

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Helden, Richard H. Senator _____
Represented Franklin, Hardin, and Knight Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Jul 1908 Iowa Falls, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ruth E. Huskay 2 May 1935 Webster City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business Member of Iowa Falls City Planning Commission 20 years;
In 1968 he received the Community Service Award from Iowa Falls
Chamber of Commerce.
- B. Civic responsibilities Elks; Rotary; Farm Bureau; Iowa Falls
Planning Commission
- C. Profession Contractor and civil engineer for Helden Brothers,
Inc.

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st Grand Assemblies

6. Public Offices 1967-1968; 1969-1970; 1971-1972; 1973-1974; 1975-1976; 1977-1978; 1979-1980;
1981-1982; 1983-1984; 1985-1986

- A. Local Member of Iowa Falls school board 10 years; Treasurer of the Iowa
Road Association
- B. State _____
- C. National _____

7. Death 12 Jan 1992 Iowa Falls, Iowa; buried Union Cemetery, Iowa Falls, Iowa

8. Children Jerrold; Sandra (Mrs. Petersen)

9. Names of parents William E. and Elizabeth "Bess" (Hilberson) Helden

Welden, Richard W.

10. Education Educated in the Iowa Falls schools graduating
from Iowa Falls High School in 1925

11. Degrees Attended Ellsworth College, Ellsworth, Iowa;
graduate of Iowa State University with degree in
engineering 1931

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He worked on the Alcoa Highway during World War II.
- In July 1986 the city of Iowa Falls renamed the Lewis Street
Bridges the Richard "Dick" Welden Bridges in his honor
for years of public service
- He was a member of the Iowa Falls State Bank Board of
Directors for 50 years
- Honorary member of the Associated General Contractors of Iowa; life member of
American society of Civil Engineers
- His wife, Ruth, was born 3 Dec 1910, died 18 Jan 1999, buried in
Union Cemetery, Iowa Falls, Iowa

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

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Former representative dies

Richard W. "Dick" Welden died at his Iowa Falls home Friday morning. He was 83.

A noted Iowa Falls businessman and politician from a well known Iowa Falls family, Welden was the son of William E. and Bess Welden.

He grew up in Iowa Falls and attended Iowa Falls Public School, Ellsworth College and Iowa State University. He graduated from Iowa State with a degree in engineering and was involved in his family's bridge building and construction business. Included in Welden's accomplishments was work on the Alcan Highway in Alaska.

Welden became active in public life at an early age and served on the Iowa Falls School Board for 10 years and the Iowa Falls City Planning Commission for 20 years.

He became involved in Republican Party politics and was elected as State Representative for the Iowa House in 1966 and served 20 years, retiring in 1986.

In July 1986, the city renamed the River Street Bridge the Richard "Dick" Welden Bridge in honor of his many years of public service.

Welden said his uncle Ernest was largely responsible and that the bridge should have been named after him.

In 1968, Welden received the Community Service Award from the Iowa Falls Chamber of Commerce and Jaycees.

Funeral services for Richard "Dick" Welden are pending at Surls Funeral Home.



Dick Welden

Passer resigns at ECC

Ellsworth Community College Dean of Instruction, Dr. Gary Passer, has resigned his position at the school to accept the job as Academic Vice President of Instructional Service at Northland Pioneer Community College, which has campuses in Winslow, Holbrook, Snowflake and Show Low, Arizona.

Passer had just recently received his doctorate degree.

As a result of Dr. Passer's resignation, Iowa Valley Community College District Board member Jayne Hager Dee of State Center requested that his



Gary Passer

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R.W. "Dick" Welden

July 11, 1908-June 12, 1992

R.W. "Dick" Welden, 83, of Iowa Falls, a noted Iowa Falls businessman and politician, died Friday, June 12, 1992 at his home in Iowa Falls. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 1992 at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls with Rev. Dr. Mark A. Lieder presiding. Interment was held at Union Cemetery, Iowa Falls.

Mr. Welden was born July 11, 1908 at Iowa Falls, the son of William E. and Bess E. Wilkinson Welden. He was a 1925 graduate of Iowa Falls High School and graduated in 1931 from Iowa State University. On May 2, 1935 he and Ruth Wulkau were united in marriage at Webster City. He was a contractor and civil engineer for Welden Brothers, Inc., and also worked on the Alcan Highway in 1943 during World War II. Mr. Welden was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Iowa Falls, a member of Acacia Fraternity at Iowa State University, Republican Party of Iowa, Iowa Falls State Bank Board of Directors for 50 years, Rotary International for 50 years, charter member of the Elks Lodge No. 1674 of Iowa Falls, honorary member and past president of the Associated General Contractors of Iowa, member and past president of the Iowa Falls School Board, Board of Directors of the Iowa Falls Historical Society, Ducks Unlimited, and Off the Record Club.

Mr. Welden also was a member of the Iowa State Alumni Assoc., a member of the Iowa Legislature for 20 years retiring in 1986, a member and longtime treasurer of the Iowa Good Road Assoc., a longtime board member of the Iowa Falls Federal Savings and Loan, served on the Iowa Falls City Planning Commission for 20 years and received the Iowa Falls Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award.

In July 1986, the city of Iowa Falls renamed the River Street Bridge the Richard (Dick) Welden Bridge in honor of his many years of public service.

