

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Barnbrock, Henry Oliver Senator _____
Represented Black Hawk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Feb 1874 Quincy, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Jean Marchant 18 Feb 1910 Waterloo, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Director of the Waterloo Local Young Congress

B. Civic responsibilities Elks; Knights of Pythias; Rotary; Chamber of Commerce; Commercial Club; Town Officers Club

C. Profession Laundry proprietor - Waterloo Laundry Company and Model Laundry Company

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 35th General Assembly 1913

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____

B. State Curator of the Iowa State Historical Society

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children Sam; Helen Louise (Mrs. Ralph V. Herman)

9. Names of parents William Frederick and Caroline (Leeper) Barnbrock

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10. Education Attended public schools in Quincy, Illinois

11. Degrees Attended St. Francis College

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 16 he entered an active connection with the laundry business in Chicago for 2 years. He then returned to Quincy and joined Heermans Laundry Company.
- In 1897 he joined into a partnership of Heermans Laundry Company at Springfield, Illinois until 1902.
- He lectured throughout the midwest on Indian and Mexican subjects.
- His wife, Jan, died May 1933.
- On 29 June 1914 his business was incorporated under the name of Waterloo Laundry Company. He broadened his activities and is president of the Model Laundry Company.



of that time, however, he came to Waterloo and became associated with the Iowa State Bank as collector. By diligent service, trustworthiness and ability he has won promotion from time to time until he has passed through all the intermediate positions to that of cashier, in which capacity he has served since 1912. He is a popular and obliging official, ever courteous to the patrons of the bank, extending favors wherever possible, and at the same time he is most loyal to the interests of the institution and careful in safeguarding its business stability.

In 1912 Mr. Blough was married to Miss Alta Rodamar, a daughter of Benjamin Rodamar, one of the early residents of Black Hawk county, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Blough have one child, Mary Jean. They are members of the Church of the Brethren and Mr. Blough's interest in community affairs is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of the Waterloo Club and the Town Criers Club. His entire life has been spent in this county, where he is widely and favorably known, and few of the young men of Waterloo have a broader acquaintance or are held in higher esteem than is Ira W. Blough.

HON. HENRY O. BERNBROCK.

The sentiment is rapidly growing that practical business men, capable of understanding and handling affairs of importance, should have control of the laws which regulate trade conditions and affect the general interests of society. More and more business men who have proven their worth as factors in the business world are being called to direct and shape legislation and mark out the policy of city, state and nation. As such a man the Hon. Henry O. Bernbrock is well known and at the present writing is the representative of his district in the general assembly of Iowa, to which position he was elected on the republican ticket. His connection with the industrial life of Waterloo is that of president of the Waterloo Laundry Company and president of the Model Laundry Company, and in those capacities he has carefully developed and systematized his business. He dates his residence in Waterloo from March, 1902.

Mr. Bernbrock was born in Quincy, Illinois, February 12, 1874, and pursued his education in the public schools of that city and in St. Francis College. When sixteen years of age he entered into active connection with the laundry business in Chicago, where he remained for about two years and then returned to Quincy, where he became connected with the Weems Laundry Company, controlling one of the most extensive laundries of the middle west. About 1897 he became a partner in the Weems Laundry at Springfield, Illinois, and there remained until 1902, when he came to Waterloo and purchased an interest in the Waterloo Steam Laundry. In August of the same year he bought out his partner and since that time has been at the head of the business. At intervals, however, he has been associated with partners. On the 29th of June, 1914, the business was incorporated under the name of the Waterloo Laundry Company with Mr. Bernbrock as the president and A. J. Cornwell as secretary and treasurer. Broadening the scope of his activities, he is now also the president of the Model Laundry Company and he is a member of the board of directors of the Home Building &



H. O. Dembrock.

Loan Association. Prosperity has attended his efforts during the period of his residence in this city and with faith in its future he has invested quite extensively in real estate in Waterloo and is now the owner of much valuable property.

On the 18th of February, 1910, Mr. Bernbrock was united in marriage to Miss Jean Marcham, of Waterloo, and they reside at No. 709 South street. They are members of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church and Mr. Bernbrock holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member and director of the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Club and the Town Criers Club and is actively and helpfully interested in all movements for the upbuilding of Waterloo and the uplift of her citizenship. His life record serves to indicate what may be accomplished in a business way when there is the will to dare and to do, for obstacles and difficulties can always be overcome by persistent, earnest, indefatigable and honorable effort.

CONRAD D. WANGLER.

Conrad D. Wangler was a pioneer druggist of Waterloo and for many years one of the prominent, representative and successful business men of the city, but commercial interests indicated but one phase of his existence. Whenever aid was needed in public affairs, whenever a worthy individual sought his help, assistance was freely and generously given and thus in many ways he left the impress of his life for good upon the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he lived.

A native of Germany, Conrad D. Wangler was born in Baden on the 8th of January, 1851, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Wangler, who always remained residents of the fatherland. The subject of this review, however, left Germany when a youth of fifteen years. He had already acquired a mastery of the preliminary branches of learning in the schools of his native country, and after crossing the Atlantic alone at the age of fifteen in 1866, he continued his education in the schools of Cedar Falls, Iowa, to which place a sister had preceded him. There he not only became familiar with the English language but also came into touch with American thought, habits and customs as exemplified in the lives of the school children of that district. Later he became a student in the schools of Waterloo and here completed his more specifically literary course. He next entered the College of Pharmacy at Cincinnati, Ohio, and completed the course by graduation with the class of 1875.

Mr. Wangler again became a resident of Waterloo in 1878 and in connection with his brother, R. C. Wangler, purchased the drug business of Carpenter & Smith. Their store was located on East Fourth street, but about a quarter of a century prior to the death of Conrad D. Wangler a removal was made to the corner of East Fourth and Lafayette streets, the brothers there erecting a good business block. They conducted a retail business alone for some time but afterward sold an interest to Mr. Todd, at which time the firm style of Wangler Brothers & Todd was assumed. It was about that time or in 1900 that the Wangler Drug Company is organized for the conduct of a wholesale drug business, with C. D. Wangler as the president. Papers of incorporation were taken out and the business was