

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Hearin,
Edward Anderson - Represented Henry and Jefferson Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Apr. 1918 Malvern, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Helmi Cochran 20 Nov-1943 Puerto Rico

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He earned awards for fuel conservation practices;

B. Civic responsibilities Elks Club; Mason

C. Profession Farmer; manager of Hearin Brothers Cattle Company
near Hyannis, Nebraska

4. Church membership Congregational

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Trustee of Doane College, Crete, NE; trustee of Chicago Theological
Seminary; Treasurer of Montgomery County Historical Society

B. State Member of the Iowa Development Commission 1961-1963

C. National _____

7. Death 2 Oct 1994 Rochester, Minnesota; ashes buried Malvern Cemetery,
Malvern, Iowa

8. Children Elizabeth (Mrs. Byron Salmon); Sarah (Mrs. Les Smith);
Catherine (Mrs. James Saraduke); Edward Anderson, Jr.

9. Names of parents Josiah J. and Ethel (Anderson) Hearin

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10. Education Education in the Malvern, Iowa public schools;
attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire

11. Degrees Graduated from Stanford University and Harvard
Business School, B.A. in History and M.B.A. in Finance

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was the Iowa State president of boys 4-H in 1936.
- Military service - World War II - United States Army - Army rank of
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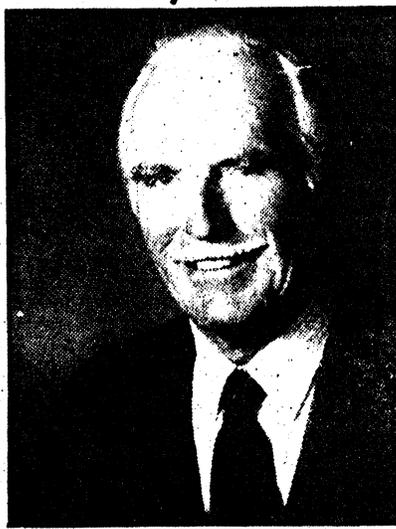
Edward A. Wearin, 76

Services for Edward Anderson Wearin, 76, rural Red Oak, will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. at First Congregational Church UCC in Red Oak with the Rev. Sterling W. (Mac) McHarg officiating. The body will be cremated with interment of ashes at a later date at Malvern Cemetery, Malvern. Nelson-Boylan Funeral Chapel, Red Oak, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wearin died Sunday (Oct. 2, 1994) in Rochester, Minn.

He was born April 16, 1918, in Malvern to Josiah F. and Ethel Anderson Wearin, graduated from Malvern High School, Phillips Exeter Academy, Stanford University and Harvard Business School. He married Helen Cochran in Puerto Rico on Nov. 20, 1943.

He farmed near Red Oak and mahaged the Wearin Brothers Cattle Company near Hyannis, Neb., earning various awards for his conservation practices on both the Iowa farm and Nebraska ranch. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, served in the Iowa Senate and was a member of the Iowa Development Commission. He was a trustee of Doane College in Crete, Neb., and Chicago Theological Seminary. He was a member of First Congregational Church UCC in Red Oak and held numerous local, state and national positions in the United Church of Christ. He was Montgomery County Historical Society treasurer and was a member of Red Oak Elks Lodge #1304. Memorials are suggested to First Congregational Church UCC, Red Oak. Family visitation is tonight from 7-8 at Nelson-Boylan Funeral Chapel.

Survivors include his wife; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Byron Salmon of Bellevue, Neb., Sarah and Leo Smith of Red Oak and Catherine and Jamie Saraduke of Aurora, Colo.; one son, Andy of Hyannis, Neb.; grandchildren, Alex Riley and Elliot Smith and Abigail and Isabelle Salmon; brother and sister-in-law, Josiah F. and Mary Louise Wearin of Hastings.