Surviving is his wife, Ruth Welden of Iowa Falls; a son, Jerrold Welden of Iowa Falls; a daughter, Sandra Petersen of Iowa Falls; 12 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; a brother, R.G. "Bob" Welden of Iowa Falls; and two sisters, Janet Blum of Pequot Lakes, Minn., and Rosemary Whitely of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents, and an infant grandson.

A memorial fund has been established. Surls Funeral Home of Iowa Falls was in charge of the arrangements.

Hospital Notes

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1910, while a senior at Iowa State University; they were both ambitious and talented and studied very hard; Elmo R., who has resided at Newark, New Jersey, for the past ten years, is superintendent of the power department of the General Electric Company, the third largest corporation in the United States; he is a graduate of the Iowa State University and a young man of rare ability in his chosen line of work. Ora E. Scales married O. E. Winter and they reside at Ackley; Alfred J. is editor of the *Inter-County Journal* at Ackley; Margery was graduated from the Ackley high school in 1910 and is at home with her parents. Mr. Scales has given his children every educational advantage, sending four of them to the university, three having attended at the same time. He has been very successful in a business way and is the owner of two farms, one in Wright county and the other in Hardin county; they are both well improved and well cultivated and are very desirable and valuable properties.

Mr. and Mrs. Scales are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. For the past thirty-six years Mr. Scales has been the attorney at Ackley for the Illinois Central railroad and he has been the local attorney for the Iowa Central railroad for the past thirty-three years, rendering each very faithful and efficient service. He is the oldest attorney in point of service that the Illinois Central has in Iowa. He has tried many cases that have attracted widespread attention. He is one of the leading citizens of Hardin county and is widely known, but is unassuming, generous and charitable, having often assisted those whom misfortune had overtaken. He has always been popular with children and young people. He has been prominent in many lines. He was a delegate to the national grand lodge of Knights of Honor at Boston. He was one of the invited guests at Chicago at the unveiling of Grant's monument. He is a very entertaining conversationalist, especially in recalling reminiscences of the early days. When a boy he was at Grant's home at Galena, Illinois, and frequently saw him there and he recalls many interesting incidents about him. He also saw other eminent men there, such as Lincoln, Washburn and many others of national repute.

WILLIAM ELY WELDEN.

It cannot be other than interesting to note in the series of personal sketches appearing in this work the varying conditions that have compassed those whose careers are outlined, and the effort has been made in each case to

throw well focused light onto the individual and to bring into proper perspective the scheme of each respective career. Each man who strives to fulfill his part in connection with human life and human activities is deserving of recognition, whatever may be his field of endeavor, and it is the function of works of this nature to perpetuate for future generations an authentic record concerning those represented in its pages, and the value of such publications is certain to be cumulative for all time to come, showing forth the individual and specific accomplishments of which generic history is ever engendered. One of Hardin county's deserving young men is the able yet unassuming postmaster at Iowa Falls, William Ely Welden, whose birth occurred in this city on July 3, 1883. He is the son of S. H. and Mary (Ely) Welden, one of the highly respected early families of this locality.

The subject grew to maturity at Iowa Falls and attended school here, passing through the public schools and then took a course at Ellsworth College. In 1902 he became a clerk in the postoffice at Iowa Falls, in which position he remained until February 22, 1911, when he was appointed postmaster of the local office, which position he now holds, the duties of which he is well qualified to discharge owing to his long service in the office as clerk.

Mr. Welden's parents came here about the close of the Civil war, the father of the subject having been brought here by his parents from Wisconsin, and here S. H. Welden has remained ever since, being now engaged in the bottling business. Fraternally, William E. Welden is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On August 5, 1907, occurred the marriage of Mr. Welden and Beth Wilkinson, the daughter of D. K. and Elizabeth Wilkinson. Her parents came to Hardin county from Vermont in an early day, locating six miles east of Iowa Falls among the first settlers and there they became well established. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Welden has been blessed by the birth of two children, Richard and Robert.

JOHN RATH.

Our nation owes much of its progressiveness to the infusion of the Germanic element amongst its population, for in all walks of life they have been found efficient, energetic and patient, enduring with fortitude the hardships of pioneer life and doing their full share in the work of pushing forward the wheels of progress wherever they have located. There is scarcely

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Written by the People of Hardin County
and Compiled by the Hardin County
Historical Society

We moved to Eldora in 1974 into my folks' house. We have a camper and travel quite often covering most of the United States and the southern section of Canada.

Henry Wehrman Family

An Act of Congress, April 24th, 1820, entitled, "An act making further provisions for the sale of public lands" was an act that provided the opportunity of buying lands for private use instead of having to homestead them. Henry Wehrman walked to Fort Des Moines, Iowa to buy 80 acres of land on April 14, 1855, for the sum of \$1.25 an acre. On October 1, 1855, he was given the patent signed by Franklin Pierce, for the ground, then in township 87. This place is now known to be Pleasant Township, located at Roughwoods Hill.

Upon the death of Lena, (Henry's wife) in 1922, Willis, the oldest son, bought his brother and sister's share of the estate. From that time on, this ground has been handed down from generation to generation. From Willis, to his daughter, Mrs. Pearl (Henry) Holthuis, and to her daughter, Mrs. Frances (Harold) Williams, who still holds the original patent.

The house that is there now, was thought to be the first frame built house in the county. The sawed lumber was brought by team and wagon fromavenport, Iowa. The basement walls are still the original stone, the hand hewn walnut beams still support the house and the walnut stairs and banister still remain in the house. However, through the years, much remodeling has been done to preserve the house and outside buildings.

