

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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Resides at Hill Liberty in Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place _____

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

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3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 79th General Assembly 2001-2002 - House Representative

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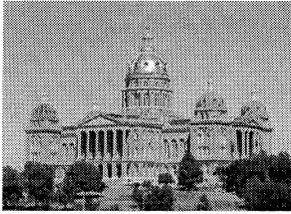
9. Names of parents Glen and Norma (Koester) Sievers

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10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information



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Eightieth General Assembly



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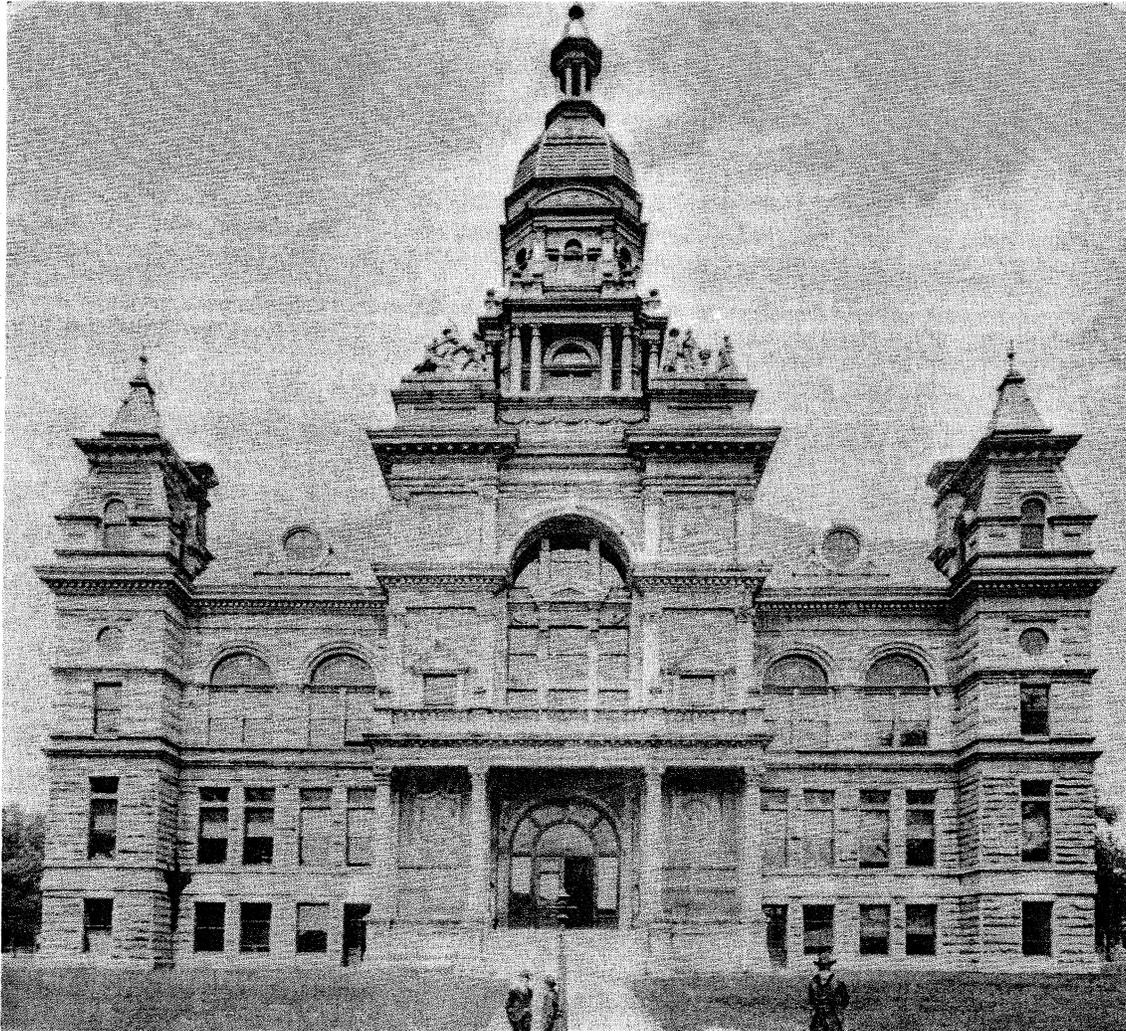
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Second Scott County Court House (Photo courtesy State Historical Society of Iowa)

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Babe Sheridan.

