

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Salmon Adolphus Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 June 1802 Homburg, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place  
① Mary Eichhorn 11 Feb 1841 Lee County, Iowa  
② Anna M. Sagner 5 May 1846

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

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

C. Profession Procer; druggist; flour mill owner; music teacher; architect and builder

4. Church membership Hebrew, later Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 3rd General Assembly 1850

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of West Point; postmaster of West Point 1846-1850

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

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

7. Death 9 Feb 1864 West Point, Iowa; buried West Point Cemetery, West Point, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Rachel (Mrs. Dr. Molitor); by 2nd wife - Theresa (Mrs. Melvin Smith); Gustavus A.; Edward J.; Albert A.; Theodore M. Adolphus H.

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon, Adolphus

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

- Adolphus was born in Hamburg, Germany of wealthy Hebrew parents.
- There he became highly educated in language and music, but because of commercial reverses he and his 3 brothers came to America, landing at New Orleans in 1828.
- There he taught music, led an orchestra performing there in the winters and passing the summer in the north for 7 years.
- In 1837 he moved to West Point, Iowa where he established a grocery business and later added a pharmacy.



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LEE COUNTY,

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*A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,*

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Lee County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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man, a weaver of woolen cloth in that county; she emigrated to this country in 1854, and came to Cincinnati; where they were married; they have one child—Elizabeth, born in 1859. Independent; members of the Catholic Church.

Riley, W., far., S. 6; P. O. West Point.

**RISSER, JACOB**, miller, Sec. 5; P. O. West Point; a son of Daniel Risser, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 25, 1784, and May 26, 1811, married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Smith; she was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Nov. 28, 1786; having passed her wedded life in the same house in which she was born, she died in 1824, leaving a family of one son and three daughters; with them the father came to America, and died at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1838; Mr. Risser, the only son, was born Dec. 12, 1815; at the age of 16, was apprenticed to a cabinet-maker; served out his apprenticeship, and worked at jour work a few years; in 1841, he embarked in business for himself in Cleveland, Ohio, and on Dec. 8, 1842, he married Amelia M., daughter of John Miller, the account of whose murder appears in this volume; she was born near the city of Newburg, on the Danube, May 16, 1821, and with her parents emigrated to America when 21 years of age; in the spring of 1845, they emigrated to Lee Co., and settled on a farm southwest of West Point; in 1854, came to their present place of residence near West Point, where he owns his residence, ninety acres of land and one-half interest in a mill, all valued at \$6,700. Have six children—Daniel F., born at Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1843, now a teacher at Summerfield, Ill.; John, born Dec. 17, 1845, a farmer of Pleasant Ridge Tp.; Jacob M., born Nov. 2, 1847, also a farmer of Pleasant Ridge Tp.; Abraham, born Aug. 30, 1850, died Feb. 22, 1852; Mary A., born Dec. 7, 1853; Annie A., born March 22, 1858, died April 6, 1858.

Rippen, Rieoeger, stock-farmer, Sec. 5; P. O. West Point.

Rissinger, George, farmer, Sec. 26; P. O. Fort Madison.

Risser, Jacob, far., S. 5; P. O. West Point.

Robinson George, farmer, Sec. 25; P. O. Fort Madison.

Roots, P. P., teacher, West Point.

Roth, Peter, cooper, West Point.

Rueter, Joseph, far., Sec. 15; P. O. West Point.

Rump, John, miller, West Point.

Ruoff, G., stone-cutter, West Point.

**SALLEN, JOSEPH**, farmer, Sec. 27; P. O. West Point.

**SALMON, ANNIE M., MRS.**, retired; was born in Saxony, City of Dresden, Oct. 5, 1828; the daughter of Benedict Salmon, dealer in boots and shoes, and, when 8½ years of age, with her parents, emigrated to this country; they came to St. Louis, where her father engaged in the grocery and provision business until 1845, then retired, and acted as collector for his church. May 5, 1846, she married Adolphus Salmon, who was born of wealthy Hebrew parentage, in Hamburg, Germany, in 1802; was highly educated in the language and music, but owing to commercial reverses, came to this country with three of his brothers, landing at New Orleans in 1828; there he taught music, and was leader of the orchestra in a theatre of that city; he continued there winters, passing the summer seasons North, for seven years; in 1837, he came to West Point, where he established himself in the grocery business, and afterward added drugs. In 1840, he married Miss Mary Acorn, daughter of pioneers of Lee Co.; she was born in Germany, in 1824, and died in 1845, leaving one child—Rosa, born March 23, 1842, now the wife of Dr. Molitor, a physician of Somonauk. In the fall of 1845, while on business in St. Louis, he became acquainted with the subject of this sketch; May 5, 1846, they were married, and the 13th of the same month they came to West Point. In 1847, he erected a flouring-mill at West Point, considered at that time the best mill in the State; in 1850, he was elected to the State Legislature; Mr. Hempstead was Governor at the time; also served as Mayor of West Point, and held the post office from 1846 to 1850; Feb. 9, 1864, after a long and painful illness, he died, leaving a family of six children; the eldest, Theresa J., was