In July 1874, Henry and Lena bought 80 acres of them with farm land adjoining the original farm from Jesse and Caroline Newcomer for a sum of \$1100. Here Willis Wehrmans' family resided for many years. Included in this family were Neil (who never married), Mary, (Mrs. Walt Campbell), and Carl, (Mrs. Henry Holthuis). In 1918, a cyclone completely demolished the farm and all the buildings had to be completely rebuilt. Following the death of Willis in 1929, Neil lived there until his death in 1955. The farm was then sold to Paul Wente.

The Wehrmans were active in helping build the Roughwoods Church and Cemetery. The grounds were donated by Mac Satchell. Here the Wehrmans went to church and also attended the Roughwoods school that they helped build.

Even though work on the farm was hard during the day, Neil, Mary, and Pearl were all known for their musical talent which they displayed in the evenings. The three of them played different instruments and were known for the music they played for special occasions and barn dances locally and in the surrounding communities.

Children of Mary (Wehrman) Campbell are: daughter, Mrs. Dorothy (Everett) Gehrke, Grandson, Walter Howard. Son, Dale Campbell, Granddaughter, Ann, Grandson, Drew. Great Granddaughter, Katie Campbell.

Children of Pearl (Wehrman) Holthuis are: daughter, Mrs. Frances (Harold) Williams, Grandson, Dana Ramundt. Great-Grandson, Benjamin Ramundt.

Henry Weichman Sr.

Henry Weichman, Sr. and his wife, Maria were grandparents and my father was their younger son, Frederick, who came to the Hubbard area in 1861. Grandfather bought the land on the west edge of what is now Hubbard for \$4.00 per acre for the settlement. Those who bought prairie land and on it were given 15 acres of timber. It was required that it remain in timber and not be cleared. It was used for building and fence posts.

My grandparents and my father came to the area in 1860 on a sailing ship. They were on board the ship for 40 days.

They were given bread and coffee, prepared by the ship cook. They brought with them 1 lb smoked meats, sausage, dried fruit and tea. Water was carried in casks and they were allowed to drink it unless boiled. Some ships did not have this rule and typhoid broke out.

My father brought cuttings of fruit trees which he grafted on some wild plum roots when they



Henry and Marie Weichman, Sr.

arrived in Wisconsin. He also started an orchard on the land in Hardin County. I remember the cherry, plum and apple trees. The apples were a variety I've not seen or eaten since.

An older son, Henry, and older sisters came earlier and settled in Wisconsin where the parents and my father went on their arrival. Land was bought between what is now Boscobel and Fennimore. Buildings were put up of native oak. The large barn and house are still in use.

My grandparents moved to Hardin County and broke prairie ground. My father cut trees and hauled the lap to a saw mill at Iowa Falls. He left before daylight with a load of logs, and back the next night with a load of lumber. All the buildings were of oak and all burned after Father sold them.

Grandfather gave land to the railroad for right-of-way. They went through the middle of the cropland so there were six railroad gates to open and close. These gates must be kept closed at all times.

My father helped build the first Evangelical Church, also organized the creamery in Hubbard. Previously Mother had churned and packed butter in wooden tubs which were shipped to Chicago via railroad. After the creamery was built fresh milk had to be taken in early. It was separated at the creamery. Later farmers had small separators and just delivered cream, took buttermilk (free) home to feed hogs.

I went to school part of first year in the old wood school. There was a large grove behind the school.

After my grandparents' death, my father sold the land because it was cut by by railroad and bought land in Dickenson County in March of 1902.

There are many descendants of Weichman grandparents around Hubbard. Uncle Will Kuhlman gave the land for the cemetery northeast of Hubbard where my grandparents are buried. My sister, Dora, and I are the only ones left of our family. *by Christine (Weichman) Arnold*

Levi Welden

In the early 1800's, John Welden married Mary Taylor in upper New York state near Lake Champlain. Records of the Weldens in early days have been found but no real connection to this family. The 1790 census showed a William Welden family in New York City and a Francis Welden in New Palztown — both names used in Levi's family.

John and Mary had Edmond, Levi, Sidney, John, Annie, Nellie and Sally. Levi was born Aug. 6, 1817. He and his brother Edmond, moved westward and Levi married Julia Payne at Grand Ireton, Ill. on Nov. 6, 1830. Julia was born Jan. 28, 1821, probably in Vermont as her mother Angelina Claussen came from there.

Levi didn't stay long in one place — he guided wagon trains, made 2 trips to California gold rush, but found no fortune. Too old to enlist in the Civil War, he recruited 2 companies and went along as did sons Francis and William.

In 1865 he loaded his wife, brother Edmund and children William, Francis, Mary, Ella Dora, Samuel Halbert, and Isabelle and started for Colorado. At Ackley, Iowa, one horse died, they hitched up the cow, but the other horse died at Iowa Falls — and that is why you find a lot of Weldens in this town.

Francis was killed while helping his father build an engine house in Charles City. His only son's wife and child died.

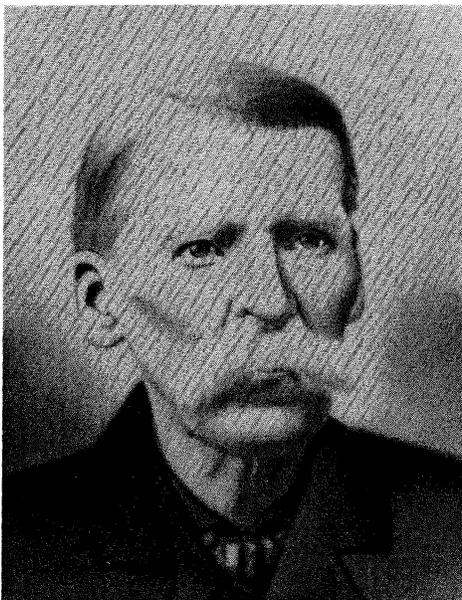
Mary married Bill Kasch and moved west, Ella and Isabelle married the McDowell brothers and their children moved elsewhere.

