

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stephens, Lyle R. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Plymouth and Sioux Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 June 1911 Aurora, South Dakota

2. Marriage (s) date place

Maie Borchers 1 Sept 1938 Akron, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Volunteered to Mexico to help Mexicans form their own  
organization; travels to Iowa to promote sale of soybean and soybean products

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau; 4-H leader; president

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup>, 67<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1973-1974, 1975-1976,  
1977-1978

6. Public Offices

A. Local Past Plymouth County Republican party chairman; past chairman of  
Plymouth County Fair Board and Extension Council; chairman of Le Mars  
Community School district

B. State Director of Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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

7. Death 21 Nov 1985 Sioux City, Iowa; Plymouth Presbyterian Church, Le Mars, Iowa

8. Children Margaret (Mrs. Joseph Herbert and after his death Mrs. John J. Corcia),  
Mary (Mrs. Richard S. Lougheed); Jay B.

9. Names of parents Roy and Ella (Zimmerman) Stephens

Stephens, Lyle P.

10. Education Educated in schools of Le Mars, Iowa

11. Degrees Western Union College, Le Mars, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - served in the Iowa National Guard.
- His mother and father, Ray and Ella (Zimmerman) Stephens married in 1905 at Aurora, South Dakota and after returning to Iowa decided to homestead a farm east of Sturgis, South Dakota. Ella gave birth to Lyle while at her parents home near Aurora, South Dakota.
- At age one month Lyle returned with his parents to Plymouth County, Iowa where they farmed with their son, Lyle.

Stephens, Lyle P.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<del>Obituary</del>	<del>-</del>	<del>The Le Mars Daily Sentinel</del>	<del>Le Mars, Iowa, Fri. Nov. 22, 1985, p. 1, col. 1 + 2</del>
<del>- Iowa Official Register</del>	<del>1977-1978,</del>	<del>p. 59</del>	
<del>- Plymouth County Heritage</del>	<del>1996,</del>	<del>p. 185</del>	
<del>- Ancestry.com</del>	<del>(account</del>	<del>3 Aug 2010)</del>	
<del>- Familysearch.org</del>	<del>(account</del>	<del>3 Aug 2010)</del>	

# Lyle Stephens funeral Sunday

Funeral for former state Rep. Lyle R. Stephens, 74, of rural Le Mars will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Presbyterian Church, rural Le Mars.

Rev. Hatty Duncan will officiate and burial will be in the church cemetery under direction of the Mauer-Johnson Funeral Home where a prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. Stephens died Thursday (Nov. 21, 1985) at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Sioux City where he had been hospitalized a week. He had been in poor health for several years.

Stephens served in the Iowa Legislature from 1973 to 1978. He was a past Plymouth County Republican party chairman.

He was an international traveler to foster better relations and to promote agricultural trade. He traveled to Japan to promote good will and the sale of soybeans; helped to negotiate the Japanese Trainee Program between Japan and Iowa and to Torrión and Durango, Mexico, to promote better relations and to help Mexican farmers in those states to form their own farm organization.

Mr. Stephens was born June 23, 1911, at Aurora, S.D., to Roy and Ella Zimmerman Stephens. He farmed in Plymouth County all his life after receiving his education at Le Mars High School and Western Union College in Le Mars. He served in the Iowa National Guard.

His marriage to Marie Borchers took place at rural Akron Sept. 1, 1938.

He was lifelong member of Plymouth Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and on the board of trustees. He was past chairman of the church building committee and a charter member of the Brotherhood.

Mr. Stephens was a past president of the Plymouth County Farm Bureau, serving 12 years as board



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**Lyle Stephens**  
... former state representative.

director of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and seven years on the board of the Farm Service, Inc.

He was a past chairman of the Plymouth County Fair Board and Extension Council, and was active in 4-H and FHA leadership. He also served as chairman of the Le Mars Community School District re-organization committee.

Survivors are his wife, Marie, rural Le Mars; twin daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Margaret) Torbert of Akron and Mrs. Richard (Mary) Loughran of Iowa City; a son, Jay B. Stephens of Washington, D.C.; four grandchildren, Jason and Alicia Laughran and Stephanie and Erci Torbert. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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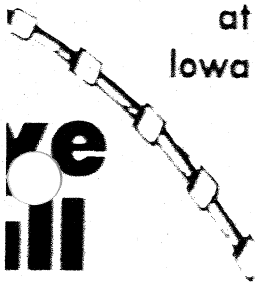
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# Plymouth County Heritage



Plymouth County Court House, Le Mars

**A**ccording to the October 24, 1901 edition of the Le Mars Semi-Weekly Sentinel, the new Plymouth County Courthouse was expected to cost \$72,300. In May 1996 it was reported that the two-story, 4,160-square foot addition to the courthouse is estimated at \$852,000.

## Plymouth County, Iowa

Marion Eberle Miller as well as the ten Koires children and the four Miller children, who are great-grandchildren of Joseph Starzl, Merrill pioneer.

Descendants of the Elskamp family, Martin Eberle family and Robert W. Miller family live in the Merrill area.