born June 3, 1847, now the wife of Melvin Smith, a physician of Coneville, Iowa; married Nov. 14, 1867; Gustavus A., born Dec. 11, 1848, a resident of Columbus Junction, dealer in drugs and medicines; Edward J., born March 18, 1852, a resident of Troy Mills, Linn Co., Iowa, a dealer in drugs—also practicing law; was admitted to the bar in 1877; Albert A., born Feb. 3, 1854, a resident of Colorado; Theodore M., born Dec. 2, 1857, a resident of Muscatine, Iowa, teacher of music, and an excellent pianist; Adolphus H., born June 8, 1860, who remains at home at present, engaged in teaching. Mrs. Salmon connected herself with the German Lutheran Church, in St. Louis, at the age of 13; and with the Presbyterian Church at this place, at the age of 31; Mr. Salmon was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was made President and Trustee of the Building Committee during the erection of their fine church, erected 1862. Soon after their marriage, the parents of Mrs. S. came to live with them, and remained until her mother died, in 1857; her father, Oct. 2, 1862.

Sandbote, H., farmer, Sec. 25; P. O. Fort Madison.

**SCOTT, ROWLAND THOS.**, farmer, Sec. 2; P. O. West Point; was born in Marion Tp., Lee Co., June, 1839, where his father, James S., settled in 1836, from Illinois. Dec. 25, 1861, he married Miss Nettie Roberts, who was born at Monroe, Mich., in 1842; daughter of Hiram M. Roberts, formerly a member of the Michigan Conference, until his health failed, in 1853, when he removed to Iowa, where he was connected with the Iowa Wesleyan University, and later, with the institution at West Point. Although past the age for military duty, when the war began he volunteered in the 6th Iowa Inf., and served as private and corporal for several months, when he was discharged; again entered the service in 37th Iowa Inf., known as the Gray-Beard Regiment; in this he served as 1st Sergeant, until colored troops were organized in Missouri, when he was commissioned 2d Lieutenant in the 3d Mo. Colored Vol., afterward known as the 67th U. S.

C. I.; his regiment was sent to Port Hudson, La., and soon after its organization, the duties being very severe, many of the officers and men sickened and died; Lieut. Roberts was ever ready for his turn of duty, and did his full share of the hardest work; besides the duties required, he personally instructed his men in reading and writing, and often assisted the Chaplain in his duties; he continued his duties with his regiment until its consolidation with another regiment, when he was detailed as Superintendent of the Freedman's Schools, in which his zeal for the rights and interest for the freedman, made him a valuable worker; he had just been returned to duty with his regiment, when he was attacked with congestive fever, and died May 22, 1866, at Baton Rouge, La., at the age of 57; was in the service about five years; a good soldier, a patriotic, honest, active, Christian man. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Scott removed to their present place of residence, consisting of a farm of 120 acres, valued at \$40. per acre; they have five children—Freddie G., born Dec. 15, 1862; George H., born March 25, 1864; Ida E., born Dec. 20, 1866; Lulu May, born Oct. 20, 1869; Chas. Willis, born Jan. 25, 1872. Democrat. Members of Pittman Chapel, M. E. Has held various township and school offices.

Seovel, L. A., farmer, West Point.

Seovel, Lewellen, farmer, West Point.

**SCOVEL, R. A.**, dealer in stoves and tinware, Washington street; residence, Columbia street; born in West Point, in 1851; after receiving an education such as could be obtained at the common schools of the day, at the age of 24, he entered his present business. May, 1878, he married Miss Lena Seim, daughter of Geo. Seim, a cabinet-maker of West Point; she was born in West Point, in 1853. He is a Republican; has been City Recorder for three years. Mrs. Seovel is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Scheffler, Anton, farmer, Sec. 34; P. O. Fort Madison.

Schier, Lorenz, farmer, Sec. 34; P. O. Fort Madison.

Schierbrock, Christ, carpenter, West Point.



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## SALMON, Adolphis

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**Died:** 02/09/1864  
**Cemetery:** WEST POINT  
**Location:** WEST POINT  
**County:** LEE CO. - IOWA  
**Record Notes:** ~

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### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Adolphus Salmon</b>	
Age in 1860:	<b>58</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1802</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Hamburg</b>	
Home in 1860:	<b>West Point, Lee, Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Post Office:	<b>West Point</b>	
Value of real estate:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Adolphus Salmon	<b>58</b>
	Anna Salmon	<b>32</b>
	Theresa Salmon	<b>12</b>
	Gustavus Salmon	<b>11</b>
	Edward Salmon	<b>8</b>
	Albert Salmon	<b>6</b>
	Theodore Salmon	<b>3</b>
	Bened Sagner	<b>74</b>
	Kate Schiebrock	<b>16</b>

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This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1860 United States Federal Census, the Eighth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, age as of the census day, sex, color, birthplace, occupation of males over age fifteen, and more. No relationships were shown between members of a household. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1860 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

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are 20 inches thick, the limestone has fallen away in some areas, leaving holes to the inside of the building. On the front, the tin panels are flapping loose on an addition to the original structure. On the inside, cracks run up the walls from a shifting foundation.

