

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sanders, Leo Jean Senator _____
Represented Emmet County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Mar 1894 Oscoda, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Davis 4 Aug 1916 Newton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Past board member and vice president of the League of Iowa Municipalities

B. Civic responsibilities Elks, Estherville Chamber of Commerce; Mason;

C. Profession Wholesale ice cream business, associated with 'The Estherville Daily News' newspaper

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 62nd, 63rd General Assembly 1967, 1969-1970

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Estherville 1956-1962

B. State He was a member of the League of Iowa Municipalities

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Mar 1971 Estherville, Iowa; Burial Oak Hill Cemetery Estherville, Iowa

8. Children Robert Charles; Lewis Jack; William Roger; Patty Lee (Mar. Robert Thompson)

9. Names of parents Luther J. and Annie E. (Lindsay) Sanders

10. Education

Educated in the public schools of
Des Moines, Iowa, graduated from
West High School

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He and his parents moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1891.
- After marriage he and his wife lived in Des Moines until 1919
when they moved to Estherville Iowa.
- He was in the wholesale ice cream business most of his life which was
the Hutchinson Ice Cream Company. Other names Borden's Ice Cream
Company.
- As a young man he was an amateur boxer.
- His ambition was to study law.
- Instead he started washing ice cream cans at his brother's factory
to help pay his way through school, but instead he became interested
in the ice cream business.

Precinct Caucuses in Emmet County, on the March 15 date:

— Ward 1, Estherville—Residence of John L. Hanson, 708 N. 4th Street.

— Ward 2, Estherville—Residence of Richard Williams, 2108 N. 6th St.

— Ward 3, Estherville—Residence of Tom Kleinschmit, 114 N. 16th St.

— Ward 4, Estherville—Residence of Gary Brown, 1326 1st Ave. S.

— Armstrong Grove — Residence of Rev. Travis Cannaday, Armstrong.

— Center Township — Basement of United Presbyterian Church, Gruver.

— Twelve-Mile Lake — Residence of Mr. George Mart.

— Emmet Township — Residence of Mr. Al Neppl.

— Denmark Township — Residence of Mr. Robert Reed, Ringsted.

— Swan - Lake Township — Residence of Mr. Charles Countryman, Maple Hill.

— Lincoln Township — Shirling's Cafe, Dolliver.

some logistics support.

Dies in Fire

BELLE PLAINE (AP) — A Saturday morning farm fire which destroyed a two-story house near here has taken the life of Lloyd Miner, 58, of Belle Plaine.

A passing motorist discovered the fire and called authorities. Belle Plaine firemen later Saturday discovered the body of Miner, who was alone in the house at the time of the fire.

Secret Talks

PARIS (AP) — An American peace group reported today that Hanoi's chief negotiator at the Vietnam peace talks told them he had had a number of secret meetings with U.S. Ambassador David K.E. Bruce in a futile attempt to obtain a date for the American withdrawal from Vietnam.

represented by both the House and Senate representatives across the state is far off the ideal figure.

According to the figures, the "ideal" district for legislative representation in the state would be 28,250 residents per district for the House representative, and 56,500 for the Senate representative.

Representative Rollin Edelen, Estherville, for the 5th District, is short of the desired number, according to the 1970 census. He is representing only 23,889 persons in the House, or 4,361 persons short of the ideal situation.

By the same token, Senator Wayne Keith, representing the 3rd District in the state Senate, is also short, representing only 48,465, or 7,035 short of the desired figure.

Keith is third only to Senator Gaudineer of the 32nd District at 14,209 off the desired number, and 4th District Senator Ollenburg, who has a 7,035 figure off the desired pace.

Edelen is fifth in the state in

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Funeral Services Held for Former Rep. Leo I. Sanders

Funeral services for former State Representative Leo Sanders, 76, who died at 7:52 p.m. Friday at Holy Family Hospital, Estherville, were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Estherville with the Rev. Robert Karl Miller of the Christian Church of Estherville officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Sanders was born March 16, 1894, at Osceola, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Sanders. He received his education in the Des Moines schools and graduated from West High School in Des Moines.

He was married on Aug. 4, 1916, to Sarah Davis, in Newton. The couple lived in Des Moines until 1919, when they moved to Estherville.

Mr. Sanders was engaged in the wholesale ice cream business most of his life.

He was the Mayor of Estherville from 1956 to 1962, and represented the 5th District in

the House of Representatives in Iowa for two terms, the last term ending in 1970.

