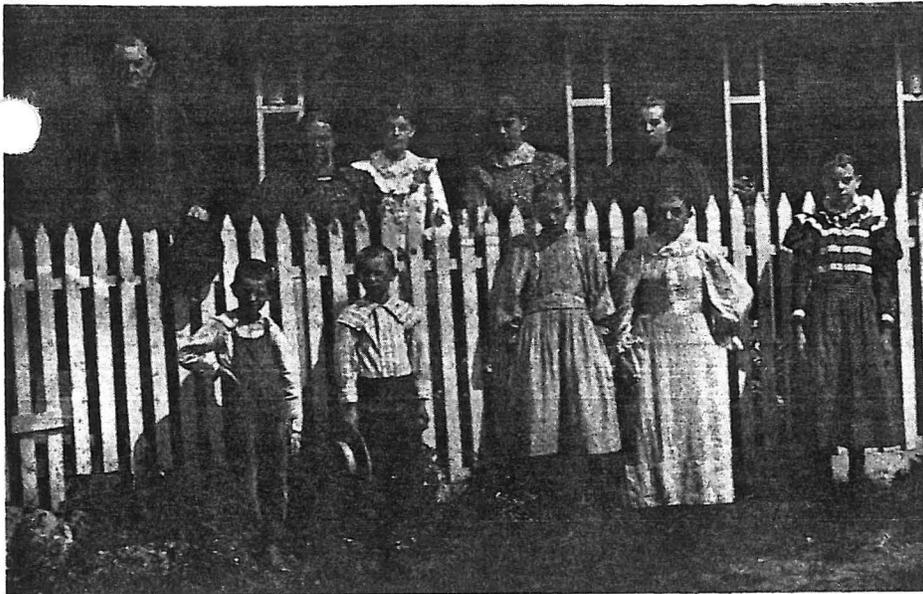
Rev. Paul Rothfusz, pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church, who The Chamber of Commerce meeting was opened by newly elected President Ed Olson who gave a brief report on the chamber activities for the past year and told of planned projects for the coming year.

Chamber Dues Drive Planned

The board of directors of the Elkader Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Hotel Bayless Friday noon, October 27, to make plans for a one day dues drive which will be carried out sometime next week.

One of the bigger projects to be instituted by the Chamber of Commerce this year will be the purchase of new Christmas lights for the business sections of Elkader. Increased work will be conducted in the areas of tourism, agriculture, industry and retailing.

Committees will be formed for the various phases of the chamber activities in the coming weeks.



The Rev. F. W. Seifert family. Back row: Rev. F. W. Seifert, Catherine, Annie (Seeman), Sophie and Amelia. Front row: Fred Seeman, Ernie, Kate (Buchheim), Marie and Louise.

Brunswick 16 March 1831. He served in the German Army, participating in the war in Baden and in the uprising in 1848. He worked as an overseer in the sugar refinery, a brakesman, and a building contractor until he came to the United States in 1858. He settled in Elkport, Ia., where he taught district school for a few terms then found employment in a mill. He had the misfortune, while hauling a load of logs to Elkport, to have his legs frozen, resulting in their amputation.

At the age of 30 he became acquainted with Rev. Stockfield, the minister at Garnavillo and Ceres. Under his guidance, Frederick Seifert prepared for the ministry. He was ordained in Illinois by the Illinois Synod which later dissolved membership. On the 18 May 1862, the congregation at Clayton Center asked him first to be their instructor and then pastor of their church. (See Portrait and Biographical Record, Dubuque, Jones, and Clayton Counties, 1894.)

Thus he spent his life in the service of those around him until 1 Oct 1903, when he retired as an active minister of the gospel. His wife, Catherine Ruckdaeschel, the daughter of Johann Ernst and Catherine Hosch Ruckdaeschel, (see Johann Ernest Ruckdaeschel article) preceded him in death on the 22 Sept 1899. Rev. Seifert d. 28 Aug. 1910; Rev. and Mrs. Seifert are buried in the cemetery in Clayton Center.

Their children (all born at Clayton Center) were Ernst b. 28 Oct. 1866 d. 10 Jan. 1868, buried Clayton Center; Anna Marie b. 22 Feb. 1868 d. 22 May 1943; Louisa b. 1 Feb. 1870 d. 14 Oct. 1941; Marie b. 25 Feb. 1872 d. 24 Dec.

1912, buried Clayton Center; Emilie (Amelia) b. 8 April 1874 d. 28 July 1845; Sophia b. 7 Dec. 1876 d. 27 Sept. 1947; Frederick W. b. 29 Jan. 1878 d. 3 Jan. 1958; Otto J. b. 15 Sept. 1881, d. 3 April 1966; Lenore (Laura) b. 7 Dec. 1884 d. 9 July 1963; Catherine b. 3 Aug. 1887 d. 12 Feb. 1955; Ernest F.W.R. b. 20 Oct. 1889 d. 4 May 1977; Carl J. b. 26 Oct. 1895 d. 28 Dec. 1895, buried Clayton Center.

Ernst and Carl died young; Marie was never well and died at age 30. Anna m. Reynold Seeman 18 Dec. 1888; Louisa m. William Fuelling 19 Jan. 1889. Amelia m. twice, first to Karl Vullgraf on 20 Aug. 1895, and after his death to Fred W. Vogt 10 Oct. 1902.

Sophia m. Fred Zarndt 18 May 1899; Fred W. m. Bertha Eifert 30 May 1900. Otto m. Amelia Theodore 20 Nov. 1902 and Laura m. George Glawe 10 Dec. 1903. Catherine became the wife of John Buchheim on 17 Nov. 1904 and Ernest m. Alvina Steen 16 May 1922.

By Judy Bender Moyna

Jon and Vera Coffin Shaffer

Jon Shaffer and Vera Coffin were married Sept. 5, 1965. Jon is the son of the late Howard and Clara Whitford Shaffer of West Union. Jon and Vera lived in Cedar Rapids for 10 years, where Jon worked at Hornifischer and Vera worked at Merchants National Bank for two years until son Daren was born in 1968. One year later Angie was born June 1, 1969, and daughter Shelley born Dec. 31, 1972.

Jon was in athletics while at Valley High School and Vera was a cheerleader when Valley went to state tournaments for Girls Basketball.

Now this generation of Shaffer children are in athletics and music, while attending Valley Schools. Vera is a 4-H leader, Jon sings in choir in the Methodist Church in Elgin.

It was quite a challenge for Jon to start farming, he had no farm experience. He is a dairy farmer in parts of Sec. 17, 19, and 20 in Marion Twp.

Vera was born Jan. 9, 1946, and attended the Shambaugh Country School before moving from Arlington area to farm east of Elgin in 1958.

Fern E. and Jessie Fritz Sharp



Fern Sharp Family. Jessie and Fern, Betty, Gene and Laura.

The Fern E. Sharp family lived in Elkader at 800 Carter Street from 1927 until Mrs. Sharp's death in 1981. Fern E. Sharp (1894-1967) was born in Clayton County a few miles northeast of Edgewood, the fourth child of Joseph and Laura Tear Sharp. Joseph Sharp, the son of Robert Weems Sharp and Sarah Ringer, was born in Dane Co., Wis., in 1865. His father, the son of Job Colin Sharp (1792-1842) and Margaret Dixon, was born in 1833 in Sutherland, England, and died in 1888 in Edgewood, Iowa. Job's parents were Cunningham Sharp, the son of Alexander and Katherine Ross Sharp of Edinborough, Scotland, and Ann Peachy.

Joe and Laura, Fern's parents married in 1833 and lived to celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary in the community of Edgewood where they had spent all their lives, farming and engaging in various

commercial ventures, including a hardware store. They were the parents of six children, three of whom survived to adulthood: Earl A. m. Bertha Smock of Edgewood; Elsie m. Ken Evans of Emerson, Ia., and Fern E. m. Jessie Fritz.

