

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brookmeyer, John H. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Howard County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Sept 1890 near Calsbury, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Clara L. Kuntz 18 Feb 1920 near Ridgeway, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Farm Bureau for 61 years

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion

C. Profession Farmer, raised hybrid hogs

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 54<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1951, 1953

6. Public Offices

A. Local Served on township and Howard County Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Committee; Caling Township Trustee; Howard County Township Club

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

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 13 Feb 1984 Pleasantville, Iowa; buried Howard Center Cemetery, rural Cresco, Iowa

8. Children Helma (Mrs. Heinners); Lois (Mrs. William DeJode); Zeida (Mrs. Robert Clark)

9. Names of parents John Hury and Anna (Hester) Brookmeyer

10. Education Educated in rural schools in Delaware County and  
high school training at Charles City, Iowa College

11. Degrees Attended Coe College, Mount Vernon, Iowa for  
one year

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War I - U. S. Army, 129<sup>th</sup> Inf 33<sup>rd</sup> Div.
- In 1920 he started farming near Calhoun, Iowa later moving to a  
farm near Davis Corners in Howard County in 1932. He lived  
here until moving into Cresco, Iowa in 1968
- He helped organize and was president of the Howard County  
Experimental Farms for 20 years. He helped organize and was  
president of the Howard County Soil Conservation Service
- Wife, Clara, died in Oct 1982



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# John Brockmeyer, 93, Dies At Pleasantville, Service Here

John H. Brockmeyer, formerly of Lime Springs and Cresco, died Friday at a Pleasantville, Iowa, nursing home. He had been fairly well until the very last. In two months, he would have had his 94th birthday.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, Lime Springs. Officiating was the pastor Rev. Dwight Grosvenor, with Mrs. Abner Buresh the organist. Pallbearers were Arnold DeJoode, Jeffrey Nelson, Charles Becker, John Hinners, Neal Hinners and Harold Kuntz.

Interment was beside his wife, Clara, at Howard Center Cemetery, rural Cresco, where military honors were accorded by the Lloyd L. Horton Post No. 545 of the American Legion, with Commander Eugene Munkel in charge and Chaplain Walter Harwood presenting the flag to Mrs. Wilma Hinners, daughter of Mr. Brockmeyer. Bradley-Lindstrom Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### John H. Brockmeyer

He was born in Clayton County near Colesburg, Iowa, September 14, 1890, to John Henry and Anna Woeste Brockmeyer. He received his elementary education in rural school in Delaware County and high school training at Charles City College. He attended Coe College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, for one year.

He served in the U.S. Army from February, 1918 to June, 1919, and was still in Europe when the Armistice was declared.

In 1920 John started farming near Colesburg and moved to a farm north of Davis Corners in Howard County in 1932 where he lived until moving to Cresco in 1968. A member of the Zion Methodist Church, Colesburg, he served as secretary of the Sunday School and also as superintendent before transferring his membership to the Lime Springs Methodist Episcopal Church where he served on the board of trustees.

A member of the American Legion, he was the commander of both the William F. Brockmeyer Post of Colesburg, named for his brother, and the Lloyd L. Horton Post of Lime Springs.

As a member of the Farm Bureau for 61 years he served as president and voting delegate. He helped organize and was president of the Howard County Experimental Farm for 20 years and helped organize and was president of the Howard County Soil Conservation Service.

John also served on the township and county Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Committees.

He was a trustee of Colony Township, Delaware County, and was elected clerk of Howard Center Township in Howard County for many years.

For two terms, 1951 and 1953, he was elected to represent Howard County in the



John Brockmeyer

State House of Representatives.

He married Clara L. Kuntz February 18, 1920, at her parents' home near Ridgeway. They have three daughters: Wilma Hinners, Spring Valley, Minn.; Lois DeJoode, Pleasantville, Iowa; and Zeida Clark, Saranac, Mich.; 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

## Elma Woman, 18, Killed in Mishap

An Elma woman was killed and her cousin injured in a two-vehicle accident 4 miles northwest of Elma Friday.

Christine Marie Pietan, 21, died enroute to a Rochester, Minn., hospital Friday afternoon.

She was the driver of a vehicle which collided with one driven by Gilbert Gesell of Elma. The accident occurred on a county road three miles north of Elma and one mile west of the county blacktop.

