

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stewart, Joseph Warren Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Washington County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Sept 1846 Dearborn County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Naomi Stoutner 16 Sept 1875 Washington County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president and a director of the Keota Bank and was president for a short time.

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer; bought, fed and sold livestock; books

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 32<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly 1907

6. Public Offices

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

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

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

7. Death 15 Sept 1936 Keota, Iowa; buried Keota Cemetery, Keota, Iowa

8. Children Edith (Mrs. George J. McCarty); Grace (Mrs. Clarence Lacey); Warren Ray;

Naomi (Mrs. E. B. Alexander); Howard K.; Arthur D.; Bertha (predeceased her father in death);

Mabel (predeceased her father in death)  
9. Names of parents Archibald Kennedy and Mary Ann (Lawrence) Stewart

10. Education Early education was in the common schools of his neighborhood in Indiana supplemented by further study in the public schools of Iowa; attended Ainsworth Academy, Ainsworth, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended the Commercial College at Iowa City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- At age 10 he came to Washington County, Iowa with his parents settling on a farm purchased by his father in 1852 when he came west and secured 80 acres of land.
- In May 1867 he went out on his own and made an overland trip to the Pacific Coast, he drove a 4 mule team to Hall's Hall, Washington and stayed for 2 years teaching school in the winter.
- He returned in 1869 by the railroad of Panama and New York City
- After arriving home, he broke prairie land for two years
- In 1870 he began buying stock in partnership with E. A. Stone
- In May 1872 he went to Keota, Iowa associating with his brothers, A. E. and A. X. and a half-brother, Lee, where they developed an extensive business of shipping carloads of stock.
- In 1873 he purchased land at Keota and built stockyards

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<u>History of Washington County, Iowa 1909</u> p. 352-358
-			<u>Obituary - The Kertis Eagle, Kertis, Iowa, Thurs Sept 10, 1936, p. 1, col 6 and p. 6, col 2; Thurs Sept 17, 1936, p. 5, col 3</u>
-			<u>Iowa Official Register 1907-1908, p. 633</u>
-			<u>ancestry.com (accessed 5 Aug 2010)</u>
-			<u>Kertis Centennial History 1873-1973, p. 41, 58</u>

# Keota Eagle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1936

No. 41

## Watermelon Day and Bargain Day in Keota

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### Funeral Today for J. W. Stewart, 90

WAS KEOTA PIONEER AND OUR BEST KNOWN CITIZEN— FUNERAL FROM HOME

J. W. Stewart, who was 90 years old Sunday, passed away at his home here Tuesday morning at 6:40 o'clock after an illness of only a few weeks with a heart ailment brought on by age and the recent extreme heat.

Mr. Stewart was one of the outstanding citizens of Keota and community in many ways and was probably better known by more people than any other person in the community.

He came to Keota as a young business man in 1872, the year the town was founded, became a stock buyer and remained in that business for more than half a century, passing the active management of the firm to his three sons several years ago. During most of his life here his home was across the corporation and county line and he was actually a citizen of Washington county until his retirement from business, when he and Mrs. Stewart purchased their present home in town. The youngest son, Donald, and his family live in the former parental residence now.

Mr. Stewart was active physically and mentally until the heart ailment was brought on a few weeks ago by the extreme heat. Even then he remained alert to the last.

The funeral service will be held at the home this Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. H. F. York. Interment will be in the Keota cemetery.

Mr. Stewart, who was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, in 1846, passed his ninetieth birthday anniversary Sunday, September 6. His parents were Archibald Kennedy Stewart and Mary Ann Lawrence-Stewart. His father visited Iowa in 1852 and was so impressed with the possibilities of the state that he purchased 240 acres of the State Agricultural Society of Washington county. In 1854 he came again and purchased a farm of 100 acres in Keota.

#### SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

\* Following are some of the school enrollments in this section of the state:

SCHOOL—	H. S. Grades	Total
New London	151	185
Brighton	102	152

### Cooking School to Be Held Oct. 1-2

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Following are some of the school enrollments in this section of the state:

SCHOOL—	H. S.	Grades	Total
Hedrick	89	143	232
New London	151	185	336
Brighton	102	152	254
Washington	470		1245
Col. Jct. and City	134	206	430
Winfield	110	217	327
Kinross	43		
Wellman	120	134	254
Keota Public	111	117	228
Keota Parochial		70	70
Harper Parochial	30	120	150
Clear Creek Parochial		72	72
Riverside Parochial	61	106	167
Sigourney	219	387	606

## Community Club to Elect Monday Eve

WILL HAVE ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCH AT KEOTA HOTEL DINING ROOM

The Keota Community Club will hold its annual election of officers at the regular meeting next Monday night at 8:00. The meeting will be held in the dining room of the Hotel Keota, now owned by the town and likely to become the town hall and community center for club and other civic activities.

