

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Christophel, Clarence C. Senator _____
Represented Bremer County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Sept 1910 Haverly, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Esther Walters 26 Feb 1935 Dunkerton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business He was a member of Bremer County Farm Board, board member of C & H Farm Services in New Hampton, Iowa, past president of the Bremer County Farm Board
- B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 56th, 57th, 58th General Assemblies 1955, 1957, 1959

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 14 Sept 1972 Haverly, Iowa; buried Harlington Cemetery, Haverly, Iowa

8. Children Richard; Elizabeth (Mrs. James) Erkel

9. Names of parents George H. and Edith (Kehling) Christophel

Christophel, Clarence C.

10. Education He was educated in rural schools of Bremer County as well as graduating from Thurgood Academy in 1929

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- After graduating from the Academy, he began farming north of Haverly, later after marriage west of Haverly.
- He farmed until retiring in 1971 when they moved into Haverly.
- His father, George H. Christophel, served in the 41st and 42nd General Assemblies as a member of the House of Representatives and the 43rd and 44th in the Senate - 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931.

to any minority group which differed from their beliefs.

Today, in Springfield, Massachusetts, in a city square, there is a statue of Deacon Samuel Chapin.

Succeeding generations continued to live in the New England area, although some had migrated to New York. The eighth generation ancestor, Lyman Chapin, moved with his parental family to Bloomfield, Wisconsin, and then later, with his wife and one daughter, moved to a farm south of Tripoli, Iowa, in 1860.

The ninth generation ancestor, Arthur D. Chapin, was born in 1866 at Tripoli, Iowa. The tenth generation ancestor, Kenneth Arthur Chapin, was born in 1894, also at Tripoli, Iowa. Merlin Kenneth Chapin, of the eleventh generation, was born at Waverly, Iowa, in 1928.

Patricia Mary (Klose) Chapin was born in 1930 in Gawler, South Australia. Patricia is a descendant of German migrants who settled, about 1850, in an area north of the city of Adelaide, South Australia, now known as the Barossa Valley. The rainfall in the valley is not plentiful, about seventeen inches annually, so the original settlers planted grapevines and established a wine industry that exists to this day.

The acquaintance of the Chapin and Klose families occurred during World War II, when school children were encouraged to write letters to a pen pal in another country. By chance, Patricia and Merlin's sister Betty became pen pals.

Of Merlin's siblings, his sister Betty lives in Los Angeles; his brother William was killed in a military accident while in the US Army in Germany on 28 June 1953; sister Patricia lives with her family at Tripoli, Iowa.

Merlin Chapin has three descendants, the oldest, Michael William, the son of a previous marriage, was born in 1954. He is a Reserve Army officer and is presently attending school at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, working on his second graduate degree.

The second son, Brenton Kenneth, born 1967 at Des Moines, Iowa, is presently a high school student, but will be attending Texas Tech in 1985 studying Computer Science.

The third son, Derek Andrew, was also born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1970, and is currently an eighth grade student.

Merlin is a graduate of Tripoli High School in the class of 1946 and an engineering graduate of Iowa State University in 1950. Military service was with the US Army in the years 1951 to 1953, with overseas service in Korea.

The Merlin Chapin family has lived in the Ankeny and Marshalltown, Iowa, areas, but in 1977, in a company-wide move, the family relocated in the Dallas, Texas, area and is now living in the bedroom community of The Colony, Texas.

In June and July 1983, the entire family visited Australia, so the two sons could visit their mother's homeland and also become better acquainted with their relatives in Australia.

In June and July 1984, the family toured Europe, visiting the countries of England, Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France. Patricia visited Europe on several occasions in her youth and lived in London four years, so it was a return venture for her.

Patricia is a music graduate of the Elder Conservatory of Music, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia. She won a music scholarship and spent two years in London studying the violin. She has played with the South Australian Symphony Orchestra and during the time, while living in Iowa, played with the Iowa State University Orchestra, both the full orchestra and chamber groups. She also performed in the pit orchestra, in conjunction with musical performances, for a number of years in the 1960s and 1970s.

ELMER AND EDITH CHESTER

Elmer Chester and Edith Stickman were married on June 7, 1925, in her parents' home in Plainfield. Elmer was farming west of Plainfield with his parents and brothers. Edith had been teaching in a rural Bremer County school.

They farmed for thirty-three years west of Plainfield. They were engaged in general farming with their parents and brothers. Edith had been teaching in a rural Bremer County school. They moved to Plainfield in 1959. Edith had returned to college at the University of Northern Iowa in 1956



Elmer and Edith Chester

and then taught for six years in area schools. Elmer was custodian at Plainfield Community School for ten years before retiring.

