

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Prentiss, Percy Lucius Senator _____
Represented Ringgold County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 Jul 1870 Rich Valley, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna Pfeffer 11 Apr 1894 Cleveland, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Physician; United States Director of Immigration

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 26th, 27th, 28th General Assemblies 1896, 1898, 1900

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National United States district director of immigration

7. Death 22 June 1928 Detroit, Michigan; buried Bedford Cemetery, Crawford County, Ohio

8. Children Lois (Mrs. Henry Rylander); Roscoe Johnson

9. Names of parents Xavier Thomas and Rebecca (Glasier) Prentiss

10. Education Graduate of Bedford, Ohio high school in 1887

11. Degrees Euclid Avenue Business and Shortland College
graduating in 1888; Cleveland Homeopathic Medical
College in 1893

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Came with his parents in a covered wagon to Delphos, Iowa
at age 10 where the family cultivated a farm until 1884
when the parents died.
- He and siblings spent the remainder of their childhood in
Bedford, Ohio living with their mother's sister, Mrs. Mary
L. Davenport.
- After graduating from medical colleges he entered medical
practice at Delphos, Iowa until 1901
- 1901 - appointed to the immigration service and stationed at
Sault St. Marie, Michigan and later transferred to Winnipeg,
Manitoba Canada, then on to Vancouver, British Columbia and
then Alaska, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan.



ILLNESS FATAL TO DR. P. L. PRENTIS

Former Prominent and Respected
Citizen of Ringgold County
Dies After Year's Illness.

Announcement of the death of Dr. P. L. Prentis, who passed away at a hospital in Detroit, Mich., Friday evening, brought profound sorrow to the hearts of friends in Ringgold county. For a number of years, in his early manhood, Dr. Prentis practiced medicine at Delphos, where he was known as a true christian gentleman. During the years of his residence in this country he took active interest in politics and served three terms as Ringgold county's representative in the state legislature. He had been in failing health for several years and had been critically ill and in the hospital for more than a year. His brother, G. E. Prentis, moved to Detroit more than two years ago that he might be near him during his illness and remained in Detroit until last spring, when he moved to Leon. About three weeks ago, in company with his son, X. T. Prentis, of this city, Mr. Prentis returned to Detroit and was there when the end came.

The following with reference to Dr. Prentis and his work is taken from the Detroit Press Press of June 23:

Dr. Percy L. Prentis, United States district director of immigration, stationed at Detroit, died at 6:30 p. m. yesterday in Grace hospital following an illness of more than one year. Dr. Prentis lived at 233 East Willis avenue.

Dr. Prentis had been in the service of the government continuously since 1901, having been stationed at several border posts both in the United States and Canada. Born on a farm near Rich Valley, Indiana, in 1870, he migrated with his parents in a covered wagon to Delphos, Iowa, when he was a lad ten years old. The family settled on a prairie farm near Delphos and cultivated the frontier homeland until 1884, when both parents died.

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He was graduated from Bedford high school in 1887, and from the Euclid Avenue Business and Short-hand college in 1888. Five years later he was graduated from the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical college, and entered the practice of

the statements made by politicians and candidates before the primary election. The act itself is a good place to go to find out what is proposed.

Section one of the act says, "The following portions of the primary road system, except such parts thereof as may heretofore have been paved, shall be surfaced with pavements."

The act then enumerates the roads to be paved. Primary three is to be paved from Nebraska City east to its junction with primary 61 west of Ft. Madison. The act also says it shall go through Bedford, Mount Ayr and Leon, so that we can know that we are on the paving to that extent. It also says that primary 16 shall be paved from Mount Ayr to Winterset and other parts north of Adel. The act designates for paving by the state bond act a total of 4933 miles. There is already paved, or to be paved by November, 1928, 1509 miles. This leaves of the designated paving 3424 miles to be paved with funds provided for by the state bond issue.

Provision is made in the act to gravel or sand clay or other approved type of surfacing, the rest of the 1732 miles of the system. The act also provides that the work of surfacing the primary system shall be completed by 1934. With this provision of the law the legislature nor anyone else can drop out any primary road or substitute any road for those named in the act for paving. However, provision is made that when 80 per cent of the named roads are paved the commission can pave other parts of the system as the traffic demands will justify.

