

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cook, Lisle Maurine Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27. Sept 1936 Hubbard, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Margaret Anne Spas 23 Nov 1958 New Providence, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an Iowa Master Posh Producer

B. Civic responsibilities 4-H leader

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Friends

5. Sessions served 69<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1981-1982

6. Public Offices

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

B. State State 4-H and FFA officer; member of the Iowa State Farm Bureau Board

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

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

8. Children Jeffrey Thomas; Lott Lisle; Daniel James; Paul Rodney

9. Names of parents Maurine and Fern Cook

10. Education Graduate of the New Providence, Iowa High School, 1955

11. Degrees B.S. degree from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 1960

12. Other applicable information Republican  
- He was on Farm Youth Exchange to England and Ireland in 1958



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going into shock! Hopping from rug to rug seemed to be the easiest solution but if the reason for getting out of bed was to make a trip to the outhouse, too much stress and exercise could overload the body's waste system. A person who had a great need to get out of bed had to plan the strategy of getting dressed in advance. Wearing socks to bed sometimes worked, but if you are a forgetful person, you're in trouble. Therefore, it was essential to keep the clothing that was to be worn as close to the bed as possible. I learned to dress very quickly on those cold days.

On many of those days, Grandpa had already awakened and so, a fire was built in the stove downstairs. In the house, there was not a vent system as in our "modern" house back in the city. The vents to the upstairs were holes covered with gratings which were in the floors and usually found in the corner of the bedroom. They used the principle that heat rises. Unfortunately the amount of heat available to rise to the upstairs was not as large as the amount of cold air already there. The only trick other than hopping around or dressing quickly was to stiate yourself directly over a grating, giving you enough time to relax as you completed this chore.

These gratings not only provided heat in the winter but were also marvelous structures which allowed for eaves-dropping. I can't recall any of the conversations, but I'm sure they were quite entertaining!

Ah, to be young again and worry only about how to get out of bed without discomfort. *Vicki Jo Cogelja*

### Curtis J. Conway

In 1905 an eighteen year old boy came to Iowa from his home in Ohio. Having heard tales about the west he brought with him a 22 calibre pistol and a pair of brass knuckles "to fight off the indians." This was my grandfather, Carson W. Conway. He found only friends in Iowa and never had use for his weapons. They now hang on the wall of my den along with other treasured family mementos.

Carsie settled in the Zearing area where he found a farm. He met and courted Ada Holcomb, the daughter of an earlier Ohio emigrant. Carsie and Ada Conway were married on November 23, 1911. To this union were born two children, John and Wilbur. The family farmed for a time, then Carsie went into the farm implement business.



Curtis Conway Family

The Conways moved to Hubbard in 1929 and continued the implement business. On April 10, 1933 Conway Implement sold the first rubber tired tractor in the county. Wilbur, my dad, grew to manhood and joined his father in business. He continued working with farm machinery and cars through out his life.

"Wib" met a good looking Hubbard girl and on November 1, 1940 Wilbur Conway and June Henson were wed. They made their home in Hubbard where, after Dad's World War II service, they raised their family. We kids, Pamela, Curtis, Candace, and Cynthia grew up town brats and loved it. We had a long, hard one block walk to school and two to church. We look back to our years at good old Hubbard High with fond memories.

I continued my education at Ellsworth College, then decided to enlist in the Navy to "see the world." My first three and a half years were spent on shore in Southern California and only the last six months at sea on the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk. The best thing I got out of the service was my wife, who I met through a Navy friend in California and married shortly after my discharge.

Candace Fox and I were married December 2, 1972 in California and then moved back to Iowa. I now work with Dubberke Construction doing carpentry and building. Candy works in the Business Office at the Eldora Training School. We enjoy our life here in Hubbard. We have friends with common interests and like doing things with them. A lot of our spare time is spent right here in the county. When not working on projects such as the always on-going remodeling of our first very own house, we like to get into the great outdoors. I always look forward to pheasant season for week-end hunts with friends. Both Candy and I have gotten into cross-country skiing when snow conditions allow in the winter. During the rest of the year we like to hike through the woods and along the creeks watching the wildlife, enjoying and relaxing.

### Frank Cook

A member of the fourth generation of his family to farm in or near New Providence; Frank Cook and his wife Phyllis live on and farm the former Sherman Wooten farmstead four and a half miles west of Union.