He was born in Bonfield, Illinois, on January 18, 1902, the youngest child of Frank and Anna Walters Chester. When he was seven years old, they came to the farm two miles west of Plainfield, where he grew up. He attended country school there and, later, Plainfield High School. His ancestors trace back to Elder Brewster, who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620. (A Brewster daughter married a Chester.) His mother's family came from Germany in the mid-eighties.

Edith was born at Nashua on January 24, 1906, to Fred and Maud Briggs Stickman. Both came from farm families, but Fred became a buttermaker. Edith's mother taught school for several years. The family moved to Plainfield in 1921, and Edith graduated from Plainfield High School in 1924 and then attended Iowa State Teachers College.

Edith's lineage traces to and before the Mayflower's coming. Her Briggs ancestors came in 1621 and settled in Vermont, where cousins still live. One well-known cousin was Calvin Coolidge. The Stickman grandparents came from Germany about 1867 and farmed in the Republic area.

The Chesters have been members of the United Methodist Church in Plainfield for over sixty years. They were on the Building Committee of the present structure and served on various boards throughout those years. At present, Edith holds offices in the church. She has been especially active in Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs for over fifty years. Both she and Elmer served on the Farm Bureau Board and on FHA Advisory Board for several years in neighboring Butler County. Edith was on the first board of the Bremer County Historical Society and the first board of Plainfield Library, which she helped establish. Both served on the City Council, and Elmer was a bank director of the Plainfield Bank for over thirty years.

They have two daughters, Ellen (Mrs. Frank O Meara) of near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and Carol (Mrs. Richard Ridenour) of Cedar Rapids. There are seven grandchildren, Ellen having four children and Carol three.

Fishing is Elmer's favorite recreation in warm weather, and in winter, he enjoys playing cards. Edith likes reading, travel, handwork, and collecting art objects. Both have travelled throughout the United States and much of Mexico and Canada. Edith has made several trips to Europe in addition to the trip she and Elmer and friends made in 1967. Recently, she went on a cruise ship to Alaskan ports and on the Danube River, visiting Eastern Bloc countries and Istanbul, Turkey.

TERRY AND MARY CHEVILLE

Born December 4, 1938, at Marshalltown, Iowa, to Fred and Lucille (Kollman) Cheville, Terry grew up in Rhodes, Iowa, where his father worked in the lumberyard and his mother taught school. His only brother, Norman, lives in Ames. After two years at Iowa State University, Terry came to Waverly and began work at



The Terry Cheville Family
Amy, Mary, Terry, Paul

Bantam Company, where he still does their parts books.

Mary was born in Waverly on February 16, 1940, to Werner and Edith (Campbell) Millus. Her parents moved west about 1943, and for the next seventeen years, they lived in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, where she graduated from high school. Following their father's death in 1960, Edith, Mary, and sister Peg moved back to Iowa, settling in Sioux City. In 1970, Mary returned to Waverly and began working at Bantam.

Terry and Mary were married on May 22, 1971, at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Waverly. Amy Marie was born May 14, 1975, in Cedar Rapids. Paul Michael was born November 4, 1977, in Dubuque.

Terry paints, plays the piano, and does woodworking. Mary reads, sews, traces family history, and tries to keep the bathroom sink clean. Amy plays the piano, reads, bakes, and is an avid TV fan. Paul collects Star Wars toys and greatly enjoys visiting. The entire family spends a great deal of time at the "Cheville compound" (an old vacant farm that once belonged to Terry's grandparents), where the lack of hot water is balanced by the absence of a phone nearer than Grandpa's house.

CLARENCE C. AND ESTHER WALTERS CHRISTOPHEL

Clarence C. Christophel was born September 24, 1910, Bremer County, Iowa, son of Geo. W. and Edith Wehling Christophel. He graduated from Wartburg Academy in 1929 and continued farming with his parents.

He married Esther Walters February 26, 1935, at Dunkerton, Iowa, in the home of her grandfather, a retired Evangelical minister. Her great grandfather was a founder of Trumbo Grove Church, the present Warren United Methodist Church. They began farming southwest of Waverly; the farm in early years was a stagecoach stop.

Esther, daughter of Fred W. and Nora Trumbauer Walters, was born March 8, 1911, at Coster, a small town eleven miles southwest of Shell Rock. When Esther was four years old, the family moved to Colorado because of her mother's health. Her mother died in 1916. Her father and the children moved back to Iowa and he married Martha Keller of Waverly.