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Services are pending for Seth Allen, 19 days, son of Karl Allen and Terri Dowell of Council Bluffs. Seth died Monday (Oct. 3, 1994) at his home in Council Bluffs. Nelson-Boylan Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Henry Fletcher, 86

Graveside services for Henry Fletcher, 86, Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Emerson, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Walnut Cemetery in West Township of Montgomery County. Nelson-Boylan Funeral Chapel, Red Oak, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Fletcher died Tuesday (Sept. 13

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ice of Emerson; His son and daughter-in-law Alan and Janet Crouse of Hastings; his daughter and son-in-law Ann and James Hoy of Falls City, Nebraska; Sisters: Betty Baldozier of Bolder City, Nevada. Mary

... Lodge #170 provided ... Fellow Fraternal Rites. The American Legion provided Military Graveside Rites with Joe Ryan playing Taps.

A Memorial Fund has been established in Bobby's name.

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Myrtle M. Hilliard

Myrtle M. Penry Hilliard, age 74, passed away Friday, September 23, 1994, at the Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

wife, Tanna, of Omaha, Nebraska; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother and sisters, Leota Duncan and her husband, Chester, of Redding, California; Betty Garcia of Osceola, Iowa; Hazel Welsh of Alaska; Georgia Yost and her husband, James, of Snohomish, Washington; Tom Penry and his wife, Janice, of Acampo, California; Sam Penry and his wife, Barbara, of Bothell, Washington; plus many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was born October 21, 1919, in the Pilot Grove Township near Red Oak, Iowa, to Raymond and Nora Clark Penry.

Myrtle married Victor Hilliard, April 10, 1937, at Corning, Iowa. He passed away in 1976. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Penry, in 1979; her two brothers, Fred, in 1987 and Landis and an infant; two sons, Kevin, in 1952 and William, in 1956 and a son-in-law, Ray O'Dell, in 1990.

Myrtle was raised in the Red Oak and Elliot, Iowa, areas. She also lived in Henderson, Iowa; Malvern, Iowa; Alaska; Washington and Omaha, Nebraska.

Survivors include her mother, Nora Clark Penry, of Washington; six children, Larry Hilliard and his wife, Margaret, of Omaha, Nebraska; Ramona Sellers and her husband, Lanny, of Marysville, Washington; Jeri O'Dell of Griswold

Graveside services were held at the Frankfort Cemetery, East of Red Oak, Iowa, on Thursday, September 29, 1994.

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Home, Marshalltown, Iowa. Sergeant Roy Wasserman served with the 13th Air Force in the Pacific, New Guinea, Easter Mandate, Western Pacific and the Philippines. *Submitted by Mabel Wasserman*

THOMAS AND RUBY WATSON

Tom Watson was born February 15, 1904 in Dongola, Illinois. He was the youngest of the four children born to Lee and Sarah Watson.



Thomas Watson Family

Ruby Blanche Ross was born May 21, 1909 in Glenwood, Iowa. She was the youngest of the four children born to Ruben and Berniece Ross.

Tom came to Glenwood in the fall of 1927 to work at the State Hospital School. There he met Ruby Ross. They were married July 2, 1928. They had five children: Marvel Mae Naud, Flora Pauline Crose, Ruby Marie Reed, Thomas Lee, and Cheryl Lynn McManigal.

Over the years Tom and Ruby worked at many jobs to support their family. Ruby sold Avon and Fashion Frocks and cleaned homes. Many years were spent caring for her parents. Tom did W.P.A. dynamiting at the rock quarry. Over the years he taught himself carpentry, plumbing, and electrical wiring. His love was in carpentry and for awhile had his own business. Clark Clover and Bill Hood worked for him. Later his nephew, Quentin Ross, came home from World War II and also went to work for him. Tom drew the plans and built a house for Earl and Ila Gibson, who owned a feed, seed, and grocery store in Glenwood. He wired many of the homes in Pony Creek during that time.

In 1943 he bought the house at 401 N. Hazel for a modest sum. It was in bad need of repair and he spent many years remodeling and making it their home. Tom went to work at Offutt Air Force Base in 1947 as a carpenter and worked there for 22 years until failing health forced his retirement. He died May 2, 1978 and is buried at the Glenwood Cemetery.

