

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hatton, Albert Minor Senator _____

Represented Ringgold and Taylor counties

1. Birthday and place 18 May 1912 Knowlton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Alberta Miller 8 Jul 1939

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of American Bankers Association, Independent Bankers Association, Iowa Bankers Association; Director Ringgold County Industrial Development Board

B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club, Mason; American Legion, director of civil affairs

C. Profession Banker; insurance business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 62nd General Assembly 1967-1968

6. Public Offices

A. Local Board of education; create board of education; director of the Ringgold County Department of Social Affairs; member of Ringgold County Development Corporation

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 22 Oct 1967 Diagonal, Iowa; burial Diagonal Cemetery, Diagonal, Iowa

8. Children Lipin (Mrs. Jule Taylor); Kay (Mrs. Larry Pratt); Ann (Mrs. William Karim); Albert Jay; Steven; Mark

9. Names of parents Albert Jay and Della May (Minor) Hatton

10. Education Educated in the public schools of
Des Moines; Iowa graduating in 1930.

11. Degrees Attended Creston Junior College, Creston, Iowa;
Emporia College, Emporia, Iowa; University of Iowa, Iowa
City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- Military service - World War II - U. S. Navy
- He was involved in the insurance business for 20 years
and banking for 21 years
- President of the First State Bank, Des Moines, Iowa for 5 years.
- In 1918 the family moved to Des Moines.
- He conducted insurance business with M. S. Roberts for 20 years
- He also operated the Des Moines Theater for several years
- He served for a number of years as a member of the Board of Trustees of the
Ringgold County Extension Council

Services held Wednesday for E. M. Watson

Elbert M. Watson, 55, president of the First State bank of Diagonal and state representative from Ringgold and Taylor counties, died Sunday evening of self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

The body of Mr. Watson was found in the basement of the bank by Bill Herron, an employee. Dr. Duane E. Mitchell, Ringgold county medical examiner, said that Mr. Watson had died about 7 p.m., and that his death was ruled a suicide.

Mr. Watson, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Watson, was a lifelong resident of Diagonal. He was a graduate of the Diagonal high school and later attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

He served as director of the Ringgold County Department of Social Welfare for a few years before becoming identified with the First State bank. He had served as president of the bank for about five years.

A Republican, Mr. Watson was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the November, 1966, election and had completed one term in the legislature.

Elected to represent Ringgold county as a member of the Area XIV board of education, which governs the Southwestern Community college in Creston, when the area school district was established, Mr. Watson was re-elected to a three-year term in the September election.

He was a member of the Ringgold County Development corporation and active in industrial developments.

He is survived by his widow, Alberta; three daughters, Mrs. Jack Taylor, of Diagonal, Mrs. Larry Pratt, of Maryville, Mo., and Mrs. Bill Walsh, of North Liberty; three sons, Jay, a student at the Southwestern Com-

Reports for induction

James Keith Hanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hanks, of Redding, reported Oct. 18, to Ringgold county local board of the Selective Service system for induction.

UNICEF drive set Sunday

The UNICEF fund drive for Mount Ayr is still being completed but it is essential to make known how the money will be used.

More than 1,700 needy children will be better fed or 860 young victims of trachoma will be saved from blindness, thanks to the Trick or Treat program of UNICEF.

\$1 equals a daily glass of milk for 20 children a month; or

\$1 equals the penicillin to cure 40 children of yaws; or

\$1 equals the antibiotics to treat 10 cases of trachoma; or

\$1 equals the BCG vaccine to protect 80 children from tuberculosis; or

\$1 equals the DDT to protect 14 children from malaria for a year.

The children from the grades 4, 5 and 6 of the churches cooperating will go to the Methodist church for instruction Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m. They will be accompanied in cars by an adult and be given the street area for the fund drive.

After this area is completed, they will return to the church and enjoy a party and refreshments served by the ladies of the Methodist church in charge of this year's fund drive.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Diagonal school auditorium conducted by the Reverends Paul Beymer and George McMullen. Mrs. Charles Gifford sang, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Harold Taylor. Casketbearers were Dale Herrington, Jay Snyder, Corwin Bonebrake, Velmer Stephens, Ronald Beymer and David Roberts. Those who served as honorary bearers were Grant L. Hayes, Duane E. Mitchell, Stanley Cregeen, Avery Sanderson, Gene Gunsolley, Thomas Lininger, John D. Warin and Bill Herron. Burial was in the Diagonal cemetery.

Stag Party

A stag party will be held Oct. 28, in the Legion hall in Mount Ayr. Ham and beans will be served, beginning at 7 p.m. — Committee.

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"Happiness is one of the most magic aids with which to build a healthy body," comments Elmer Schlapia who, tomorrow (Friday) will become Ringgold county's only centenarian.

Mr. Schlapia will be honored Sunday, Oct. 29, at an open house in the dining parlors in Wishard Chapel and friends are invited to call between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

"Uncle Elmer," as he is familiarly known by his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Larson, with whom he makes his home in Liberty township, other relatives and many friends, enjoys good health, is cheerful and happy and eagerly anticipates his observance of his 100th birthday anniversary.

