

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

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Name of Representative ^{Sgt.} Lyness, William Sanford Senator _____

Represented Bremer County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Aug 1893 Plainfield, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mathie E. Nicols

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of American Society of Agricultural Engineers;
Iowa Engineering Society; American Pottery Association

B. Civic responsibilities Maroon; Grained; Eastern Stars; Rotary;
American Legion

C. Profession Drainage engineer and consultant with Mason City Brick
and Tile Company 30 years; bank director of Farmers State Bank, Plainfield, Iowa;
farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served _____

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

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7. Death 30 April 1963 Willow Lawn Cemetery,
Plainfield, Bremer County,

8. Children Jean; Mary (Mrs. McDonald) Iowa

9. Names of parents James Jay and Jennie (Vasseller) Lyness

Lynes, William Sanford

10. Education *He was a graduate of Plainfield, Iowa High School;
attended Cedar Valley Seminary, Osage, Iowa*

11. Degrees *He attended Northburg College, Northburg, Iowa and the
Engineering College at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa*

12. Other applicable information

- *He was a brother of Senator James Kendall Lynes.*
- *He was one of Plainfield, Iowa first rural letter carrier 1908-1911
between his high school and college years.*
- *Military service - World War I - served in France in a railroad
unit of the Transportation Corps (Iowa 16 Co. Transportation
Corps).*

Speaker of the House



LYNES, W. S., Waverly

Bremer County

Republican

Born at Plainfield, Iowa, in 1895, son of J. J. and Jennie (Vosseller) Lynes. Wife, Mattie E. Lynes. Two daughters and three granddaughters. Registered drainage engineer and consultant with Mason City Brick and Tile Company for thirty years. Bank director and farm operator. Member American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Iowa Engineering Society, Masonic bodies, Shrine and Eastern Star, Rotary, American Legion, life member American Poultry Association, member engineering party of three consulting engineers employed by Elre Republic in 1951. Fourth term in House, Speaker in Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth General Assemblies.



J. Kendall "Buster" Lynes



William S. "Bill" Lynes

A Tribute to two Brother Legislators from Bremer County

William S. "Bill" Lynes and J. Kendall "Buster" Lynes are the only two brothers in the history of Iowa to serve in the state legislature from the same county at the same time. They were the sons of J.J. and Jennie Lynes, of rural Plainfield.

Bill Lynes was born in 1893, Buster 10 years later. Both graduated from Plainfield High School and attended Cedar Valley Seminary, at Osage, Iowa. Bill also attended Wartburg College, at Waverly, and the Engineering College at Iowa State University. Bill was employed as a registered drainage engineer and salesman by the Mason City Brick and Tile Company for 35 years, prior to his retirement in 1959. He was one of Plainfield's first rural letter carriers, serving from 1908-11, between his high school and college years. He served in France during World War I in a railroad unit of the Transportation Corps.

Buster graduated from high school at age 15, having skipped a grade, studied one year at Cedar Valley Seminary, then at age 16 started farming with his older brother Leonard, now 84, in a partnership which lasted until his death, at age 59, in 1962.

Both brothers were active in several other areas in addition to their chosen professions. Bill was Worthy Patron of the Waverly Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1936, a member of Tyrrell Lodge A.F. and A.M., Waverly, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He was affiliated with the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Iowa Engineering Society and was a life member of the American Poultry Association. He was a member of an engineering party of three consulting engineers employed by the Eire Republic in 1951. He was a member and chairman of the board of the Farmers State Bank in Plainfield for many years.

Buster was secretary of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company for 30 years, a member and chairman of the Plainfield School Board for 14 years, served two three-year terms on the church council of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waverly, was a 32nd degree Mason, was a national director of the Ayrshire Breeders Association for one term, and was a nationally known showman of Ayrshire cattle. His 1936 showherd made the greatest sweep of prizes in the

history of the Ayrshire Division of the National Dairy Cattle Show, held in Dallas, Texas, in that year. Amongst others, his animals were named grand champion bull (Fairfield's Admiral), and grand champion cow (Landlord's Cleone). Buster was also noted for his great physical strength in his youth, taking on carnival wrestlers at county and state fairs while attending them showing his cattle. He had a 19½ inch neck size, and could throw two ten-gallon cans of milk on the back of a truck at the same time as easily as a housewife throwing a pillow on a bed!

