Standard Form for Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative ____________________________ Senator: Turner
Richard C. - Representative, Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Sept 1927 Council Bluffs, Iowa

2. Marriage(s) date place
   (1) Charlene Hopkins

3. Significant events for example:
   A. Business: The practice of law and his father for some years in the insurance industry.
   B. Civic responsibilities: American Legion, Elks, Eagles.
   C. Profession: Lawyer

4. Church membership: Presbyterian


6. Public Offices
   A. Local: Pottawattamie County, County Attorney 1953-1955
   B. State: Iowa Attorney General 1966-1978

7. Death: 28 Sept 1986

8. Children: Joseph, Mark, Amy Elizabeth

9. Names of parents: Joseph and Elizabeth "Betty" (Clark) Turner
10. Education

He graduated from the Oregon State High School in 1945.

11. Degrees

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa BA 1950, law degree in 1953.

12. Other applicable information

Republican

Military service - joined after World War II - US Army Air Corps 1945-1949,達到 and Baum.

- Practiced law at Corning, Iowa with head of the firm of Jones and Tannen 1953-1954.
- Practiced law in Council Bluffs starting in 1956.
- Named member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers, American Judicature Society.
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Jean Goldberg sat upright in her seat, high above the ground. She knew in her heart that her husband of 60 years, Albert, was dead. She would never see him again. What was left for her now? She pulled on her seat belt and fell 15 feet to the field below. Oh, Albert, she thought, as she lay there face down.

Tornadoes tear through rural Iowa landscape

By TOM ALEX

A tornado damaged several rural homes, destroyed farm buildings and uprooted trees Sunday evening in a sweep from northwestern to northeastern Iowa.

The National Weather Service said tornadoes also were reported Sunday in Tama, Benton and Clay counties. Preliminary reports indicated no serious injuries, but one person was injured.

Ken McNichols, whose residence is four miles north and two miles east of Pleasanton, said he was watching the storm from his car.

"My wife saw the green clouds and the rain, the running, saying we were about 500 yards from the home," McNichols said. "She was in the Oelwein tornado in '48 and she knows what she's talking about, but I couldn't believe it."

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"It started out as a gigantic wind storm, with a lot of debris in the air," he said. "And then it was lifted, took the building up with it, and it was all on the ground."

Teacher snorted cocaine in class

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - A seventh-grade science teacher arrested on drug charges snorted cocaine at his desk in the back of the room while about 20 students watched a biology film, police said.

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Two Soviet generals on hand for the tour Saturday made it clear the visit was arranged to reinforce Soviet Union's efforts to join the United States to join the moratorium on nuclear tests begun by the Kremlin in August 1985.

The aim of our journey is to show you that our test site is silent. We would like it to remain this way forever," said Gen. Yuri Ledovets, who flew with the group to the Central Asian Republic.

In Unnamed Town

The journalists and official escorts left Moscow Friday in a special Aeroflot Tu-134 jet to the city of Semipalatinsk in the northwest corner of Kazakhstan, about 300 miles from the border with China.

A small plane ferried the group from Semipalatinsk to the garrison for the test area, an unnamed and unidentified road, about 50 miles southeast of the foothills of the Ganges Range.

Rusty piles of abandoned machinery and huge natural granite formations encrusted by the force of earlier nuclear blasts give the steppe the look of an open-pit mine.

The group arrived at the test site early next week, having seen the deployment of the most powerful nuclear weapon in the world. The explosion was set off by the tests at the site are a lone man in a wooden watchtower near a sealed-off tunnel and a herd of beef cattle grazing on the granite hillsides.

Before the Ban

The moratorium was declared on the 40th anniversary of the Aug. 6, 1945, nuclear attack on Hiroshima, Japan, by the United States toward the end of World War II.

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U.S. Attorney Turner dies of heart attack

By BOB SHAW

U.S. Attorney Richard C. Turner, who served 12 colorful and controversial years as Iowa's attorney general, died of a heart attack early Sunday morning.

He will be buried on his 60th birthday Tuesday. According to an attorney general's office spokesman, Turner was also an attorney general for the past five years.

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Turner often gregarious, tenacious in public service

**TURNER**

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attorneys general sued the United States to halt the Panama Canal Treaty.

There are airplanes in many of the cartoons. Turner, argued through most of the 1970s, that the three-passenger airplane furnished to him by the state was inadequate, to the boots of the media and political foes.

"We called it the Bamboo Canoe," said Turner's former pilot, Al Grier, who was at Turner's home Sunday. "They didn't realize how kind and gentle he was."

