

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bennett, Wayne Senator Bennett, Wayne  
Represented Adams, Vista, Carroll, Cherokee, Crawford, Howard and Sac Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Nov 1927 Silver Creek Township, Schaller, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Barbara Holl 5 June 1949 Ida Grove, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a former president and voting delegate of Mc County Fair Board;  
Mc County Soil Conservation District Commissioner

B. Civic responsibilities 4-H youth assistant;

C. Profession Farmer; seed dealer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, 73<sup>rd</sup>, 74<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies

6. Public Offices 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1983-1984, 1985-1986, 1987-1988  
1989-1990, 1991-1992 House of Representatives  
75<sup>th</sup>, 76<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, 1993-1994, 1995-1996

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death \_\_\_\_\_

8. Children Gary; Candice

9. Names of parents Wilbur Alvin and Blanche (Neal) Bennett

Bennett, Wayne

10. Education He attended Silver Creek Rural #1 School until 1940  
and then entered Iowa State High School graduating  
in 1944.

11. Degrees Attended Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican



in preparation for the new building). They lived on a farm south of Galva until 1971 when they moved to his parent's farm southwest of Schaller. They later purchased this farm and it will be a Bennett Century Farm in 1983. They are members of the Silver Creek United Methodist Church.



**Bruce Bennett Family**

Front row: Marlys, Kyle, Bruce. Back row: Kevin, Lynda, Marsha, Alan, Marilee.



**Grandchildren of Bruce Bennetts**

Front row: Jody Bauman, Arin Wiebers and Justin Gayer. Back row: Jeremy Bauman, Scott and Travis Geyer.

Bruce and Marlys's children are: Marilee Jayne, born October 26, 1953, married Terrance Lynn Gayer of Rock Valley, Iowa on August 18, 1972. Their three sons are: Scott Alan born December 11, 1974; Travis Joe born September 10, 1976; and Justin Bennett born August 28, 1980.

Marsha Lynn, born March 21, 1955, married Dennis Mark Bauman of Schaller on November 1, 1975. They live in Sac City and their children are: Jeremy Joe born September 4, 1978; and Jodie Ann born

July 16, 1981.

Alan Bruce, born May 16, 1957, who farms south of Galva with his father. He married LuAnn Rose Lansink of Ida Grove on June 18, 1982.

Lynda Jean, born August 18, 1958. She married Dale Andrew Wiebers of Ricketts on August 26, 1978. They farm near Ricketts and have one daughter. Arin Lyn, born December 29, 1980.

Kyle Eugene and Kevin Dean, twins, born December 20, 1964. Both are juniors at the Galva-Holstein High School and will be graduating in 1983.



Front row: Gary and Candace. Back row: Wayne and Barbara Bennett.

**WAYNE AND BARBARA BENNETT** -- Wayne Bennett was born November 7, 1927, in Silver Creek Township, Schaller, Iowa. His wife, Barbara Noll Bennett, was born January 26, 1929, in Blaine Township, Arthur, Iowa.

His parents are Wilbur Alvin and Blanche Neal Bennett\*. Hers are James C. Noll and Lora Marie Devine Noll.

Wayne attended Silver Creek Rural No. 1 School until 1940 when he entered high school at Ida Grove, graduating in 1944. He then attended Iowa State University.

Barbara attended Blaine No. 3 until 1942 and graduated from Ida Grove High School in 1946. She graduated from Buena Vista College with a B.A. in elementary education.

Wayne has been a 4-H youth assistant, farmer, seed dealer, and Iowa State Representative in Des Moines, 1972-1982, representing the 48th District of Iowa.

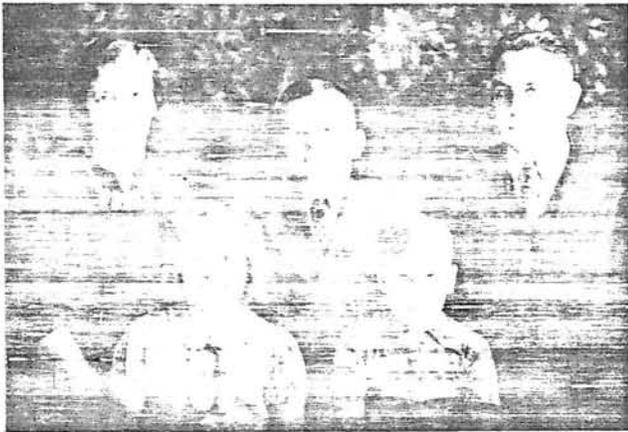
Barbara has been at teacher in the Logan, Galva, Holstein, and Des Moines, Iowa Public School systems. She has authored a book and was very active in 4-H.

