

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shimunek, Nancy J. Senator _____

Represented Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson and Jones Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place Dec 1947 Monticello, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business She was a member of the American, Iowa and Jones County Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion Auxiliary; Business and Professional Women

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 67th, 68th, 69th General Assemblies 1977-1978, 1979-1980,

6. Public Offices 1981-1982

A. Local _____

B. State She was a law clerk at the Iowa Supreme Court 1973-1974; assistant attorney general 1974-1975

C. National _____

7. Death _____

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents Charles Francis and Doris (Myra) Shimunek

Skinner, Mary J.

10. Education *She was educated in the Monticello, Iowa schools,
graduating from Sacred Heart High School in
Monticello*

11. Degrees *B.A. from Clarke College, 1970; J.D. from University of
Iowa, College of Law, 1973*

12. Other applicable information *Republican*
*Her father was also in the legislature in the 48th, 49th, 50th General
Assemblies 1939, 1941, 1943*

Shimunek, Nancy J.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<i>Iowa Official Register 1981-1982, p108</i>
-			<i>Monticello Iowa 1836-1986, p. 276-277</i>

to prominence as the Speaker of the House during the 12th General Assembly. He later was elected to the State Senate. In 1871, he was elected State Auditor. He served four years in that office and in 1874, he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.



Nancy Shimanek — former Republican State Representative

During the Civil War, Jones County Republicans supported their Country and were willing to fight for the human rights of the blacks. In a letter to his brother, S.S. Farwell, a large landowner from North of Monticello is quoted "... but the leading Democrats are K.G.C.'s and are quietly resisting the work. There are also indicators that they are preparing to resist the draft. A leading Republican tried to buy a revolver in Anamosa the other day, and found that they had all passed into the hands of these men. . . ." Farwell enlisted an entire company and served as its captain until he was breveted Major for gallantry in action.

The Knights of the Golden Circle (K.G.C.'s) were a secret society of men who declared the war was a failure — they wanted peace — some said they were willing to fight for the Union, but not for the "niggers." It was estimated that the K.G.C.'s numbered 40,000 men. The draft referred to in Farwell's letter was a call issued by Governor Kirkwood to fill Iowa's quota of troops.

Upon his return from the war, S.S. Farwell was elected a State Senator and later became the only resident of the county to ever be elected to the United States Congress.

Another Jones County resident elected to state office was William Holmes of Anamosa who served as State Treasurer from 1873-1877, and was one of the prominent Republicans of Iowa during the time he held state office.

During 1873, the Democrats were able to elect their ticket by a 400-300 majority largely due to the Anti-Monopoly movement in which the Republicans formed an alliance with the Democrat Party. The result was that some of the candidates on the Democrat ticket had previously been Republicans. They had been opposed by regular Republican nominees who lost.

A search of the minutes of the Board of Supervisors reveals that the canvas of the election did not record the addresses or political party of those elected.

Service by Monticello residents in the County Courthouse includes that of John Matthiessen, supervisor, in 1920, and Herman Helgens and Henry Adams who served 27 years from 1942-1969 as supervisors. Also Gene Taylor was elected and served as County Treasurer; and J.E. Heiserman, Rex Schrader, C.F. Shimanek, David Remley, and Adrian Knuth all served as County Attorney.

Residents who served in the Iowa House of Representatives included C.F. Shimanek, three terms (1939-1944) and Roy A. Miller, three terms (1962-1967). Miller served on the Claims Committee, Appropriations, Conservation & Recreation, Cities & Towns, Social Service, Law Enforcement, Roads & Highways, Steering, Elections, Political & Judicial; Aeronautics, Board of Control, Highway Safety's Motor Vehicles, Public Land & Buildings, and Public Utilities Committees. He also has served on the Aged Commission the 6th District Judicial Nominating Committee, the Advisory Committee for Governor Hughes, and nine years on the Monticello City Council. Nancy J. Shimanek also served two and one-half terms in the Iowa House (1977-1982).

J.E. Heiserman, formerly of the law firm of Doxsee, Doxsee & Heiserman, was elected to the position of District Judge of the Sixth Judicial District at age 33 and left the bench in December 1958 after 20 years of service on the bench.

C.F. Shimanek served for many years as Justice of the peace and Police Judge of Monticello.



Diana Stadtmueller

Harold Yeoman served on the Iowa Board of Education and on the Kirkwood College board; Clarence Hosford served on the Board of Dental Examiners, Elaine Smith serves on the State Judicial Nominating Committee and Marcia Gabriel serves on the Sixth Judicial Selection Commission. Sharon Kromminga serves as an elected member of the