Bill was elected to the legislature in 1946 and served four consecutive two-year terms before retiring to run for governor in 1954. He was one of only seven men to be elected to two terms as Speaker of the House of Representatives, serving in that capacity in the 54th and 55th General Assemblies. After six years of semi-retirement from politics, he was elected to his final term in the Iowa House in 1960 after which, due to ill health, he retired. He died in 1963, at age 69. He was named "Outstanding Member of the Iowa House of Representatives" by the Iowa Daily Press Association in 1953.

Buster Lynes was first elected to the Iowa Senate in 1940, and served continuously until his untimely death at age 59, in 1962. He was in the middle of his sixth term when he was felled by a fatal heart attack on May 5, 1962. He was twice chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, many times a member of the equally powerful Senate Sifting Committee, also served many years on the Budget and Financial Control Committee otherwise known as the Interim Committee, and was President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 1959, and Majority Floor Leader in 1961. Buster was known statewide as a master of political strategy and parliamentary procedure. He was the unquestioned Republican leader of the Senate during the time the Republicans controlled the State House. He ran for lieutenant governor in 1950, but finished second in a three-man race in the primary, and never again sought higher office. He was named "Outstanding Member of the Iowa Senate" in 1961, by the IDPA. He had served longer in the Iowa Senate, at a younger age, than any other man in Iowa's history.

WILLIAM AND SOPHIA LUHRING (My Grandparents)

William was born in Bolsehle, Germany, near Hannover, December 27, 1858. He immigrated to America in 1872, landing in New Orleans. He worked his way up to lower Illinois, where his older brother, Heinrich, had settled. Heinrich had worked in grainfields through Iowa and Bremer County and chose Douglas Township for his home. William then came here and found work on the Robinson farm in Northern Douglas Township and worked here for quite a few years.



William and Sophia Luhring

Here, he had a dessert that he learned to like very much. What was it? Pie, of course, which always was his favorite dessert. His wife and daughter (who was my mother) had to learn to bake pies for him and their families, and they were delicious.

Sophia Hoppenworth Luhring was born September 10, 1861, at Sieverhauser, Germany, also near Hannover. She spent her first eight years in Germany and then her parents decided to immigrate to America. They also landed in New Orleans and migrated to the Chicago, Illinois, area, but they didn't stay there very long. They, too, came to Bremer County and settled in Douglas Township.

William and Sophia Hoppenworth were married in 1882 and lived in her father's (Carl Hoppenworth's) stone house. The old foundation is still among the trees along Highway 188 across the road from Harlan Reuscher's place. Here is where my mother, Marie Waltemate, was born.

My grandfather bought a small farm and began to put up buildings; the house had only one large room which they could add to later. He kept buying more land around it until he had a larger farm. This is in Section 29 in Douglas Township. Arlan Luhring, William and Sophia's grandson, now lives on this farm.

My grandparents had three children: Marie, born October 19, 1883, who died October 9, 1961; Ursula, born February 2, 1889, who died November 23, 1891; and the youngest, F. William, born August 30, 1892, who died February 10, 1927. Marie and William are buried in the Western Douglas Cemetery, Ursula, at St. Paul's Lutheran, Siegel.

In 1917, William Luhring retired from active farm-work and moved to a few acres on the outskirts of Waverly (now a part of Waverly). The present owners are Marianne and David Farran. Here he did a little farming and milked a few cows. He also was interested in insurance work, associated with Bremer County Fire and Iowa Tornado Insurance Association.

My grandmother became ill with diabetes shortly after they moved here. Because there seemed no known help, she had to fast one day a week, which hurt me deeply. In four years it took her life on June 27, 1921. This was one of the big crises in my life.

William married Augusta Wedemeier several years later, and they continued on his small farm, but in his last years he moved into Waverly. He died at the age of 78, December 28, 1936.

While I went to high school in the 1920's at Waverly, I stayed with my grandfather. I am sure he had a great influence on my life. His standards were very high. He always encouraged me to do my best. He believed in trying to better yourself, giving me an outlook toward positive living, which I've carried with me throughout my life. Submitted by Laura Rieckenberg

JAMES, WILLIAM, AND WILLIAM WALLACE LYNES (First Three Generations in Iowa)

James Lynes (Lines), a native of Athlone, Ireland, his son William, and his grandson, William Wallace, all migrated together from New York State to near Manchester in Buchanan County, Iowa, in 1855. They came by way of Walworth County, Wisconsin, leaving their home in Cattaraugus County, New York, in 1851, and spent nearly four years near Beloit, Wisconsin, prior to making the move to the Manchester area. In 1857, James and William moved to the Syracuse area, about two miles north of present day Plainfield. William Wallace followed six years later.

