Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lucken, J. Henry Senator Lucken, J. Henry
Represented Cherokee and Plymouth Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Feb 1896 Akron, Plymouth County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Cecilia Holl 17 Dec 1917 Merrill, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was instrumental in establishing the Rural Electrification Association

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; Masons; Shriner;

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th General Assemblies 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd General Assemblies 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1968-1970 Senate

A. Local School board member 25 years; director of Plymouth Co-op Oil Company 26 years; 24 years as director of Area Federal Land Bank Board

B. State

C. National

7. Death 30 June 1984 Le Mars, Iowa; buried Plymouth Presbyterian Cemetery, Le Mars, Iowa

8. Children Lucile (Mrs. Kenneth Fox); Donald H.; Robert E.; Frank E.; Ronald G.;

9. Names of parents Gerhard and Caroline (Beesman) Lucken

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10. Education He graduated from Akron High School

11. Degrees He took a business course at Hectmar College

12. Other applicable information Republican

- The couple farmed on the same farm in Johnson Township in Plymouth County, Iowa until 1971
- Military service - World War I - Company A, 19th Mounted Military Police at Camp Dodge near Des Moines, Iowa

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Obituary - The Le Mars Daily Sentinel, Le Mars, Iowa Mon. July 2, 1984, p.1, col. 1,2,3,4 -			

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Longtime legislator J. Henry Lucken dead at 88

J. Henry Lucken, 88, of Le Mars, former state senator, died Saturday night (June 30, 1984) at Brentwood Nursing Home in Le Mars after a long illness.

Funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Presbyterian Church, rural Le Mars. Rev. Hatty Duncan will officiate.

Burial will be in Plymouth Presbyterian Cemetery with military rites conducted by Hoschler Post 186, American Legion, of Akron. A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Mauer-Johnson Funeral Home.

Mr. Lucken was born Feb. 6, 1896, to Gerhard and Caroline Beerman Lucken, and was a lifelong Plymouth County resident except for time he served during World War I.

He married Cecelia Woll Dec. 17, 1917, at Merrill. They farmed on the same farm in Johnson Township, Plymouth County, retiring in 1971.

He was a member of the Plymouth Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. He was a longtime member and past master of Freedom Masonic Lodge in Akron, Sioux City Consistory, Abu Bekr Shrine Temple where he was awarded KCCH honors in 1965, life member and past commander of Hoschler Post 186, American Legion, and officer of World War I Barracks 1507.

He served with Company A, 19th Mounted Military Police at Camp Dodge.

He served for 25 years as Johnson Township School Board member and 24 years as chairman; 26 years as director of Plymouth Co-op Oil Co. and 24 years as director of Area Federal Land Bank Board. He was instrumental in establishing the Rural Electrification Association.

He served in the Iowa State Legislature from 1946 until 1970 as a representative and a senator.

He served as chairman of various standing and special committees. He was speaker pro tem in 1959-1960, his last term in the House, and also served as chairman of the house rules committee. He was elected state senator in 1960. At the time of his retirement at age 74, he had served longer continuously than any member in the General Assembly. He received many recognitions and awards for his services to the people of Iowa.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Lucile) Fox of Lodi, Calif.; four sons, Donald W. of Akron, Robert E. of Florissant, Mo., Frank E. of Coronado, Calif., and Ronald G. of Hillsborough, Calif.; two brothers, Fred and Ernest, both of Akron; five sisters, Mrs. Ann Curry and Mrs. Rose Swain, both of South Sioux City, Mrs. Harley (Henrietta) Bue of Sioux City, Mrs. Theodore (Johanna) Erickson of Spencer and Mrs. Dorothy Murphy of Vermillion; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a sister, and a grandchild.

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