Esther graduated from the Shell Rock High School and entered nurse's training at Allen Hospital in Waterloo. She graduated in 1932 during the depression, when work was scarce, and became night supervisor at Allen Hospital. Salary was a dollar a day with room and board. General duty was six dollars for a twenty hour day, and only the wealthy had special duty rates. After three years of nursing until one day upon arriving home, she found Clarence

eating soda crackers and whipped cream; he was no cook. He said, "Either you quit work or we quit farming": from then on, my career was farming.

Two children were born to this marriage, Richard of Waverly, a farmer, and Elizabeth Erkel of Corpus Christi, Texas, an associate director of nursing in the Corpus Christi University. There are seven grandchildren.

Clarence and Esther retired from farming in 1971 and moved to Waverly. Clarence died in September, 1972. At the time of his death, both were members of Faith United Methodist Church in Waverly.

Clarence was active in church work and served on the board. He was active in community work, served on the Farm Bureau board, C&H Oil Co. board, Farmer's Exchange board, Farmer's Home Administration board, and taught a G.I. farming class. He was elected a Republican member of the House of Representatives for the 55th, 56th, and 57th General Assemblies. Esther is active in Farm Bureau and Extension work and was chosen Bremer County Homemaker of the Year in 1965. She also is active in her church, Garden Club, Republican Women, and Senior Citizens. *Esther Christophel, Waverly, Iowa*

GEORGE CHRISTOPHEL FAMILY

George William Christophel was born December 7, 1881, in Pilot Township, Kankakee County, Illinois. He attended school in the county and later taught school from 1902 to 1905. In 1906 he was married to Miss Edith Wehling of Reddick, Illinois. After their marriage they moved to a farm near Bremer, Bremer County. The couple had two sons, Floyd and Clarence; and two daughters, Mildred and Luella.



George Christophel, Forty-First General Assembly - 1925

In 1911 and 1912, he served as secretary of the Bremer Creamery Company. In 1913 he moved to a farm three miles northwest of Waverly. He was president of the Bremer County Farm Bureau two years and vice president two years. He was elected twice to the Iowa Federation of Farm Bureau and awarded a gold medal, January 13, 1927, in the Master Farmers Contest. He helped organize the Farmers Reload Association in Waverly. In 1930 he was elected the first president of that association and was re-elected president in 1931. He was elected state representative in the fall of 1924, re-elected in 1926, and elected senator in the fall of 1928.

George was prominent in farm activities. He had a test plot for fertilizer on his farm for twelve years, which was sponsored by Iowa State University, Ames.

He was an active member of First Evangelical Church, now known as Faith United Methodist of Waverly. He held various offices, taught Sunday School, and also served in the Iowa Conference meeting.

LAVERNE AND HELEN CLARY FAMILY

Laverne R. and Helen L. Clary are both graduates of Waverly High School. They were married in Princeton, Missouri, on October 22, 1942. To this union were born three children: Dianne Lucille, who died in infancy in 1946; Michael L., born July 25, 1948, who lives in Waterloo and is employed as a chef in Hudson, Iowa; and Margaret H. Bernard, born September 26, 1950, who now lives in Tacoma, Washington, where her husband, Jeffrey T. Bernard, is a meteorologist in the United States Air Force. They are the parents of two children: Christopher Michael, born on July 24, 1978, and Kimberly Joanne, born on September 10, 1984.



The Laverne Clary Family
Front: Christopher Bernard, Helen Clary. Back: Laverne Clary, Margaret and Kimberly Bernard, Michael Clary.

Laverne was born on November 29, 1923 in Frederika, Iowa. His parents were Archie C. Clary, son of Martin and Elizabeth Alcock Clary, and Lela Mae Parson Clary, daughter of Hillman and Libbie Pierson Parson. They also had one daughter, now Mrs. Lucille Clary Lee, who lives in Clinton, Iowa. The family moved to Waverly, Iowa, from the Alcock farm in Douglas Township in 1924.

Charles and Elizabeth Peacock Alcock were the parents of Elizabeth Alcock Clary. At the time of her death in 1870, Mrs. Alcock asked to be buried on the Alcock farm. Later this area was made into a cemetery. Thus, she became the first to be buried in what is now the Alcock Cemetery.

Helen was born on January 24, 1923, in Waverly, Iowa, the daughter of James A. and Daphne L. Martin Curry. She has one sister, Mrs. Jean Williamson, living in Port Angeles, Washington. A brother, William M. Curry, died in 1964 in Renton, Washington.