William, who lived until manhood with his grandmother Angelina, became a very successful Iowa Falls merchant, postmaster and member of state legislature. He had John and Minnie. John married Lou Olmstead and had Faith of Dows, Neil, whose son John and family live here as do Katherine and John, Jr. Minnie married Edward Sanders.

Samuel Halbert married Mary Ann (Molly) Ely daughter of James and Sarah Downey Ely. They had Alice, William, Frank, Ernest, Fred, Isador, Lewis and Doris. Doris, who married Lindley Sawyer lives in Chicago.

Levi built many railroad depots and buildings and bridges throughout Iowa and even in Texas and Colorado. A number of his grandsons have been engineers and Welden Brothers through several generations have continued to build bridges.

Levi died May 28, 1887 and his wife preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 1882. *Mrs. Arthur Westbury*



Levi Welden.

Samuel H. Welden

Samuel Halbert, 'Hab' Welden was born March 27, 1857 in Muscoda, Wis. In 1880 he married Mary Ann 'Molly' Ely, daughter of James and Sarah Downey Ely. The Elys had come to Iowa Falls a few years before from Utica, New York where they had lived along the Erie Canal. Sarah and her mother and sisters and brothers came from Londonderry, Ireland in a sailing ship that took two months when adverse winds blew them back. James was the seventh son of an English brewer.

Hab helped in brother Billie's store and ran the Northwestern Bottling works for many years. His daughters Alice and Isador died as young women; Doris lives in Chicago with her husband Lindley Sawyer.

William Welden married Elizabeth Wilkinson and their children were Richard, Robert, Rosemary (Whitely) and Janet (Blum).

Frank married Aura Roberts and children are Dorothy (Westbury) and Sheila, (Hagman). After Aura's death he married Bessie Culbertson who survives him.

Ernest married Helen Parmalee, children are Molly (Alcorn), David and Ann (Barker).

Fred a Navy career man, married Edith Langworthy of Dubuque.

Lewis Levi married Iva Mae Shively, children Betty (Goodyear) and William.

The original Welden Brothers were Ernest, Lewis and William, later Richard and Robert. Today Robert's son Draney, is an engineer and Richard's son Jerry manages sand gravel and cement business.

Ernie's son David is connected with Pre-Stressed and Iowa Falls Machine works.

Frank and Lewis had the car Nash dealership for some years and Hab Welden introduced the first Yellow cabs to Iowa Falls. Lewie was postmaster later and Frank manager of Iowa Falls Sand and Gravel until he retired in his 80's.

Richard Welden sold his interest in Welden Brothers when he was elected to the legislature to prevent a conflict of interest. He is serving his seventh term.

Molly died in 1919 and Hab in 1933.

Though Weldens still wander, many call Iowa Falls home base. Most any day you can find a couple dozen bearing the name. *by Mrs. Arthur Westbury*

Ernest Westbury

Ernest Westbury was born at Leland, Iowa, near Forest City on June 9, 1882 but grew up in Waterville, Minn. where his father was a cabinet maker and foreman in a furniture factory. An orphan at 7 he was on his own by 17.

While in charge of a shoe store in Sauk Center, Minn. he married Josephine Scherffius, daughter of William and Augusta Burow Scherffius. She was born Dec. 12, 1877. Son Edgar was born Jan. 15, 1905 in Sauk Center and Arthur Ernest in Yankton, S.D. on Sept. 13, 1906.

In 1907 he purchased a small shoe store on the West side of the Met Theater building in Iowa Falls. In 1919 he moved across the street to the building now housing the Bootery. His shoe repairman, Ottmar Larkin, refused to use the machinery he installed for shoe repair — he was strictly a hand made shoeman.

Arthur was a partner in the store and for several years Edgar and his father had shoe stores at Charles City and Cresco.

Edgar married Edna Vorhes in 1928. Their daughter Elinor is Mrs. Douglas Koepcke and lives in Madison, Wis. Edgar also lives there.

Arthur married Dorothy Welden on June 14, 1927. They have 3 daughters, Sheila (Mrs. James Goeltz), Josephine and Dorothy, Mrs. Marvin Carpenter.

After the store was sold in 1951, Arthur worked for many years at the Ford garage and is now retired. Dorothy is part time executive secretary for North Hardin Red Cross.

The Westburys were active in local affairs — both were 50 year members of Eastern Star and White Shrine, and Ernest a 50 year Mason — both held many offices in the organizations. Ernest was Chamber of Commerce president, charter member of Rotary and was active member of Building and Loan board from its formation until a few years before his death at 96. He also served actively on the Park board for 25 years and raised and planted trees in the park. In 1939 he was one of 7 Iowa businessmen invited to Washington to confer on business problems by President Roosevelt — he was a Republican.