A lunch will be served free to the members at the conclusion of the meeting.

The club has more than 100 members and it is the hope of the present officers that every member will be present to select the officers for the new year and to lay the plans for another successful year. The present officers who have guided the organization through its second and most successful year are B. J. Byrne, president, J. E. Leinen, secretary, and Rev. Vern W. Butler, treasurer.

## Win Smouse, 87, of Washington Is Dead

Winfield Smouse, 87-year-old banker and prominent citizen of Washington, died at his home there Monday night after an illness of about a month. He had been a citizen of Washington for 67 years and its outstanding business leader and financier. The funeral service will be held today in the Presbyterian church at 4:00 with entombment in the family mausoleum in Elm Grove cemetery.

## Cooking School to Be Held Oct. 1-2

TO BE SPONSORED BY KEOTA EAGLE WITH CO-OPERATION OF IOWA SOUTHERN UTILITIES CO.

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1 and 2, will be two red letter days in Keota. They are the days of the cooking school to be sponsored by The Keota Eagle with the co-operation of the Iowa Southern Utilities company, Washington district.

The cooking school will be held in the Keota school auditorium the afternoon of each day and it will be free to all. It will be conducted by Mrs. Esther Sears, chief home economics expert for the ISU, assisted by Mrs. Hazel Rohrer, district home economist. Both are experienced in the work and exceptionally capable. Cooking schools similar to the one to be held here have been conducted at Winfield and Wapello recently and are to be held this month at Columbus Junction and Richland.

The co-operation of the business firms of Keota will be solicited in connection with the cooking school. Besides the menus prepared at the school and the food products displayed there will be merchandise displays and demonstrations, using materials and articles from Keota stores. There will also be prize awards in connection with the event.

Women in every community appreciate the opportunity to attend these schools where the best cook and the newest bride receive many helpful suggestions as well as entertainment. Nothing of the kind has ever been held in Keota and The Eagle is taking the initiative in bringing this first one on October 1 and 2.

### STREET WORK PROGRESSING

The street surfacing is progressing rapidly this week after a few days delay caused by rains. Oil has been placed on some ten or more of the first 25 blocks and it is thought they will be completed within a week. The second 25 blocks should take about ten days after that. Then the final ten or fifteen blocks should be completed in short order.

The Wahl company finished work on the crushing project Tuesday morning, and all the other rock needed will be shipped in by freight.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne have spent Thursday in Oskaloosa making the acquaintance of their new niece at the ...

born county, Indiana, in 1846, passed his ninetieth birthday anniversary Sunday, September 6. His parents were Archibald Kennedy Stewart and Mary Ann Lawrence-Stewart. His father visited Iowa in 1852 and was so impressed with the possibilities of the state that he purchased 240 acres of unimproved land in Washington county. In 1854 he came again and purchased a farm of 480 acres in Dallas county. Fully appreciating the value of Iowa land he made a third trip in 1855 and invested in 354 acres in Louisa county. It was to this latter purchase that he brought his family in 1856. Nine years later he moved his family to Washington county, locating on a portion of the land included in his first purchase. He spent ten years there and then moved to the new town of Keota and purchased three farms adjoining the town in Keokuk county. He was numbered among the prominent representatives of agricultural interests in Iowa and most highly respected citizens of southeastern Iowa. He died December 19, 1901.

J. W. Stewart was ten years old when he came to Iowa with his parents. After passing through the public schools in Indiana and Iowa he took a course in the Iowa City Commercial college. In May, 1867, a few months before attaining his majority, he made a trip to the Pacific coast, driving a four-mule team through to Walla Walla, Washington. He remained in the west two years, teaching school in the winters. In 1869 he returned to Iowa, coming by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York City. The next year, in partnership with E. A. Stone of Ainsworth, he began buying and shipping stock in Washington county, and for many years thereafter he was prominently identified with the stock shipping business. In May, 1872, he came to the newly laid out town of Keota and became a senior member of the stock buying firm of Stewart Brothers. His brothers, Arthur E. Stewart and Archibald Kennedy Stewart were the other members of the firm. Upon the retirement from the firm of A. K. Stewart who went to Des Moines and became a police judge, Lee Stewart, a half brother, became a member of the firm. Stewart brothers developed an extensive business, shipping as many as six hundred cars of stock in a year. J. W. Stewart became known to eastern stockmen as leading representative of the business west of the Mississippi river. His opinion concerning the value of any animal on the market was considered infallible.

In 1872 when the town of Keota was still cornfield and railway depot, Mr. Stewart located the Keota stock yards and established an office there. The office is still in operation ... (Continued on Page Four)

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J. W. STEWART

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the name of Stewart Brothers but the present operators are the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart. They are Ray, Howard and Donald.

