

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nielsen, Alfred NMN Senator _____

Represented Shelby County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Dec 1901 Defiance, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date, place
Lola Arlene (Duffenbarger) Morrison 23 Feb 1929 Decorah, Iowa
Helen Ingrid Hulsebus 21 Apr 1975

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He helped organize and was president of the Shelby County Bondholders Association

B. Civic responsibilities Farm Bureau, Mason; Shrine; Eastern Star

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th General Assemblies 1963, 1965,

1967, 1969-1970, 1971-1972

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Board, Decorah Community School Board 6 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 4 Dec 1994 Council Bluffs, Iowa; buried Harlow Cemetery, Harlow, Iowa

8. Children Ruth Ann (Mrs. Milton Barry); Marie (Mrs. Lee McLaughlin); Martin

9. Names of parents Jesse and Bertha Marie (Jessen) Nielsen

10. Education He was educated in the Shelby County, Iowa schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- During his first year of marriage he lived on a farm northeast of
Defiance. Then they moved to a farm south of Defiance where they lived
until 1974. His wife, Lela, died in 1974. They owned 640 acres of land in
Shelby and Crawford Counties.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u>			<u>The Harlan News Advertiser, Harlan, Iowa, Fri, Dec. 9, 1994, p. 2A, col. 4</u>
			<u>Iowa Official Register 1971-1972, p. 75</u>
			<u>Centennial Album of Harlan, Iowa 1879-1979, p. 213</u>
			<u>FamilySearch.org (accessed 12 Nov 2011)</u>
			<u>Findagrave.com (accessed 12 Nov 2011)</u>
			<u>The Centennial History of Shelby County, Iowa 1916-1976, p. 636</u>

special sentiment. Gifts are like charms. "They each hold... Many come from... experiences. She... school in Harlan... currently is an el... and at-risk coordi... unselor in the Mis... District.

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orated heavily for... growing up, and I... carry-over of that,"... is neat that a lot of... iastic about seeing

other people's homes and sharing ideas. And it is for a wonderful cause, building a new playground for the children.

"To build this dream will take a lot of money, and this is one way we could help."

Diverse Christmas traditions...

Donna Schmidt, chairperson of the tour, said the Christmas Tour of Homes will offer a diversity of Christmas fun.

"We are very excited about the diversity the seven homes on the tour offer," Schmidt said. "A little bit of old and a little bit of new, each with different ideas that people can use to create their own special look.

"Even if you aren't looking for decorating ideas, it's a great way to spend

time with your friends and really get into the Christmas spirit."

The tour will begin at the Harlan Flower Shop, where a map and pass will be supplied to ticket holders. People may tour homes in any order they wish, and at their own pace. Shoes must be removed before entering each home.

Refreshments will be served at Times Remembered Bed and Breakfast. All people have donated their homes for the tour.

All proceeds will be donated to the Harlan Dream Playground Project fund, which currently stands at \$35,000, with a \$75,000 goal.

Construction is set for June, 1995 in Pioneer Park.

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DEATHS

Alfred NMN Nielsen, 92

Alfred NMN Nielsen, 92, Harlan, died Sunday, Dec. 4 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs. Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.

Nielsen is survived by his wife, Helen (Tyron-Hulsebus) Nielsen of Harlan; two daughters, Ruth Ann (Milton) Barry of Irwin and Marie (Lee) McLaughlin of Defiance; a son, Marlin (Nadine) Nielsen of Las Vegas, Nev.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Nielsen was a farmer.

Phyllis J. Olson, 66

Phyllis J. Olson, 66, Salem Lutheran Home, Elk Horn, died Monday, Dec. 5 at the Salem Lutheran Home. Services will be held today, Friday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with burial in the Harlan Cemetery.

A wake service was held Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan. Visitation continued Dec. 8 from 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. at Pauley's

Burt; and nine grandchildren.

Olson was a nurse.

Lawrence Torpy, 73

Word was received of the death of former Irwin resident Lawrence Dale Torpy, 73. Torpy died Nov. 30 and services were held at West Central Chapel in Omaha with military honors on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Survivors include his children -- Barbara, Lauren, Lawrence Jr. and Steven; a sister, Margaret Pedersen; a brother, William Torpy of Minneapolis, Mn.; nieces, nephews, friends and relatives.

Kenny Pedersen of Irwin attended services in Omaha.

