

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stephenson Oscar C. Senator _____

Represented Wayne County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Jul 1890 Wayne County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna Ruth Hayes

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president and director of the Wayne County Mutual Insurance Co.

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Farmer

C. Profession Farmer; farm manager; land owner

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 55th, 56th General Assemblies 1953, 1955

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clerk of the district court of Wayne County 1931-1932

B. State State inheritance tax appraiser for 20 years

C. National _____

7. Death 25 July 1957 Ottumwa, Iowa; buried Crystal County, Crystal, Iowa

8. Children Fred C.; Paula (Mrs. Conroy); Thelma (Mrs. Woods);
Marciabella (Mrs. Snyder)

9. Names of parents McKendra and Belle (Selby) Stephenson

Stephenson, Oscar C.

10. Education He was educated and graduated from the
Allerton Grove High School

11. Degrees He was a graduate of Capital City Commercial College,
Des Moines, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican
- He farmed near Sewell, Iowa for 33 years.
- He was a farm manager at his death.

Sewal Director Files Suit VS Seymour District

Gerald Selby of Sewal last Tuesday morning filed a suit in the county district court against Seymour Community School Dis-

The petition seeks to test the validity of the opinion of the Iowa Attorney General. Named as defendants were the Seymour Community School District; John Wickham, president of the board; Harvey Gan, Jay Shubat Harold Smith and Joe Sherrard as directors and Margaret Shubat, secretary.

Selby is a member of the board of the 1 Consolidated School District which voted itself out of the Seymour Community School District.

Iowa Attorney General ruled that if vote in the special election held throughout the entire district by a majority, Sewal would automatically be taken into the reorganized district. The attorney General's opinion was made public on Monday before the election on Tuesday, May 28th of this year. Selby was too late to do anything about it.

The districts taken in by the reorganization were promised by the voters of the proposed district that they could vote out. Advertisement was sent through the mail to that effect.

Sewal voted 75 percent against inclusion of its district into the Seymour Community School District and then found that they were included against their will.

Seventy-two percent of the eligible voters in the Sewal Consolidated District had previously petitioned the joint county boards to be set off as a district, but the joint boards of education refused Sewal's request on the grounds that they would not vote out if it were so desired.

The defendants have twenty days to appear in court in connection with the suit.

Three Truckers

No Iowa Plates

Three Missouri truckers were

Services Held Tuesday For O. C. Stephenson, 67



Oscar C. Stephenson, 67, passed away Saturday night in the Ottumwa hospital after a bitter fight against cancer. He entered the hospital there three weeks ago, but there was nothing medical science could do for him.

Stephenson was known not only in Wayne county but throughout Iowa, for he served as a member of Iowa Legislature for two terms, elected in 1954. He farmed 32 years near Sewal, was elected on the Republican ticket in 1930 to clerk of the district court. He served as AAA committeeman and as vice president and director of the Wayne County Mutual Insurance Company. He was managing a farm at the time of his death.

Oscar was a Mason and a member of the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. Masonic services were held at the graveside Tuesday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; one son Fred of Beloit, Wisc., three daughters, Paulla Conry of Robbinsdale, Minn., Thelma Woods of Denver, Colo. and Marciabelle Snyder of Corydon and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday from Wolf Funeral home here, and burial was in the Corydon cemetery.

New Church Service Will Be An Experiment

Something new is scheduled for August in Corydon, and it may well revolutionize church-going. At least this is the hope of the originators.

The elders of the Christian Church in Corydon along with the Rev. Clyde Leeds are launching an experimental church service program that has already caught the eye of church councils throughout Iowa. During August, the Christian church here will hold an 8:45 a.m. service as well as its regular 11:00 a.m. program.

The idea behind this early morning church is an attempt to find out what sort of worship appeals to the busy, younger generation living in a scientific and stream-lined age. The research program is directed more accurately to a solution to a problem, to find out why so few young people attend church these days.