Ruby now lives at Northglen apartments in Glenwood. She is a member of O.D.O. club, the club of which her mother was a charter member. She enjoys many activities including playing cards and church functions. *Submitted by Cheryl McManigal*

EUGENE AND THEODA (PHELPS) WATTS

My father, Carl Phelps, was an artist. He gave much care to details in his numerous paintings. Some of his memorable pictures are very large. **Dad loved life!** My parents traveled worldwide. Terraces on their farm were very important; the last bench terraces were 36,300 feet, built in 1984. The Phelps farm is about three miles southeast of Glenwood near Highway 34.

Both my husband, Eugene Watts, and I were born in Mills County in the early 20's. After high school Eugene farmed for his uncle, Allen Watts, before enlisting in the Army Air Corps. I attended Peru State Teachers College and taught one and one-half years in rural schools. At the Martin Bomber Plant I was a timekeeper. Then to serve my country I enlisted in the Coast Guard Spars at Palm Beach, Florida. Eugene's military training was at Sheppard Field, Texas; Inglewood, California; and Columbia, South Carolina. He then

spent three years during World War II in Europe. Theoda received a diamond from Eugene before he went overseas. After the war we were married in San Francisco, then came back to the Midwest to be near family members. Eugene served 29 years as a Civil Engineer at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. Most of these years were at Offutt.

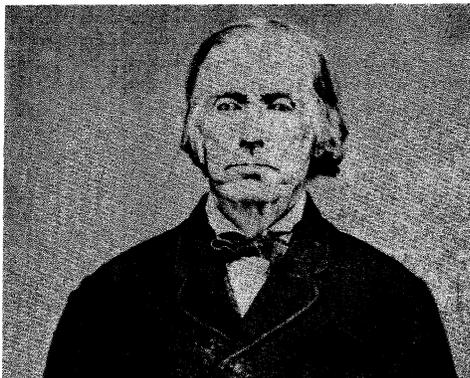
Our two sons, David, now 36, and Dan, now 33, were born in Omaha. After high school, Dave graduated from Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. He then joined the Navy and trained in San Diego. After four years in the Navy, he remained in California, residing in Chula Vista. He is employed at Topaz Electronics in La Mesa, California.

Dan likewise graduated from Bellevue High School and the University at Lincoln, Nebraska, in School of Architecture. He married Patricia Poage in 1972. They now live in Phoenix, Arizona. Patricia recently established her own physical therapy clinic. Dan is an associate in Anderson De Bartolo Pan, Inc., in Phoenix, an architectural firm.

We purchased a mobile home in Chula Vista recently and will move to California as soon as we sell our home in Bellevue, Nebraska. We love and serve our Lord wherever we go. *Submitted by Theoda Watts*

ADELBERT JOSIAH WEARIN

"Bo" Wearin acquired his nickname from his sister Frances' effort to say brother when she was learning to talk, she being but 15 months older than he. It is he who saw this land changed from raw prairie to fully settled farming area, complete with towns, roads (some paved), fences, bridges, railroads, telephones, electricity, radios and schools within reach of all during his 90+ years.



Michael Wearin 1791-1871 — Grandfather of Adelbert

He and Mary Louise Foster, whom he married September 8, 1885, had one son, Josiah Foster Wearin (my father) and another child who died at birth. Grandfather Bo spent his entire life on the land, growing up here and helping his father and then his mother with the managing. At first they farmed the land with hired help, then after Josiah's death it was let out to various tenants.

Bo and Mary Louise built and lived in three different houses, one in the country and two in Malvern. My grandmother, who had had precarious health for a number of years, died at the age of 63 after a long confinement as a result of a stroke. Grandfather, who lived another 17 years, maintained an active interest in the farm economy and in his land and thoroughly enjoyed watching his two grandsons develop. *J.F. Wearin Jr.*

EDWARD ANDERSON WEARIN

Malvern was my home base for thirty years after my birth there on April 16, 1918, the second child of Josiah Foster Wearin and Ethel Anderson Wearin. Mother and Dad were fine parents,



Edward Wearin Family — Helen, Sarah Smith, Andy, Elizabeth Wearin-Salmon, Catherine Wearin, and Edward.

loving and supportive, and with our friends, church, and school, made my growing-up years a great joy.