After Mrs. Joseph Starzl's death in 1889, Mr. Starzl farmed for several years, then built a home in Merrill and lived there with his daughter, Mary Elskamp and her husband until his death in 1907 at the age of 76 years.

Submitted by Rita Starzl

## DARYL AND JEAN STEINKAMP



Daryl Steinkamp Family

Daryl and Jean Steinkamp moved to Le Mars in August, 1966 from Storm Lake, Iowa.

Daryl was born in 1939 in Carroll County, the son of Henry and Eleanora Steinkamp, and lived around the Breda area during his school days.

Jean Meyers was born in Beauna Vista County, the daughter of Ben and Margaret Meyer and attended school in Truesdale, Iowa.

Daryl and Jean were married August 6, 1960 at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Storm Lake, Iowa. After their marriage, they lived in West Des Moines, Iowa for 2 1/2 years. They then moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, for four years.

When moving to Le Mars, Daryl and Jean had two sons, Jeffrey, age four, and Steve, age one.

Jeff attended Le Mars Community School and graduated with the class of 1981. He then attended Wayne State College and graduated in 1985 with a B.A. degree in Business Administration. Jeff married Jeanne Luedtke, daughter of Wallace and Arlis Luedtke. Jeff and Jeanne have three children - Ben, age 12; and twins Michael and Caitlin, ages seven. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jeff is employed with the Champion International. Jeanne works at Group Health Association.

Steve attended Le Mars Community School through his sophomore year. He then transferred to Creighton Prep at Omaha, Nebraska and graduated in 1984. He then attended Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri and graduated in 1988 with a B.A. in Finance Economics and Political Science. He then attended Rockhurst and received his Masters Degree in Business Administration in 1994. Steve lives in Kansas City, Missouri. He has been employed by the DST systems, Inc. for eight years.

Daryl has been employed with the Iowa Farm Bureau for the last 31 years serving as Regional Manager for Plymouth County Farm Bureau.

Jean began her employment with the Le Mars Community School system in 1973, where she is still employed.

Submitted by Jean Steinkamp

## FAMILY HISTORY OF LYLE R. STEPHENS

When James Stephens was a boy, he traveled from Landsend, England to Rewey, Wisconsin. Years later he bought section 7 in Washington Township, Plymouth County, Iowa as an investment.

In 1849 he went to California to seek his fortune but returned unsuccessful in 1850. He returned alone with an Indian pony and a pack mule.

After his children were grown, he sent them to section 7 in Iowa to farm the land. He remained in Wisconsin until his death. Two or three years after the children arrived at section 7 a tornado and hail storm hit the area. They decided this wasn't the area for them and all returned to Wisconsin but Charles Stephens and two of his sisters. At this time Charles was living on a farm east of Le Mars.

When the other children returned to Wisconsin Charles Albert Stephens moved to section 7 which was just across the road from Crathorne, which consisted of a post office, blacksmith shop and store. Roy, his son, was 13 years old. Charles died six years later leaving Roy, the oldest, in charge.

During this time, Roy was farming two other farms in the area. His younger brothers farmed the home place with Roy overseeing it. After two years Roy returned to farm the home place. His share of his inheritance was 20 acres of the original section.

In 1905 Roy Stephens married Ella Zimmerman, the daughter of Noah and Fredericka Zimmerman.

Ella's grandfather and father came from Baltimore, Maryland by covered wagon to east of Hinton which later became Melbourne, Iowa the first county seat of Plymouth County. Her grandfather started a small mission church there and died a year later. Noah, her father, then only 18, had to be the sole support of his mother and five brothers and sisters.

After several different moves, Noah finally settled on what was known as the Chris Molzen farm, nine miles east of Akron. While in the Akron area Roy met Ella. Later Noah had a sale and moved to Aurora, South Dakota.

In 1905 Roy rode a horse to Aurora, South Dakota and married Ella and brought his wife back to section 7. They farmed section 7 for five years then had a sale. Roy had decided to homestead a farm approximately 45 miles east of Sturgis, South Dakota where they stayed about two years. Ella, being pregnant, left two weeks early and went to Aurora to her folks. Roy remained near Sturgis to fulfill the homestead requirement. Their son, Lyle, was born at Aurora, South Dakota and was eleven days old before Roy saw him.

When Lyle was one month old they returned to Plymouth County on March first of that year, again began farming section 7.

In 1919 Roy's health was failing and he had a sale. In 1920 he regained his health and started farming section 7 again. They farmed section 7 until January 1, 1931 then rented it to their son, Lyle.

In 1938 Lyle married Marie Borchers, daughter of William and Margaret Johnson Borchers.

William Borchers was the son of Bernhard and Anke Borchers who came from Oldenburg, Germany and settled in section 27, Preston Township, Akron, Iowa in 1881. Margaret Johnson Borchers was the daughter of Henry and Helene Johnson who also came from Germany.

Lyle was very active in community activities. He was a 4-H leader and president of the Plymouth County Fair Board. He traveled to Mexico to help Mexican farmers form their own organization and traveled to Japan to promote the sale of soybeans and soybean products. He was a member of the Plymouth County Farm Bureau and served in most of the county offices. He also served twelve years as a member of the state Farm Bureau Board and its affiliate companies and served seven years on the Board of Directors of F.S. Incorporated, now known as Gromark, a three state regional cooperative.