Hazel C.F. Bramman, 86

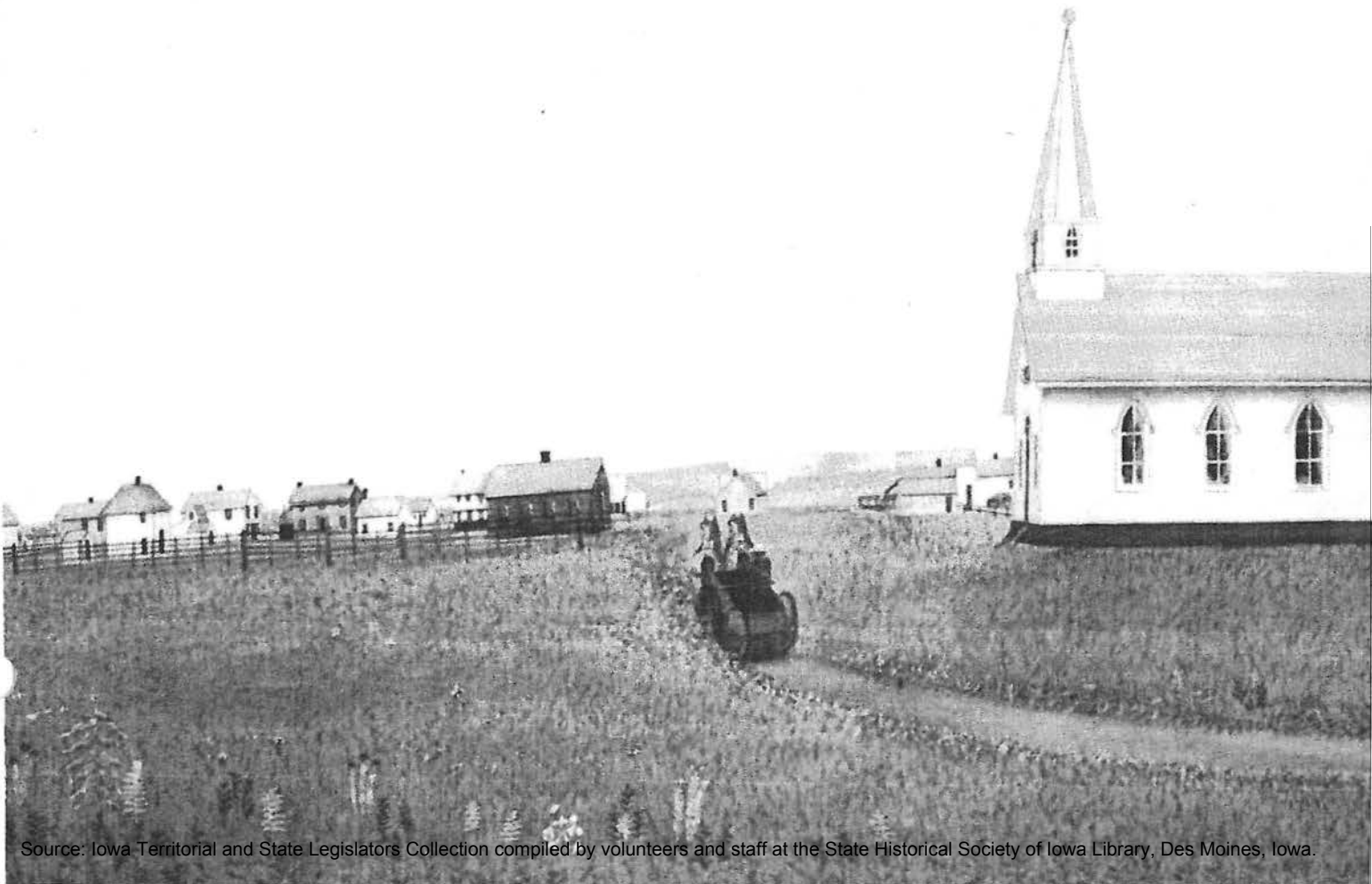
Hazel C.F. Bramman, 86, Denison, died Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Crawford County Hospital in Denison. Services will be held today, Friday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with burial in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

Bramman is survived by her daughter, Norma Jean (Dalton) Gregersen of Ellsworth; a daughter-in-law Lucille

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Alfred Nielsen
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Twp. In 1903 they purchased the 80 acre farmstead a mile east and 2½ south of Irwin where Neil still lives.