Home was on an acreage in Malvern, which made 4-H possible for my brother Sy and me. A 1935 award as State 4-H Livestock Champion was a result of my life-long interest in beef cattle. Presidency of Iowa's 4-H Boys gave me some experience in politics, and a chance to work with and to encourage others. The Presbyterian church was a warm and friendly part of my life. Malvern was a good community, which fully deserved my continuing gratitude.

After graduation from Malvern, Mother and Dad sent me to the Phillips Exeter Academy for a year, a boys preparatory school in New Hampshire, which an uncle and Sy had attended. Then, four years at Stanford for a B.A. in history, and to the Harvard Business School for two years graduate study for an M.B.A. in finance. Each degree was awarded with honors.

World War II interrupted my graduate work in May, 1942, for forty-five months of Naval Reserve duty, with final rank of Lieutenant.

Helen Cochran and I met in Miami, in June, 1942, while I was in Navy training. After Helen finished college, we married at her family home at Central Canovanas, Puerto Rico, November 20, 1943.

Helen graduated from the Barstow School in Kansas City, and Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York. Her father, Alexander Russell Cochran, was a Scot, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer from Glasgow Tech, who spent his working life of some forty years with Loiza Sugar as its general manager. Helen's mother, Beatrice Thomes of Kansas City, was a teacher who went to Puerto Rico to teach English as a second language in the public schools.

It has been my privilege and joy to share with Helen since 1943. We have four children.

Elizabeth Cochran Wearin-Salmon, born in New Orleans in 1945, finished high school at Emma Willard School, Troy, New York, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, became a teacher, then later took a Master's in Education Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City. Elizabeth and Byron D. Salmon married in 1981, and have daughters Abigail and Isabelle. They live in Bellevue, Nebraska where Elizabeth is an elementary principal.

Edward Anderson Wearin, Jr., born in 1948, always called Andy, attended Exeter three years, then received a B.S. in agricultural economics from Colorado State University. His son Jesse was born in 1982. Andy co-owns and manages a custom feedlot at Alliance, Nebraska.

Sarah Anne Wearin Smith, born in 1951, also attended Emma Willard, then graduated in history from Beloit College, which included a quarter at Beloit's Overseas Seminar at the University of Rennes. She taught five years. Sarah and Leo H. Smith were married in 1975, and have three sons, Alexander, Riley, and Elliot. Leo and Sarah own and farm land adjoining our home farm.

Catherine Norah Wearin, born in 1954, graduated from Red Oak, received a bachelor's degree from Tulane University, then a second degree,

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design, from Kansas City Art Institute. Catherine is in Jackson, Wyoming, where she is a wood artisan, and works in an art gallery.

After the war and my final year of school, Helen, Elizabeth and I returned to Iowa. Iowa provided me with a sense of place, the chance to be involved with cattle, and for all of us to be involved with our community.

In 1948, Mother's family rented me half of section 32 in Garfield Township, Montgomery County, near Hawthorne. My great-grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Runnels, bought this land from the U.S. Land Office in 1855, for \$1.25 per acre.

Mother built us a small house on the site where grandmother Sarah Jane Runnels spent her growing-up years, prior to her marriage to granddad Ed Anderson in 1883. This land has always been owned and farmed by members of Mother's family. Our children are the fifth generation directly involved.

Our family expanded, as did our house, and the farm. Cattle fattening in the feedlots, growing on roughage or pasture, cows and calves always were the principal enterprise.

In 1951, Mother gave her interest in granddad Ed Anderson's cattle ranch to Sy and me. We were partners with our uncles until 1958, when the ranch was divided, and Sy and I became the owners and operators of the Pitchfork Ranch at Hyannis, Nebraska, about twenty-five sections of native grasses on which we run commercial cross-bred beef cattle. I have been managing partner since 1968, making a trip to the Pitchfork each three to four weeks. A resident foreman is day-to-day operator of the ranch, which produces about a thousand cattle a year, from native grasses and hay, without grain.

Other activities:

Politics and civic affairs; Iowa State Senator, representing Montgomery and Mills Counties, 1961-1964; a commissioner of the Iowa Development Commission; member of Iowa's first Title V Mission to Europe; chair of county zoning commission; member of inheritance tax appraisal board; congressional district finance chair; consolidated school district secretary.