After his retirement he and his wife did more gardening and attended rose shows where he won many prizes for his roses. He also made and repaired furniture — biggest project a birch dining room table, console and chairs. Josephine belonged to PEO, Etude, Garden club and Progress club. She died Oct. 25, 1964. *by Mrs. Arthur Westbury*

Rollin Wheeler

The history of the Wheeler family goes back to England. In 1640, Thomas Wheeler settled at Milford, Connecticut. His name is on one of the six stones lined up along a street in that city.

History states that the mother of Peter Wheeler escaped through a cornfield after an Indian attack. A son Peter was born in Boston later and then reported to have been killed at the Battle of Wyoming in Pennsylvania.

Rollin Wheeler came to Iowa with his wife in 1883 and settled on the farm now owned by the Jerold Lawlers north of Eldora. They had six children, one of whom was Morris, my grandfather, who with his wife Rachael had eight children: Oscar, who lived at Iowa Falls; Louis, in the west; Maude, Mrs. Frank Norris of northern Iowa; Leona, Mrs.



Herb Doyle and wife Lucia.

Howard Modlin of Eldora; Lucia, Mrs. Herbert Doyle of near Steamboat Rock; Henry, a former mail carrier and postmaster at Eldora; Anna, Mrs. Ray Freed of Reinbeck; and Laura, Mrs. Ralph Brightwell, a former teacher at the Boys' Training School. Lucia was my mother and there was a close relationship in the Wheeler family with reunions and Christmases.

The five Wheeler girls taught rural schools in Hardin County at Mineral Point, Hickory Grove, Poseyville, Cottage, and Lincoln.

Rollin Wheeler, my grandfather's brother, married Etta Voiles; the daughter of Charles Voiles and Julia Milslagel. Charles was stabbed and killed by a Rainsbarger in a brawl in a tavern believed to have stood where the present library stands in Steamboat Rock.

In my recollection of country school teachers, Chrissie Sharpshair stands out. At Hughes school I recall how she managed the boys caught smoking in the privy. One boy chose a good licking in front of the school while the others chose to lose recesses. I rode a Shetland pony to Hughes school from the home west of Steamboat Rock where Arnie Luiken now lives, and then removed the bridle to let the horse return to her colt.

Two years at Fairfax school west of the County Home on a knoll across from the present home of John King, I learned to know the Allens, Downs, Cables, Kings, Crossers, Setchells, and Barz families. In winter, riding down hill on sleds was quite a ride. We slid to the next corner and couldn't leave after a certain time so as not to be late.

Just east of the schoolhouse lived the Roy Klemmes. Many evenings were enjoyed listening to my mother at the piano and Roy on the violin.

In 1928, we pupils of Steamboat Rock, marched to the new schoolhouse from different places in town where school had been held in the fall. It was quite a building. I began teaching junior high at the same building in 1953, after teaching in rural schools at Cleves, Leverton, and East Clay #7.

I am proud to have been a part of the Steamboat Rock School; history of Steamboat Rock, and Hardin County. *by Lucille Doyle Pierson*

Carrol White

Carrol grew up in Wright County and the son of Lewis and Sadie White. One sister Betty. He attended country schools near Galt and Clarion and graduated from the Clarion High School. He drove a truck and worked for the elevator.

World War II was declared and Carrol was one of the first to be drafted and to leave for service. Spent 3½ years with 2½ years overseas in Europe. After being discharged after the end of the War he went into farming with his dad. His parents were of French and Irish background.

In 1950 Carrol and I were introduced and in February 1952 we were married. We started farming on the same farm that my grandfather once

owned, my uncle, and my folks also lived on it, but now was bought by Neal Petty.

We had dairy cows, hogs, sheep, and chickens and with the crops were kept busy. Carrol was beginning to get involved with community affairs including the A.S.C. We took very few trips for it was hard to get anyone to do chores. We loved sports and fishing.

We attended the Ellis Methodist Church and later became members of the First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls.

In 1963 we moved about a mile to W.W. Johnson's farm after the sale of the farm we were on. Carrol became a member of the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation and served for 10 years, and was chairman of the county for six years.

Then in the fall of 1970 Carrol became ill and in September 1961 the end came. He had many friends and is still missed very much. He belonged to the Methodist Men, Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge, El Kahir Shrine, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hyman-Peavey American Legion Post and a member of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association.

In October 1971 I had a farm sale and moved to a home in Iowa Falls in December. My sister Helen who made her home with my folks and Carrol and I is now living with me. There are many fond memories that will never be forgotten. *by Jeanette White*



Carrol and Jeanette White.

Elwood White

An 8 year old orphan boy, George White, migrated from North Carolina to Indiana with a Quaker family by the name of Jessup. These gentle people were very anti-slavery and so distressed when a slave child was beaten to death by the owner, that they left the south.

After George White grew to manhood and married Mary Owen they moved to Iowa where they raised their family in the Bangor neighborhood in Marshall County. Their son, Abner, as a young man, homesteaded for a few years on the prairie near Highmore, South Dakota and met Elizabeth McDougalt, a Canadian miss who was visiting her sister in Dakota. They were married and eventually became parents of Arthur and Anna. Because of difficult living conditions they moved to Iowa and Abner studied for the ministry. As a Quaker minister he served several pastorates in Iowa including Bangor, but also worked at farm work during the week to support a growing family which included Elwood, Mary, Gertrude, and Wellington.

It was said of Abner that he preached religion on Sunday and lived it the other six days of the week.