Old James, the only veteran of the War of 1812 buried in Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield, had been impressed into the British Navy early in that war, but jumped ship in Boston harbor and floated ashore with the aid of his sea chest, now on display in the Bremer County Historical Society Museum, in Waverly. He then enlisted in the American Army, and fought against the British in the battle of Plattsburgh. He was a carpenter and farmer and noted for his great physical strength. He was of a short, stocky build. His wife, Mary Allen, a second cousin of Ethan Allen, of Ticonderoga fame, was tall and slender. The next two generations of the family in the persons of William and William Wallace Lynes, inherited the Allen family's genes for height, and were very tall men.

William drove the stagecoach between the Syracuse House (located where Pat Scrivner now resides), and Bradford until the railroad was completed from Waterloo to Albert Lea, Minnesota, shortly after the Civil War.

When William Wallace Lynes made his belated appearance on the Syracuse scene, he promptly eloped with the daughter of the Syracuse House innkeeper, Ella Hutchins. W. W. and Ella were the parents of James Jay Lynes.

William Wallace Lynes was a giant stonemason, who, together with his partner, Horace "Jud" Shattuck, built many of the field-stone barn and house foundations which still exist to this day in the Plainfield area. The house foundation of the Dale Meyer residence, northeast of Horton, is a known example of his work. He served on the Plainfield city council after he retired from his rock work.

JAMES JAY AND JAMES KENDALL "BUSTER" LYNES (Fourth and Fifth Generations in Plainfield Area)

James Jay "Jim" Lynes was born, grew up, and was educated in Plainfield. He married Jennie Vosseller, daughter of Sanford M. Vosseller, a veteran of the 11th New York Infantry during the Civil War, who came west with his four brothers after Appomattox. Sanford, his company's first sergeant, was captured at Harpers Ferry during the Antietam Campaign, in 1862, paroled, fought with distinction the second and third day at Gettysburg, through the Wilderness Campaign, was captured a second time at Reams Station, and remained a prisoner in Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia, until the war ended.

J. J. Lynes managed a lumberyard in Plainfield until moving to a farm one mile southeast of town in 1905. He gained a national reputation for his Morgan horses, one of which, Dart, was the grand champion stallion at the San Francisco World's Fair, in 1915. J. J. was one of the first officers of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company, serving two years as vice president, and nine as secretary, in the formative years of the eighty-year-old corporation.

James Jay Lynes and his wife Jennie were the parents of William S., Margaret (Mrs. Woodleigh Wile), Leonard L., J. Kendall "Buster," Winifred, Genevieve (Mrs. Don Graham), and Vivian (Mrs. Harold Squires). William S. and J. Kendall Lynes both served many years in the Iowa legislature (See "A Tribute to Two Brother Legislators from Bremer County" elsewhere in this book).

Buster was married June 30, 1926, to Lenore C. Kuethe, the great-granddaughter of the Rev. George M. Grossmann, missionary sent by William Loehs of Germany to become the founder of the present Wartburg College and Wartburg Seminary. Buster and

Lenore were parents of E. Lorraine (Mrs. Lee C. Chester), James William, Sr., and C. Wallace Lynes.

All five generations of the Lynes family, from James, the War of 1812 veteran, through Buster, are buried in Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield.

JAMES WILLIAM, SR., AND JAMES WILLIAM LYNES, JR. (Sixth and Seventh Generations in Plainfield Area)

James William "Bill" Lynes, Sr., born in Waverly, July 26, 1928, is the sixth generation of the Lynes family to live in or near Plainfield. He grew up on the family farm southeast of Plainfield, and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1945. He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1946-47, and graduated with a B.A. in History from Wartburg College in 1950. He served as a Special Agent in the Army Counter-Intelligence Corps in Germany during the Korean Conflict, from 1951-53.