Church: Member of Congregational Church in Red Oak; deacon, trustee, and moderator; choir member and soloist some thirty years; treasurer the past eight years. Denominational assignments: State moderator, United Church of Christ; chair, state board of directors; member of national missions board; trustee of church retirement home; delegate to General Synod, UCC national legislative body.

Helen has been moderator of our local church; chair of state board of directors; 5-year member of national Executive Council (the senior UCC board); and delegate to four General Synods.

Education: Chair of Iowa Senate's education committee, '63-'64; trustee of Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago's oldest graduate school; trustee of Doane College, a four-year liberal arts college in Nebraska, since 1972; member of executive committee of Doane's trustees for the past ten years. *Submitted by Edward A. Wearin*

ETHEL ANDERSON WEARIN

Ethel Anderson was born in 1888 on the Runnels-Anderson farm near Clarinda, the third child of Gustaf Edward Anderson and Sarah Jane Runnels Anderson. In the early 1890's the family moved to Montgomery County near Hawthorne, a long mile east of section 32 where her mother was raised, and where her son Ed Wearin now lives.

Ethel attended the Hawthorne school, boarded in Red Oak to attend high school, went to Jewell Hall in Omaha for two years, and was admitted to Wellesley College in 1908. But a health problem, Ethel's thyroid, and an economic problem, her father's massive loss on cattle that year, delayed her entry to college. When both problems were corrected, Ethel was too involved in other interesting things for more formal education.

Ethel and Josiah Foster Wearin were married in 1912. They lived in Malvern, and had two sons, Josiah F., Jr., in 1913, and Edward, in 1918. Ethel used her fine mind and unusual energy as an exceptional wife, mother, neighbor, friend, and moving force in Malvern and the community.

Grandmother Anderson told me (Ed Wearin) that Ethel was bright, sunny, energetic, generous, and friendly as a child. As an adult, that was certainly true.

Ethel's life was full of good, but was unduly short. She died in 1951, at 63.

Sketches of Ethel Anderson Wearin's parents and grandparents follow.

Gustaf Edward Anderson, Ethel's father, was born in the tiny Swedish community of Faglavik, northeast of Gothenburg, in 1856. His parents and two other children died from an epidemic, probably cholera, when Ed was seven. His grandmother Pierson sent him to America at 11 with cousins, paying them to care for him for the first winter. Ed was strong, bright, energetic, and lucky. Cattle were his immediate interest, and he made his first stake herding cattle. There were few people living north of Mills and Montgomery Counties then, so grass was available and free. Ed took cattle north, from early grass until killing frost, for established farmers. It was profitable. Ed and Jane Runnels met when he handled cattle for her father.

Sarah Jane Runnels Anderson, Ethel's mother, was born in 1861, spent her teenage through college years living on section 32, Garfield Township, in Montgomery County, near Hawthorne. Jane attended the Hawthorne school, public school in Iowa City, and then went to Ohio Wesleyan for two years of college. Jane was a history buff, she painted, wrote poetry, read, gave art lessons to children, was independent, went to Mexico as a young woman, not the traditional stuff of a farm girl in the Victorian era.

Jane and Ed Anderson married on Christmas, 1883, and spent 53 years together. Each was tolerant and independent.

Ed Anderson became the biggest cattle feeder in the county. When he was 55, Ed had to take some Nebraska Sand Hills ranch land in settlement of a debt. This ranch became the largest and most successful enterprise in his life, a sample of his ability and good fortune.

Ethel was the third of Ed's and Jane's four children.

Anders and Lottie Larsen were Ed Anderson's parents, who died quite young, at Faglavik, Sweden. Very little is known about them. Lottie was very attractive in the only picture available.

Benjamin Franklin Runnels, Ethel's grandfather, was born in Licking County, Ohio, in 1823, to Stephen and Jane Runnels, who came from Vermont. A grandfather was a "Minit Man" in the Revolution. A memorial booklet written about Ben by his daughter Jane refers to him as "well educated man for his times." Ben taught school three years, traveled widely, Kentucky, Tennessee, New Orleans, and all of the upper midwest, sold books for seven years, and was thrifty, "clearing the neat sum of \$10,000 from book sales," his own words in the 1881 History of Montgomery County. He invested that money in Page and Montgomery Counties, purchased from the U.S. land office at \$1.25 per acre.