ALL 48 CEMETERIES IN HARDIN CO., IOWA

Burial records from 1850's to mid-1999

Published by Madeline Mason

1. Alden Township
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4. St. Mark (Catholic)
5. Friends
6. Northlawn Memory Gardens
7. Hazel Green
8. Buckeye
9. Bahr
10. Lincoln or Riley
11. Cottage
12. Oakwood
13. Kidwiler
14. Jackson Township or Berlin
15. Donner
16. Hardin County Home
17. Steamboat Rock
18. Radcliffe
19. Sherman Township
20. Tipton Norwegian Lutheran
21. Hubbard
22. Boylan
23. Tipton Grove or Kuhlman
24. Rough Woods
25. Point Pleasant or Prairie Lea
26. Pleasant Chapel or Duke
27. Eldora Training School
28. Calvary or St. Mary's (Catholic)
29. Eldora
30. Ellsworth or Bailey
31. East Lawn Memory Gardens
32. Buckner
33. Xenia or Secor
34. Zion Lutheran
35. Concord Township
36. Stavanger Norwegian
37. Idaho or Grant Center
38. Highland or Pickering
39. New Providence
40. Hadley or Haman's Horn
41. Honey Creek
42. Chester
43. Sheppard
44. Francisco or Betts
45. Miller or Southwest Union
46. Union (at Union)
47. Hauser
48. Whitney or Haggin

Proctor, Charles L. (Lambert)	1.A. L36 s8	17Jan1865-28Aug1949	Martin, H.	Beloved husband of Addie Martin (cremation, ssAddie M. Proctor)
Proctor, Addie M.	1.A. L36 s9	30Aug1870-18Aug1955	Martin, H.	Beloved wife of Charles Proctor (ssCharles L. Proctor)
Martin, Emily A.	1.A. L36 s10	3Dec 1829-1Mar 1896	Martin, H.	Wife of H. C. Martin (ssHarvey C.)
Martin, Harvey C.	1.A. L36 s11	26Oct 1822-22Oct 1872	Martin, H.	(ss Emily A. Martin)
Evans, Daniel	1.A. L37 s1	d 29Mar 1900, 72y	Evans, Daniel	Father
(Evans, A.? Mrs. Daniel?)	1.A. L37 s2	no dates	Evans, Daniel	Mother
Evans, Hannah A.	1.A. L37 s2	d16Oct 1860, 7y6m24d	Evans, Daniel	Dau of D&A Evans (ssMary Evans)
EVANS	1.A. L37 s3		Evans, Daniel	MONUMENT
Edwards, Mary L. Evans	1.A. L37 s4	d9Jul1888, 28y, 7m, 19d	Evans, Daniel	Wife of E. E. Edwards
Ellison, Zelma	1.A. L37 s5	1890-19__ (no d. date)	Ellison, Zelma & Alvin	(ss Alvin J. Ellison, cremation)
Ellison, Alvin J.	1.A. L37 s7	1888-14Oct 1938	Ellison, Alvin & Zelma	WWI IA Pvt Med Dpt (ssZelma Ellison)
(Unknown)	1.A. L37 s8	no dates	(ditto)	(no marker)
Row 21 Haven St.				
(Straatsma, Sylvia)	1.A. L12B s1	no dates	Straatsma, Sylvia	(NOT A BURIAL)
(Straatsma, Stanley)	1.A. L12B s1	no dates	Straatsma, Sylvia	(cremation, buried elsewhere)
(Straatsma, Steven)	1.A. L12B s2	no dates	Straatsma, Sylvia	(NOT A BURIAL)
(Straatsma, Timothy)	1.A. L12B s2	no dates	Straatsma, Sylvia	(NOT A BURIAL)
Carlson, Virginia M.	1.A. L13B s1	1Apr 1933-	Carlson, Dean & Virginia	(NOT A BURIAL, ssDean T. Carlson)
Carlson, Dean T. (Terrill)	1.A. L 13B s2	30Jan1932-17Sep1996	Carlson, Dean & Virginia	Parents of Diane & Steve (ssVirginia M. Carlson)
Harper, Ann B.	1.A. L13B s3	19May 1926-	Harper, Al & Ann	(NOT A BURIAL, ssAlbert S. Harper) Parents of James, William, Robert
Harper, Albert S., DDS	1.A. L13B s3	20Oct 1920-	Harper, Al & Ann	(NOT A BURIAL, ssAnn B. Harper)
Welden, Ruth E.	1.A. L13B s9	3Dec 1910-	Welden, R. W. & Ruth	(NOT A BURIAL)
Welden, R. (Richard) W. "Dick"	1.A. L13B s10	11Jul 1908-12Jun 1992	Welden, R. W. & Ruth	
Welden, Eleanor C.	1.A. L36B s1	1911-(1Mar)1969	Welden, Robert & Eleanor	(ssRobert G. Welden)
Welden, Robert G.	1.A. L36B s2	1910-(20Apr)1995	(ditto)	(ssEleanor C. Welden)
(Mensing, Janene)	1.A. L36B s7,8	no dates	Mensing	(NOT A BURIAL, lots only)
(Mensing, Verlyn)	1.A. L37B s1-4	no dates	Mensing	(NOT A BURIAL, lots only)
Row 22				
COURTNEY	O.P. LA s3,4		Courtney, William H.	MONUMENT
Courtney, Alonzo C.	O.P. LA s5	8Feb 1877-3Jul 1880	Courtney, William H.	
Courtney, Carrie E.	O.P. LA s6	16Apr 1868-9Dec 1869	Courtney, William H.	
McCullough, Clifford A.	O.P. LD s1	16Mar 1892-8Sep1962	McCullough, Fred	Son of FE&FW McCullough
McCullough, Jeanette L.	O.P. LD s2	24Sep1887-12Apr1972	McCullough, Fred	Wife of C. A. McCullough
Diamond, Jeanette P.	O.P. LD s3	12Jan 1857-18Apr1927	McCullough, Fred	Wife of John Diamond
McCULLOUGH	O.P. LD s4,5		McCullough, Fred	MONUMENT
McCullough, Fred W.	O.P. LD s6	12Mar 1857-5May 1936	McCullough, Fred	
McCullough, Frances E.	O.P. LD s7	24Apr 1855-4Aug 1923	McCullough, Fred	Wife of F. W. McCullough
McCullough, Roy T.	O.P. LD s8	4May 1883-5Jan 1909	McCullough, Fred	Son of FW&FE McCullough
Welden, William Ely	O.P. L 04 s1	1883-(6Mar)1942	Welden, William Ely & E. E.	(ssBess E. Welden)
Welden, Bess E.	O.P. L 04 s2	1884-(7Oct)1972	(ditto)	(ss William Ely Welden)
Welden, Helen	O.P. L 04 s3	1885-(28Aug)1979	(ditto)	(ssErnest Welden)
Welden, Ernest (E.)	O.P. L 04 s4	1886-1969	(ditto)	(ss Helen Welden), (WWI)
Row 23				
Courtney, William H.	O.P. LA s11	18Apr1840-18Jan1912	Courtney, William H.	
Courtney, Elizabeth	O.P. LA s12	5Nov 1840-5Jan 1914	Courtney, William H.	
Courtney, George A.	O.P. LA s13	10May1873-22Jul 1936	Courtney, William H.	
Courtney, Anna Rachel	O.P. LA s15	26Sep1870-14May1905	Courtney, William H.	Wife of Edwin L. Wood
Courtney, William B.	O.P. LA s16	14Sep 1866-5Apr 1890	Courtney, William H.	
Christner, Orvie Godfrey	O.P. LA s17	25Jul1911-28Sep1995	Christner, Meno, Mrs.	
Christner, Meno	O.P. LA s18	14Aug 1874-2May 1941	Christner, Meno	(ssEvalina Christner)
Christner, Evalina (Eva, Mrs. Menno Christner)	O.P. LA s19	24Dec 1883-3Feb 1962	Christner, Meno	(ss Meno Christner)
Houck, Edwin C.	O.P. LD s10	1883-1939	Houck, Ed C.	(ssMayme M. Houck)
Houck, Mayme M.	O.P. LD s11	1893-(21Mar)1987	Houck, Ed C.	Eastern Star, (ssEdwin C. Houck)
Oswood, Nettie L.	O.P. LD s12	1897-1938	Oswood, C. J.	(ssCecil I. Oswood)
Oswood, Cecil I.	O.P. LD s13	1896-(4Sep)1993	Oswood, C. J.	WWI, (ssNettie L. Oswood)
Gardner, John	O.P. LD s14	8Dec 1811-3Apr 1892	Gardner, John	At Rest