Fern graduated from Edgewood High School in 1912 and received a B.A. degree from Iowa State Teachers College in 1916. After teaching and coaching at Livermore, Ia., he joined the army and served in France in WWI. He returned to his career as an educator in Emerson, Ia., after marrying Jessie Fritz in 1920. He then attended law school in Madison, Wis., where daughter, Laura Mae, was born in 1921, and received his L.L.B. from the University of Iowa in 1924. A son, Fern E. Jr. (Gene) was born in Iowa City in 1923. Fern then entered law practice in Edgewood and also served as mayor. Upon election as county attorney, the family moved to Elkader where another daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth (Bette) was born in 1927. At this time he also entered into law practice with Valmah T. Price and later with H.K. Roggensack and remained active until his death in 1967.

Fern was active in public affairs and government. He served several terms as Mayor of Elkader, County Attorney of Clayton County, and in the Iowa State Legislature as a member of both the House and the Senate. He also served on the school board and was active in the Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge, Shrine, Eastern Star, American Legion and Rotary Club. His hobby was the management of farms.

Jessie (1893-1981) was born at Buck Creek, near Garnavillo, the daughter of Henry and Matilda Fritz (see Fritz), attended school in Garnavillo and taught school, including a stint as teacher at Clayton (transportation being the train from Guttenberg morning and night). She attended teacher's institutes at Iowa State Teacher's College and Iowa State College. She also was active in the church and was a member of P.E.O., Eastern Star and the Proteus Club as well as the service auxiliaries.

All three Sharp children attended and graduated from Elkader High School and Elkader Junior College. Laura Mae graduated from Coe College, m. Robert Roehlk (his grandparents were Amelia Schmidt and Fred Soll of Elkader) and they are the parents of two children: Richard J. and Susan C. They presently live in Cedar Rapids.

Gene graduated from the University of Iowa and is a commercial artist living in Lake Forest, Ill. He m. Zadona Hall (daughter of Harold and Belma Hall of Elkader) and they have two children:

Luci Szech and James, and two grandchildren.

Bette attended University of Iowa and m. Grant Eastham (now deceased) and she has six children: Jeff, Michele Imbach, Monty, Melissa, Matt and Gina. She now lives in Santa Rosa, Calif.

Alvin and Donna Rodas Shaw

Alvin Shaw was born to Earl and Ida Fritz Shaw near Elk Creek in Clayton County, Oct. 9, 1926. He was one of four children.

Jan. 23, 1951, he married Donna Rodas. She was born May 29, 1931, in Garber, one of the four daughters of Frank and Emma Wittman Rodas. Both her parents were born near Cedar Creek in Clayton County.

Alvin and Donna are the parents of three children: Renna, Gregory, and Roger. Renna, b. Aug. 29, 1952, in Delaware Co., is a hairdresser in Cedar Rapids. Gregory, b. Feb. 8, 1956, at Memorial Hospital in Manchester, is farming. Roger, b. May 7, 1963, at Memorial Hospital, is a graduate of Hawkeye Tech Institute with a degree in diesel mechanics.

The Shaws have lived in Lodomillo Twp. since 1953 and over 20 years at their present farm there.

William and Mary Cormick Shea

William Shea was the son of Martin Shea and Mary Franey Shea and was born 15 Aug. 1833, at Callan in County Kilkenny, Ireland. He left home at age 14 and came to St. Louis where he learned the cooper trade. He married Mary Cormick in St. Louis on 6 April 1857. In 1861 the family moved to Clayton County; there they purchased a 320-acre farm in Sec. 14 and 15 of Sperry Twp. William worked as a cooper at McGregor during the winter and managed the farm during the remainder of the year. He was known as a very good provider for his family and was well respected by everyone in the community. William died from pneumonia 28 March 1907. His funeral was held at Sacred Heart Church in Volga, and he was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mary Cormick Shea was the oldest of three children of Thomas Cormick, b. 1 Jan. 1837 at Callan in County Kilkenny, Ireland. She came to St. Louis at age 17 after a long voyage across the Atlantic. Her ship was wrecked on the way across,