He was the Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club in Estherville, and a past board member and vice-president of the League of Iowa Municipalities. He was a member of the Christian Church in Estherville, where he served on the church board.

Mr. Sanders is survived by his wife, Sarah; three sons, Robert Sanders, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jack Sanders, Iowa City; and William Sanders, Des Moines; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Patty) Thompson, Sioux Falls, S.D.; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Ralph Sanders, Estherville; and one sister, Mrs. Blanche Davis, Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

Pallbearers for Mr. Sanders were Dr. John Powers, Daniel Sanderson, C. W. Robinson, Ron-

ald Jacobson, John Myers and Harold Howard.



LEO SANDERS



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and biographies of
Families living in the county prior to 1946



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to Alamogordo, New Mexico, but refused to
his salary from the insurance company during his
s. However records show that someone withdrew
la. Leo Sanborn died July 13, 1913 leaving his es-
o his wife and son. Clara died November 6, 1934.
are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Clyde Edwin Sanborn

Clyde Edwin Sanborn was born in Armstrong,
on May 10, 1897, the son of Edwin David Sanborn
Clara M. Dale. He was educated in the Estherville
ls graduated from Estherville High School. He
ded the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell,
Mexico, graduated as a First Lieutenant in 1918.
14 to 1917 he was a member of the varsity football
baseball team in 1915-18; president of the senior
active in oratorical activities. He attended
nt-Stratton Business College in Chicago.

Grace B. Gilbertson was born March 17, 1902 in
Lake Township, graduated from the Iowa State
ers College in Cedar Falls and taught domestic
ce in Maple Hill, Varina and at Terril, and was
ipal of the high school at Terril.

Clyde and Grace were married July 26, 1927 in
rville.

From 1919 to 1922 Clyde was a bookkeeper and
er Tri-State Grocery Company, El Paso, Tex-
ter as an assistant buyer; from 1922 to 1925 he
farmer in Emmet County; from 1925 to 1927 he
state agent for the Farmers State Mutual Hail In-
ce Association; from 1927 to 1929 they were the
rs and manager of the grocery store at Varina. In
to 31 they operated a grocery store in Swea City in
rong from 1931 to 1933, when they moved to
rville and operated the Sanborn Cash Stores until
when they sold the grocery store.

In 1916 during the Mexican Border trouble he serv-
th Battery A, 5th Field Artillery, Columbus, New
co, Fort Sill. He served during World War I as an
actor at several camps and was discharged
ary 5, 1919.

In 1942 Clyde reported to the Rock Island Arsenal
ned to full service in charge of all auto motor
les and parts used by the United States Army and
reign services. He resigned in 1946 and returned to
rville where he started the Sanborn Furniture
at 502 Central Avenue. In 1955 the Sanborns built
ew Sanborn Building and operated a furniture
until the business was sold to Holtz Furniture.

Clyde served as past commander of the American
n; active in ARC, member of Iowa State and
onal Grocers Associations; Chamber of Commerce,
e served as director, 1933-39 and 1946-50;
nis, POE 528; Masonic Orders AF & AM 447;
Rite 5; White Shrine of Jerusalem; Rotary, serving
resident; Retail Furniture Association. He served as

Vice President of the Iowa Trust & Savings Bank 1934
to 1941.

Clyde and Gracae are members of the Presbyterian
Church. They have been active in community affairs
and the growth of Estherville and Emmet County.

Leo Sanders

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Iowa. The family moved to Des Moines in 1897. There
Leo attended West Des Moines High. As a young man,
he was an amateur boxer. Leo's ambition was to study
law.

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factory to help pay his way through school. Leo became
so interested in the ice cream business, he gave up
school and spent most of his life in ice cream.

Sarah Davis was born November 28, 1893, at
Evens, Iowa. Her family moved to Des Moines where
she met and married Leo August 4, 1916, at Newton,
Iowa. Their son Robert was born February 5, 1918,
while still living in Des Moines.

They moved to Estherville in 1919, when Leo
accepted a job with Mr. Graff. He later went to work for
the Hutchinson Ice Cream Co. (now Borden's).



Leo Sanders Family
Back row: Jack, Sarah,
Robert, Leo, Patty, William.

A son Lewis Jack was born January 17, 1923, and a
daughter Patty Lee was born September 28, 1924.
William Roger was born September 22, 1931. All their
children graduated from Estherville High School.

Leo was the mayor of Estherville from 1956 - 1962.
He represented the 5th District in the House of
Representatives for two terms, the last ending in 1970.
He did not seek reelection.