Conservative

A conservative Republican, Turner, said the Iowa House "has a lot of starting, bleeding heart liberals" when that group opposed the death penalty in 1971. He may have been conservative, say,闲Or, but "he could be the life of the party, too."

"He loved his country, he loved law and the police," said Russell Laird, a Des Moines lobbyist who played golf with Turner Thursday at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

"But he was a loopy golfer. He took a swing from me Thursday. We were playing for 25 cents a hole, but he played like it was $250," said Laird. "We might have played today if the weather had been right and circumstances had been different."

Turner ate pork chop at a birthday dinner Saturday night at the home of childhood friend Bob Anderson. "He went home at 11. He was cheerful. He looked good," said Anderson.

History of Heart Trouble

But Turner's history of heart problems caught up with him. He had a heart attack in 1973, and in November of 1983 doctors installed five bypasses to help Turner's ailing heart.

Colleagues said Turner's humor and modesty earned respect in all levels of government.

Behind the scenes, the humor of the master attorney was present. During a celebrated 1983 federal case in which AGRI Industries was charged with stealing government grain, said Robert Doff, an assistant U.S. attorney, Turner would privately produce cartoons by James Turner.

It showed a lawyer confronting a witness by pointing to a kangaroo and asking, "Does this refresh your memory?"

It was Turner's way of doubting that AGRI officials were being truthful. They said they couldn't remember certain key documents — as crazy to Turner as forgetting seeing a kangaroo.

Friends described a man destined for a career in law. Turner was born Sept. 30, 1917. His father and grandfather were lawyers. In high school, said Anderson, now a Des Moines insurance agent, Turner "said he was going to be attorney general."

In 1945, Turner began two years in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific. In 1947, as a freshman at the University of Iowa, Turner met long-time friend Hansen, who shared a room but not with him. He graduated in 1950, and in 1953 got his law degree from the university's college of law.

Turner then became assistant county attorney in Polk County, and his public career advanced until 1978, when he was defeated for his third term as attorney general by Democrat Tom Miller.

He then practiced law until he was appointed U.S. Attorney in 1981. There, he inspired fierce loyalty from his subordinates. "I can't convey it strongly enough — his sense of being a public servant made a lasting impression on me," said Doff.

"He would drive us crazy. He talked to everybody, even when we attempted to screen him from the books — we get a share of them over there — Dick would talk to them," recalled Doff. "He felt public officials should be accessible."

Doff: "If he felt a crime was being committed, he wouldn't matter if it was a $10 crime or a $10 million crime. I developed one hell of an admiration for him. Dick lived his life the way he wanted to."

The U.S. attorney's office will be closed Tuesday in observance of Turner's funeral. Above the door of his empty office, a framed quotation still hangs — a reminder of Turner's humor and crossing wavy. It is attributed to Marshal Ferdinand Foch, a French officer trapped in World War I battle, and reads: "My center is going, my right is pushed back. Situation excellent. I am attacking."

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte, two sons, Joe W. and Mark, both of Des Moines, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth of West Des Moines, a sister, Barbara Turner of Des Moines, and a brother, David of St. Louis, Mo.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Windsor Heights Presbyterian Church, 50th Street and University Avenue.

Burial will be in Avoca at Grace-land Cemetery.

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Afghan rebels say 3 copters downed

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AP) — Afghan rebels shot down three helicopters with missiles, as the main Afghan guerrilla organizations - said two downed helicopters with missiles on Sept. 25 near Jalalabad. A spokesman said two bodies were found inside the wreckage, but the guerrillas could not say what the helicopters were doing. They were for the Afghan or Soviet forces.

People Express announces discount

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — People Express Airlines announced Sunday that tickets for all domestic flights between Oct. 2 and Nov. 19 will be 20 percent off. The discount is good from Monday through Wednesday of this week. The discount does not apply to flights to London or Brussels, Belgium, or to 14-day advance purchase prices.

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The attorney general is a constitutional officer within the judicial department of
government elected by popular vote every four years. As head of the department of
justice and chief legal officer of the state, the attorney general prosecutes and defends
cases in the supreme court in which the state is a party or interested. He also
represents the state in other actions and proceedings both civil and criminal, when, in
his judgment, the best interests of the state require him to do so, or when he is requested
appear by the governor, the executive council or the general assembly.

The attorney general is charged with the responsibility of supervising the 99 county
attorneys in all matters pertaining to the duties of their offices and in this capacity he
frequently counsels and advises them with respect to problems which occur during the
course of their official duties.

All drafts of contracts, forms and other legal documents which may be required for
the use of the state are prepared by the attorney general.