so she was forced to remain on the ocean for three weeks, and she lost all of her possessions in the process. She came to Clayton County with her husband and spent the remainder of her life in the Volga area. Mary was a rather short, stout woman who was noted for her good nature. She never said an unkind word about anyone. Mary died of bronchitis on 22 June 1907. Her funeral was held at Sacred Heart Church, and she was buried beside her husband at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

William and Mary were the parents of 11 children, and many of those children remained in the local area. Ed Shea bought a farm in Highland Twp. and reared a large family. Margaret Shea became a nun and was known as Sister Martha. She was active in work for the church at several locations in Iowa, and she died in Dubuque.

Thomas Shea bought a farm near Platte, S.D., and he brought up a large family there. Some of his children later came back to the Volga area. Mary Shea Little lived in the Volga area and reared a large family. Kate Shea Crowley lived near Pittsville, Wis.; she and her husband made frequent trips back to Iowa to visit the family.

Martin Shea farmed near Volga for a time, and then he bought another farm near West Union. He and his wife had several children. William Shea Jr. was a farmer, and he farmed a portion of the parental Shea farm. Julia Shea Bergan and her husband farmed in the Volga area, and they reared a large family.

Rosa Shea Glennon taught school for a number of years before she was married. She and her husband farmed in the Volga area and reared two children. John Shea remained on the parental farm and reared a large family. Anna Shea was the only one of the children who died in infancy.

William and Mary also sheltered four orphan children. Pierre and Mike were brought up in the parental Shea home. Bessie and Timothy were reared by Ed Shea.

By Donald Curran

Addendum: At times when William was in St. Louis, he went north along the Mississippi, cut down saplings and floated them down the river to finish the barrels. One night he got lost in the woods near Clayton, being followed by wolves. He sought refuge on top of a wood pile and with a club and his trusting dog, fought them off until dawn.

William and Mary met and married in St. Louis. March 5, 1961, he purchased their farm land in Sperry Twp. from R.C. Place, and they raised their children in a log cabin. The cabin was replaced by a small two story house in 1900 and still stands with a small addition.

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It was from this background of ample experience and knowledge that she assumed the office of recorder of Pottawattamie County, which she holds today. Her knowledge of banking and business management received recognition from the citizens of Council Bluffs and of the county when, in 1942, she was elected to the office. Her administration has been able and efficient, and she has been twice re-elected. Miss Christensen's offices are at the county court house in Council Bluffs.

Her abilities have been sought in other capacities. She is secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Records Association. As a member of the Business and Professional Women's Association, she has been an officer in the local district and state clubs. She holds membership also in the American Legion Auxiliary, and is past president of the Council Bluffs unit of the organization. A Republican in her politics, Miss Christensen is treasurer of the Seventh District Republican Women's Club. She is a member of the executive boards of the following organizations: the American Red Cross, local chapter; the Salvation Army; and the Community Chest local boards. She is a member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the County Farm Bureau and the Women's Christian Association.

A public-minded citizen, eager to do her part in every worthwhile civic project, Miss Christensen is also an earnest worker in the church, her congregation being St. John's Lutheran.

HON. FERN EUGENE SHARP—In the state capital, the Hon. Fern Eugene Sharp is a well known figure in public life as the senator from Elkader, Clayton County. A successful lawyer of experience, an educator, farmer and business man, he is eminently fitted to consider the problems that must be solved by the State and its people, and he has sponsored or supported many progressive measures in both the House and the Senate during the decade he has been a member of the General Assembly.