Mr. Stewart has had other interests besides dealing in stock. For years he was a director of Keota's first bank and served as president of its board. When that bank merged with the Union State bank, forming the Security State bank, he became a director of that institution.

In politics Mr. Stewart was a Democrat. He took an active interest in the work of the party and in the fall of 1906 he was elected as representative in the state legislature and served in the 22nd General Assembly. He was always a public spirited citizen, cooperating in any movement for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Stewart was married September 16, 1875, to Naomi Stoutner, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Stoutner, pioneers of this community. Their 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated last year with a family gathering at which almost every member of the family was present.

Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: W. R. Stewart, H. K. Stewart, and A. D. Stewart of Keota, Mrs. George McCarty of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Grace Tiffany of Hollywood, Cal., and Mrs. R. B. Allender of Boone. There are also six grandchildren, Miss Mary Louise Stewart of Minneapolis, Jo n Warren Stewart and Robert Allan Stewart of Keota, Mrs. Marc Stewart of Iowa City, and John and Robert Allender of Boone; two sisters, Mrs. E. J. Erlice of Keota and Mrs. C. W. Harter of Perry, and one half-sister, Mrs. Daisy Butler of Oklahoma City, besides many nieces and nephews and friends without number.

Landon Increases Straw Vote Lead

360,302 STRAW VOTES FROM 41 STATES NOW TABULATED IN NATION-WIDE BALLOTING

Roosevelt Still Leads Here  
The local straw vote today gives Roosevelt 24, Landon 10, Lemke 1.

(By John Thomas Wilson)  
New York, Sept. 10—With a total of 360,302 votes tabulated at the close

pective candidates, in some states at this time, is exceedingly small, as the state by state tabulations will show. Also, in some states, the returns are so scattered and as yet so few in number that no promise will permit basing serious predictions as to which candidate will actually and officially carry them in the November election.

The seven states from which no returns have yet been received are Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, New Mexico, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Wyoming.

Gain Recorded

As between Landon and Roosevelt, on percentage basis, last week compared to this week, the returns show the following slight gain for the Republican candidate:

Last Week This Week  
Landon ..... 64.5% 65.2% gain .7%  
Roosevelt .. 35.5% 34.8%

A slight falling off of Third Party votes was recorded in this week's tabulations, both in total for all candidates and as between Landon, Roosevelt and Lemke, the Union Party candidate.

In total votes, all candidates:

Last Week This Week  
Lemke ..... 4.8% 4.7%

In Landon, Roosevelt and Lemke vote, only:

Last Week This Week  
Lemke ..... 5% 4.8%

Ballots in increasing numbers continue to pour into national straw vote headquarters here each week. These straw-vote headquarters are at the Publishers Autocaster Service office, New York, which company produces a newspaper service for hundreds of newspapers that are cooperating in this nation-wide poll. Other cooperating newspapers are those invited to join in the poll by The American Press, New York.

Have You Voted

The Keota Eagle is co-operating in this nation-wide poll, thus affording its readers the opportunity of showing their fellow voters in other states who we here in Keota and Iowa prefer for President during the next four years.

All legal voters are invited to clip the ballot, vote it as they wish, then mail or bring it to The Eagle office. The local vote is announced weekly. The ballots are then sent on to New York for national tabulation.

Voters are under no obligation to sign their names. The space on the ballot for the name of the town and state, from which you expect to vote, assist in an accurate national tabulation at straw-vote headquarters in

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WEST MIDDLE Governor Alf Landon, attended by Wm. H. Mossm nearby. Photo by aunt, Mrs. Emma

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seed sprang what most far-reaching race in America, a

Germany sizes up the world situation as being one where every strong nation has more troubles than it can handle, and announces that she is going to have her colonies back in the fold again. And the Allies (including the U. S. A.) divided them up among themselves as the spoils of the World war. Of course, it is easier for Germany to say so than to do so, but it must be admitted she picked a ripe moment for the announcement. Just about one more international aggravation and the world will be in a state of this world war.

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**FUNERAL OF J. W. STEWART**

Funeral services for J. W. Stewart were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2:00. The Rev. H. F. York delivered the sermon which was heard by hundreds who were in attendance as a tribute to this fine man and pioneer Keotan. More than a hundred were seated on the lawn south of the house where a public address system made it possible to hear quite plainly. Two songs were rendered by a quartette composed of Mrs. Alcy Hagist, Mrs. Ruby Helscher, A. A. Clendenning and J. G. Adams. Pall bearers were J. B. Ochs, J. S. Carris, J. C. Deimerly, J. E. Leinen, George Blattner and F. A. Klein. Interment was in the Keota cemetery.