They were married in the Ida Grove Methodist Church June 5, 1949. They attend the Silver Creek United Methodist Church.

They have two children. Gary was born March 5,

1951, and married Betsy Alice Blake, born April 21, 1951, at Akron, Ohio, on March 22, 1975. He graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree and from Ohio State University with a Master of Science and a Doctor's Degree in Animal Genetics. They have one child born May 2, 1979, named Emily Alice. After graduation they lived in Lincoln, Nebraska. They now make their home in Hamilton, New Zealand, where he is employed by the New Zealand government doing research and writing.

Candice was born January 17, 1954, and graduated from Iowa State University and Drake University with a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree. She has been employed for the Scharm-Branstad Law firm at Lake Mills and for the Polk County Juvenile Judge and the Iowa State Attorney General.



**Wilbur Bennett Family**  
**Front row: Barbara Bennett Ruchensky and Bruce.**  
**Back row: Blanche, Wayne and Wilbur.**



**Wilbur and Blanche Bennett**

**WILBUR AND BLANCHE BENNETT** -- Wilbur Bennett was born on a farm southeast of Galva in

Silver Creek Township, December 15, 1900. His wife, Blanche Neal Bennett was also born in Silver Creek Township, August 9, 1902. His parents were Charles and Katie Lorenzen Bennett and hers were Harry and Alice Brady Neal. Wilbur graduated from Loveland, Colorado High School and attended Colorado State University at Fort Collins. Blanche graduated from Ida Grove High School and attended Cedar Falls Extension Teachers College.

He has farmed all his life, retiring in 1966. She taught Silver Center School four years before they were married, February 26, 1926. They lived on the farm where Wilbur was born for forty-seven years until moving to Galva in 1970.

Their children are Wayne\* and Bruce\*, who live in this area, and Barbara. Wayne married Barbara Noll June 5, 1949. Bruce married Marlys Rydberg, February 24, 1952. Barbara married Robert Ruchensky, March 14, 1953. He teaches science and she is a registered nurse. They have three children: Tom, Rhonda Ashcraft and Mike.

The Wilbur Bennett family have all been members of Silver Creek Church since 1924.

**CLARENCE AND HILDA BEYER** -- Clarence and Hilda (Helkenn) Beyer were born in 1915 and 1917 respectively and raised on farms in the Galva-Holstein area. They were educated in country schools and Hilda graduated from Galva in 1935. They farmed more than forty years, recently retiring to live in Holstein. They were married in 1938 and raised three children on the farm along Highway 20 between Galva and Holstein: Jean, Paul and Patti.

Jean (Beyer) Ruhser was born in 1944 and graduated from Galva as salutatorian in 1962, earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morningside College in Sioux City in 1965 and a Mastes Degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in 1972. Jean married Gary Ruhser, son of Henry and Sophie Schroeder Ruhser, of Holstein, in 1965. Gary graduated from Holstein as salutatorian in 1962, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Iowa State University at Ames in 1966, and works as a Senior Quality Control Engineer at Trane Company in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Jean teaches biology at UW-LaCrosse. They have two daughters: Gayle, born in 1968, and Janis, born in 1972, and live on a farm at Holmen, Wisconsin.

Paul Bever was born in 1947, graduated from Galva in 1965 and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls in 1972. In 1969 Paul married Ann Stainbrook. She was born in 1948 in West Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated with honors from West Des Moines High School in 1966. Ann also graduated from University of Iowa in 1972, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and earned a Masters Degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1980. Their son, Avery, was born in 1970. They make their home at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Paul is a noted artist and Ann works as a project leader for gifted education, after several years of teaching math.

Patti Beyer Kelly was born in 1952, graduated