Eleven children were born to this marriage: Neil Merlene, 1892, died as a small child; Charlotte, Mrs. Lars Ostebee, born 1894; Nellie Isabel, 1896, died as a small child; Neil Ishmael, 1898; Isabel, Mrs. Hjalmer Wiig, 1900; Mollie, Mrs. Jake Knudsen, 1902; Ina, Mrs. Hoyt Duke, 1904; Luther, 1908; Lula, Mrs. Lewis Hodnefield, 1911; Thomas, 1913; and Russell, 1915.

The Nelson children attended Highland Grove School until the Irwin school district was enlarged, then those still attending school went to the Danway School.

All the children received their confirmation instruction in the Lutheran Church in the Norwegian language giving them a "second language."

Inger suffered a stroke at the age of 51 and was an invalid for eight years until her death in 1932. Tom continued to live out his life on the farm until 1958 when at age 93 he died at home.

Alfred Nielsen

Alfred Nielsen was born Dec. 9, 1901 at Defiance, Iowa, son of Jesse and Bertha Nielsen who were immigrants to America from Denmark. Alfred was educated in the Shelby County schools.

On Feb. 29, 1929 he married Leta Arlene Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Morrison of Dow City. Leta received her early education in the country schools of Shelby and Crawford County and graduated from Defiance Public High School. She received a Normal Training Certificate and taught school in the Shelby County country school system.

During their first four years of married life, Alfred and Leta lived on a farm northeast of Defiance. Then they moved to a farm south of Defiance where they lived until 1974 when Leta passed away. Their children are Ruth Ann (Mrs. Milton Barry) of Irwin; Marlin of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Marie (Mrs. Lee McLaughlin) of Defiance. There are six grandchildren. Leta and Alfred owned and operated 640 acres of land in Shelby and Crawford County.

Leta and Alfred have been members of the Defiance Salem United Methodist Church where Alfred served as trustee and financial treasurer. Leta was active in women's church work, was Sunday school leader, youth sponsor, and music director. She also was active in 4-H work, Shelby County Cancer Assn., and Order of the Eastern Star. For five years Alfred was president of the Irwin Community School Board at which time the new school was built. He was voting delegate of Farm Bureau for five years, helped organize and

was president of the Shelby County Good Roads Assn., and belongs to Masonic Lodge, Shrine, and Order of the Eastern Star. Alfred served five terms in the Iowa House of Representatives, being active on many state committees. During this time, Leta served as his secretary and was a member of the League of Legislative Ladies. Their life together was an active one in church, community, and family affairs.

On April 28, 1975 Alfred married Helen Tryon Hulsebus of Carroll, Iowa. They now live in Harlan.



Axel Nielsen

Axel Nielsen was born to Anders C. and Inger Marie Nielsen on Apr. 7, 1904 in Bronderslev, Denmark, where his parents owned and operated a bakery.

Axel came with his parents to America on Mar. 1, 1909 and settled on a farm which they purchased in Polk Twp.

He grew to manhood on this farm receiving his education at Polk No. 1 and Irwin High. He worked with his father on the farm until his father died in Feb. 1939. He continued to farm there until retiring to Irwin in 1961.

Axel was married to Vera Opal Kragelund on July 10, 1935. Her birthdate is Mar. 19, 1913. She was a graduate of Exira High and taught Polk No. 1 School in Shelby Co. for three years and Oakfield Twp. No. 6 in Audubon Co. for one year before her marriage. Vera was the daughter of Peter and Nellie Kragelund. She has one sister, Viola, Mrs. Clarence Nelson of Kimballton and one brother, Leo, of Elk Horn.

Axel's mother passed away in 1962.

Axel has been a member of Merrill's Grove Baptist Church in Polk Twp. since age 13. He has held various positions in the church. He sang in the choir for many years and was a member of the Merrill's Grove Church Orchestra, playing the violin.

Vera was a member of Elk Horn First Baptist Church from the age of 11 until her marriage when she transferred her membership to Merrill's Grove. She has held various offices in the Women's Missionary Society and taught a junior

Individual Record

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 Alfred NIELSEN

Birth Date: 9 Dec 1901
Death Date: 4 Dec 1994
Social Security Number: 480-36-0255
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 51446
Localities: Irwin, Shelby, Iowa

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Death: Nov. 9, 1974

Wife of Alfred Nielsen
Daughter of William G. & Vena (Duffenbaugh) Morrison

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Shelby County
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