As a tribute to his sixty-four years of close association with Keota's business institutions, all stores were closed from 2:00 to 3:30, the hours of the funeral.

Among those from a distance in attendance at the funeral were:

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Utterback, Oskaloosa; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Supplee, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Marc Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. John Yoder, Iowa City; Mrs. Louie Harter, Mrs. James Daniels, Mr. Fred Huckaba, and Mr. Roland Huckaba, Perry, Iowa; Mr. Harry Edsall, Mr. Harry Guthrie, Mr. Hartzell Hern and Mr. James Edsall, Wakita, Okla.; Miss Mary Marr and Mr. Jess Marr, Alsworth; Mr. Edwin Knapp, Riverside, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peab,

**ance-Missions Meeting**

The W. C. T. U. special meeting, held in the M. E. church here Tuesday afternoon, proved to be very interesting. The topic was Temperance and Missions, and the ladies of the society had invited the members of the church missionary societies to take part in the program. This they did, each telling of their church missions.

There was also a report given of the W. C. T. U. work being done, not only in our country but in other countries, as follows: Asia—countries organized, 4; Africa, 4; Europe, 19; North America, 5; South America, 3; also the islands of the sea, Australia, Bermuda, Ceylon, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Haiti, Iceland, Jamaica, Newfoundland, New Zealand, and Pitcairn Island. So the work is not confined to a small area.

At the close of the meeting some light refreshments were served.

The next regular meeting will be held the first Tuesday afternoon in October in the Federated church.

**CLEAR CREEK**

**CLEAR CREEK, Sept. 15th** — Joe Sieren, John Kiefer and son Pauly, Mrs. Ed A. Peiffer and sons Richard, Howard, Kenneth and Mrs. Katie Kiefer and family gathered together Friday night and went to Mikie Greiner's to remind their son Herbert of his birthday. They also surprised him very much. After they were there it began to rain and everyone was soon on their way toward home. Herbert also received a letter from each one of his classmates to remind him they missed him in school. Herbert is getting along fairly well. He is now able to set up most of the time.

Lorena, Marie and Geraldine Weber spent Sunday with Dorothy and Har-

*Maria*

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HISTORY

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Greene, a prosperous farmer and landowner of Lime Creek township, and they have four children and four grandchildren. The son, William, married Miss Carrie Herr, a native of Keokuk county, Iowa. He is now living on the home farm with his mother and cultivates the property for her. He also owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Lime Creek township and thirty acres of good timber land. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his membership being with the lodge at Wellman, while both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah degree at that place.

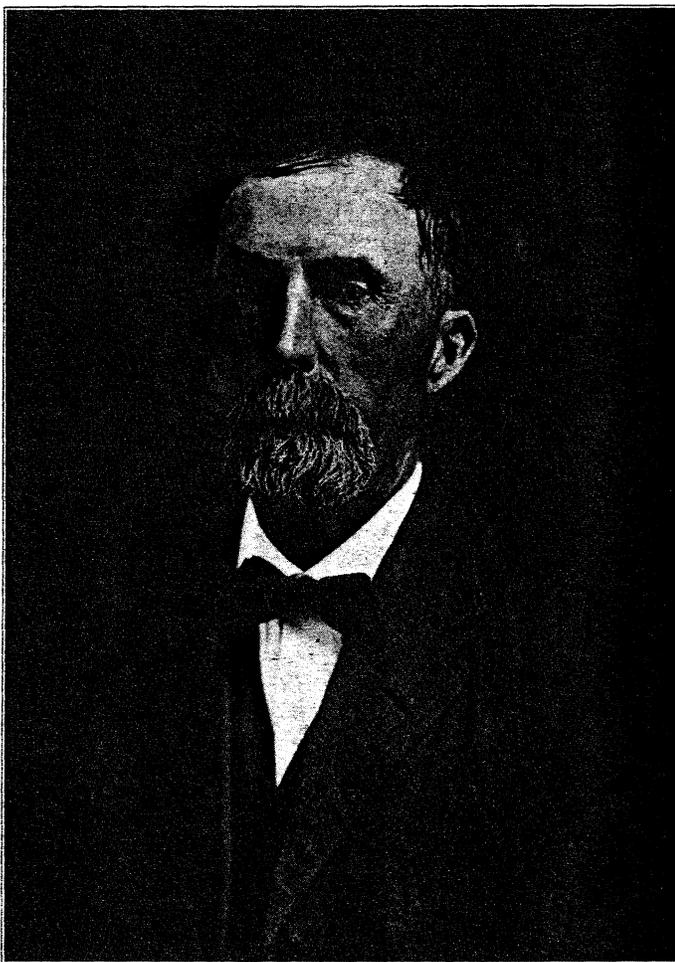
Mrs. Peter Eitermiller still owns and occupies the old homestead and is highly esteemed in the community in which she resides. Her father was a member of the Mennonite church but she attends the Lutheran church. Her entire life has been in harmony with Christian teachings and her belief is manifest in her many acts of kindness and deeds of mercy. In 1889 she was called upon to mourn the loss of her husband whose death was also deeply felt throughout the entire community for he was respected and honored by all who knew him. He was a man of unswerving truthfulness, straightforward in his business transactions and at all times advocated progressive movements in citizenship.