Opal, Jim, and Bill Lynes

Bill has been the rural letter carrier on R.R. 1, Plainfield, since January 22, 1951, and a postal worker since November 1, 1950. He was state president of the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Association from 1981-83, and is currently in his seventh term as state legislative chairman of that organization. He has been a delegate to the National Rural Letter Carriers Association national conventions for the past eight years. J. W. is a Life Member of the National Counter-Intelligence Corps Association, the Association of Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, the American Legion, Amvets and VFW. He is a member of Tyrrell Lodge # 116, A.F. & A.M., Cedar Rapids Consistory, and the El Kahir Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Cedar Rapids. He is a Shrine clown in the Butler-Bremer-Chickasaw Kopper Klown unit. He is bulletin editor and a past-president of the Waverly Lions Club.

J. W. has been president of the Bremer County Historical Society for nineteen years. He has been secretary, as his grandfather and father before him, of the Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company for nearly twenty-three years, and was vice chairman of the Bremer County Board of Health for fifteen years. He was a director of the Plainfield Library Board of Trustees for fourteen years, until he was elected to the Plainfield City Council in 1983. He is currently street commissioner of Plainfield. J. W. has attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Waverly, all of his life, and has been a member all of his adult life. He served seven years on the church council, three as chairman of the board of trustees, and one as chairman of the stewardship board.

J.W. has had a lifelong interest in athletics, playing varsity football, basketball, and baseball in high school, and earning four major Ws at Wartburg College in football, where he was a four-year starter on as many winning teams. He co-sponsors the Lynes-Koob Award given annually to the outstanding Wartburg senior football player, and sponsors the Lynes Award given annually to the outstanding Wartburg senior basketball player. He has been a member of the Plainfield Booster Club since its inception, and was one of its earliest officers. He has covered the Plainfield Community School's football games for the Waverly papers for thirty-one years, and has operated the scoreboard for local high school basketball games for thirty years.

He married Clara Hitchings on May 16, 1918. Two children were born to this union, Mrs. Jean Dudgeon and Craig Lampman.

In 1919 Mr. Lampman began law practice in Pringhar. He was O'Brien County Attorney for 14 years. He practiced law until 1954 and then served as district judge of the 21st Judicial District from September 1954 until 1962.

He was a member of the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth General Assemblies.

Upon retirement he moved to Speedway, Indiana, and then to Seal Beach, California, where he passed away on December 30, 1964.

He is survived by his widow; daughter, Mrs. Jean Dudgeon of Avalon, California, and a son, Craig Lampman of Speedway, Indiana, and four grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Leo Otis Lampman 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 remaining 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 members of the family of the deceased.

MARVIN W. SMITH,
ARTHUR C. HANSON,
ELMER DEN HERDER,
Committee.

WILLIAM S. LYNES

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

William S. Lynes was born in 1893 at Plainfield, Iowa, the son of J. J. and Jennie Vosseller Lynes. He attended the Seminary at Osage, Iowa, Wartburg College, Iowa State University and the University of Minnesota.

He married Mattie Nichols and to this union two daughters were born.

Mr. Lynes was a registered drainage engineer and consultant with the Mason City Brick and Tile Company for thirty years. He was a bank director of the Farmers State Bank of Plainfield, Iowa, and a farm operator.

Mr. Lynes was a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Iowa Engineering Society, York Rite Masonic bodies, Shrine and Eastern Star, Rotary, American Legion and a life member of the American Poultry Association.

In 1951 Mr. Lynes was a member of an engineering party of three consulting engineers employed by Eire Republic.

Mr. Lynes was a member of the Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly, and Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Lynes passed away on April 30, 1963. He is survived by his wife, Mattie; two daughters, Miss Jean Lynes of Bemidji, Minnesota, Mrs. Mary McDaniel of Lemon Grove, California, and three granddaughters.

Mr. Lynes was a brother of the late Senator J. K. Lynes.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable William S. Lynes 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.

HENRY W. BUSCH,
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,
CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,
Committee.

EDWARD JAMES MANIECE

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

Edward James Maniece was born on a farm near Fennimore, Wisconsin, on March 16, 1890 and passed away on December 22, 1964, at the age of 74.

He moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maniece, to the vicinity of Estherville. He was educated in country schools and Estherville Business College.

He was married in 1917 to Anna C. Stammer and there were two children born to them.

Mr. Maniece was a farmer and raised purebred livestock and was a charter member and had been Township Director and County President of the Emmet County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, past Chancellor of Knights of Pythias and member of B.P.O.E. He was Township Assessor for eleven years and secretary of the Emmet Consolidated School the past ten years.

He served as a member of the Forty-fifth Extra, Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra, and Forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa.

Surviving are his widow Anna of Estherville; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth