

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Kelch, William Hugh Senator _____

Represented Harrison County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 June 1919 Logans, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Marjorie Matthews 28 Aug 1941

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1941

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion; Alcoholics Anonymous;

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 53rd General Assembly 1949

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 17 Sept 1985 Missouri Valley, Iowa; buried Valley View Cemetery, Pella, Iowa

8. Children William Henry; Jeri Ann (Mrs. Hopkins); Mary Lou (Mrs. Plummer)

9. Names of parents William Philip and Verna (Coulthard) Kelch

Melch, William Hugo

10. Education Educated and a graduate of the Logan, Iowa
public schools in 1936

11. Degrees He attended the University of South Dakota Art School;
graduate of the Chattanooga, Tennessee College of Law, 1941

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- After being admitted to the bar he entered law practice with
his father at Logan, Iowa
- Military service - World War II - U. S. Army 1942-1946, he
was an army primary flight instructor
- He entered the practice of law in 1946.

Kelch, William Hugh

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<i>Iowa Official Register 1949-1950, p. 95</i>
-			<i>Obituary - The Logan Observer, Logan, Iowa Wed. Sept. 25, 1925, p. 5, col. 3, 4</i>
-			<i>The Story of Iowa Vol IV 1931, p. 1371</i>

William H. Welch Logan attorney, died September 17

William H. Welch, 66, prominent attorney from Logan, died suddenly at Community Memorial hospital in Missouri Valley on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

He was born June 21, 1919, in Logan. After high school, he attended the University of South Dakota and Chattanooga College of Law, graduated and was admitted to practice before the Iowa and Federal Courts in 1941.

He was married to Maxine Martens on August 28, 1941. To this union three children were born: William Henry, Jeri Anne and Mary Lou.

During World War II he was a civilian pilot instructor for the military, prior to service in the United States Army Air Corps. Upon his return from the service in 1946, he entered the practice of law, and served one term in the Iowa legislature.

During his career, Bill practiced with his father, "Old Bill" who established the Welch Law Firm in 1916, his sister Marjorie Welch Booher, and his brother Ed. His aunt, Catherine Welsh Armstrong, is also an attorney and had close ties with the firm.

SURPRISE

Delano Petersen, of Vail, recently uncovered a tomahawk while tiling the land at his farm. The specimen weighed seven pounds and is in excellent condition.

Class officers named by LoMa students

The various classes in the Logan-Magnolia junior-senior high school have elected officers recently.

Leading the senior class for 1985-86 will be Debbie Wagner as president, with John Weiland vice president, Sheri Beck secretary, Brian Steinkuehler treasurer, and

He was an active member of St. Anne's Catholic church, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Democratic party, and other community, civic, political and humanitarian organizations.

Bill is survived by Maxine Welch; son Bill of Logan; two daughters, Jeri Hopkins of Plattsmouth, NE, and Mary Lou Plummer of Persia; brother, Ed Welch of Omaha, NE; sister, Patricia Selander of Sioux City; aunts Catherine Armstrong of Logan and Rita Utman of Arcadia, FL; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William P. and Verna Welch; sister, Marjorie Booher; infant brother, Philip Aaron; and infant grandson, Christopher Plummer.

A prayer service was held Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Schumacher funeral home in Logan. Funeral services were Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic church in Logan, with burial at Valley View cemetery near Persia.

Celebrant at the eucharistic celebration was Monsignor Paul Connelly. Presider was Father Frank Cordaro. Congregational singing was accompanied by Donna Erickson. Bearers were Romain Adams, Court Oviatt, John Erixon, Steve Salts, Dennis Lovell and Dale Browning. Military services were by Logan V.F.W. Post 6256.

Services are held for Edith J. Owen, 58

Funeral services for Edith J. Owen, 58, were held Monday afternoon at the Schumacher funeral home in Logan. The Rev. Glen Ogden officiated. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Owen, a resident of California Junction, died Friday at the Elmwood nursing home in Onawa.

Surviving are her husband, Marvin; a daughter, Vicki Nielson of California Junction, and a son, Marvin Jr. of Missouri Valley.

Also surviving are three brothers, Fred Swanger of Missouri Valley, Jack Swanger of Council Bluffs and Max Swanger of Fallon, NV; three sisters, Jane Shreeves of Missouri Valley, Beulah Dick of California Junction and Alda Hillyer of

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business, the son is active in its administration and he is credited with much of the growth it has experienced in recent years.

In his community activities, Mr. Hillyard serves on the boards of directors of Finley Hospital, Dubuque, and the Dubuque Community Chest. He is active in various Masonic bodies, including the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and holder of the Thirty-second degree, of El Kahir Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. Mr. Hillyard married Velma Cushing, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cushing of Dubuque, on November 5, 1934, and they are the parents of two daughters: Kim Hillyard, born May 12, 1937, and Robin Hillyard, born April 27, 1944.