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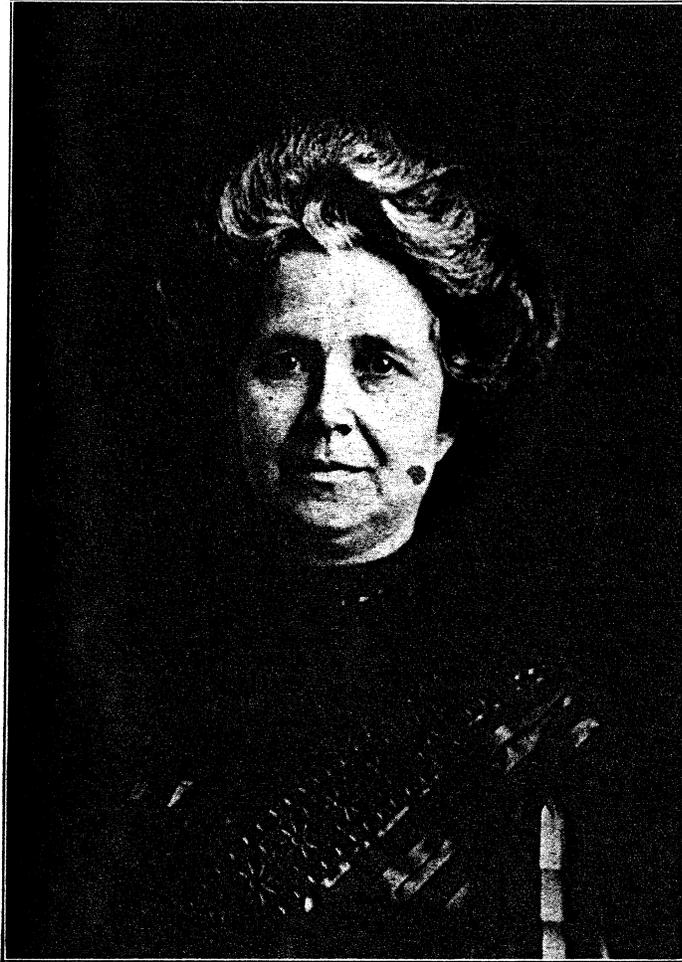
#### HON. JOSEPH WARREN STEWART.

The salient points in the life record of the Hon. Joseph Warren Stewart are such as have gained for him the respect and good will of his fellow townsmen. He has made a most creditable public record, including service in the thirty-second general assembly and he is even more widely known as one of the most prominent and successful stock buyers of the west. His is the record of a strenuous life—the record of a strong individuality, sure of itself, stable in purpose, quick in perception, swift in decision and energetic and persistent in action.

Mr. Stewart was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, September 6, 1846, and is a son of Archibald K. and Mary Ann (Lawrence) Stewart. The father, a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, was born March 23, 1820, and when fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Dearborn county, Indiana, his parents traveling westward by boat, while Archibald K. Stewart drove across the country with a four-horse team, taking with him a portion of the household effects. He attained his majority in Dearborn county and was there married to Miss Mary Ann Lawrence, who was a native of that county. They began their domestic life in that locality, where they continued to reside until 1856. In 1852, 1854 and again in 1855, however, Mr. Stewart had made trips to Iowa and on the first occasion purchased two hundred and forty acres of wild and unimproved land five miles east of the city of Washington in Washington county. Two years later he bought a farm of four hundred and eighty acres in Dallas county and in 1855 made investment in a tract of land of three hundred and