A passenger in Pietan's car, Melanie Worpel, 17, was taken to Mitchell County Memorial Hospital in Osage where she was listed in good condition Saturday night.

Details of the accident were not released by the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

Services for Christine Marie Pietan, 21, were at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Elma; burial at Calvary Cemetery, Elma. She is survived by her husband, Mark; a daughter, Jacqueline; her parents, John and Mary Worpel of Elma; two brothers, Craig Worpel and Steve Worpel, both of Elma; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dempsey of Riceville, and Freida Worpel of Elma.

Methodist Church in Amer Sunday afternoon at Zion U dist Church in Albion Tow miles northeast of Lime S Golden Ridge.

Pastor Tom Woodin, dre like the circuit riders who first churches, arrived about horseback from the east on a ed by Richard and Julie Br gram in the church followe attendance of present and f and members. Rev. Woodin er of ceremonies.

Following the welcome. Old Fashioned Meeting" Sharyl Keune, Patsy Br Landswerk, and Shirley Go Clinton Bigalk gave "Methodist Pie". The Hy Thousand Tongues to Sing" by scripture, prayer and m the song "Old Country Ch Golden Ridge Quartet. Robert Bronner, Clinton Bi cella Keune.

Next, Marcella Keune received.

Lay leader John Krueg the visiting pastors to each and give their thoughts on occasion. These five forme pastors are Ralph Hindman of Iowa City; Harlan Sten now of Kanawha; Ed Sch now of Fredericksburg-W Timm, 1965-68 of Charles Woodin current pastor sinc

A choir group then sang my Soul". Pianists are Hel lone Bronner and Patsy Kaletka then played "Cou sings" and other good f accordion. Then followe selections played both sepa together by Harry Hass an Woodin, including "Jesus i Bless Now My Saviour", "C "Sweet Hour of Prayer" a Am"

Donna Landswerk led tional singing of "Wonde Life", "Standing on th "Blessed Assurance" at Grace", and benediction by concluded the program.

1960 is the earliest recor founding of the congregati church, which was origir Evangelical Church. In 1944 Zion Evangelical United Br and in 1968-70 to Zion Uni Church.

A Diamond Jubilee was 1950 under Pastor H.H. Kit church building is the one b new addition to the west si School, etc. was dedicated i 80th year. The centennial of congregation was celebra under Pastor Ed Schaller. T of the church sanctuary was 1975 under the pastorate o

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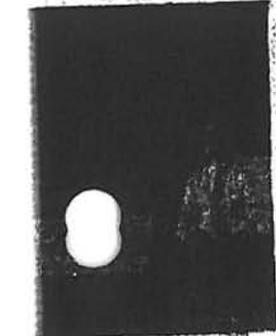
selection of a woman tial candidate, Kay ok at qualifications and experience such as slop re important to our ho can be sensitive to problems. He advised ies of firmness, stead ncy in our candidates. o balancing the budget. e the goal of accom- etimes—wouldn't it be ked.

Davis, county Republi- also introduced the ers o were present: hur tias, State Rep- Ko , and County

Wilma Mohs, Sheriff Treasurer Helen Bate-urt Connie Pecinovsky, Skoda, and County rt Freel and Tom Ras- gers were also intro- Perkins, opposing Dec- e Representative; and ing Gary Cleveland for

hioned men's quartet heard in a program by Harmony Quartet from ihr final number, after the audience in singing "ica", which closed the

ther cooperated toward annual event.



Nat. Committee woman Morris Kay of EPA

60. Joseph D. was a son of John and Anna (Fenc) Brouska and Julia was a daughter of Anton and Rose (Strnad) Huber. Julia was born on February 16, 1892. She served as the night operator for the Protivin Telephone Co. for 30 years.