When requested to do so, the attorney general gives his written opinion upon all
questions of law submitted to him by the general assembly or by either house thereof or
by an elective or appointive state official. At the close of each biennium the attorney
genral submits a report to the governor setting forth the condition of his office,
opinions rendered and other business transacted which is of public interest.
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The Elderberries Senior Citizens are having noon dinners on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday.

Entertainment on Monday is cards or other games, Wednesday is card playing and Friday is other games.

All Senior Citizens are welcome to come and join for dinner and for an afternoon of fun and cards.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Oct. 9

Fred Funston Unit No. 227, American Legion Auxiliary, will hold the regular meeting Thursday morning, Oct. 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the Legion Hall.

Membership cards for 1987 will be handed out. Initiation of new members will be held.

The serving committee is Betty Langer, chairman; Charlene Grulke, Betty Hoge­land, Victorine Jensen, Helen Pattee and Virginia West.

Social Farmerette Club Tours Museum

The Social Farmerette Club toured the Arion Eastern Museum at the Hortense Pautsch home near Arion Tuesday afternoon with seven members participating.

The club will meet in October with Mrs. Alvin Jensen.

RICHARD TURNER

U.S. Attorney Richard Turner, who served 12 years as Iowa Attorney General, died Sunday of a heart attack at his West Des Moines home.

Dr. R.C. Wooters, Polk County medical examiner, said Turner collapsed of a massive heart attack about 3:00 a.m. and was pronounced dead about an hour later at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

"Dick Turner dedicated a great deal of his life to protecting the public here in Iowa. He was a strong defender of law and order and a fairminded prosecutor," Gov. Branstad said Sunday in a statement released by his office.

Turner, who would have been 59 years old Tuesday, began his tenure as attorney general by winning election in 1966. He remained in office until defeated in 1978 by Democrat Tom Miller.

At the time, Miller said he won because Turner was "too flamboyant" to be attorney general in Iowa.

"I rather enjoy being colorful," Turner said during the 1978 campaign against Miller.

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She attended school at Underwood and graduated with the Class of 1940. She attended Dana College at Blair, Nebraska, before attending a program affiliated with the Iowa State Teachers College in Red Oak, Iowa, where she received her teaching certificate. She taught school for several years in country schools in Neola and Boomer Townships.

Bernice was united in marriage to Reuben Iversen on Jan. 6, 1946 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Neola.

They made their home in the Shelby area, where Reuben farmed with the support of Bernice. In 1958 they bought their own farm north of Minden and have resided there ever since. Reuben and Bernice entered the service station business in 1965, with Bernice handling the book work. They have been in business ever since, most recently with a tire and battery business operated on the farm.

They are the parents of one son, Wesley.

She was involved in church activities at the Shelby Lutheran Church. She was a member of the church choir for several years and was active in the United Lutheran Women. For the past several years she has managed the church Memorial Fund. For Bernice, the spiritual side of life was always very important. At home, she also enjoyed music, sewing and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She leaves to mourn her...
Shelby Garden Club Plans To Meet Oct. 22

The Shelby Garden Club held their second annual cookie tea Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Shelby Community Building.

Fifty registered for the afternoon. Entertainment was provided by the Alf Family Band from Carson - Macedonia area.

Mrs. Edgar Stidham, president and Martha Peterson were at the tea and coffee service as guests enjoyed the cookie walk.

Door prizes of boxes of cookies were drawn, for lucky winners.

The club held election of officers following the tea.

The club will meet Oct. 22 at the Shelby bank room with Esther Bargenquist hostess and Martha Peterson co-hostess.

Women's Roles Workshop Offered On Oct. 11th

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A 1971 raid of a church picnic in North Buena Vista resulted in the arrest of a Catholic priest for keeping a gaming house. Eventually, the state law was changed to allow "social" gambling.

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She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Reuben; her son Wesley of Chicago, Ill.; two grandchildren: Scott Iverson of Lancaster, Wisc. and Lindsay Iverson of Park Ridge, Ill.; her mother Lila Benson of Underwood, Ia.; her sister Norma Fischer and her husband Floyd of Council Bluffs, Ia.; her brother Duane and his wife Kathryn of Underwood, Ia., besides nieces, nephews, other relatives and many neighbors and friends.

Pallbearers were Larry Ehlers, Melvin Blumer, Lawrence Dittmer, Jerome Messerschmidt, Wilbert Sick and Larry Long.

CECIL H. BLUM

Cecil H. Blum, 59 of Walnut, Iowa passed away at his home in Walnut on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1986.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 27, 1986 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Walnut with Father Paul Monahan officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery at Walnut with Military Graveside Services by the Walnut American Legion Post No. 422 and the Walnut Amvets Post No. 45.