Frank, the middle of three sons of Maurice and Fern Cook, was born in his parents' farm home south of New Providence. His mother often talks about that time during the Depression. The morning Frank was born, his father burned ninety of his one hundred hogs which had died of cholera because they could not afford to have them vaccinated. They burned corn cobs for fuel that winter because corn was bringing ten cents a bushel.

Frank graduated from New Providence High School; and, after completing his second year at I.S.U., was drafted by the U.S. Army. He met and married Phyllis, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, in Germany where she was employed as an Information Specialist for the U.S. Air Force. After completing his Army tour of duty, Frank returned to Iowa State. He and Phyllis made their home in Ames where their oldest son, Robert, was born.

Frank started farming with a 1948 Minneapolis Moline tractor. The only other piece of equipment he had was a manure spreader traded for a 1946 car. His father loaned his ten bred sows and that was the beginning of today's 1000-hog operation. He also has a large cattle feeding setup.

His first farm, through which ran a former Pony Express route, was rented from John Wood and located between Whitten and Union. Barbara and Richard were born while they lived there.

In 1961 they moved to the Wilson Hadley farm southeast of New Providence. From there they moved to the Wooten place in 1967. They now own parts of three Wooten farms and the Roy Pevehouse farm. These are all known as the Robarick farms.

Robert attended Iowa State and is married to the former Joyce Miller of Hubbard. Rob, Joyce, and their children, Janelle and Jared, live on the Cook estate place purchased by Frank's great great grandfather one hundred years ago from the original homesteader. Rob and Frank farm together. Barbara graduated from Iowa State and teaches in the Gladbrook Community Schools. Barb and her husband, Mark Schwarck, live on the Schwarck farm north of Whitten. Rick is now a senior at Iowa State majoring in farm operations and agricultural economics. He is also a licensed aircraft pilot.

Since their marriage, Phyl has worked as a secretary and taught school. Presently, she is a substitute teacher in the area schools. She is a graduate of Boston University and has a Master's Degree in library science from the University of Northern Iowa.

Frank taught vocational agriculture one year after graduating from college and has served on the boards of the Lawn Hill Cooperative, Community Church of Union, South Hardin Manor, and was on the original board of the South Hardin Recreation Area.

### George W. Cook

Joseph R. Bushman (my grandfather) was the fifth of seven children born to David and Eva (Spangler) Bushman, who brought their family to Carroll County, Iowa, by wagon in July 1843. They were among the early settlers who farmed a land grant from the government. Joseph came to Hardin County in the fall of 1865 to start farming on his own. He first settled in Clay Township and eight years later moved to Alden Township where he also held the office of school director. He married Eunice Baker in 1858 and they had six children — Abram Fred, Lydia, Arvilla, Theresa, Elliott, John and Carrie.



George and Charlotte Cook

Three of the children remained in Hardin County, with Carrie living on the home place until 1909 when she moved into Alden. Abram Fred was an undertaker and had a furniture store in Alden. Elliott (my father) farmed across the road from the home place, and in 1903 he married Maud Cochran. They had four children. Helen, who was born in 1904, died of diphtheria at the age of 6. I was born in 1906. My brother Clive was born in 1909 and passed away in 1972, a resident of Kelso, Washington. My younger sister, Hazel Pearson, who now lives in Van Nuys, California, was born in 1913.

My father died in 1916, leaving my mother with three children. We moved to a home in Wilke in 1917, and when my mother died suddenly in 1919, the three of us went to live with an aunt in Nebraska. A year later I came back to Alden to live with Uncle Fred. I graduated from Alden High School and Ellsworth College. After working in Iowa Falls for one year, I went to Ord, Nebraska, where I met and later married George Cook. We farmed several years near Ord before returning to the home farm near Alden in 1940. We have five children — Clive (now living in Waterloo), Catherine Smalley (who lives in Iowa Falls), Robert (who lives in Iowa Falls), Harold (now living in Hudsonville, Michigan) and Charlene Shore (who lives in Eldora). We have 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Some of my fondest memories are my early school days. I walked to country school with an older neighbor boy and remember having to practically run to keep up with him. One day we found some money along the side of the road, and even though it was just a few coins, we really felt rich! I can also remember when our home burned down in the spring of 1910 and the inconvenience of living in the milk house until the new home was built.

George and I left the farm in 1965 and have retired and are living in Iowa Falls. *by Charlotte (Bushman) Cook.*

### Lisle M. Cook

Lisle Maurice Cook and Margaret Anne Speas Cook were married on November 23, 1958, at the New Providence Friends Church. She is the daughter of Mrs. Safrona Speas of New Providence, and the late Glen Speas. Lisle is the son of Maurice and Fern Cook also of New Providence.