"Some people are born with a song in their hearts," philosophizes Uncle Elmer. "If you are not blessed in that way you can learn one. Happiness is an art which can be cultivated — one which I have always practiced. I believe it has gone a long way

to help me reach years," he concludes.

ELBERT M. WATSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Elbert M. Watson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Elbert M. Watson was born May 18, 1912, in Ringgold County, the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Watson. He was educated in the Diagonal public schools; attended Creston Junior College, Simpson College and the University of Iowa.

On July 8, 1939, he was married to Alberta Miller, and to this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters.

Mr. Watson was engaged in insurance business for twenty years and in banking for twenty-one years, and served as president of the First State Bank of Diagonal, Iowa. He was very active in civic affairs and had served on city and county school boards. He was also a director of Area XIV Vocational-Technical School. He had served on the County Extension Board, the Ringgold County Hospital Board, and was a director of the Ringgold County Industrial Development Board.

Mr. Watson was a member of the Methodist Church, the Lions Club, of which he served as president, the Masons, American Legion, Farm Bureau, American Bankers Association, Independent Bankers Association, Iowa Bankers Association, Bluegrass Bankers Association, and Independent Insurance Agents Association, and in most of these organizations he had held an elective office. He served in the United States Navy Hospital as corpsman for two years.

Mr. Watson, a Republican, served in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Sixty-second session of the General Assembly as Representative of Ringgold and Taylor Counties.

Death came to Mr. Watson on October 22, 1967, and he is survived by his widow, Alberta; three sons, Elbert J., now with the United States Army in Fort Polk, Louisiana; Stevon and Mark of Diagonal; and three daughters, Mrs. Jack (Dixie) Taylor, Diagonal; Mrs. Larry (Kay) Pratt, Ames, and Mrs. William (Ann) Warin, Mount Ayr; and six grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Gerald (Olive) Lonacker of Creston, also survives Mr. Watson.

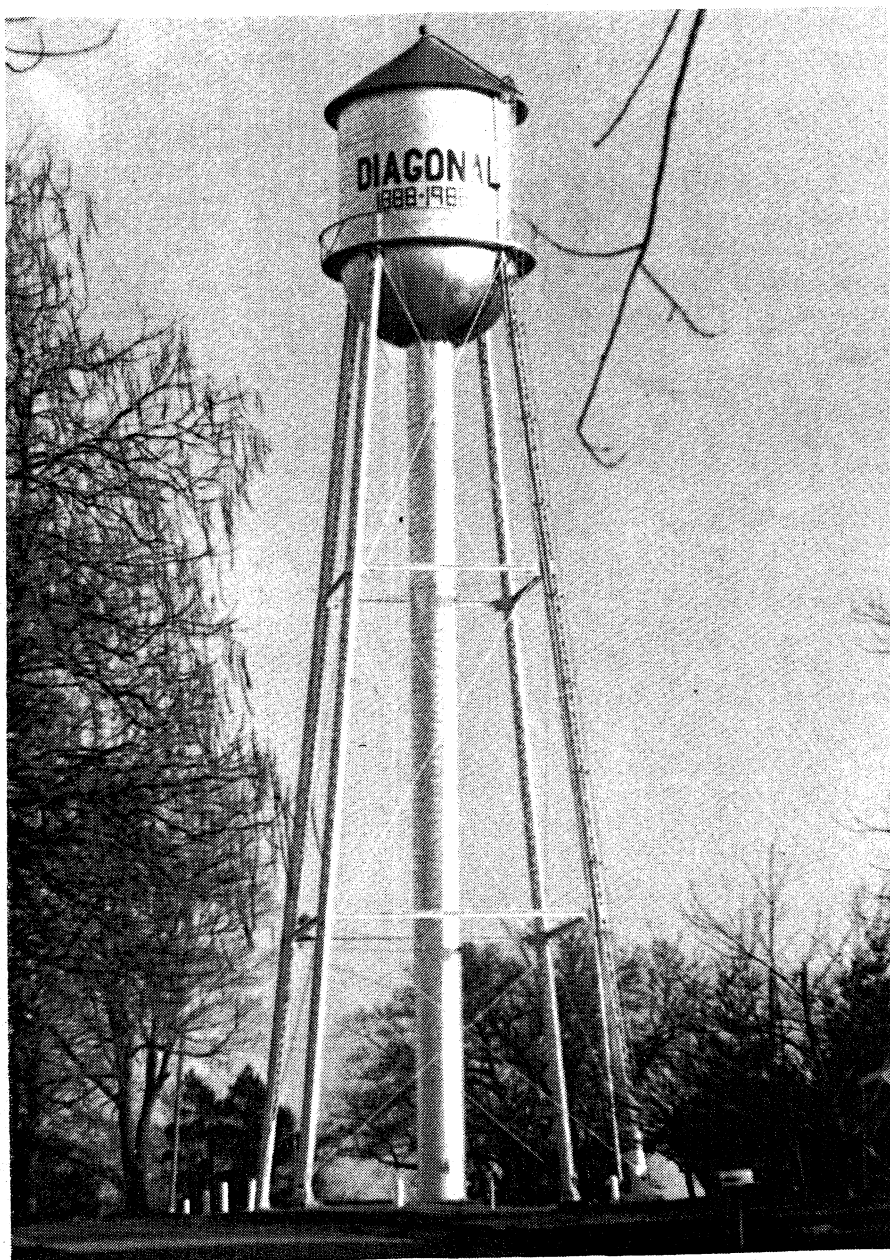
Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Elbert M. Watson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ELDON L. STROBURG
PERRY L. CHRISTENSEN
HOMER L. WARREN

Committee

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E. J. Watson MD family.

