Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative: Charles Israel. Senator
Represented Taylor County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place: 31 Jul 1892, New Market, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
   Jesty W. Hutchinson 27 Aug 1924, Bedford, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
   A. Business: In 1921 he helped organize the Bedford Salt Company, he owned and managed the business from 1936-1960
   B. Civic responsibilities: IOOF, Rebekah, American Legion, Mason, Harrisville Cemetery Association
   C. Profession: Auctioneer - owner and operator of the Bedford Town Hall Company

4. Church membership: Baptist


6. Public Offices
   A. Local: Taylor County Deputy Sheriff - 7 years, Taylor County Sheriff - 4 years
   B. State
   C. National

7. Death: Dec 1984, Bedford, Iowa, St. Mary's Memory Cemetery, New Market, Iowa

8. Children: electrode (died in 1931 at 4 years), Lucille Jean (Mrs. Robert Pech)

9. Names of parents: Jacob S. and Jennie (Cashier) Israel
10. Education  
He was educated in the Seavey town public school.

11. Degrees  
Graduate of the Missouri Autism School, Trenton, Missouri, 1910.

12. Other applicable information  
Democrat

They grew to manhood in the Seavey town area where he attended school and was a part of the community affairs. After marriage, they moved to Bedford where they lived all their married life.

Military service: World War I - U.S. Army, serving in the European Theater in artillery. 

He spent his Taylor County his entire life.
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Last rites for
Charles Ivan Wells

Services for Ivan Wells, 92, were held December 9 at First Baptist Church in Bedford, officiated by Rev. Carl Cummings and Rev. Ted DeHass. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery, Bedford. Mr. Wells died Dec. 6, 1984 at St. Joseph Hospital, Omaha, Ne.

Charles Ivan Wells, son of Jacob Wells and Jennie Cavender Wells was born near Siam in Taylor County Iowa July 31, 1892 and grew to maturity in the Siam community where he attended the public school and was part of the various community activities.

On August 27, 1924 he was united in marriage to Esta Marie Hutchinson at the home of the bride’s parents and they lived in Bedford all of their married life. Two daughters were born to them—Eula and Jeanne.

He attended Missouri Auction School and was graduated in the Class of 1910 and he followed this profession as long as health permitted. He had helped to conduct approximately 6000 sales during his career.

In 1921 he helped to organize the Bedford Sale Company and he owned and managed this business from 1936 until 1960. In addition to being an auctioneer he was a Real Estate Broker. He served as Deputy Sheriff of Taylor County for three terms and was elected Sheriff of Taylor County and served for two terms. He was elected and served as State Representative for three terms in the Iowa Legislature at Des Moines, Iowa.

During World War I he enlisted in the U.S. Army on September 21, 1917 and was discharged August 14, 1919. He served in the European Theatre. He was a member of the American Legion; a long time member of the Baptist Church; over 50 year member of Plumb Lodge No. 285 A.F. & A.M.; and I.O.O.F. Bedford Lodge 91; Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge No. 134.

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RALPH WELLER FAMILY

Ralph Edwin Weller was born in 1916 at the farmhouse where he presently lives. His parents were Fannie Belle Greely b. 1888 and Charles D. Weller b. 1883. He has three sisters, Laura, Mrs. Corwyn Hicks, Harriett, Mrs. Harold Burchas, and Ruby Woodyard. He graduated from Gravity High School in 1934. He was a teacher at the country school from 1934 until he retired in 1976. He has been active in community affairs, serving as a member of the county fair board for many years. He is a member of the Lion's Club, the Methodist Church, and the American Legion. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Republican Party and has been active in local politics. He is married to Betty Joan Black of Lenox, who was the daughter of Edgar H. Black and Etta Lillian Becknor Black on April 18, 1943.

I have three brothers, Kenneth and Donald of Lenox, and Raymond of Pocoda, Ill. I attended country school at Platte No. 4, having the same teacher all eight years — Lenore Dunbar Baily; attended Lenox High School, graduating with the class of 1941; attended commercial college, A-1; in Des Moines and worked in the office of the defense plant at Ankeny until getting married.

Two children blessed this home, Ronald Dean, born March 12, 1947, and Karen Beth, born May 1, 1950. They both attended country school at Marshall No. 4 until reorganization and then they both attended the Bedford Community School.