Margaret and Lisle graduated from New Providence High School in 1955. Margaret attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls for two years and later taught kindergarten and third grade in Union-Whitten, Nevada and Hubbard schools. Lisle graduated from Iowa State University in 1960.

While a student there, he took time off to serve in the International Farm Youth Exchange to England and Wales for about six months.

Following graduation, the Cooks moved to a farm 3 miles east of Hubbard, where they presently reside. They are the parents of four sons: Jeffrey Thomas, a student at Iowa State University; Scott Lisle, a high school senior at Hubbard; Daniel James, in eighth grade; and Paul Rodney, in fourth grade. All four boys have been actively involved in 4-H. Jeff and Scott have both served as county president and on area 4-H council. Scott is currently a member of the State 4-H Council.

The Cooks are active members of the Honey Creek-New Providence Friends Church, where they have served in a variety of ways.

Lisle has been a 4-H leader and served on the county 4-H committee and is currently on a state advisory committee for 4-H.

Lisle has also been involved with the Pork Producers in Hardin County as well as the State Committee. In 1971 he was selected as a Master Pork Producer and in 1973 was chosen Iowa's Pork All-American.

Farm Bureau has been an important part in the lives of the Cooks. Lisle has held most Hardin County Farm Bureau offices. He then served on the State Policy Study Committee and finally spent four years as a member of the Iowa Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

In 1980, Lisle decided to enter the world of politics after an interest in good government has developed through the years of participation in Farm Bureau legislative involvement and participation in the Republican party locally. After a June primary victory, Lisle was elected in November to serve as State Representative from House District 40 in the Iowa legislature. It is a two-year term.

Jeff and Scott have also shown a keen interest in good government. They both have attended seminars at the United Nations, citizenship shortcourses in Washington, D.C., and have served as pages in the Iowa House of Representatives.

The Cooks continue to farm near Hubbard where they raise hogs — farrow to finish — and have a cow-calf herd, feeding out the calves to market weight.

### Maurice Cook

The Cook Family of New Providence dates back to Ira Cook who lived from 1812-1893. This family has always been interested in the New Providence church, which is now Honey Creek-New Providence church. On Sunday April 5, 1981 Jared Robert Cook will be dedicated in this church, where Ira Cook was a member in the eighteen hundreds. He will be the 7th generation attending here.



Maurice Cook Family: 1st row: Sheryl, Paul, Danny. 2nd row: Evelyn, Kenneth, Frank, Fern, Maurice, Lisle, Margaret. 3rd row: Patty, Diane, Scott, Richard, Janelle, Joyce, Phyllis, Andrea. 4th row: Dan, Nelson, Jeff, Robert, Barbara.

The Cooks are also interested in 4-H, Farm Bureau and Extension work of Hardin County. Maurice Cook and his wife Fern have served as Farm Bureau President and Womens County Chairman for Farm Bureau. Fern is currently serving as South Hardin 4-H Photography Club leader.

Maurice's Great grandfather, Ira Cook was followed by John Cook 1852-1939. Walter Cook 1878-1951.

Maurice's sons: Kenneth, Frank and Lisle all live in Hardin County. Frank is now serving as President of Lawn Hill Coop. Kenneth is on the Eldora-New Providence School Board. Lisle is Iowa State Repre-

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sentative for the 40th district.

The Cooks believe in education. All three of the sons graduated from Iowa State University, where most of the eleven grandchildren are now in school or have attended there.

The Cook challenge to themselves and to you is "LETS MAKE THE BEST BETTER" in Hardin County.

### Wayne Cooper

One of the highlights of 1980 for Wayne and Donna was the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 4, 1955 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City.

Donna is from Mason City, and is the sixth child of 10 kids born to Tilla and the late Clayton Quam. Wayne is from Manly, and is the second of 13 kids born to Emory and the late Velma Cooper. Wayne and Donna lived in Franklin County before moving to the Buckeye area about seven years ago.

Sandra, the eldest of their four kids, married Ken Goodsell, son of Bill and Jerry Goodsell of Iowa Falls on September 19, 1976. Diane married Allen Meyer, son of Leonard and Annabel Meyer, also of Iowa Falls, on November 28, 1980. The older son, Scott, was married this spring to Sandy Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Graham of Eldora, on April 4. Kelly, the youngest son, will be a junior in Iowa Falls High School next fall.