A fiercely independent man; referred to himself as "ir-religious" in Jane's book, Ben granted others the same freedom he prized. He was an ardent supporter of the Union and the North in the Civil War era, a feminist before the word was in use, note daughter Jane's experiences in the 1870's, and a strong believer in education.

Ben lived near Hawthorne until his death at 91, in 1914.

Lucy Snow Wyeth, Ethel's grandmother, was born in 1830 at Woburn, Massachusetts, near Boston, of Puritan stock. One forebear, Governor Thomas Dudley of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, signed Harvard's charter. Lucy moved to Ohio with her family when very young. Benjamin Franklin Runnels was 29 and Lucy, 22, when they married in 1852. They had three sons

when they moved to Iowa in 1858, losing one boy on the six-week trip. Lucy had five children. Only Jane and one son lived to adulthood.

Lucy was a handsome and composed woman in her wedding picture. She died at 48, living on section 32, near Hawthorne. *Submitted by Edward A. Wearin*

JESSIE C. WEARIN

For over half a century Jessie C. Wearin practiced the profession of nursing, starting when she was awarded a diploma as Registered Nurse in 1927. She continued active in the profession until she retired as nurse for the Malvern Community School in 1984, after serving ten years in that capacity. Born December 6, 1901, the daughter of William P. and Gertrude Wortman, she spent a good share of her life in her native community. Upon her graduation from Malvern High School in 1920, she entered Nebraska Wesleyan University, earning an AB degree there in 1924. She then entered the Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and was awarded the RN degree in 1927.

She started to practice her profession at once and at various times served as nurse and instructor in hospitals at Wausau, Wisconsin and Birmingham, Alabama, as well as at the Edmundson. In the latter she served as teacher of nursing education for several years and then was named administrator of the school, holding this position for fifteen years, until her marriage to Josiah F. Wearin of Malvern in 1953. Her interest in health care continued after her marriage; she was elected to the Edmundson Hospital Board of Trustees and served for a number of years.

During her career she took graduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles and later, in 1948, earned a Master's degree in hospital administration at Columbia University, New York. After her marriage, too, she served for three months as interim administrator of the Edmundson hospital to help out in an emergency situation. She has been a member of the American Nurses Association since 1927 and of the Iowa Nurses Association since 1938. This latter group honored her in 1984 by giving her the Edith E. Ruppert Award, considered the top professional honor in this state.

After the death of her husband in 1971 she returned to the practice of her profession. As school nurse she developed a health program which stressed good diet, regular exercise and proper health habits. Her interest in the welfare of the pupils extended beyond the school hours and she made innumerable home visits to help them. Despite her busy professional career Mrs. Wearin found time for many other interests. She was active in the United Methodist Church, not only serving on its administrative and policy boards and holding various offices in the women's organizations, but she kept a regular schedule of providing transportation to services for a number of persons. She was a member of Glenwood Chapter of D.A.R. Frequently she helped professionally with the Red Cross Blood Bank and the community distribution of food and supplies to needy families during the Christmas season.

JOSEPH ANDREW WEARIN

Joseph "Joe" Andrew Wearin, 1864-1937, Hastings, Iowa, was the son of Otha Wearin and Martha Jane Wortman. Otha, one of four children, Charles O., Henry W. and Mary Valeria Washburn, married Mary Jane Donner, 1888.

Mr. Wearin was a farmer and breeder of Morgan saddle and driving horses and operated a general livestock farm in the Valley of the West Nishnabotna River northwest of Hastings where his father settled in 1854, now a noted Century Farm with a treasured area of virgin prairie. It was the home of the famous Morgan stallion, Montrose Yet, hereford and angus breeding herds.

Mary Jane Donner 1867-1945, wife, was one of nine children born to Charles A. Donner and Henrietta Pontow, also of Hastings, Iowa. Mary