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Margaret was a beautician and school teacher.

A house was built across the road from the elevator, where "Babe" and family lived. Babe and Gladys Thiel were married in 1939 at DeWitt, Iowa. Babe joined in the poultry business. He and Leo hauled, loaded and unloaded many a coop of chickens together. Babe was an auctioneer for 33 years, auctioneering with Hugo Wilken and Elmer Gronewold. Babe also did appraisals of farm machinery and farm real estate and was a seed corn dealer for Pfister Associated Growers for 40 years.

Babe and Gladys Sheridan were parents of: Jacqueline (Mrs. Darrell) Spain, Lost Nation, Iowa; Ronald, Zumbrota, Minnesota; Barbara (Mrs. John) Hanrahan, DeWitt, Iowa; Yvonne (Mrs. David) Leidenfrost, Davenport, Iowa; Dennis, Glendale Heights, Illinois; David, Long Grove, Iowa; Mary Reed, Eldridge, Iowa. There are 13 grandchildren. Babe died in 1983. Gladys resides in Gambriil. Submitted by Gladys Sheridan

ESTHER MAE MOFFIT SHUMAKER

Esther Mae Moffit, the eldest daughter of William and Stella Wilson Moffit, was born on August 12, 1911, at her parents' farm home near Argo, Iowa, in LeClaire Township. Four other



Esther Shumaker

children were born into the family. They were Eva, William, John and Ethel.

Esther is the great-granddaughter of Joseph Coe who came to Scott County in 1846 from Pennsylvania. He settled near LeClaire and was a successful farmer and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Esther began her formal schooling at Stone School in LeClaire Township. She still corresponds with a favorite teacher, Clementine Petersen of Baltimore, Maryland. Later, Esther attended J.B. Young Junior High and Davenport High School, now Central High School.

Esther's parents had her baptized at the Argo United Presbyterian Church. She joined this church as a young girl and continues to be a member. She has happy memories of singing in the choir and being a member of the L.O.A. Class at the church.

Esther was also active in 4-H during her youth and particularly enjoyed preparing for the Mississippi Valley Fair each year with her sister, Eva. In later years, Esther served as a 4-H leader.

On December 2, 1937, Esther married George Andrew Shumaker. George was a farmer and was originally from Canton, Illinois. Their marriage took place in the parlor of her parent's home. This house is now the home of the Tom Moffit family.

George and Esther farmed with relatives near Argo until 1942. They then moved near Blue Grass, Iowa, where they farmed and managed the Ivanhoe Farm which was owned by Iowana Dairy Farms. George tended the dairy herd and hauled milk from the farm to the Iowana processing plant in Bettendorf on a daily basis.

Esther and George continued to farm until March, 1958, when they retired to Bettendorf, Iowa. They resided in the home which both Esther's grandparents, Matthew and Sarah Wilson, and her parents had retired to at the end of their farming careers. George passed away on December 18, 1980, and Esther continues to live in the family home.

A daughter, Marilyn Louise, was born on June 1, 1944. She graduated from Bettendorf High School and attended Marycrest College. On June 5, 1965, she married Ronald Owen of Bettendorf. They are the parents of twin daughters, Jennifer Lynne and Laurie Louise, who were born on January 4, 1969. They are presently juniors at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa. Jennifer is an elementary education major and Laurie is a biology major. Ron is an Associate Principal at North High School in Davenport and Marilyn teaches at Ladybug Preschool of Bettendorf Presbyterian Church.