For the paving of these additional roads the commission cannot use funds derived from the bond issue, but must get the funds from the current revenues of the primary road fund, from the funds derived from motor or gas license or federal aid. The commission cannot delay the paving of the roads designated for paving by the use of funds from these sources. It is also provided in the act that county programs voted shall not be delayed by the provisions of the act. The commission estimates that the work authorized by the county elections already had can be carried out as provided and no county not having voted shall suffer any prejudice thereby.

Those communities not on the primary road system are rightfully anxious to know when they are to have consideration and what the state bond issue will do for them. In that respect the commission has said, "There are some additional primary road system and provide for

county seat the fourth after the primary. Saturday week, June 30, is the holding the conventions.

an R. C. Smith, of the re-county central committee, and an official call for the re-convention, which will meet in the room of the court at 11 a. m. Delegates to the convention were elected by popular vote at the primary election and the list of delegates is printed in the official proceedings of the supervisors published in

before the republican convention, as stated in the official proceedings. The election of eleven delegates to the state convention to be held in the city of Des Moines and eleven delegates to the national convention to be held in Cedar Rapids July 15 for the purpose of nominating four candidates for the office of justice supreme court. Other business of the county convention will be the election of members of the county and judicial committees

of Central Committees. The members elected at the primary will meet immediately after the county convention and will elect a chairman and a vice chairman. Vacancies on the committee will be filled by majority vote of the committee. The law contemplates that there shall be elected a man and a woman member of the committee from each voting

High School Alumni Banquet. The annual Benton high school banquet was successfully held at the Benton high school on Thursday evening. At 7 o'clock a delicious three-course dinner was served by the Benton Methodist aid society. Happy memories were recalled by the alumni as they sang high school songs between the auditorium was decorated with the rainbow colors and a program was very effective. Supt. Pickenpau, in efficient manner, served as emcee. The first toast was given by Ruth Schlapia, '25, who sketched of "The Journey" those happy school days. Miss Schlapia, '28, gave a clever toast "Bow of Promise." "The Rainbow" made the evening with their lively singing instrumental music. Mary Schlapia, '26, furnished the piano music. The last toast was given by Ruth Schlapia, '26, who sketched of "The Journey" those happy school days.

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The following year he was mar-
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and returned to Delphos, where he
continued in the practice of medi-
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accepted an appointment in the im-
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Assignments Varied.

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states of Illinois, Wisconsin, In-
diana and Michigan.

In 1917 Dr. Prentis was placed in
charge of the United States em-
ployment service in the central
western states, where he success-
fully directed the recruiting of
thousands of war workers.

Following the World war, he was
re-assigned to the immigration ser-
vice and was stationed at Detroit,
where he continued in charge until
he was taken ill, in April, 1927.
During his residence in Iowa, Dr.
Prentis three times was elected state
representative, being the youngest
representative of his party.

Dr. Prentis was an officer and ac-
tive member of the Central Wood-
ward Christian church.

Funeral Rites Sunday.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs.
Anna Prentis; one daughter, Mrs.
Henning Rylander, of Detroit; a son,
Roscoe Johnson Prentis, of Chicago;
one sister, Mrs. Clarence H. Beasley,
of Lamar, Missouri; and a brother,
Glasier Edward Prentis, of Leon,
Iowa.

Funeral services will be held at
7:30 p. m. Sunday in the W. R.
Hamilton funeral chapel, 3975 Cass
avenue. Rev. Edgar DeWitt Jones,
pastor of the Central Woodward
Christian church, and for years a
close friend of Dr. Prentis, will offi-
ciate. Burial will be in Bedford,
Ohio, next Tuesday.

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said, "There are some additional
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primary road system and provide for
important lines of traffic in a com-
prehensive way. At the present
time and under the present financial
system, the commission is not in a
position to take these roads into the
primary system. If the state bond
issue is adopted, then these addi-
tional roads could be taken into the
primary system and could be improv-
ed with a part of these surplus
funds. If the state bond issue is
not adopted and we continue under
the county bond issue plan, then it
will take sixteen years to complete
the present primary roads, and no
substantial additions could be made
to the primary road system before
that time." It is further stated as
to progress without a state bond
issue, "Without the state bond
issue it will take until May 1, 1932,
to complete the refund to property
owners for the assessments on pri-
mary road paving. With the state
bond issue this refund can be com-
pleted by May 1, 1929."

