Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Knock, Joseph Gerard Senator _____

Represented Union County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Oct 1916 Grundy County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Rachel S. Emerson 20 Apr 1943 Creston, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Chairman of the board of Iowa State Savings Bank as well as president and farm representative

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Rotary; American Legion; Eagles; Elks; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Shriner; V.F.W.; Chamber of Commerce

C. Profession Banker; Farm Security Administration employee

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 59th, 60th General Assemblies 1961, 1963

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State He was a member of the Iowa State Banking Board 8 years

C. National _____

7. Death 22 Aug 1994 Creston, Iowa; buried Greenland Cemetery, Creston, Iowa

8. Children Barbara Ann (Mrs. Steve Spreiter); Joseph R.; Karl H.; Gretchen (died in infancy)

9. Names of parents Elert and Alice (Hinrichs) Knocks

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Knock, Joseph Gerard

10. Education He graduated from Grundy Center, Iowa High School -

11. Degrees He graduated from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1940 with B.S.; He attended Wisconsin School of Banking

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - U.S. Coast Guard 1942-1943, U.S. Navy, commissioned as an ensign serving in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, discharged in 1945

- He attended U.S. Naval Reserve Officers School

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary - The Creston News Advertiser, Creston, Iowa Wed. Aug. 24, 1994, p. 2, cols 2, 3			
- Iowa Official Register 1963-1964, p. 77			

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Deaths

Joseph G. Knock, Creston

Services for Joseph G. Knock, 77, 1100 Orchard Drive, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Creston.

He died Aug. 22, 1994, at Greater Community Hospital.

The Rev. Lynn Williams will officiate the service. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. There is open visitation from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight. The Coen-Beaty Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the Crestland Community Betterment Foundation for the community center building.

Mr. Knock was born Oct. 9, 1916, in Grundy County to Eilert and Alice (Hinrichs) Knock. He graduated from Grundy Center High School, then from Iowa State University in 1940. He was employed by the Farm Security Administration in Creston until enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard in May 1942. In January 1943, he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres of war and discharged as Lt. Sr. Grade in 1945.

He married Rachael S. Emerson in Creston April 20, 1943. Mr. Knock returned to Creston in 1949 as farm representative for Iowa State Savings Bank. He had been serving as chairman of the board for the past two years, and was president from 1953 to 1993. He was a member of BPOE No. 605, Crest City Lodge 522 AF & AM, ZaGaZig Shrine Temple, Bluegrass Shrine Club, Scottish Rite Masons, Alpha Gamma Roe, American Legion, VFW, Order of the Knoll, Creston Rotary Club, Crestmoor Golf Club, the Iowa State Banking Board for eight years, and First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Knock served as state representative from 1960 to 1964.

He is survived by his wife, Rachael S. Knock of Creston; two sons, Joseph R. (wife Patricia) Knock of New York, N.Y. and Karl W. (wife Jan) Knock of Creston; daughter, Barbara A. Brandel (husband Steve) Spreter of Tucson, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, the Rev. H. Calvin Knock; and daughter Gretchen in infancy.

Funerals

Laurence Seil, Lorimor

Funeral services for Laurence E. Seil, 63, of rural Lorimor, were 10:30 a.m. Aug. 22, 1994, at the Stroud-Lindsay Funeral Home in Afton.

ers were Ralph Breakenridge, A.M. "Sam" Cooper, Robert Foland, George Groesbeck, Boyd Hogge and David C. Weeks.

Mr. Seil was born Nov. 23

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