Lyle served as state representative to the Iowa Legislature from 1973-1978. Lyle and Marie are

members of the Plymouth Presbyterian Church, rural Akron and have served in many offices of the church. Lyle and Marie have three children, twin daughters and a son:

Margaret is a graduate of the Le Mars Community School and the University of Iowa. She taught school for eight years in Cedar Rapids, Urbandale and Omaha. She served on the Akron-Westfield School Board for ten years.

She married Joseph C. Torbert M.D. December 29, 1965. They had two children: Stephanie, married to Doug Hageman and Eric, a graduate of UNI. She has a grandson, Trystan Hageman.

Joseph practiced medicine in Akron, Iowa from July 1, 1974 until his illness and death October 31, 1988.

Margaret married John J. Correia June 29, 1991 and is presently teaching seventh and eighth grade at Akron-Westfield Community School.

Mary is a graduate of Le Mars Community School and Iowa State University. She taught school for seven years in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa. She married Richard S. Loughran who owns and operates Pyramid Services in Iowa City.

They have two children: Jason, a graduate of Bradley University, is married to the former Elizabeth Ann Carter and works for Pyramid Services. Alicia is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

Mary is presently working in the showroom at Plumber's Supply in Iowa City.

Jay B. is a graduate of Le Mars Community School, Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He also studied for a year at Oxford University in England.

He has served as assistant to the special prosecutor in the Watergate Case, assistant counsel to President Reagan, U.S. Attorney for Washington, D.C. and is presently a partner in the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro in Washington, D.C.

He is married to Julie Sellers and they have four children: Amanda, Jessica, Jay and Alexandra.

Submitted by Marie Stephens

## ALEX AND MARY (NEUBRAND) STOFFEL

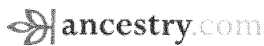
Alex Stoffel was born in 1903 in Union Township, the son of Frank and Anna (Heissel) Stoffel. His memory of his early schooling includes boarding with the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Catherine's in Oyens from the end of corn picking until it was time to plant in the spring. His parents visited him when weather permitted them to come to Mass on Sundays. When older he attended Union School closer to the farm.

As the oldest son in the family he was expected to farm for and support his parents. When 27 he married Mary Neubrand and they continued to live with his parents on the farm. After the births of their first two children, Alex felt the need to make his own home for his family. He went on the road selling Household Magazine and subscriptions to Cappers Weekly in rural Nebraska. The family lived in a small trailer home during that time.

Eventually his parents moved to town and he came back to the farm. His father had always handled the work horses with a heavy hand and it worried and bothered Alex. He became their best friend - breaking them for work and for riding in his own gentle way. He broke and shod horses for others as a sideline to his farming and as a hobby for more than 30 years after he retired from the farm. He was instrumental in getting the Pioneer Village blacksmith shop set up on the Plymouth County fairgrounds and gave demonstrations of horseshoeing there while telling horse stories to fairgoers until he was in his late 80's.

Mary Neubrand, also born in 1903, was the oldest child in the Robert and Clara (LeFebvre) Neubrand family. After completing six months of her Freshman year in high school she learned that Morningside College was offering a six month course for grade school teachers with the only requirement being that you had completed eight grades of school. She spent the next year and a half working to earn the tuition, took the course and was hired to teach in a country school in Plymouth County. The only other requirement necessary to maintain her certificate to teach was to attend summer school each summer.

At that time the school board did not look kindly on teachers who kept company with a person of the opposite sex. Consequently, Mary and Alex's courtship



You searched for **Lyle Stephens** in **Iowa**

### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Lyle Stephens</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1912</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1 Jan 1925</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Plymouth</b>	
Locality:	<b>Washington</b>	
Relation to Head:	<b>Son</b>	
Mother:	<b>Ella Zimmerman [Ella Stephens]</b>	
Mother's Birth Year:	<b>abt 1881</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Father:	<b>Roy J Stephens</b>	
Father's Birth Year:	<b>abt 1878</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Marriage Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1925_1881</b>	
Line:	<b>25</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	<b>Roy J Stephens</b>	<b>47</b>
	<b>Ella Stephens</b>	<b>44</b>
	<b>Lyle Stephens</b>	<b>13</b>
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### 1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Lyle R Stephens</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Washington, Plymouth, Iowa</b> <a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	<b>18</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1912</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Son</b>	
Father's Name:	<b>Roy J</b>	
Mother's Name:	<b>Ella E</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
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Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
	<a href="#">Roy J Stephens</a>	<b>51</b>
	<a href="#">Ella E Stephens</a>	<b>49</b>
	<a href="#">Lyle R Stephens</a>	<b>18</b>

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**Lyle STEPHENS**

**Birth Date:** 23 Jun 1911  
**Death Date:** Nov 1985

**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** Iowa

**Death Residence Localities**

**ZIP Code:** 51031  
**Localities:** Le Mars, Plymouth, Iowa  
Seney, Plymouth, Iowa  
Union Center, Plymouth, Iowa  
West Le Mars, Plymouth, Iowa

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