The issue is not whether or not
we shall issue bonds for building
roads but whether we shall issue
county bonds or state bonds, and
whether we will save the interest
rate between the two methods, and
whether we will complete the work
under a state issue by 1934 or under
county bond issues by 1944. The
work will be done and the only
issue is the method and the time
when it shall be completed.

H. C. BEARD.

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Royal Rose gasoline? If you have
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morning and give your car more
pep than you ever thought it had.

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pure Royal Rose to do this. Fill
two or three times to rid your tank
of common gas—then watch her
step!

Van Winkle Garage, one block
north the square on 16.

Notice to Rebekahs.

Installation of officers of Magda-
lene Rebekah Lodge No. 520 will be
held Wednesday evening, July 11,
instead of July 4. All Rebekahs are
urged to be present.

When you need anything, try first
to buy it at home.

STATE OF IOWA
1929

Journal of the House
OF THE

Forty-third General Assembly

REGULAR SESSION
CONVENED JANUARY 14, 1929
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In recognition of his valued services to the state of Iowa throughout his long career and as an expression of our appreciation of his exemplary life and character,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable T. E. Powers the state has lost an honored and valued citizen, a man of high ideals and sterling character, one who was faithful in every public and private trust, and a friend to all.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy of the same to Mrs. Powers who now resides at Clarinda, Iowa.

LENUS HAGGLUND,
L. O. CLARK,
HOMER HUSH,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929. .

HON. PERCY L. PRENTIS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Hon. Percy L. Prentis, beg leave to submit the following report:

Percy L. Prentis, United States district director of immigration, stationed at Detroit, Michigan, died June 22, 1928, following an illness of more than a year.

Dr. Prentis had been in the service of the government continuously since 1901, having been stationed at several border posts both in the United States and Canada. Born on a farm near Rich Valley, Indiana, in 1870, he migrated with his parents in a covered wagon to Delphos, Ringgold county, Iowa, when he was a lad ten years old. The family settled on a prairie farm near Delphos, and cultivated the frontier homeland until 1884, when both parents died.

Dr. Prentis, with his young sister and brother, spent the rest of their childhood in Bedford, Ohio, in the home of their mother's youngest sister, Mrs. Mary L. Davenport.

He was graduated from Bedford high school in 1887, and from the Euclid Avenue Business and Shorthand College in 1888. Five years later he was graduated from the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College, and entered the practice of medicine at Delphos.

The following year he was married to Anna Pfeffer, in Cleveland; and returned to Delphos, where he continued in the practice of medicine until 1901, at which time he accepted an appointment in the immigration service. He was first stationed at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

In 1902 Dr. Prentis was transferred to Winnipeg, Man., as a medical examiner. His work proved that a large percentage of applicants refused admission at eastern United States ports were reshipping from Europe and entering the country by way of Canada. As a result of his endeavors, the Dominion government took drastic steps to stop the traffic.

His next assignment was at Van Couver, B. C., where he had supervision of the immigration work covering entry of all aliens via Canadian ports. Chicago was Dr. Prentis' next headquarters. Here he had the direction of immigration in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan.

In 1917 Dr. Prentis was placed in charge of the United States employment service in the central western states, where he successfully directed the recruiting of thousands of war workers.

Following the World War, he was reassigned to the immigration service and was stationed at Detroit, where he continued in charge until he was taken ill, in April, 1927. During his residence in Iowa, Dr. Prentis was three times elected State Representative, being the youngest Representative of his party. He represented Ringgold county in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth extra, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies.

Dr. Prentis was an officer and active member of the Central Woodward Christian church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Prentis; one daughter, Mrs. Hennings Rylander of Detroit; a son, Roscoe Johnson Prentis of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Clarence H. Beasley of Lamar, Missouri, and a brother, Glasier Edwards Prentis of Leon, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the death of the Hon. Percy L. Prentis, this state has lost a loyal citizen, a man of fine ideals and public spirit, and this House by this resolution tenders its sympathy to the relatives that survive him, and

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal, and an enrolled copy sent to the surviving relatives.