Dick Welden - simple lessor

In each generation there is but a handful of people who are examples of the best their time and place had to offer. Dick Welden was one of those people.

When you reflect on the life of a man of Dick's stature you might expect the lessons of living he left behind would be complex and difficult to understand. But the lessons of Dick Welden's life are remarkable for their simplicity.

Dick was a builder, a historian, a conservationist and a statesman.

He had a strong sense of history and was dedicated to preserving it. As a builder, he constructed much of the physical infrastructure of the county. As a politician, he defined much of the political infrastructure of the county.

He was a man of considerable power and influence at the state and local level. His real strength came because he did not seek that power and influence for its own sake, but rather for what it could accomplish. Those motivations made his stature so much greater.

It was not difficult to predict how Dick would feel about something or how he would react to a situation because he articulated and lived a set of values that were consistent, well thought out.

Though a strong partisan Republican, he had his

own political camp. Members of his own party could not be certain of being welcome at his campfire if they strayed too far from his philosophical course.

The day he died his strong opinions were featured in *The Des Moines Register* taking Democrats and Republicans to task equally for lack of political backbone. As strong a partisan as he was, party took a back seat to doing what he thought was right.

On the other hand, political opposites were welcome around Welden's personal campfire and treated with friendship and respect if they displayed the same dedication to their own values as Dick did to his.

That is a quality sadly lacking in today's political arena.

Welden won and lost political battles in his lifetime and enjoyed each one of them because he was not fighting for the political glory of winning, but for what he thought was right. Even when on the short end of the tally, he practiced his trade with dignity, pride and distinction. As the state remained mired in one of its worst ever fiscal crises on the day of his death, we could have forgiven him a smug little, "I told you so."

When Grantland Rice wrote about Notre Dame football and so much more, he could have been talking about Dick

"When the One Great Scorer comes to write against

Branstad uses item veto axe to resist bureaucratic change

By Harrison Weber

(INA) - Three elected state officials - treasurer, auditor and secretary of state - will continue to office in the State Capitol.

Legislators wanted to move them out so they could use the offices themselves and for the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and Legislative Service Bureau.