J. W. STEWART



MRS. J. W. STEWART

fifty-four acres in Louisa county, to which he removed in 1856. Upon that place he resided until 1865, when he came to Washington county, locating on the farm he had purchased thirteen years before. For about eleven years he was busily occupied with the work of the fields and in 1876 he came to Keota, where he purchased three farms adjoining the town in Keokuk county. Throughout his entire life he depended upon agricultural pursuits as a source of livelihood and the extent and importance of his business affairs brought him a very gratifying measure of success. He was justly numbered among the most prominent representatives of agricultural interests in Iowa. During the Mexican war he raised a company of soldiers and was commissioned its captain but was never called to active service. In his early manhood he affiliated with the Know Nothing party but in later years was a democrat. For many years he acted as president or treasurer of the school board and the cause of education found in him a stalwart champion whose labors in its behalf were effective and far-reaching. He was one of the best known and most highly honored men in this section of the state, his labors being a potent force in the growth and progress of the district along many lines. He died December 19, 1901. His family numbered four sons and five daughters, namely: Arthur E., who is engaged in the stock business at Keota; Archibald K., who is serving as police judge of Des Moines, Iowa; Lee, also a resident of Keota; Joseph Warren, of this review; Lavinia, who makes her home in Keota; Eliza J., who is the widow of A. L. Erdice and resides in Keota; Louie B., the wife of Charles Harter, of Perry, Iowa; Grace, the wife of C. E. Arnold, of Keokuk county; and Sarah D., the wife of Clem Butler, of Oklahoma.

Joseph Warren Stewart spent the first ten years of his life in the state of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their westward removal to Iowa. His early education, acquired in the common schools of Indiana, was supplemented by further study in the public schools of this state and in the Ainsworth Academy, while later he attended the Iowa City Commercial College. In May, 1867, he started out in life on his own account, making an overland trip to the Pacific coast. He drove a four-mule team through to Walla Walla, Washington, and for two years remained on the coast, teaching school through the winter seasons. In 1869, however, he returned to Iowa by way of the Isthmus route and New York city. After arriving home he engaged in breaking prairie for two summers in Washington county and for many years has been closely associated with the agricultural development and progress of this part of the state, aiding in gaining for Iowa its reputation as one of the foremost producers of grain and stock in all the Union. In 1870 he began buying stock in partnership with E. A. Stone and since that time has been prominently identified with the stock business for several years. He went to Keota in May, 1872, and was associated in business with his two brothers, A. E. and A. K. Stewart, and later with a half brother, Lee, who came into the firm when A. K. Stewart withdrew. They developed an extensive business, shipping as high as six hundred carloads of stock in a year. J. W. Stewart is said to be recognized by eastern stockmen as the leading representative of this department of business west of the Mississippi

river. He is thoroughly conversant with the different grades of stock produced and his opinions are recognized as almost infallible concerning the value of any animal that is upon the market. In 1873 Mr. Stewart purchased land at Keota, becoming owner of ten acres, on which he now resides. In 1872 he built the stockyards, at which time the town contained nothing but the railroad depot and corn fields. As the result of his enterprise and ability the town has steadily developed and stands as a monument to the enterprising spirit of Mr. Stewart. Not only has he been very successful as a dealer in live stock but is also the vice president and one of the directors of the Keota Bank and for a short time was its president.

In 1875 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Naomi Stoutner, of Washington county, Iowa, by whom he had eight children, six of whom still survive, as follows: Edith, the wife of George F. McCarty, who is cashier of the Peoples Savings Bank at Delta, Iowa; Grace, the wife of Clarence Lacey, who is cashier at Keota, Iowa; Warren Ray, who is associated with his father in the cattle business; Naomi, who is attending the Iowa State University; Howard K., a high school student; and Arthur D., attending the public schools.

In his political views, Mr. Stewart has been a stalwart democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has been actively connected with the work of the party and in the fall of 1906 he was the choice of the district for representative to the state legislature, serving in the thirty-second general assembly. He has never been a politician, however, but gave his services from a sense of duty. At all times he is a public-spirited citizen, cooperating in any movement for the general good. His worth is widely acknowledged and without invidious distinction he may be termed one of the foremost men of this part of the state. The extent of his operations as a stock dealer and his ability in that line have gained him wide and deserved prominence and the methods which he has ever pursued in his business career have made his an untarnished name.

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#### WILLIAM S. BARTHOLOMEW.

Nature seems to have intended that man shall enjoy a season of rest in the evening of life. In his younger years he is full of hope, energy and ambition and later his activities are guided by the wisdom and experience which his former years have brought. If his labors are well directed he can attain the competence that will enable him in the evening of life to rest from former labor. Such has been the record of William S. Bartholomew, now a retired farmer of Washington who for twenty-two years has made his home in this city although he did not dispose of his farm property consisting of three hundred and twenty-three acres of land, until about five years ago. Since 1845 he has made his home in Washington county, Iowa.

He is a native of Washington county, New York, the day of his birth being March 7, 1832. He represents one of the old families of the Empire

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# Keota Centennial History

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## OVER THE YEARS

The Same Business...The Same Name...The Same Family  
1872 -- 1964

### THE STEWART FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart were pioneers of Keota and were identified with the business, social and religious life of the town and community all of their married life. They and their parents did much to make Keota the well-known and thriving town it is. Mrs. Stewart's father, Dr. J. S. Stoutner, was a pioneer doctor and served a wide territory in and around Keota.