At the time of their marriage, Helen was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as an operator, and Laverne was working for the Waverly Feed Mill. He entered the United States Army on September 8, 1943, and served as Supply Sergeant in Battery "B," 394th Field Artillery Battalion. After a short tour of duty in the European Theatre, he was discharged as a Staff Sergeant on February 6, 1946.

On June 3, 1946, he began working for the U.S. Postal Service in Waverly as a city carrier, and in 1969, he transferred to the Rural Carrier Division from which he retired on December 1, 1978, with nearly 35 years of government service.

In 1946, he became a member of Tyrrell Lodge #116, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Waverly and continues to be an active member in this fraternity. He served the local lodge as Worshipful Master in 1953. On the state level, he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 1957, elected Junior Grand Warden in 1959, appointed Deputy Grand Master in 1964 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Iowa in 1979. He has been secretary of the Board of Custodians of the Work in Iowa since 1967, except for the years of 1978 and 1979 when he was preparing for and serving as Grand Master.

He also holds membership in the York Rite bodies of Cedar Falls, Iowa; St. Bartholomew Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Des Moines; Waterloo High Twelve Club #46; and the Waterloo Scottish Rite Club, which he served as president in 1985. He is a member of the Cedar Rapids Consistory, where he received the 32nd degree. He is also a member of the

American Legion and at the present time is serving as chairman of the Veterans Affairs Commission in Bremer County.

The Clarys are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, where they have served on several committees, and Laverne is a certified Lay Speaker. They are also members of Waverly Chapter #353, Order of the Eastern Star. In their travels, they have made many friends, not only in Iowa but in other states as well, but are happy to call Bremer County "Home."

ELMER AND BERNICE CLAUSING FAMILY

Elmer was born Jan. 7, 1924, to Theodore and Hilda Wolf Clausing in Bremer County. Grandparents were the Fred Wolfs and Will Clausings. He has one sister, Mrs. Virgil Meswarb (Darlys), Omaha, Neb. Elmer attended rural schools in Bremer County and worked for farmers and for Rath Packing Co.



Elmer Clausing Family

Bernice was born Oct. 31, 1923, to Fred and Mable Biermann Brase in Bremer County. She graduated from Tripoli High in 1941. She worked at Kramer Produce and Ration Office at Tripoli. She has one sister, Mrs. Vernon Wikner (Bernita), New Hampton, Iowa, and one brother, Lavern Brase, Readlyn, Iowa. Grandparents were: the Henry Brases, who came to Bremer County from Germany and settled in Western Douglas; and also the Herman Biermanns.

Elmer Clausing and Bernice Brase were married at Grace Lutheran Church, Tripoli, Iowa, June 25, 1944. They have two sons, the Rev. Dean Clausing, Batesville, Arkansas, and Craig Clausing, R.R. 4, Waverly, Iowa. Elmer and Bernice have lived on the farm northeast of Waverly for thirty-three years and are dairy farmers. Bernice has worked at the Carriage House in the men's department in Waverly for fourteen years.

Dean was born Feb. 25, 1947, and Craig April 10, 1951. Both sons graduated from Waverly High School: Dean in 1965 and Craig in 1969. Both were 4-H members. Dean graduated from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebraska. He taught school for eight years and then entered the Seminary at St. Louis. He now is pastor at Hope Lutheran Church, Batesville, Arkansas. He is married to Susan Breitenbach. They have two children, David, nine, and Christine, five.

Craig graduated from Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, in 1971, and received a degree in dairy science, from South Dakota State, Brookings, South Dakota, in 1973. He farms and his wife, the former Jean Ketterling, teaches special education in Tripoli. They have two children, Cody, four, and Cara, one.

They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Bremer County, Iowa, and live in Bremer County, Iowa.

SUMNER Mrs. Leta Allenstein, 81, of Sumner died at her home unexpectedly on Sept. 14.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Sept. 17 at St. John American Lutheran Church with burial in Union Mound cemetery in Sumner. Rev. Kenneth Alpers officiated at the services and the Emerson Milnes Funeral

She was born in rural Strawberry Point, Iowa on April 8, 1891 the daughter of Michael and Rose Ann Smart Stelzmler. She was married to Rudolph J. Allenstein at Wadena, Minn. on June 25, 1914. The couple operated Center Valley Creamery, rural Sumner from 1922 to 1934 when they moved to Sumner.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband on October 24, 1965.

Survivors include two sons, Delos J. of Sumner and Dean of Dubuque; two daughters, Mrs. Burnett (Clara) Waskow of Waterloo and Mrs. H. H. (Ann) Hendeson of Bainbridge Island, Wash., four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Murell miller of Oelwein.

