

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nelson, Beverly Joan Senator _____

Resident of Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 2. Jul 1929 Clemmons, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Richard Russell Nelson 1 Feb 1951

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Associate dean of Marshalltown Community College, Marshalltown, Iowa; registered nurse;

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 76th, 77th, 78th General Assembly 1995-1996; 1997-1998;

6. Public Offices 1999-2000

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Wayne Benedict; Barbara Joan (Mar. Corp.); Richard Carl;
Jacqueline Joan; Felicia Russell

9. Names of parents Benedict Bernard and Doris Mae (McCormick) Joan Nelson

Nelson, Beverly John

10. Education Graduate of Clemmons High School, Clemmons, Iowa
in 1947

11. Degrees R.N. degree from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing,
Dubuque, Iowa 1951, BS degree in nursing from University of
Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 1973; MS degree in vocational education 1975, Ph.D. 1981

12. Other applicable information

- She and her family lived most of their years in the frontier of
Clemmons, Iowa, Hillman Clemmons.

Nelson, Beverly John

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

A History of Clemons Grove and Vicinity 1882-1982

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A HISTORY OF
CLEMONS GROVE
AND VICINITY

1882-1982

ugh, Maria, James Edward, Jr., Henry Anthony (Harry), Frances (Dollie) and Arthur Zenas.

Bridget was born in 1864 and died 1944. She was not married.

Anna was born December 24, 1864 and died December 29, 1947. She was married to Francis Tagatoff who was born June 24, 1857, and died April 3, 1936.

Thomas was born March 23, 1866 and died in 1901. He was not married.

William J. (W. J.) was born February 19, 1868 and died November 27, 1941. He was married to Mary (Mamie) Gannon. They were the parents of Carroll, Vera, Rena, Irene (Mrs. Jim Robinson), Albert and Mary Lucille. Albert and his wife Loraine now lives on the home place Northwest of Clemons in Liberty Township, Section 17, Liberty Township. Irene passed away August 28, 1980.

ugh was born January 19, 1869 and died in 1948. He married Mary Robinson in St. Anthony. The parents of eight children, they settled in Seattle, Washington, where they are buried.

Maria was born August 22, 1872 and died March 9, 1938. She was not married and lived on the home place all her life.

James Edward, Jr. was born on July 6, 1875 and died April 4, 1944. He married Nellie (Net) Jordan. They had four children: Harry, Daniel, Nellie (Mrs. Joe Megan) Liberty Township and Laura (Mrs. Gale Oswalt) Minneapolis, Minn.

Henry (Harry) was born October 29, 1878 and died January 23, 1902. He was not married.

Frances (Dollie) was born September 9, 1885 and died July 19, 1968. She was not married and was a school teacher for 50 years in Liberty Township, mostly in the Liberty School.

Arthur Zenas was born September 16, 1887 and died November 11, 1981 at the age of 94 living and farming on the same farm North of Clemons for 70 years. He was married to Nelle Mary Lawler, daughter of Thomas and Mary E. McMahon of near New Providence February 21, 1911. She died February 13, 1973. She taught school at District 5 of Liberty Township before her marriage. Arthur and Nellie had four children: Leo, Jerene, Opal and Rita. They all graduated from the Liberty School.

Leo has spent his entire life in Liberty Township as stock and grain farmer. He married Kathryn Waske on, Iowa April 22, 1941. He was a member of the Liberty School Board and later of the West Marshall School Board. He has been a director of the Minerva Valley Telephone Co. for many years. They are the parents of five children: Francis, Kenneth, Phyllis, Maurice and Karen.

Francis married Laurie Gunderson of Des Moines August 10, 1968. They are the parents of five children: Paul, Mark, Amy, Sarah and Emily. Francis died in a farm accident on his farm, North of Clemons, August 29, 1981.

Kenneth married Lynn Johnson September 6, 1966. They have a daughter, Jennifer.

Kenneth lives in Tipton, Iowa.

Phyllis married Rich McKean of Armstrong, Iowa July 11, 1970. They farm near Armstrong and have three daughters, Angela, Maria and Megan.

Maurice is not married and lives in Marshalltown.

Karen married Dave Hicks April 15, 1978 and they live in Louisville, Kentucky. They have a daughter, Rebecca.

Jerene married Robert Barlow and they live in Iowa Falls where Robert is president of the Iowa Falls State Bank. They have four married children, Pamela Angstman of Buffalo Center, Linda Hinz of Alden, Cinda Classon of Dows and John of Minneapolis.

Opal married Ronald Grandfield. He died December 17, 1976. They are the parents of a daughter Donna Grandfield Rewaj and a son, Gary. Opal lives in Des Moines.

Rita married Ralph Howe and they farm three miles North of Clemons. Ralph served on the West Marshall School Board for 12 years. He served two years as president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association and is the pork producer representative from Iowa on the National Live Stock and Meat Board. They are the parents of six children: Sister Connie, a member of the Sisters of Mercy Order in Cedar Rapids; Rick, an engineer on the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad; Carmen, a Driver Education and Physical Education teacher, Red Oak; Russell, a Computer Programmer for Brenco Automation Center, Des Moines; Tamma, an Elementary Teacher, St. Cecilia's School, Ames; Roger, and Auto Mechanic and Farmer on the family farm.