Here is how one of the proponents explains it:

In the first place this service is conducted at 8:45 and is only 45 minutes long and they are asking you to dress in very plain clothes so nobody, regardless of his financial standing will be embarrassed by his attire. You are asked to come into the church quietly and take your seat without any conversation or excessive noise.

Soft music is played on the organ or chimes during the opening or while the congregation is being seated. The service consists of a sermon, musical offering by a professional musician or group of musicians, and communion. There is no responsive reading, no singing by the congregation and no offering will be taken during the service. In other words, the service is brief, very solemn, and in the spirit of deep meditation and nobody will be embarrassed by being asked to sing or read in public.

Everybody is invited to attend at least one of these services. Even those from other churches can attend and still be able to attend services in their own church at the regular hour. It is hoped that at least some of the features of this special research service will prove desirable and that possibly it will, in general, be more to the liking of our

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Mr. Sorlien moved to Mason City, Iowa, in 1925, as a deputy collector of internal revenue. In 1940 he established the Sorlien Tax Service in Mason City.

He was a charter member of the Central Lutheran church in Mason City, a life member of the Iowa Tax Association, member of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Association, and a member of the Iowa Society of Independent Accountants.

Mr. Sorlien is survived by his widow, Lottie; son, Charles J. Sorlien, Minneapolis, Minnesota; two granddaughters; a sister, Mrs. Henry Lorge, five brothers, Henry, Minot, Albert, Magnus and the Reverend S. O. Sorlien.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Oscar C. Sorlien the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful 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.

FRED W. HALL,
WM. G. BOLIN,
CASEY LOSS,

Committee.

OSCAR C. STEPHENSON

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

Oscar C. Stephenson, farmer and legislator, was born in Wayne county, Iowa, on July 12, 1890, and passed away July 27, 1957, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was the son of McKendra and Belle Stephenson.

He was a graduate of Allerton high school and Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines, Iowa.

On January 16, 1913, he was united in marriage to Ruth Hays of Seymour, Iowa, and to this union were born four children—one son and three daughters.

Mr. Stephenson lived and farmed near Sewell, Iowa, until moving to Corydon, Iowa, in 1944, where he still owned and managed two farms until his death. He served as clerk of the district court of Wayne county in 1931 and 1932 and was one of the state inheritance tax appraisers for twenty years. He served as vice-president, director, and agent for the Wayne County Mutual Insurance Company.

Mr. Stephenson was a member of the Methodist church and of Corydon Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter 22 Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, Council 42, Immanuel Commandery Knights Templar, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine of Des Moines, Iowa, and Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem of Chariton, Iowa.

He was elected State Representative from Wayne county in 1952 and 1954 and served in the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth sessions of the Gen-

eral Assembly. Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife; a son, Fred C. Stephenson of Beloit, Wisconsin, and daughters, Paula Conry of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Thelma Wood of Denver, Colorado, and Marcia Snyder of Corydon, Iowa, and seven grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Oscar C. Stephenson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its sympathy to the wife and children, and 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,
KENNETH E. OWENS,
NEAL PIERCE,

Committee.

FRED C. STIFFLER

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

Fred C. Stiffler was born June 26, 1875, on a farm in Warren county, and passed away June 16, 1958, at the age of eighty-three.

He was educated in the Norwalk schools. He spent his entire life in and around Norwalk except for four years which he spent in Kansas. Mr. Stiffler was engaged in farming and livestock buying. He bought cattle for a packing company for four years.

Mr. Stiffler served thirty-five years as a member of the Norwalk school board, was a member of the Warren county board of supervisors, and a member of the Norwalk town council.

Mr. Stiffler served as auditor for the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association for nineteen years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau. Mr. Stiffler was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Stiffler served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly.

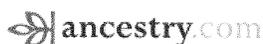
Besides Mrs. Stiffler, he is survived by six children, twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Fred C. Stiffler, the people of Warren county and the entire state of Iowa have lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sincere and heartfelt 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.