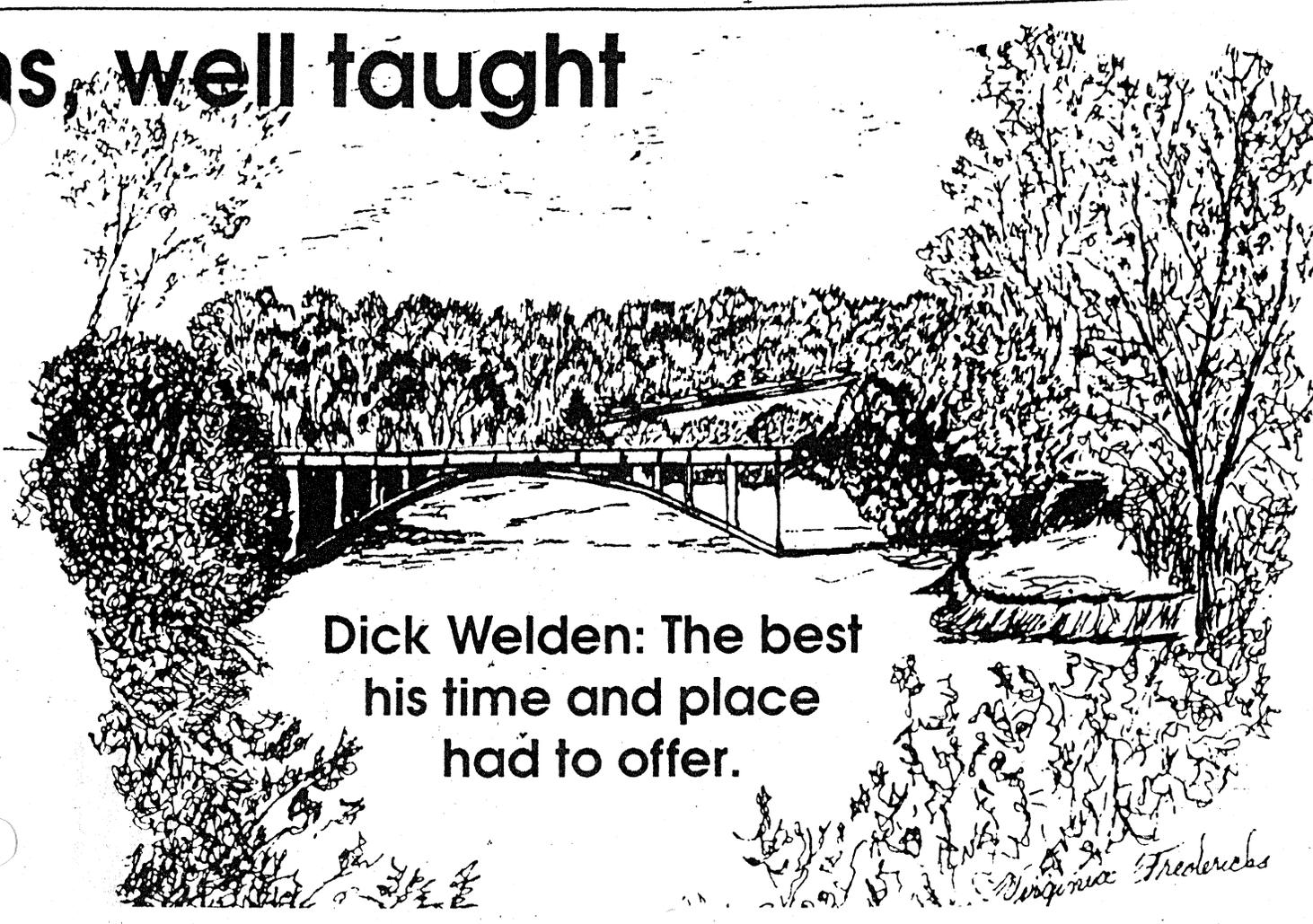
But Gov. Branstad item-vetoed that section out of an appropriation bill.

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald said it would have cost at \$1 million to move the three offices from the

general, to perform and supervise the legal work of the Board of Regents. The governor pointed out that the board retains legal counsel as needed "and it is not necessary to direct the attorney general to assign staff to the board for this purpose."

•Cultural Affairs. These sections called for the administrators of the Historical Division and the Arts Division be appointed by the State Historical Society Board of Trustees and the Arts Council, respectively. Under current law, these administrators are appointed by the Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs. Branstad said the director should retain the authority to appoint these administrators

ns, well taught



Dick Welden: The best
his time and place
had to offer.

Burgess Fredericks

your name—

He marks — not that you won or lost — but how you played the game.”

Dick played the game as few others in this time and place. He should rest well.

Iowa's own Pulitzer Prize

A THOUSAND ACRES by Jane Smiley. Knopf, \$23.000.

The state of Iowa should take pride that an author of Jane Smiley's stature lives and works here; she also teaches at Iowa State University. Enthusiastic praise was widespread among critics and the reading public for her previous books, *THE AGE OF GRIEF*, *THE GREENLANDERS*, *ORDINARY LOVE AND GOOD WILL*. This new novel, a main selection of the Book-Of-The-Month Club, is a spellbinding saga of a wealthy farmer with three daughters that has been called "a scalding 20th century version" of *SOUND AND FURY*. It is as powerful and as readable as that classic.

farm is only the first of a serious of dynamic events and revelations that eventually destroy the world of the characters.

This story offers the emotional catharsis of classical tragedy. It is a splendid and extraordinary novel.

Reviewed by Mary Ann Riley

JOHN WAYNE, MY FATHER, by Aissa Wayne. Random House, \$20.00.

Most Iowans know that John Wayne was born Marion Michael Morrison, in Winterset. The year was 1907. His father, Clyde, was a druggist and

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