Cecil, the son of Joseph and Mayme Kobold Blum, was born at Earl Ing, Iowa on July 12, 1927.

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“The Me I Want To Be” workshop will emphasize the role of women in today’s society. Participants will discuss historical roles of women and awareness and image making for women.

The moderators for the seminar include Barbara Paulding, M.S., and Phyllis Adams, both of Dubuque, Iowa. Paulding is executive director for Phone-A-Friend and Adams is an information referral specialist and chair-

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Turner was born in Avoca and received undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Iowa.

He practiced law with his father and served as Avoca town clerk from 1953 to 1960 and as an assistant Pottawattamie County attorney from 1954 to 1956.

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Cecil, the son of Joseph and Mayme Kobold Blum, was born at Earling, Iowa on July 12, 1927.

He attended school at Earling and Harlan. In 1945 he entered the Army. After his military service he returned to the Harlan area.

He was united in marriage to Theresa Schulte on Aug. 24, 1950 at the St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Earling, Iowa.

They spent most of their married life farming south of Walnut until 1967 when they moved into Walnut.

After moving, he was District Representative for Squealer Feeds; was an agent for the Combined Insurance Company; and was a car salesman for Valley Motors in Atlantic until going into business in Walnut where he
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Robert was active in the Legion, Masonic Lodge, Boy Scout, Presbyterian Church and various other community organizations. He died of leukemia on June 29, 1963, and Bertha passed away Nov. 23, 1971 of a heart condition.

WILLIAM FRANK TRUE

William Frank True, born Dec. 1, 1931, on his Grandparents True’s Golden Wedding anniversary, was named for his two grandfathers, William Thies and Frank True. Bill graduated from Avoca High School in 1949, spent two years at Iowa State College and then returned to the home farm when his brother, Bob, was drafted into the Army in 1951. Bill farmed until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in May 1954, serving most of his time stationed just south of Orleans, France.

Bill, Bill II, Donna, Pam, Joyce, Tim, and Terry True

Bill returned to the farm in 1956. He has been active in the Presbyterian Church, Community Club, American Legion, past master of the Masonic Lodge, Mt. Nebo #297. He was involved in the Boy Scouts for many years, receiving Scouting's highest award for a volunteer, the Silver Beaver in 1972. He was also named Avoca's Man of the Year in 1968.


Terry and Tim and their families live in Avoca. Pam, her husband, and family live in Yuba City, CA. Bill II is presently a sophomore at the University of Northern Iowa, and Donna is a senior at the Avon High School. The True's are still actively engaged in farming, but after forty-some odd years of farming the home place, they are beginning to look forward to the time when they can retire.

ARTHUR TURK

Arthur was one of nine sons born to August and Bertha Trudel Turk. He was born Oct. 11, 1896, and died April 3, 1974. He married Agnes Best, daughter of Ernest Best and Laura Davis Best, on Aug. 20, 1918. Agnes was born Aug. 20, 1900, and died May 4, 1976. They had four children: Audrey was born Jan. 12, 1924, and married Wm. J. (Bill) Zimmerman on Oct. 14, 1947. They have no children. They ran Zimmerman Oil Co. in Avoca, retiring Dec. 31, 1989. Audrey as a legal secretary in Leavenworth, KS, for many years.

Lavonne was born Feb. 24, 1927, and married Emmett Hansen Aug. 24, 1947. They have seven children. Emmett was a veterinarian in Salem and Sioux Falls, SD. They are retired.

Mary Ann was born March 31, 1929, and married Wilmer Graybill, born Dec. 27, 1928, and June 18, 1950. They have four children. Wilmer was a Chemical Engineer with PPG Industries, retiring June 30, 1992. They now live in Lake Charles, IA.

Melvin was born June 8, 1934, and married Evelyn Andersen, born Feb. 13, 1938, on Sept. 4, 1960. They have three children. Melvin was a pharmaceutical salesman and is now selling wholesale lumber for Frank Paxton Lumber Co. They live in Johnston, IA. Arthur farmed for many years, worked for Fullerton Lumber in Eddy and for the Highway Commission, retiring in 1965.

Submitted by Audrey Zimmerman.

TURNER

Francis A. Turner (1856-1935), came to the Oakland area as a one year old baby in a covered wagon when his parents homesteaded there in 1857. He taught school and was superintendent of schools in Harlan, where he read the law in the Cullison law firm. He passed the Bar and moved to Avoca in 1887, where he opened a law office. He married Rose Woodward (1863-1931), a teacher in Avoca, whose father, J.B. Woodward, was a pioneer in Monona County. Rose and Francis had four children: Joe, Frances, Robert and Howard.