D. A. VAUGHN,
W. H. CAMPBELL,
R. W. COX,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

HON. SYLVESTER CALVIN REES

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable Sylvester Calvin Rees, State Representative and State Senator, reports as follows:

Mr. Rees was born on a farm near Carlisle, in Warren county, Iowa, on the 5th day of May, 1849. He was educated in the common school and in the high school of Carlisle. In 1868 he removed to Fremont county, where he taught school and also worked as a clerk in different stores. He was engaged in farming, in which he was quite successful and acquired considerable land. In his later years he also engaged in real estate and insurance business.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Lulu Harris and to this union were born the following children: Paul Rees, J. R. Rees, Mrs. Edith Dyke and Mrs. Pearl Jones.

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Percy Lucius Prentis

Birth **28 JUL 1870** in [Erie Twp., Miami, IN](#)
 Death **22 JUN 1928** in [Detroit, Wayne, MI](#)

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Timeline (View details)

1870 28 Jul	Birth Erie Twp., Miami, IN	5 source citations
1880 Age: 10	Residence Noble, Wabash, Indiana, United States "Rebus Prentiss" ?	1 source citation
1894 4 Apr Age: 23	Marriage to Anna M. Pfeffer Cuyahoga Co., OH	1 source citation
1895 Age: 25	Residence Ringgold County, Iowa	1 source citation
1900 Age: 30	Residence Benton Town (Part), Ringgold, Iowa	1 source citation
1910 Age: 40	Residence Chicago Ward 35, Cook, Illinois	1 source citation
1920 Age: 50	Residence Detroit Ward 14, Wayne, Michigan	1 source citation
1928 Bef Age: 58	Occupation Physician; Iowa State Representative; U.S. Immigration Inspector	
1928 22 Jun Age: 57	Death Detroit, Wayne, MI	2 source citations
1928 26 Jun	Burial Bedford, Cuyahoga, OH Bedford Cemetery (Percy L. Prentiss); Section 6, Lot 62, Grave 5	

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Family Members

Parents

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1841 – 1885

[Rebecca Glasier](#)
1839 – 1884

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Spouse & Children

[Anna M. Pfeffer](#)
1871 – 1930

[Roscoe Johnson Prentis](#)
1895 – 1943

[Loreen E. Prentis](#)
1898 – 1981

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1880 United States Federal Census
 1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Name, Residence**

1900 United States Federal Census
 1 citation provides evidence for **Residence, Name, Birth**

1900 United States Federal Census
 1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Birth**

1910 United States Federal Census
 2 citations provide evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

1920 United States Federal Census
 1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Name, Residence**

Ancestry Family Trees
 This citation provides evidence for Percy Lucius Prentis

Directory of Deceased American Physicians, 1804-1929
 1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Birth, Death**

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Dr Percy Lucius Prentis

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Birth: 1870
Indiana, USA

Death: Jun. 22, 1928
Detroit
Wayne County
Michigan, USA

Burial date for Percy L. Prentis in Bedford Cemetery is June 26, 1928.

Anna M. Pfeffer Prentis was buried in Lot 62, grave 6, June 26, 1928. (Cem rec. name misspelled as "Prentiss." MHB)

Dr. P. L. Prentis was the father of Roscoe Johnson Prentis and Mrs. Loreen Rylander. Dr. Prentis died at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich. Friday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services Tuesday, June 26, at 2:30 p.m., at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. John E. Walker, 1996 Marlindale Rd., Cleveland Heights. Burial at Bedford Cemetery. (Cleve. Public Library Obituary File. Id#0283492)

Percy Lucius Prentis was the son of Rebecca Glasier and Xavier Thomas Prentis; Married 4 Apr 1894, Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH to Anna M. Pfeffer. He was brother to [Glasier Edwards Prentis](#) and [Ada Gertrude \(Prentis\) Beasley](#).

Family links:

Parents:

[Xavier Thomas Prentis \(1841 - 1885\)](#)
[Rebecca Glasier Prentis \(1839 - 1884\)](#)

Spouse:

[Anna M. Pfeffer Prentis \(1871 - 1930\)*](#)

*[Point here for explanation](#)

Burial:

[Bedford Cemetery](#)
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Cuyahoga County
Ohio, USA
Plot: Section 6, Lot 62, grave 5

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