Senator Sharp was born in Edgewood, Clayton County, Iowa, on February 19, 1894, son of Joseph and Laura (Tear) Sharp. His paternal grandfather, Robert Sharp, a native of England, migrated to the United States and settled first in Illinois, and then went on to Wisconsin. Here his elder son, Joseph Sharp, was born. When the boy was a few months old, the family removed to Edgewood, where relatives have dwelt ever since. It was here that a second son was born, Albert Sharp, who went to Nebraska where he engaged in a drug business. Joseph Sharp was reared on a farm and continued in agriculture for some years. Later he started a hardware and implement business with which he was identified to his retirement from commercial activities. He is now a resident of Edgewood. He married Laura Tear, daughter of James Tear, born on the Isle of Man, who came to Iowa as a young man and located in Clayton County. Joseph and Laura (Tear) Sharp were the parents of three children: 1. Earl A., a farmer at Edgewood. 2. Fern Eugene, of this record. 3. Elsie, a former teacher in Mills County; she married Kenneth A. Evans, who is currently the Lieutenant Governor of Iowa.

Fern Eugene Sharp attended local schools before matriculating at the State Teachers College, where he was graduated with the class of 1916. He then taught for two scholastic years in Humboldt County, but when the United States entered World War I, he enlisted in the Armed Forces, serving with a Motor Supply Train of the 88th Division. Nine months of

his tour of duty were overseas in France, with the American Expeditionary Forces. Later he compiled the history of his outfit, "Motor and Supply Train of the 88th Division." Naturally athletic, while he was teaching he also was coach of the athletic teams of his school.

Upon being mustered out of the Service, Mr. Sharp returned to Mills County and engaged in school work for eighteen months before entering the University of Wisconsin, at Madison. After the first year, however, he transferred to the University of Iowa where he completed his law studies with the class of 1924. For three years he practiced his profession in Edgewood, during which period Mr. Sharp had the honor of being elected its mayor.

Since 1927, he has been a resident and attorney of Elkader, Clayton County, first as a partner of V. T. Price, after whose death in 1931, Mr. Sharp joined forces with H. K. Roggensack. Entering politics, from 1928 to 1932 he was Clayton County attorney; from 1939 to 1943, he was State Representative, and since 1943 he has been State Senator. As mentioned, his sponsorship and support of important measures has been influential in the passing of some excellent legislation. Senator Sharp is not only thoroughly well acquainted with the needs of his constituents, but as well with those of the State, and is constantly depended upon to co-operate with projects and plans that make for the best interests of Iowa at large. Part of his knowledge and understanding of public affairs is derived from his large agricultural holdings, consisting of five farms, and the ownership of city properties. There are few worthwhile community activities with which he is not associated, and he is a member of the Rotary Club and the Elkader Service Club. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and the Masonic Order, being a member of the higher bodies of Masonry, and a Thirty-second degree Mason. He attends the Congregational Church.

In 1921, Fern Eugene Sharp married Jessie Fritz, daughter of Henry W. Fritz, and the granddaughter of Daniel Fritz, a pioneer settler of Clayton County. Mrs. Sharp, a graduate of Coe College, was a teacher prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are the parents of the following children: 1. Laura Mae, a graduate of Coe College; during World War II, she served at Washington, D. C., with the Waves; she married Robert Roehlk, who served in the United States Air Corps in China; now attending Drake University, at Des Moines, where they reside; they have a son: Richard. 2. Fern Eugene, Jr., (known as Eugene), currently a commercial artist at Chicago. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa, later was with the Meredith Publishing Company at Des Moines for one year. He married Zedonna Hall, daughter of Harold Hall of Elkader, a former operator of the Elkader Theater, now operating a finance company. 3. Charlotte Elizabeth (Betty), a graduate of the University of Iowa; she married Grant Eastham, and they have a son, Goeffrey, and a daughter, Michele. Mr. Eastham served in the United States Army for two years in the Aleutian Islands, during World War II, and is now attending the University of Iowa.