Ronald got his degree in agriculture business from Iowa State University; served two years in the Armed Service, spending one year in Vietnam; worked five years for Job Service of Iowa in Des Moines, then purchased a farm in Taylor County where he now resides.

Karen has her degree in home economics from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri; taught home economics for two years at Waynesville, Missouri in high school. She has her Master’s in guidance and counseling from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky. She attended the College of Othwell. She spent a month visiting them last year and traveled to Switzerland and Austria while there. This was a highlight of our life, as we had never expected to travel overseas.

We are members of the Sharpsburg Methodist Church.

WILLIAM DEAN WELLER

William Dean Weller, son of William Wallace Weller and Maude Ellen Knott Weller, was born February 24, 1921 in Taylor County on the farm where he now resides. His great-grandfather, William Weller name since 1901. He has one brother, Howard, now living in Shenandoah and one sister, Mary Ellen Lewellen, now living in Maryville, Missouri. He attended country school at Marshall No. 4 and high school at Sharpsburg and graduated with the class of 1939. He started taking the responsibility of farming at the age of 16 at the death of his father. He was married to Betty Joan Black of Lenox, who was the daughter of Edgar H. Black and Etta Lillian Becknor Black on April 18, 1943.

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ELVIN WELLS HISTORY

After finishing school I farmed with my father and brother, Robert. In 1922 I left the farm so I continued at home until my parents moved to New Market.

In 1925 I worked as a farm hand near New Market and worked for E. C. Vett & Co. from 1926 to 1928. I married Betty Penwell and we went to housekeeping on a farm south of New Market where we lived for 5 years which led up to the depression of the early 30’s. We worked a construction firm working on Highway 25 in Guthrie County. In 1933 we came back to the farm where I was born and where we spent the rest of our married lives, Betty passing away on November 11, 1967.

Our parents, Jacob S. Wells and Jennie Cavender, were married at the home of her parents, Jan. 11, 1871. They went to housekeeping on a farm south of New Market, Iowa where they spent all but 8 years of their married life.

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My grandfather, Bruce West, was 19 when he came to Iowa from Illinois about 1896 with his parents, Lewis and Nora Wetzel. Bruce died in 1910.

My great-grandfather, John West, came to Illinois from Pennsylvania and farmed in the New Market area in 1857. In 1860, he married Anna, who was born in Illinois in 1835. They raised a family of six children.

My great-great-grandfather, William West, was born in Pennsylvania in 1805 and married Sarah Cleaver in 1830. They had six children, including my great-great-grandmother, Mary Wetzel, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1832. Mary and her husband, John West, farmed in the New Market area in 1857.

The church was built in 1907 with the Wests helping with the labor. Cleaver died in 1952. Claude and Darlene never married and made a home for their family. Darlene lived in the church and vicinity until her death in 1970. Their sons and daughters live in Missouri.

Smith and Vivian West

My grandmother, Grover Reed Fordyce Brown, was born June 1855 in South Carolina. She married Edward Fordyce Brown in 1873. They had five children, including my mother, Edith Fordyce Wetmore.

Edith had a brother who died in infancy. Her father was a Baptist minister. She was the only surviving child of Frank and Elizabeth Mawhinney. Edith was born in Kansas but the family moved to Blanchard when she was very young. Her father was a coal miner.

Frank and Edith were married September 9, 1908 in Blanchard. Three children were born after they moved to Bedford: Maxine LeOane, Frank I. Jr., and Mary Suzanne. All three were married Bedford residents. None of the children or grandchildren now reside in Bedford.

Frank L. Wetmore

Frank LeOane and Mary Edith Mawhinney Wetmore were married in 1909 from Blanchard, Iowa. They were a laughing couple who were beginning a long and satisfying life in this new town. Frank began his funeral business in a location on Court Street. About 1915 they built the funeral home and residence at 708 Madison where they lived until their son took over the business after World War II.

Frank was born in 1883 to Rice and Geraldine Russell Wetmore. They lived on a farm near Blanchard. He was the only child born to this union and his father died when Frank was only five. His mother remarried and later moved to Bedford after she was again widowed. Here she married Chalon Perkins and lived in her home on Court Street until her death in the late thirties.

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Children

1. Eula Doris Wells b: Sep 1925 in Bedford, Taylor Co, IA
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Husband of Esta M Hutchinson, married 8/27/1924. Son of Jacob S & Jennie Cavender Wells.

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