Esther remains active and enjoys being a member of the Christian Heritage Group at Bettendorf Presbyterian Church. She takes part in the Adopt a Grandparent program at Paul Norton Elementary School in Bettendorf. Esther is an active member of the White Shrine and Rebecca Lodge, and also is a member of the Pioneer Settler Descendents of Scott County. For many years she has made scrapbooks at Christmas time for Ridgecrest Retirement Center and one of her favorite past times for the last several years has been the baking of cookies and chocolate brownies for her friends and family. Submitted by Esther M. Shumaker

HENRY AND CAMILLA SIERK 1918 TORNADO EXPERIENCE

Henry Walter Sierk and Camilla Irene Schneckloth were married February 6, 1918. They started farming in Lincoln Township Northeast of Eldridge having purchased 160 acres.



Henry and Camilla Sierk Farm Tornado Damage — May 9, 1918.

After they had been living on their farmstead about two months and had everything fixed up, that fateful day came that changed so much in their lives.

It was the ninth of May and there had been showers off and on all day. The sun would come out in the meantime. Henry's younger brother Lloyd, 12 years of age was with them then. In the evening a sort of thunderstorm seemed to be hovering in the west. It was at milking time. They kept observing the sky. There seemed to be a big fire in the distance. The sky got darker and darker so the three went to the basement of the house, huddling together in the southwest corner. The roaring like a freight train grew louder and the sand from the walls was falling into their hair. It seemed every minute as if the house would be torn from over their heads. As it grew more calm they ventured forth. The sight that met their eyes was enough to make the stoutest heart grow sick. The kitchen part had been torn from the house with the stove remaining. The furniture in the other part wasn't touched. The horses and cattle were alright. Four little pigs and about twenty chickens were killed. The neighbors were very kind and helped a great deal with the cleaning up of the wood, etc. The farmstead was surrounded on three sides by a double row of maple trees, which were badly damaged. The house was too badly damaged to be saved, and a new one was started, ready to be moved into by the end of October. In the meantime the chicken house was used as a temporary home. The remainder of the farm buildings were destroyed by the storm, except the barn which could be rebuilt.

Henry and Camilla rebuilt their farmstead. They had two daughters, Phyllis married to Calvin Hamann and Elaine married to Warren Fick.

This story was written from the memoirs of Camilla Sierk. Submitted by Phyllis Hamann

GLENN AND NORMA SIEVERS

Glenn Sievers was born February 9, 1928, to Hugo and Irene Schneckloth Sievers. He has a sister Gladys, married to Allen Plambeck, and a sister Helen (deceased in childhood). He married Norma Koester on March 17, 1951. They have four children: Sue, married to Richard Voss, children Anna and Jill; Sally, married to Tom Lilienthal, children Kate, Megan (deceased) and Abby; Jon, deceased; and Bryan, married to Lisa Goecke, children Jon and Jenna.



Glenn and Norma Sievers.

Glenn's father, Hugo, was one of nine children born to John and Anna Bornholdt Sievers. John was born in Wohlde, Schleswig-Holstein on January 29, 1853, and baptized in the Berghusen Lutheran Church. He came to the United States in 1873 on a freighter (supposedly as a stowaway). He arrived with \$90 in his pocket, unable to speak English. The money was stolen the first week he was here, but he found work as a laborer for the city of Davenport. He later became a farm laborer. He began farming first by renting 40 acres and contin-

ued to expand his farm holdings until he accumulated 840 acres.

On November 28, 1879, John Sievers married Anna Bornh. She was born in a log cabin in Clinton County near Big Iowa on November 28, 1858 to John and Maria Bornh. John and Anna had nine children of which only four lived to maturity: William, Charles, Hugo and Nellie Sievers Lange.

While John Sievers was the first of his family to migrate to America, he was followed shortly by sister Anna Sievers Kettlesen Friedrichsen in 1874 and in 1879 his mother, Anna Franzen Sievers Lackmann, stepfather Hinrich Lackmann, brother Dr. Hans Sievers, sister Catherine Sievers Paulsen, stepsister Wilhemina Lackmann Schmidt and stepbrother Henry Lackmann Jr. From the two marriages of Anna Franzen to Hinrich Sievers and Hinrich Lackmann, there are now more than 800 descendants recorded in the U.S.A.