About 2 years later, they moved to Knowlton. While living there 3 children were born: Hazel in 1906, Olive in 1909, and Elbert in 1912. A doctor from Blockton came by train to deliver each child. Mode of transportation at that time was horse and buggy, or train.

In 1918 the family moved to Diagonal to continue residence, with the exception of Olive, for the remainder of their lives.

Dr. Watson was active in community affairs, having served on the school board, as town officer and as county coroner. Mrs. Watson was active in the Methodist Church, serving in various official capacities. Her first concern was caring for her daughter Hazel, who spent all her life in the home.

Olive graduated from high school in 1926, attended Simpson College 1 year, then entered Nursing School in Creston, graduating in 1930 as an RN.

Elbert graduated from high school in 1930. He attended Simpson College then transferred to Iowa City where he considered becoming a physician. This proved not to be to his liking. He worked at various occupations, then became an employee of the First State Bank in Diagonal. Later he became president of the bank.

Dr. Watson was honored June 15, 1954 for having completed 50 years in the practice of medicine. In April 1955 he was named "Outstanding General Practitioner" in Iowa. Dr. Watson continued practice until his retirement in 1959.

Daughter Hazel died in 1947 at age 47. Wife Della died in 1956 at age 77. Dr. Elbert died in 1960 at age 84. Son Elbert M. died at age 55 in 1967, survived by his wife Alberta and 3 daughters and 3 sons.

Daughter Olive Lonnecker is still living with husband Gerald and her daughter Jorene in Creston.

Elbert Watson Family

Elbert Minor, the only son of Dr. E.J. and Della Minor Watson, was born May 18, 1912 at Knowlton and in 1918 moved with his family to Diagonal.

While studies and employment took him from

Diagonal for a few years, this was always his beloved hometown. He graduated from DHS in 1930, having been both the delight and despair of his instructors.

Following graduation, he attended Simpson College at Indianola and the Univ. of Iowa in Iowa City.

On July 8, 1939 he was united in marriage with Alberta Miller, daughter of George W. and Dixie Miller of Paragould, Ark. They made their home in Iowa, moving to Diagonal when he left to serve in the Navy in World War II.

To this union were born 6 children: Dixie (Mrs. Jack Taylor) of Diagonal; Kay (Mrs. Larry Pratt) of West Milford, NJ; Ann (Mrs. Bill Warin) of Mesa, AZ; Elbert Jay (wife Donna) of Mt. Ayr; Steven (wife Carolyn) of Scottsdale, AZ; and Mark of Scottsdale, AZ.

The family includes 10 grandchildren: Darla (Mrs. Gary Sobotka), Karen (Mrs. Shon Berry), James and Patricia Taylor; Randy (wife Kim), Rick (wife Deborah), and Rob Pratt; and Sara, Kayren, and Anna Leigh Watson; and 3 great-grandchildren Jason and Jennifer Pratt and Rachel Sobotka.

Elbert served as president of the First State Bank for 5 years having been associated with M.I. Roberts in that business for 20 years. They conducted an insurance business for the same length of time. He also operated the Diagonal Theater for a number of years.

He was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives and on the Area 14 Board of Education which operates SWCC.

His public service also included serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ringgold Co. Extension Council, as director of social welfare, and served on the Diagonal Board of Education.

He was an active member of the Diagonal Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, Lions International, and veterans' organizations.

Alberta, better known as "Grandma Bert" to many in the community was also employed at First State Bank and since 1968 as a library aide in the Diagonal Schools. She has been in charge of the concession stand at basketball games for several years.

Jay Watson Family

Elbert Jay Watson II was born Jan. 21, 1949 at Diagonal, in the home presently occupied by Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Beymer, to Elbert Minor and Geneva Alberta Miller Watson.

Donna Kaye Rychnovsky, along with her twin sister Monna Raye, was born Oct. 13, 1949 in Leon, IA to Albert Stanislav and Lena Maxine Gebhardt Rychnovsky.

Jay and Donna both started kindergarten in Diagonal and graduated from DHS in 1967. After graduation, Jay enrolled at SWCC before enlisting

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Elbert Minor Watson

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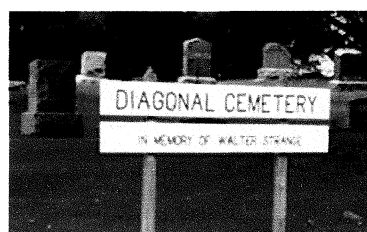
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