by Mrs. Clarence Bouska

## BOUSKA, RAYMOND

J.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bouska

Raymond J. Bouska was a native of Howard County having been born on a farm near Cresco on October 14, 1901, the youngest child of Frank R. and Grace Slebiska Bouska. He attended rural school and then engaged in farming. On February 23, 1925 he and Grace Drew were married at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa. Grace was the daughter of Michael J. and Mary Jane Sexton Drew of Decorah, Iowa. She was a teacher in the area. Two children were born, Pearl Marie and Paul Anthony. Later, on moving to Cresco, Ray was employed as a harness maker and a clerk in the Kalishek Hardware store for many years, then for Howard County as a dynamiter and later on building bridges. He worked at Goodrich and Searcy and then served the City of Cresco as Street Commissioner for several years. He returned to farming in 1948. The family lived southwest of Cresco, south of Cresco, later at Ridgeway, Iowa and then moved to Canton, Minnesota where the parents, Ray and Grace, passed away in later years. Pearl was employed in the business office of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Cresco, Iowa and, having resigned there, was employed by Peter F. Kepros, M.D. in his office at the Cresco Medical Clinic until the local doctors joined together to form the Cresco Medical Center, P.C. where she is presently employed. Paul worked at the Fillmore County Nursery at Canton, Minnesota for eight years and then at HECO in Harmony, Minnesota for five years. He returned to farming at the time of his father's death, an occupation in which he is presently engaged at Canton. Raymond had one brother, Edward J. and two sisters, Jessie Bouska Sebastian and Helen Bouska Murtagh, all of whom are deceased. Grace came from a family of eight, deceased members are William Drew of Ridgeway and Francis M. Drew of Decorah, her brothers, and a sister Catherine Drew of Decorah. Living members are her sisters, Genevieve M. McCabe of St. Paul, Minnesota, who is in

excellent health at age 92, Bea Drew of Decorah, Loretta Mitchell of Lime Springs, and Lucy Drew of Decorah.

by Pearl M. Bouska

## BROCKMEYER, JOHN AND CLARA

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Clara Brockmeyer

John and Clara Brockmeyer and their three daughters, Wilma, Lois and Zeida, moved to a 130 acre farm in Howard Center township, Howard County, Iowa, March 1, 1932, from Colesburg, Delaware County, Iowa.



John Brockmeyer

John was in the group that succeeded in getting REA to Howard County and his was one of the first farms on the western edge of Howard Center to be electrified.

He served on the County Farm Bureau board for many years and was among the first county stock holders in the Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

He was instrumental in getting the Howard County Experimental Farm organized and operating.

He was involved in the organization of the Farm Service Co-op (now C&H Farm Service).

He served two terms as Howard County representative in the Iowa State Legislature in Des Moines.

His first year in Howard County, when he planted corn on his farm, well meaning neighbors laughed saying he couldn't grow corn, but he had a good crop and continued to raise corn crops with proper fertilizers as recommended by the Iowa State Extension Service office.

He was a veteran of WWI serving in Europe and was a long time member of the Lloyd L. Horton Legion Post in Lime Springs, Iowa.

He served in the Lime Springs Methodist Church in various ways.

John and Clara moved to Cresco after selling their farm to Roger Foote who recently sold it to the Exchange State Bank of Lime Springs. They lived in Cresco until 1980 when they entertained the Pleasantville Care Center, Pleasantville, Iowa.

Clara died in October, 1982 and John in July, 1984. Both rest in the Howard Center township Cemetery.

For some years John and Clara were partners with their daughter, Lois and William DeJooe, on the farm raising hybrid hogs. Some years later, daughter, Wilma and Harmon Hinnners, operated a grade A (bulk milk) dairy in partnership with her parents.

The daughters are now located — Wilma in Brush, CO; Lois in Pleasantville, Iowa and Zeida Clark in Mesa, AZ.

by Wilma Hinnners (nee Brockmeyer)

## BRONNER, JOHN FAMILY

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John Bronner, with his brothers, emigrated from Germany in the 1850's. He homesteaded a farm in Albion Township. On June 15, 1861 he was married to Mary Dempewolf, who also emigrated from Hanover, Germany. She was born July 30, 1843, and lived until April, 1910. This young couple resided and farmed the same place all their married life. This farm is still in the Bronner family, now occupied by their fourth and fifth generation, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Bronner and two daughters, Sarah and Robyn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bronner were regular attendants and members of the original Zion Evangelical Church; which is now Zion United Methodist. It is located across the road from their farm. Their first home was a log cabin built near a spring south of the present dwelling. As their family grew, a larger home was required. Then a two-story was built nearer the road. This had to be replaced, too.