Leo and Sarah celebrated their Golden Wedding
Anniversary August 4, 1966. They were members of the
First Christian Church. Leo also belonged to the Elks
and Masons.

Leo died March 5, 1971, at the age of 76. Sarah
died February 20, 1973, at the age of 79. They are
buried at Oak Hill.

Their children: Robert Charles married Mildred
Shannon, Estherville. He made a career in the U.S.
Army and is now working for the state of Ohio. They
have 2 sons and 1 daughter. Lewis Jack married Joyce

Meecham. They have 3 children and live in Iowa City where Jack works for Davis Music Co. Patty Lee married Bob H. Thompson, Estherville. They have 4 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and live in Sioux City, Iowa. William Roger married Virginia Wissler. They have 7 children, and live in Des Moines where Bill works for a trucking company.

Lawrence Sargent

Lawrence Sargent and Jennie Anderson were married January 13, 1913 in Estherville, Iowa.

Jennie Anderson, daughter of Ole and Hannah Anderson was born on her parents farm north of Estherville, January 3, 1893. Her six brothers and two sisters were also born on the farm. They were Albert, John, William, Isaac, George, Jacob, Josephine (Mrs. Frank Doyle) and Nettie (Mrs. Ed Koenecke).

Lawrence Sargent was born February 6, 1890 at Strawberry Point, Iowa to Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Sargent (Anna). He had five brothers and three sisters so each Jennie and Lawrence came from a family of nine. They lived at Spencer, Iowa the first year of their married life where Lawrence was employed in a tile factory.

In 1914 they moved to the Ole Anderson farm where Jennie had been born and raised. They are the parents of three children: Lavon, born June 9, 1914, who moved to St. Paul, Minnesota and was an electrician. He was married to Vera Irmin, daughter of J. A. and Ella Irwin of Estherville and they had three sons, Roger, Jim and Larry.

Deloris was born December 28, 1915, married Glenn Bjorkman, and moved to Sioux City, Iowa and is employed at Driver's Union as head bookkeeper. They had a son Dale and a daughter Joyce Mrs. John Leckband, of Sioux City.

Averil, was born August 30, 1917 and married August C. Anderson of Estherville. They live in Ellsworth Township and are the parents of Jill and Jeff.

Lawrence and Jennie farmed until 1943 when they moved to Estherville. They attended the United Methodist Church and while farming Lawrence was a member of the Emmet Consolidated School Board for several years. He also was hired to grade some of the roads in Emmet Township with a horse drawn grader or drag. Jennie was active in rural women's organizations sponsored at that time by the Farm Bureau Extension Service. She also belonged to local community clubs.

Jennie inherited her parents fifty acres of land called the home place, and she and Lawrence purchased additional acres making it a total of 106 acres which is now owned by the third generation, their two daughters.

Lawrence died in 1946 at the age of 56 and Jennie died in 1957 at the age of 63.

Carl Sawyer

Carl Sawyer, oldest son of Alva and Ferne Sawyer, came to Emmet County, Estherville, Iowa June 1, 1924 after graduating from Urbana High School in Benton County. His folks had moved to Emmet County March 1, 1924.

On July 2, 1925 Carl Sawyer and Ruth Yates were united in marriage. To their union was born three children, Harold in 1926; Verle in 1928 and Marian in 1931. She died in infancy at the age of two months and nineteen days. The Sawyers were farmers.

Harold graduated in 1944 from Estherville High School and entered the service of World War II. He was married to Ila Brunsted January 7, 1951 and they have three children. Sheila married Ernest Selmonson and she is working toward being a medical doctor and is studying at the University of Iowa.

Keven Sawyer is living at home and working. Shari Sawyer married Russell Richard and they are engaged in farming.

Verle, the second son graduated from Estherville High School in 1946 and was with the guards and in the Korean War. He was married to Priscilla Nelson on May 20, 1950 and they had three children. Jacquelyn married James Zweifel and they have two boys, Scott and Sean, and they live in Sutherland.

Scott Sawyer attends college in Denver, Colorado. Timothy was in the armed services in school in Alabama, and was killed in a motorcycle and car accident April 25, 1976 at the age of nineteen years. Priscilla was killed in a car accident September 25, 1963. Verle was killed in a car accident September 24, 1968. Carl Sawyer died August 29, 1959. Ruth continues to live on an acreage northwest of Estherville.