Glenn's mother, Irene, was the only child of Henry and Martha Jansen Schneckloth. Henry was born in Scott County and Martha, his wife, was born in Kiel, West Germany. Martha came to the United States about 1883. Henry was brother to Herman Hans Schneckloth who founded H. H. Schneckloth Lumber Co. Henry was also a nephew of Otto Seiffert who founded the Seiffert Lumber Co. in Davenport. Henry's father, Hans, was a master cabinetmaker in Schonberg, Probstei, West Germany, so the woodworking craftsmanship ran deep through the Schneckloth family.

Glenn's wife, Norma Koester Sievers, was born March 15, 1929. She was the daughter of Alfred and Ruth Thompson Koester of Webster County, Iowa. Ruth Thompson was the daughter of Theodore and Olava Warland Thompson whose families came from Stavanger, Norway and settled near Badger, Iowa in Webster County. Alfred Koester was the son of Hans and Carrie Rasmann Koester from Suderhasted, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany and settled east of Fort Dodge near Vincent, Iowa. Submitted by Glenn Sievers

JOHANN SIEVERS

Johann Sievers and his wife Anna Hansen Lorenzen Sievers immigrated to the United States in 1867. They came to Scott County, Iowa.



Left to Right: Carol Rollinger, Phyllis Rollinger, Zuehla Michaelsen Hamilton, and Maria Sievers Michaelsen, (Four Generations)

Maria Sievers was born in Pleasant Valley, October 25, 1869. Maria had a half brother Michalous Lorenzen, a half sister, Christina Sievers (Mundt) and a half brother Claus Sievers.

Maria said her father, Johann Sievers, crossed the ice of the Mississippi River to cut wood for fuel.

In 1872 Johann Sievers went west with a neighbor to find land. They purchased adjoining farms south of Schleswig, Iowa for \$2.50 an acre. Mr. Sievers also purchased timberland near Deloit for their fuel supply.

Marie told how they cut the berry bushes and brought them home in a wagon. The berries were then picked from the bushes.

It was not unusual to see Indians. One day a band of Indians came to their door. The Sievers family always gave Indians what they wanted. Little Maria had just picked the goose-

berries when the Indians came. One Indian, named "Yellow Smoke", took the bowl from Maria, stretched himself on his stomach and ate each of the sour berries.

Thomas Michaelson was born in Silberstedt, Germany, January 5, 1870. His parents Claus and Catharina immigrated with their family of five in 1883. They landed in New York and traveled to Davenport and Schleswig, Iowa.

Maria Sievers and Thomas Michaelson met and were married at Schleswig, Iowa in 1891. Their children were: Herbert, Ehrhardt, Robert, Alwin, Victor, Zuehla, Leonardt, Garnet, Hortense, Walter, Paul and Delores.

They farmed in Iowa except for the few years they lived in Oklahoma.

Zuehla Anna Catharina Michaelson was their sixth child. She was born September 24, 1900 in Schleswig.

When Zuehla was young she played the accordian. She and her brothers entertained at barn dances with their band. She was often left playing along while her brothers danced to her music. Zuehla also loved to ride horses. She always helped herd her father's cattle to market.

In 1919 Zuehla married Edmund Kloepfer who came from Baldwin, Illinois, to work for Zuehla's father. They had two girls Marcella and Phyllis. Both were born in Paradise Township, Arion, Iowa. Dr. Jones from Schleswig came by horse and buggy to deliver the girls.

Marcella married Leonard Johannsen and had a daughter Linda. Marcella's second marriage was to Cecil Phillips and they had a daughter Cindy.

Phyllis married Harley Rollinger. During World War II Harley was a P-47 Pilot who flew 76 missions over Germany. He was awarded the Silver Star.

Rollingers have two daughters. Carol lives in New York City and works for United Airlines. Rebecca is a nurse and is married to Dr. Marvin Ohsann who has a medical practice in Davenport. They have six children: Sarah, Michelle, Bradley, Nathan, Zachary and Elizabeth.

The Rollingers came to the Quad Cities in 1967 to teach at Moline, Illinois. This was 100 years after Phyllis' great grandparents came from Germany.