ALFRED A. KASKADDEN, since June 15, 1948, superintendent of the Oelwein Public Schools, was born in Bolton, Mahaska County, February 28, 1909, the son of Alfred I. and Sarah (Woodcock) Kaskadden.

Alfred I. Kaskadden was a native of Pennsylvania but grew up in Illinois. He went into railroad work and came to Iowa in that service. He is now retired and living in Oskaloosa. His wife, Sarah (Woodcock)

FERN E. SHARP

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

Fern E. Sharp was born February 19, 1894, in Clayton County, town of Edgewood, Iowa. He was the son of Joseph and Laura Tear Sharp. He graduated from Edgewood High School in 1912. He attended Iowa State Teachers College, from which he received his B.A. degree in 1916. He then attended law school at the University of Wisconsin in 1922, transferred to the University of Iowa and received his LL.B. degree in 1923.

He was married to Jessie Fritz on August 31, 1920. To this union were born one son and two daughters.

Mr. Sharp was coach and manual training instructor at Livermore, Iowa. He was superintendent of the school at Emerson from 1919 to 1921. In 1924 he began the practice of law at Edgewood. Upon his election as County Attorney in 1927, he moved to Elkader and entered into partnership with Attorney V. T. Price. After Mr. Price's death in 1931 he took H. K. Roggensack as a partner and continued in the law practice. He was mayor of Edgewood from 1924 until 1927, also served as mayor of Elkader for a number of years. Served in the army during World War I and later served as commander of the Clayton County American Legion. He was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, K. P. Lodge, Eastern Star and Elkader Lodge No. 72, A. F. and A. M., Clinton Consistory and El Kahir Shrine. For many years he served as a trustee or moderator of the Congregational Church and as a Sunday School teacher and choir member. He was a member of Rotary and served as president of the school board.

Mr. Sharp, as a Republican, served in the Iowa Senate in the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third, and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly, and served in the House of Representatives in the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth and Fiftieth Extra sessions of the General Assembly. He passed away October 22, 1967.

Surviving Mr. Sharp are his widow Jessie; two daughters, Mrs. Laura Roehk of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Mrs. Bette Eastham of New Jersey; one son Fern Eugene Sharp, Jr., of Lake Forest, Illinois. He is also survived by one sister and ten grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Fern E. Sharp, 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.

DALE L. TIEDEN
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ID: I110765
Name: **Fern Eugene Sharp**
Sex: M
Birth: 19 FEB 1894 in Lodomillo Township, Clayton County, Iowa
Death: OCT 1967 in Elkader, Clayton County, Iowa
Census: 1930 Lawyer, county attorney, living with wife Jessie and children Laura, Eugene and Charolette in Elkader, Iowa
Reference Number: 110765

Ancestry Hints for **Fern Eugene Sharp**

2 possible historical record matches

Father: Joseph P. Sharp b: 7 JAN 1865 in Davilo or Danville, Wisconsin
Mother: Laura Luella Tear b: 5 JAN 1867 in Delaware County, Iowa

Marriage 1 Jessie Augusta Fritz b: 23 APR 1893 in Garnavillo Township, Clayton County, Iowa
Married: 1920 in Iowa

Children

- Laura Mae Sharp b: 27 NOV 1921 in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin
 Living Sharp
- Living Sharp

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Fern Sharp	
Birth Year:	abt 1894	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Single	
Census Date:	1915	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Delaware	
Locality:	Edgewood	
Mother's Birthplace:	Iowa	
Father's Birthplace:	Wisconsin	
Roll:	IA1915_137	
Line:	182	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Fern Sharp	21

Source Information:
 Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.
 Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

Description:
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1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Fern E Sharp	
Home in 1920:	Honey Creek, Delaware, Iowa	
Age:	25	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1895	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Son	
Father's Name:	Joseph	
Father's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Mother's Name:	Laura L	
Mother's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	Joseph Sharp	55
	Laura L Sharp	53
	Fern E Sharp	25
	Elsie B Sharp	23
	Wayne Perry	5

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Description:

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