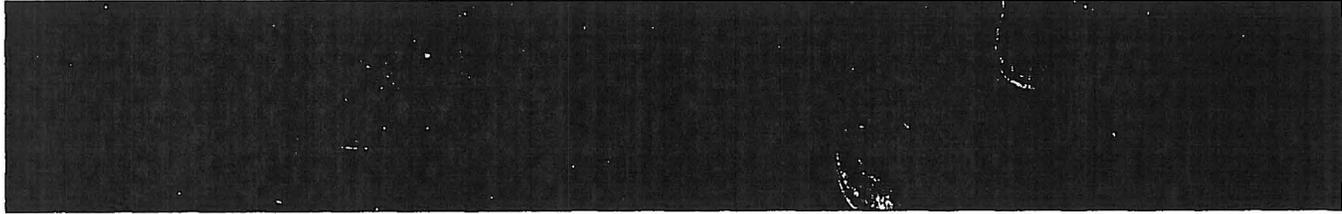
When Merschman Seeds bought the mill in October, the new owners looked into fixing the failing structure, Eipert said, but the \$500,000 estimated cost forced the company to choose the alternative.

Though the mill must come down, Merschman Seeds has decided to keep the native limestone, though they have no specific purpose for it. The rest is left for the taking, and Eipert plans to remove all the native woods for reuse or sale. The building's crossbeams are native oak, the posts hard maple.

With four posts and four "major structural beams" on each of four floors, Eipert is starting at the top and working his way down. To get materials from the third floor to the outside of the building, one volunteer hoists a crossbeam up and then lowers it to the second floor and out a window, where Eipert waits with a forklift to "catch" the wood.

Standard 10-by-10-inch crossbeams weigh 800 to 900 pounds — the 32-foot-long ones weigh 1,200 to 1,400 pounds. Each is added to the "save" pile.

"It will be a monumental stack



John Lovretta/The Hawk Eye

Gerhard Eipert of Eipert Construction is salvaging beams and timber from the West Point Feed and Grain Mill.

## West Point Feed and Grain Mill

The original stone structure was built by Adolphus Salmon in 1852, with customized, steam-powered machinery to grind wheat, rye and buckwheat into flour. The steam was furnished by a boiler and hand-fired furnace, and it had an 80-foot brick smokestack, according to West Point's sesquicentennial biography.

In 1891, Richard Shadwell and Stephen Walljasper bought the mill, installing new machinery to grind oats, wheat, rye and corn into animal feeds. They also added the east wing to the building, where the overhead storage bin could hold 6,000 bushels of grain.

Though changes occurred between 1891 and 1956, Don Snaadt took over the mill in that year. Walljasper was a relative of Snaadt, having passed the mill down to Snaadt's dad and then to him.

While Snaadt owned it, he added nine bins and a grain dryer.

— **Shawna Richter**

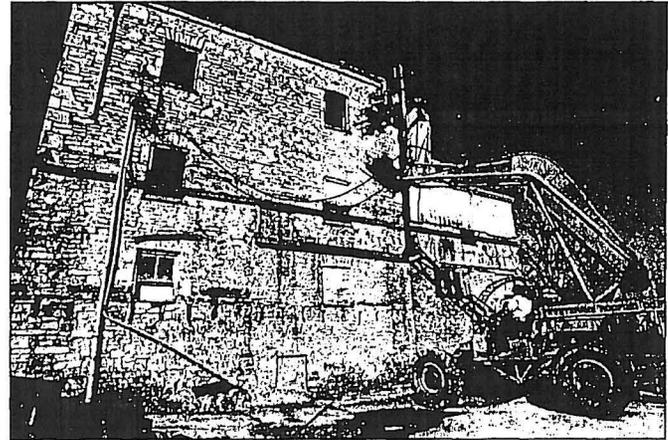
down for the mill; that makes the wood more than 300 years old.

"The tree (they used) was maybe growing in the 1700s," Eipert said. "I want to see the wood go where other people can see it and appreciate it."

Eipert has an appreciation for

of local carpenters from that time period, Eipert would be able to identify which carpenter cut which piece.

"They knew what they were doing when they built the mill," Eipert said, and he is getting a feel for how they built it.



John Lovretta/The Hawk Eye

Gerhard Eipert of Eipert Construction salvages materials from the West Point Feed and Grain Mill Thursday afternoon. Eipert is salvaging beams and timbers from the mill, which was built in 1852, before the structure is torn down.

tion crew worked years to build be on sale. the mill, Eipert wants all the "Some people could buy it to

## Legal Aid coming to courthouse

An attorney from Iowa Legal Aid will be at the De Moines County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7. Iowa Legal Aid provides legal assistance to low-income Iowans in civil cases.

Persons who need assistance or services (such as language interpreter) should contact Iowa Legal Aid as much in advance as possible by calling 272-0008.

Residents who are low-income and have a legal problem are invited to be present at the De Moines County Courthouse at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 7. Legal Aid at (800) 272-0008 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. During those times, Iowa Legal Aid takes new applications for legal services over the phone.

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