Donna worked as a Bell telephone operator before marrying Wayne and then again when her kids were all in school, until the Iowa Falls office closed a few years ago. Now she works at Riverside Book and



Wayne Cooper Family

Bible. Wayne was a USDA Meat Inspector until a few years ago when heart disease forced him into very early retirement. Now he does a bit of everything from helping neighboring farmers in the fields to running the family homestead taking care of all the business and raising some animals!

Sandra is Culligan secretary and Ken works at the Advertiser and has a country-rock band called Sandstone. Diane works at Riverside and Allen a recent graduate of UNI, is an electrician for Meyer Electric Service. Scott works at Fareway Stores and his wife Sandy works at the Eldora Bakery. Kelly is working at Kerr McGee South in Iowa Falls.

Two more additions are coming to this family yet this year. Both daughters are expecting their first child.

### John Marvin Cox

On Jan. 31, 1937 Marvin and Myrtle (Moore) were married in a Quaker ceremony at Honey Creek Meetinghouse in Providence township.

Marvin is a great grandson of Nathan Cox, 1812 Tenn with his wife, Frances (Tuck) and four small children poled a raft down the Tennessee and Ohio Rivers and up the Mississippi to Burlington, Ia., continuing up the Skunk River to Rubio in Keokuk Co. Ia. where he homesteaded the farm in 1844 that Marvin, 1915, his father Frank, 1882, and his grandfather, James Henry, 1840, grew up on.

Myrtle, 1913, is a granddaughter of Nereus Simon Martin, 1848 N.C., a well known farmer of Providence township, my mother Della (Martin), 1889, and dad Bob Moore, 1877 N.C., were farmers of Hardin Co. (Past and Present of Hardin Co. 1911 page 600).



Marvin Cox Family: Standing: (left to right) JoAnn, John, Ralph, Alvin, Dale, Homer, Merle, Mable. Seated: Marvin, Myrtle.

Marvin and I are retired farmers in Providence township but the most important product of this farming experience was eight children. Five of these young people graduated from college. Very little money from home went into this education but a lot of love, moral support, encouragement, and enormous quantities of food came from the family larder.

John Marvin Cox Jr. started out as a hired hand. Graduated to renting status and now owns a 500 Acre, North English, farm with the help of his wife Barbara, sons Johnny, Jerry and Jimmy. Daughter Julie, her husband Mike Donahue and Andrea are in the newspaper business.

Ralph Robert started out as a bricklayer then a house building, gas refinery and now owns a 50-cow dairy farm in eastern Minnesota. Pamala, Kimberly, Susan and Bob help mother Gail milk.

Merle Lee has worked with S.P.F. hogs since graduating from Iowa State. Was National Executive Secretary for several years. Sally, Rita and Michael have joined. Merle now manages a S.P.I hog operation for Land O Lakes.

Alvin Leonard graduated from Iowa State, served in Vietnam, manager of Farmland Swine Testin Stations in Ia. and Neb. Now he, Karen and Ala farm in southern Iowa.

JoAnn Myrtle — David Heintz is a truck dispatcher in Marshalltown. JoAnn was a teacher in a school for the handicapped prior to marriage. David and Mary have joined.

Homer Lee's first business address was #1 Wa Street N.Y. Now he works for First National Bank of Chicago. All of this big banking came after the University of Iowa, Navy and Masters. Lynn the Caroline have been added to make his life complete.

Mable Marie took full advantage of Physical Education at Marshalltown J.C., Wm. Penn at Northeast Missouri State. Howard Buerckley has become her team mate. When Mable was 30 and she ran in the Drake Marathon and finished 6th time. She teaches and he works in an elevator Osage.

Dale Dean and Joan spent their honeymoon in Germany as guests of Uncle Sam after he graduated from Marshalltown J.C. and Northeast Missouri State he took on the Army and marriage to Master's. Teresa has joined. Dale is Extension Youth Specialist in southwest Mo. Submitted Myrtle M. Cox

### Theresa Cox

I was born August 4, 1898, the 4th child Samuel and Angie (Lockwood) Spurlin, in a home across from Daisy Long Park near the Iowa River. Father worked at the Benson Mill. (Au Clara was the wife of Horace Benson).

My brothers and sister were Dean L. Florence and Ross E. When we lived on the county line went to rural school west of the Hauser Cemetery graduated from Union school in 1917, and attend business school in Marshalltown for a few months. My family attended the Federated Church, now called Community Church.

I was married to Lee Fistler at the Little Bro Church at Nashua, Ia. on July 12, 1923. We started farming on what we call the "east place" (Pat & Joe's home). Lee was born May 15, 1889 at Cl