CLARENCE C. CHRISTOPHEL

Clarence C. Christophel, 61, died Thursday night, Sept. 14, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Waverly.

Born on Sept. 24, 1910 in Waverly, he was the son of George W. and Edith Wehling Christophel. After his graduation from Wartburg Academy in Waverly he began farming north of Waverly.

On Feb. 26, 1935 he was united in marriage to Esther Walthers in Dunkerton. The couple farmed west of Waverly until retiring in 1971 when they moved into Waverly. Since that time

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Obituaries

CLARKSVILLE--Arthur H. Klunder, 70, died Sunday morning, Sept. 17 in Rochester, Minn. of leukemia.

Mr. Klunder was born August 26, 1902 in Pleasant Valley community, rural Clarksville, the son of Fred and Mathilda Wedeking Klunder. He married Miss Dora Schrage on February 21, 1926 at Vilmar. They farmed in this area for 14 years then farmed in the Pleasant Valley community until 1963, when they moved to Clarksville.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Harold of Spokane, Wash., and Larry of Arlington, Minn., four grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarksville with burial in Lynwood cemetery. The Schwartz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MRS. A. H. NIEWOHNER

Mrs. A. H. Niewohner, 75, died suddenly at her home in Waverly, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16.

Esther M. Huck was born on June 23, 1897 near Storm Lake, Ia., the daughter of Carl and Eleanor Harjes Huck. On Dec. 6, 1922 she was united in marriage to August H. Niewohner in Waverly. The couple lived in Waverly until the present time, and for the past 15 years spent part of their time at their home in Mesa, Arizona.

Mrs. Niewohner was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, was past president of St. Paul's Women's Society, and was a member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary in Waverly.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Frederick, Waverly, Edward, Fairbanks, Alaska, two daughters, Ellen (Mrs. James) Ulom, Madison, Wisconsin, Lois (Mrs. Dale) Coonradt, Waverly, one brother, Rev. Roy Huck, Waverly, and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son in infancy, and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly with Rev. Durwood L. Buchheim officiating. Burial will be in Harlington Cemetery, Waverly. The Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be

Clarence has been custodian of the Waverly Homes. He suffered a stroke on Wednesday and died the following night.

During his life, Clarence was very active in both local and state affairs. He had served as representative from Bremer county in the State Legislature from 1954 to 1960, was a past officer of the Bremer county Farm Bureau, served as a board member for 15 years with the C. & H. Farm Services, New Hampton, was a former board member of the Farmers Co-op in Waverly, was past president of the Bremer county Fair Board, was very active in his church, the Faith United Methodist Church, and had served in various church offices.

Mr. Christophel is survived by his wife, Esther; one son, Richard of Waverly; one daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. James Erkel) of Denver, Colorado; his mother, Mrs. Edith Christophel of Waverly; one sister, Miss Mildred Christophel of Waverly, and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, one sister, Luella, one brother, Floyd, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church in Waverly with Rev. Leo E. Wilson officiating. Burial was in Harlington Cemetery, Waverly. The Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly was in charge of arrangements.

MISS GERTRUDE PINNEY

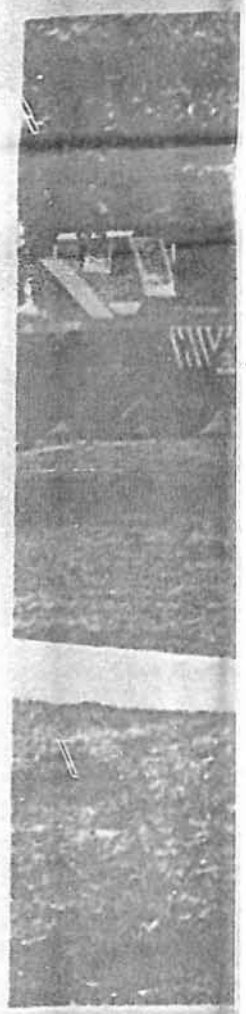
Miss Gertrude Pinney, 93, the daughter of Horace Pinney and Mary (Barnes) Pinney, was born April 20, 1879, in Bremer county and died Thursday evening, Sept. 14, at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

A life-long resident of Bremer county, she lived in Waverly the past 65 years.

The last five years of her life were spent at the Bartels Lutheran Home. Miss Pinney taught rural school for 18 years.

She is survived by several cousins, including Fred Owens of Waverly.

Services for Miss Pinney were held at 1:30 Monday afternoon, Sept. 18, at the Cleveland Funeral Home in Waverly, with burial in Harlington Cemetery.



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