PATRICK DUNN

As Clemons entered this century's auto age one of the new businesses to spring up was the Dunn Motor Company.

The year was 1921, Clemons had just embarked on its fourth decade and the automobile was coming into general use. Among the first car owners in town was Benedict (Benny) Dunn. Young Dunn left his home community that year to learn the auto mechanic's trade at the Ford Garage in Hampton. His wife-to-be, Dora Mae McCormack of Saint Anthony followed and worked as a bookkeeper at the garage. They were married there the same years, 1921.

By 1926 Ben and Dora were ready to return to Clemons and start their business. With the help of his father, C. W. Dunn, the Dunn Motor Company garage was built and opened in 1926 next to the railroad and adjacent to today's Standard Service Station. Dunn was to continue in the auto service business throughout his working years, first in Clemons and later (after 1948) in Marshalltown.

Benedict Bernard Dunn was the eldest of five children of Charles William Dunn and Catherine Ellen Dunn. Ben's grandfathers were both original settlers of the Dunn Settlement in Liberty Township. Ben's paternal grandfather was Patrick Dunn from County Meath, Ireland, who married Catherine Murray and settled in Marshall County in 1867. The maternal grandfather was Henry Dunn, who with his brother came to America in 1852 from King's County, Ireland. He married Mary Scott and settled in Marshall County in 1855, first at Marietta and later on a Liberty Township farm.

Dora Mae McCormack Dunn was the second of four children of Russell McCormack and Myrta Robertson. Dora's grandfather, George Washington McCormack married Myria. The McCormack's owned a farm two miles north of Clemons. Dora's maternal grandfather was Alexander Robertson, who came from Illinois to Saint Anthony where he became the town's postmaster. He was married to Margret.

Benny and Dora had two children, Wayne Benedict Dunn born in 1924 at Hampton and Beverly Joan Dunn, born July 2, 1929, at Clemons. The family encountered a desperate loss when Wayne died by accidental drowning in Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida, in 1934. Beverly was graduated from Clemons High School in 1947, and married Richard Russell Nelson, son of Carl and Florence Hook Nelson of Clemons, February 1, 1951.

"Swede" and "Bev" have spent their married years in Clemons, living most of those years in the home of the founder of Clemons, William Clemons. They have five children, Wayne Benedict Nelson, Marshalltown; Barbara Joan Nelson Cox, Milwaukee; Richard Carl Nelson, Buhler, Kan.; Jacqueline Joan Nelson, Iowa



Wayne Dunn, Lloyd Bartholomew and Doris Jane Eldridge in the yard at the Eldridge Home.

City; and William Russell Nelson, Ames.

Careerwise, "Swede" operated the D-X Tank Wagon Service at State Center for a number of years before joining Fisher Controls in Marshalltown as a machinist where he had worked for 17 years. "Bev" is known today as Dr. Beverly Dunn Nelson, associate dean of the Marshalltown Community College. Besides a registered nurse's certificate from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Dubuque (1951), she holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Iowa (1973); a master of science degree in vocational education (1975) and a doctor of philosophy degree (1981), both from Iowa State University, Ames. Doctor Nelson also is chairman of the Division of Health Occupations at Marshalltown Community College.

The Nelsons have three grandchildren. Jennifer Joy Cox, Daniel Byard Cox and Sarah Dee Nelson.

THE THOMAS DUNN FAMILY

Thomas Dunn was one of five sons born to William and Julia Dunn in Munster, King's County Ireland.

Thomas migrated to America in 1865 stopping first in Chicago where he worked on a railroad section. He then moved west where he married Margaret Jordan, childhood playmate. They settled in Liberty Township on what was later known as the Jim Howard farm.

Tom and Margaret were the parents of several children: Willie, Joe, John, Mary, Clara, Ann and Elizabeth.

John married Agnes Tierney, daughter of Mike and Anna Tierney of Perry in 1905. They first settled three miles northwest of St. Anthony. Three children were born to this marriage: Donald, Laurence (Bud) and Annagail.

Donald married Marie Ehrhardt the daughter of George and Lizzy Ehrhardt of Marshalltown in 1931. They settled on a farm north of Ogden where they raised three sons: George of Ogden, Jerry of Ames and Donnie who now lives on the farm.

Annagail married Walter (Bob) Peters of Ogden and they settled on a farm northwest of Ogden. They are the parents of two children: Mary of Boone and Gary of Riverside, California.

Laurence (Bud) married Evelyn Gilmore daughter of Tom and Bessie Gilmore in April of 1932. They started farming west of St. Anthony on the Story, Marshall County line.

In 1940 they moved to a farm owned by George Ehrhardt east of Green Mountain. In 1948 they bought a farm north of Clemons known as the Smith farm and