Harley was a football coach and Athletic Director. Phyllis was a Guidance Counselor at Moline High School. Submitted by Phyllis Rollinger

ROY RUDOLPH SIEVERT

Roy R. Sievert was born in Davenport, Iowa, September 30, 1894 and died November 7, 1982. He was the son of Henry W. Sievert, born in Davenport March 24, 1856, and Elfreda E. Mueller, born September 21, 1866 in Chicago, Illinois. Henry is mentioned in the 1882 Scott County History as well as his father Adam. Henry had four children.



Roy and Gladys Sievert in November 1981.

Henry W. Jr. was born December 21, 1884 and died August 17, 1968. He married Augusta Hansen October 11, 1911. There were no children.

Charles H. was born July 18, 1886 and died January 22, 1948. He was a Chiropractor.

Emma E. was born August 29, 1888 and died August 4, 1981. She married William F. Moravek. He was a dentist.

Roy R. married Gladys E. Floyd September 7, 1921 in Davenport. She was born March 12, 1900 in Marion, Iowa, and died August 8, 1982. Her parents were Amos A. Floyd and

Florence C. Stafford. Amos was a railroad employee for fifty-eight years residing in Davenport most of that time.

Roy served in the first World War being stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas in the medical corps. After his discharge, he attended Northwestern University in Chicago and obtained his Pharmacy degree. He returned to Davenport and joined his brother Henry in a drug store at Third and Warren Street, retiring in 1972. Gladys was active in P.T.A. activities through the years at Polk School and J.B. Young Intermediate. She also was a member of the Women's Club and Republican Women. Roy and Gladys had two children.

Glenn F. was born February 17, 1926. He served in the second World War being stationed at Guam. He later attended Iowa State University graduating in 1950 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He married Ann Adele House March 11, 1951 in San Francisco, California. They have two children.

Doris E. Sievert was born August 7, 1923 and married Victor H. Schneider April 7, 1951. Doris was employed at the Rock Island Arsenal during the second World War and later associated with her father and uncle in the Sievert Drug Store. They had two children.

Kurt L. was born August 22, 1956. He attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. He currently is a C.P.A. working for Waste Management in Buffalo Grove, Illinois, and resides in Crystal Lake, Illinois with his wife Kimberly Ann (Ham) and son Scott Matthew.

Diane L. was born February 6, 1952 and resides in Littleton, Colorado. She is a Forensic Scientist and works for the state of Colorado in a crime laboratory in Denver. She attended Iowa State University in Ames and Cytology school in Des Moines, Iowa. Submitted by Doris Schneider

HERMAN AND ANNA SINDT

Herman Sindt was born in Scott County on October 20, 1863. He was the seventh child of Thies and Abel (Stoltenberg) Sindt. Thies Sindt was born in Krokau, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on November 19, 1824. His parents were Hans and Antje (Lamp) Sindt.



Herman Sindt Family (Left to right: Hilda, Alfred, Norma, Velma, Herman, Arnold and Anna)

Abel Stoltenberg was born on January 2, 1823 in Schleswig-Holstein and arrived in New Orleans on June 9, 1848.

Abel and Thies were married in Davenport on April 30, 1850 and they farmed in the Probstei, Iowa, area on a place now owned by the Arnold Kraft Family. Thies died on May 4, 1925 at the age of 100 years and Abel died earlier on November 4, 1872. They are buried in the Davenport City Cemetery. Hans Sindt, who had joined his son in America, is also buried there.

Herman Sindt's wife, Anna Wiese, was born in Scott County on December 5, 1868. She was the second daughter of a six-daughter family born to Peter and Anna (Horn) Wiese who were born December 24, 1832 and July 5, 1835 respectively. Anna Wiese married Herman Sindt on December 5, 1886. They farmed south of Walcott on a place now owned by George Golvinghorst. Anna's parents are buried in the Davenport City Cemetery. Anna died on November 4, 1935 and Herman died March 31, 1940. They are interred in the Fairmount Mausoleum in Davenport.

Herman and Anna had five children: Hilda, Alfred, Norma, Velma and Arnold.