In May 1872, J. W. Stewart came to the newly laid out town of Keota when it was still cornfield and a railway depot and very few houses. Mr. Stewart built the Keota Stock Yards and established an office there. He became senior member of the stock buying firm of Stewart Brothers. His brother, Arthur E. Stewart, and Archibald Kennedy Stewart were the other members of the firm. Upon the retirement from the firm of A. K. Stewart who went to Des Moines and became a police judge, Lee Stewart, a half brother, became a member of the firm.

Stewart Brothers developed an extensive business, shipping as many as 600 cars of stock in a year. J. W. Stewart became known to eastern stockmen as a leading representative of the business west of the Mississippi River. His opinion concerning the value of any animal on the market was considered infallible.

Mr. Stewart's sons, Ray and Howard, eventually became partners with their father. With advancing years Mr. Stewart retired from active business life. The yards and office still operated for many many years under the name of Stewart Brothers. A. D. Stewart joined the firm after his graduation from the University of Iowa in 1919.

Following the death of his father and two brothers Don formed a partnership with George McCrabb of Keota.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are the parents of two children; a son, Dr. Robert Stewart, and daughter Julia Warner.

Thus the oldest established business in Keota maintaining the same name was terminated after 92 years on March 30, 1964, with the sale of J. W. Stewart and Sons Livestock Company to Morrell's of Ottumwa. Mr. Ray Schwenke became the new manager.



## OVER THE YEARS

The Same Business....The Same Name....The Same Family

### LEINEN'S MARKET

The firm was originally established by Joe Charlton and his son Will when the railroad came through Keota in 1872. Peter Leinen was then working on the farm for the Charltons and the same fall he came to town to work in the meat market. He and Will Charlton later became the owners. At the early date of July 13, 1887, the business was known as Charlton and Leinen. In 1895 Mr. Charlton retired from the meat market in favor of Peter Leinen. In 1893 John (J.P.) Leinen, son of Peter Leinen, started to work for the firm and two years later became a partner with his father, the firm being known then as Leinen and Son. Peter Leinen retired from the firm about 1910. John P. Leinen then became the sole owner of the business.

It is noted that in 1903 Dimitt Bamford had been in the employ of the Leinens for 23 years.

In July 1929 The Keota Eagle states that The Leinen Meat Market has invested in some expensive new equipment, a modern system of electric refrigeration. J. P. Leinen and the boys, Everett and Duvall, worked out plans for the reconditioning of the old cooler and the installation of the electric refrigeration plant, and the boys ordered a fine display case as a surprise on their father.

In January 1946, J. P. Leinen announced that he had taken his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, into partnership with him. The firm name was still known as Leinen's Market and Grocery. At that time Mr. Leinen had been associated with the business as employee, partner and owner for 52 years. He remained associated with the business until his death.

In 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leedom became the owners of the business and it is still known as Leinen's Market. Although many changes have taken place the Leinen name has been associated with the meat market for 100 years.



## A HISTORY OF BANKING IN KEOTA

The first mention of banking in the history of the Town of Keota was in 1875. "The State Banking House of Henkle & Littler & Co. and the Keota Loan and Savings Ass'n were established to meet a demand much felt by our people and within the past months have done an exchange business of over \$900,000. The Keota Loan and Savings Ass'n is now erecting and will soon have completed an iron front brick building (a credit to our city)."

**September 30, 1876.** The Keota Loan & Savings Ass'n organized with the following officers: A. D. Faris, President; Hon. J. F. Wilson, Vice-President; F. M. Israel, Cashier; J. T. Webber, Ass't Cashier. Directors: M. S. Hulse, George Spangler, Jos. Smith, J. C. Huskins, Joseph Kulp, and E. Moses. This bank was known as the Keota Bank.

**June 19, 1876.** The Keota Eagle illustrated the financial situation! "What Our Farmers Are Made Of" - A farmer dressed in raiment less costly than Solomon's put in an appearance at the Keota Bank the other day. After lounging around, with his eyes open, until he was satisfied with the situation, he asked to deposit \$700 hard cash and \$2200 soft money. He remarked that he had been having it lying around loose and was tired of having it in his way.

**May 5, 1877.** While known as the Keota Bank it was moved into the new brick banking house which was built on the corner for its special benefit. Here the bank was re-organized and its capital increased. Charley Singmaster succeeded A. D. Faris as President; J. T. Webber succeeded F. M. Israel as Cashier and the institution finally settled down to business under the cognomen of The Bank of Keota, and is now a first class institution with plenty of money and any amount of backing.

**May 26, 1893.** The brick building for the Farmers Savings Bank is starting. The foundation was built in a hurry and the vault walls are built up.