CARL HIRSCH,
HOWARD C. REPERT, JR.,
JOSEPH B. FLATT,

Committee.



You searched for **Oscar C. Stephenson** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	Oscar C Stephenson	
Home in 1900:	Howard, Wayne, Iowa	
Age:	9	
Birth Date:	Jul 1890	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Son	
Father's Name:	Mckendra	
Father's Birthplace:	Illinois	
Mother's Name:	Belle E	
Mother's Birthplace:	Iowa	
Marital Status:	Single	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Mckendra Stephenson	43
	Belle E Stephenson	33
	Trecia R Stephenson	15
	Oscar C Stephenson	9

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: *Howard, Wayne, Iowa*; Roll *T623_464*; Page: *11A*; Enumeration District: *146*.

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



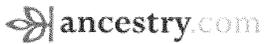
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Description: This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, relationship to the head of household, color or race, sex, month and year of birth, age at last birthday, marital status, number of years married, the total number of children born of the mother, the number of those children living, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, if the individual was foreign born, the year of immigration and the number of years in the United States, the citizenship status of foreign-born individuals over age twenty-one, occupation, and more. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1900 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	Oscar C Stephenson	
Age in 1910:	19	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1891	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Son	
Father's Name:	McKendra	
Father's Birth Place:	Illinois	
Mother's Name:	Belle	
Mother's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Home in 1910:	Howard, Wayne, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	McKendra Stephenson	53
	Belle Stephenson	44
	Oscar C Stephenson	19

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: *Howard, Wayne, Iowa*; Roll *T624_427*; Page: *88*; Enumeration District: *163*; Image: *614*.

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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 This database is an index to the head of households enumerated in the 1910 United States Federal Census, the Thirteenth Census of the United States. In addition, each indexed name is linked to actual images of the 1910 Federal Census. The information recorded in the census includes: name, relationship to head of family, age at last birthday, sex, color or race, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, and more. [Learn more...](#)

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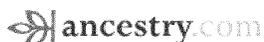
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Oscar C Stephenson	
Birth Year:	abt 1891	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Wayne	
Locality:	Jackson	
Relation to Head:	Head	
Mother:	Belle Selby	
Mother's Birth Year:	abt 1866	
Mother's Birthplace:	Iowa	
Father:	Mc Kindra Stephenson	
Father's Birth Year:	abt 1857	
Father's Birthplace:	Illinois	
Marriage Place:	Iowa	
Spouse Name:	Anna R Stephenson	
Roll:	IA1925_1981	
Line:	6	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Oscar C Stephenson	34
	Anna R Stephenson	33
	H Fred E Stephenson	10
	Pauline R Stephenson	8
	Thelma S Stephenson	6
	Marcia B Stephenson	4
Source Information:		
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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:		
This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration.		
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You searched for **Oscar C. Stephenson** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	Oscar C Stephenson	
Home in 1930:	Jackson, Wayne, Iowa View Map	
Age:	39	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1891	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's name:	A Ruth	
Race:	White	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	View image	
Rent/home value:		
Age at first marriage:		
Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Oscar C Stephenson	39
	A Ruth Stephenson	38
	Fred C Stephenson	15
	Pauline R Stephenson	13
	Thelma L Stephenson	11
	Marciabell Stephenson	9

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Jackson, Wayne, Iowa; Roll 686; Page: 7A; Enumeration District: 10; Image: 926.0.

Source Information:
 Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

Description:
 Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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Birth **Abt. 1891** in Iowa, USA
Death

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1891 **Birth** 1 source citation

Abt. Iowa, USA

1925 **Residence** 1 source citation

1 Jan Jackson, Iowa, USA
Age: 34

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Parents

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No Mother

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1892 -

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2 citations provide evidence for (Oscar C. Stephenson)

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

3 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

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