Howard, Robert, Frances, and Joe Turner

Joe was a veteran of World War I. He graduated from the

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University of Iowa and studied law at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., while working on the Capitol police force in D.C. There, he met Elizabeth Clark from Chester, Pennsylvania, who was working for the Army Air Corps. They married in 1923 and moved to Avoca where Joe went into law practice with his father. He was very active in Republican politics and civic affairs. He was mayor of Avoca for 16 years and was a member of various legal, service and civic organizations. He was a member of the American Legion, Masons and Rotary.

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Frances was a graduate of University of Iowa and became a teacher. She married Colonel Ernest Lawson, who was killed during WWII. He was a pilot and was shot down over Germany. They had no children.

Howard graduated from West Point Military Academy. He was a pilot and commanding General during World War II and was a member of the Korean Truce Team in the 1950's. He retired from the Air Force as a Major General. He served under General Douglas McArthur in the Philippines and was a close friend of General Jimmy Doolittle. He was married to Alice Garwood and they had no children.

Robert Turner (1900-1947), married Meta Wunder (1900-1952), also an Avoca native. Robert worked for International Harvester Company in Salt Lake City, Utah, and upon retirement, moved to New Braunfels, Texas. They are survived by sons, Jack and Robert.

**VAN BECK**

By Todd W. Van Beck

**INTRODUCTION**

Whether you refer to the homeland of the Dutch people by its official name, the Netherlands, or call it Holland, the name explains the nation's destiny. Holland means "hollow land," or "marsh land." The word first appeared in 1054 to designate a west-coast area ruled by the "water-counts," so called because they governed territory made up of dunes and marshes.

Today, the term, "Holland," refers properly to two provinces on the western coast of the Netherlands, but the name is used informally by the Dutch people themselves - for the country as a whole. The people of the Netherlands may also be correctly referred to as Hollanders or Dutchmen. "Netherlands" means "lowlands," and because of its very low land, the Dutch have for centuries taken the offensive in the battle against the sea. There is a saying that "God made the world, but the Dutch made Holland." It is a place where many American families, particularly in the states of New York, Michigan, and Iowa link their origins. The Van Beck family history is an example of this movement to America that so many families can share.

**CORNELIUS VANDERBEEK**

The **First American Generation.**

(The name was later changed to Van Beek, and then to Van Beck)

Cornelius Vanderbeek was the first ancestor of the family to immigrate to America. He was born in 1820 in the province of Gelderland in the Netherlands, where he eventually engaged in farming. He married Henrietta Van Valkenburg, who was born near Eda in Gelderland on November 24, 1824. The two had five children: Katrina (who was killed in the San Francisco Earthquake in 1906), Anna, Daatje, Henry, and Johannes. In 1855, at the age of 35, he sailed alone for the United States, leaving his wife and children behind.

His sailing route took him from Amsterdam to New Orleans, and from there he took a steamboat up the Mississippi to Keokuk, Iowa. Upon arrival in Keokuk, he entered immediately into the livery and sales stable, as well as hardware and farm implements. As will soon be learned, his son and grandson followed in the same career paths.

In 1859, Cornelius went back to Holland, but returned to America in 1861, once again by himself. From 1855 to 1874, he was a partner in the hardware company known as Vanderbeek, McKe and Simpson in Keokuk. In 1872, Cornelius made his last trip to Holland to bring over his five children, one grandson and a granddaughter. On the trip over, the granddaughter, Sarah, died and was buried at sea.

Cornelius Vanderbeek died in 1874 and upon his death, his widow and children moved to Nauvoo in Hancock County, Illinois, where the family farm until 1886. Henrietta was an active member of the Olive Rebekah Lodge #32 in Hancock. She died on her Valley Township farm on February 23, 1895, and was buried in Oakhill Cemetery in Hancock.

**HENRY ARNOLD VAN BECK**

The Second American Generation.

In the fall of 1886, the Vanderbeeks, now known as the Van Beeks, including Henrietta, Anna, Henry, and a grandson, Tona, moved along with 27 other Dutch families from Illinois to Valley Township, located near Hancock and Avoca, Iowa. Here they purchased two tracks of farmland (one of 160 acres, and the other, an 80-acre track, southeast of Avoca).

The towns of Hancock and Avoca were bustling railroad communities in 1886. Hancock had only been founded five years earlier in 1880, and was named after Frederick H. Hancock who laid out the town, operated the first grain business, and was a railroad executive on the Rock Island line. Avoca, the larger community, was on the main line of the Rock Island between Des Moines and Council Bluffs. Hancock was also served by the railroad with a train that ran between Avoca and Carson, known as the "Puddle Jumper."