**July 28, 1893.** The Farmers Savings Bank is nearing completion. The safe is of the Mosler make, with time lock. They are ready for business as soon as they get a "permit" from the State Auditor. A. W. Hamill will be the Cashier; G. Gregory, Pres.; J. S. Stoutner, Vice-Pres.; Capital \$30,000.

**January 15, 1897.** The Bank of Keota has run through the 20 years allowed to it to run as a corporation and at its stockholders meeting this week they decided to re-organize the bank. They will renew the old charter and just bank on a new basis. C. F. Singmaster, President; H. Henkle, Vice-President; E. G. Wilson, Cashier; Directors: Samuel Singmaster and J. W. Stewart.

The above bank is to be known as the State Bank of Keota, said corporation to continue ten years with a capital of \$50,000.

**1899.** The Bank of Keota was merged into the State Bank of Keota in 1899. Of this institution, Mr. Harmon Henkle was Vice-President for many years.

**April 2, 1903.** The project for launching a third banking company in Keota was brought to head Saturday. A meeting of the interested parties was held in Attorney O. B. Jones' office and this board of directors was chosen: A. E. Stewart, John Randolph, R. S. Kirkpatrick, J. F. Romine, E. E. Neal, R. M. Thomson, O. K. Stoutner.

Officers: Pres., A. E. Stewart; Vice-Pres., R. M. Thomson; Cashier, Jno. Randolph.

Its name is to be the "Union State Bank." Capital stock, \$30,000. There are 35 or 40 stockholders.

**January 14, 1904.** The Union State Bank expects to open February 1. The building is nearing completion. Directors and officers are the same as chosen last spring.

**February 25, 1904.** The Union State Bank opened for business Tuesday morning minus counters and other furniture so some hand-made fixtures will serve temporarily.

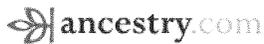
**July 7, 1904.** The Farmers Savings Bank put in a complete set of mahogany and birch interior fixtures. The floor is covered with new linoleum, the interior finish of room is stained mahogany and the walls and ceiling are freshly papered. The two cashiers' windows and base of counter are Tennessee marble; bevel plate glass panels in windows. There is more room for employees and the public.

**January 24, 1907.** A. W. Hamill, cashier of Farmers Savings Bank, resigns to take effect February 1. B. D. Helscher was named cashier and D. D. Crone of Washington was named assistant cashier. Mr. Hamill will associate in business with Keiser Bros.

**March 20, 1907.** The State Bank will be remodeled. The outside stairway will be removed and a new one will be put on the inside. A large plate glass window will be put in front and the entrance moved to the east corner. Handsome new mahogany will be installed. The counter will be solid marble with brick foundation and oak top. They will tear out the wooden floor and put in a tile floor laid in cement and a cork carpet behind the counter. The ceiling will be of canvas with walls to match. The plate glass window was installed in May and witnessed by one hundred and fifty innocent bystanders.

**October 21, 1926.** The Union State Bank and State Bank of Keota are to be merged and will become the Security State Bank. It will have new stockholders, new directors and officers. The two banks will cease doing business Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and pass into history.

The new bank will open Monday morning, October 25, in the building occupied by the Union State Bank, with following officers and directors: President, W.F. Stoutner; Vice-President, J.W. Stewart; O.K. Stoutner, Cashier; C.A. Lacey, Ass't. Cashier; Directors---J.W. Stewart, H. W. Statler, O. K. Stoutner, J. C. Stoutner, W. F. Stoutner, R. O. Wilson, A. A. Clendenning, J. C. Deimerely, W. R. Stewart and C. A. Lacey. The new bank has \$40,000 capital stock and surplus fund of \$20,000.



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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Joseph W Stewart</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1847</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1885</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Washington</b>	
Locality:	<b>Ainsworth and Oregon</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1885_273</b>	
Line:	<b>16</b>	
Family Number:	<b>5</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Joseph W Stewart</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Naomi Stewart</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>Edith Stewart</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Grace Stewart</b>	<b>0</b>
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Name:	<b>Joseph W Stewart</b>	
Birth Year:	abt 1847	
Birth Place:	Indiana	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Census Date:	1895	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Washington	
Locality:	Seventy-Six	
Roll:	IA1885_408	
Line:	4	
Family Number:	9	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Joseph W Stewart</b>	<b>48</b>
	<b>Warma Stewart</b>	<b>37</b>
	<b>Edith Stewart</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Grace Stewart</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>Warren R Stewart</b>	<b>7</b>
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Name:	<b>J W Stewart</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1847</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1915</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Washington</b>	
Locality:	<b>Seventy-Six</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Indiana</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1915_496</b>	
Line:	<b>1</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	<b>J W Stewart</b>	<b>68</b>

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