Spencer Alva Sawyer

Spencer Alva Sawyer, with his wife Lela Ferne Ferguson Sawyer came to Emmet County in March of 1924. Alva came with the machinery and livestock on the Rock Island freight train, later Ferne came with their children, Lela Belle, Willard, J.D. and Don, leaving their eldest son Carl in Urbana, Benton County, Iowa to graduate from High School with his class of 1924.

The sign at the Rock Island depot WATCH ESTHERVILLE GROW seemed huge to them as they waited for their father to come and get them in the horse and buggy. The road to the new home, west of golf links near Four Mile Lake was mud and it seemed a long way.

The family joined the Christian Church upon their arrival in the new community.

In 1928 Verdae was born. Their five children all graduated from the Estherville High School. Alva drove an Estherville School bus for twenty years and when

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WILLIAM H. HARBOR, Speaker of the House

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Highland Park College, Des Moines. He was in the automobile business since 1912.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Geerdes on August 26, 1948.

Mr. Ross was the first Grundy County soldier to enter World War I and served two years, one of which was in France. He also served his country in World War II, and was a charter member of the Ashing-Jaspers Post No. 213 of the American Legion in Wellsburg, and the Grundy County Barracks No. 1418 of World War I Veterans.

He served as State Representative of Grundy County in Des Moines in 1937 and 1939. He was a past Commander of the Third District of the World War I Veterans' organization, the Mayor of the town of Wellsburg for 10 years, and was also an original member of the Board of Commissioners of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital and would have been relinquished of his post as of April 1, 1971.

Claus W. Ross passed away Tuesday morning, March 30, 1971, following a heart attack. Services were held at the Second Christian Reformed Church, Wellsburg, Iowa. Surviving are his wife, Bessie; one sister (Tatjie) Mrs. Dick Huisman, Sr., of Wellsburg; two brothers, Will W. Ross of Wellsburg and John W. Ross of Wellsburg.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Claus W. Ross, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

HAROLD O. FISCHER
FLOYD H. MILLEN
RICHARD W. WELDEN
Committee

LEO I. SANDERS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Leo I. Sanders, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Leo I. Sanders was born in Osceola, Iowa March 16, 1894, son of Luther T. and Adella Sanders. The family moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1897. He attended the Des Moines schools, and was graduated from West High School.

Mr. Sanders was married to Sarah Davis on August 4, 1916 in Newton, Iowa, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Sanders was engaged in the wholesale ice cream business most of his adult life. He was the Mayor of Estherville from 1956 to 1962, and was associated with the Estherville Daily News. He was a member of the

Republican Party, and was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives and served as Representative from Emmet and Palo Alto Counties in the Sixty-second and Sixty-third sessions. He was the Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, past Board Member and Vice-President of the League of Iowa Municipalities, past member of the Board of Estherville Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Estherville Christian Church, and was a past member of the Church Board, and of the Church Property Committee.

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ROLLIN C. EDELEN
JAMES E. WIRTZ
BERL E. PRIEBE

Committee

MELVIN E. STORY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Melvin E. Story, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Melvin E. Story was born at Farmington, Iowa, July 7, 1906, son of William and Linnie Petrie Story. He attended the public schools of Farmington. He married Martha Beatrice Buchanan of South English at Bethany, Missouri, September 17, 1932, and to this union were born two children, two sons. Mr. Story was a veteran of World War II, having served two and one-half years with the U. S. Signal Corps, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple, Telephone Pioneers of America, and the Congregational-United Church of Christ. He was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 25 years prior to his retirement. Mr. Story was a Republican and served as State Representative for one term in the Sixty-second General Assembly.

Mr. Story passed away January 2, 1971, at the Keokuk County Hospital, Sigourney, Iowa, after a two-year illness. Services were held at the Powell Funeral Home in North English, Iowa, and burial at South English Cemetery.



World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

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| Name: | Leo Isaac Sanders |
| County: | Jasper |
| State: | Iowa |
| Birthplace: | Iowa |
| Birth Date: | 16 Mar 1894 |
| Race: | Caucasian (White) |
| FHL Roll Number: | 1643118 |
| Draft Board: | 0 |
| Age: | |
| Occupation: | |
| Nearest Relative: | View image |
| Height/Build: | |
| Color of Eyes/Hair: | |
| Signature: | |

Source Citation: Registration Location: *Jasper County, Iowa*; Roll *1643118*; Draft Board: *0*.

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Description:
This database contains an index and images of World War I draft registration cards completed by approximately 24 million men living in the U.S. in 1917 and 1918. Information that may be found for an individual includes: name, place of residence, date and place of birth, race, country of citizenship, occupation, and employer. [Learn more...](#)

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