WILLIAM HUGH WELCH, who is associated with his father, William Phillip Welch, in the practice of law in his native city of Logan, has made an auspicious beginning in public life as well, representing his county in the Iowa State Legislature.

Born June 21, 1919, Mr. Welch attended the local public schools and graduated from the Logan High School in 1936. In the summers during both his high school years and his subsequent university course, he helped defray his expenses by working on the farm owned by his mother, Mrs. Verna Coulthard Welch. He also worked for Dr. R. G. Moore of Dunlap during the 1937 session of the Iowa Legislature. He then became a student at the University of South Dakota, in Vermillion, where he remained for a year. Later transferring to the Chattanooga College of Law, he graduated from that institution in June, 1941, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. At law college he was a member of Delta Theta Phi fraternity.

Mr. Welch first served, during the World War II period, in the civilian pilot training program, graduating from Randolph Field and later teaching at Cimarron Field. He then entered the United States Army Air Corps. He served until January, 1946, when he received his discharge from Luke Field. Returning to Logan, he became associated with his father, William Phillip Welch, in the practice of law. In 1948, William Hugh Welch was elected to represent Harrison County in the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa, as State Representative.

Mr. Welch is a member of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus, and is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

On August 28, 1941, William Hugh Welch married Maxine Martens, a native of Persia, Iowa. She attended Dana College at Blair, Nebraska, and later Simpson College, and taught in the public schools for a short time before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have three children: 1. William Henry, born February 1, 1945. 2. Jeri Anne, born October 21, 1947. 3. Mary Lou, born September 27, 1949.

HERMAN M. KNUDSON—In the Fifty-third General Assembly of the Iowa State Senate, Hon. Herman M. Knudson represents Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hancock counties. In the course of an active career, he has held many offices in business men's groups, and was formerly president of the Klipto Loose Leaf Company.

Senator Knudson was born on a farm in Mitchell County, Iowa, in 1887, one of the twelve children of Ole and Carrie Knudson, who were sturdy pioneer settlers of northern Iowa. Receiving his early education in the consolidated schools of Orchard, Iowa, he later attended Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines. Entering upon a business career there-

after, Mr. Knudson was for fifteen years president of the Klipto Loose Leaf Company. He is now retired from business activities. He has served as president of the Associated Advertising Clubs of Iowa, the Retail Merchants Association, the Society of Iowa Florists, and the Iowa State Horticultural Society, and has been district governor of the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Club. For eight years he was a member of the Mason City council while he made his home there. Since his retirement he has resided at Clear Lake.

Mr. Knudson was first elected to the Iowa State Senate to serve in its Forty-sixth General Assembly. Representing the people of the Forty-third Senatorial District of north central Iowa, comprising the counties of Hancock, Cerro Gordo and Franklin, he has been returned to office at each election since, and has served in the Forty-sixth Extra, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second and Fifty-third General Assemblies. Senator Knudson is a Republican.

In 1915, Herman M. Knudson married Jessie Hole of Marshalltown, and they are the parents of three sons: Theodore, Richard and Robert, all of whom served in the United States Navy during World War II.

THE HON. HENRY N. GRAVEN of Greene occupies the bench as one of three Federal Court judges in the state of Iowa. He is United States District Judge for the Northern District of that state. Prior to that appointment, he served as judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of his state, and had occupied other public offices, as well as practicing law.

A native of St. James, Minnesota, Judge Graven was born June 1, 1893, son of Endre Norman and Elise (Thompson) Graven. He attended the University of Minnesota, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws in the same year, 1921. In 1942 he was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. From 1919 to 1921, he was a member of the editorial board of the Minnesota Law Review. During World War I he had served with the combat engineers.

In June, 1921, Henry N. Graven commenced his practice of law at Greene in Butler County, and practiced there until May, 1936. From May, 1936 until January 22, 1937, he was special assistant attorney general and counsel to the Iowa State Highway Commission. He was then appointed to the bench of the Twelfth Judicial District of Iowa, and served as judge from January 22, 1937 to March 30, 1944. Effective the latter date, he became United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. He has rendered distinguished service on the federal bench since that time.

Judge Graven served as a member of the Iowa Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee from 1941 to 1943. He was director of the Legal Institutes, Iowa State Bar Association, during 1940-1941. He is a member of the Order of the Coif. A Lutheran in his religious faith, he is chairman of the board of pensions of the American Lutheran Church.

On March 20, 1926, Henry Norman Graven married Helen T. Davis, and they became the parents of three children: 1. David L., born July 22, 1929. 2. Stanley, born May 20, 1932. 3. Lloyd, born May 31, 1936. The family resides in Greene.

BOY J. HANSEN is owner of the Boy Hansen Sign Company of Davenport, a thriving business, housed in a large two-story plant capable of handling

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Persia in Harrison County

Population: 312

Founded: 1882

How it was named: Called

Jim Town

before 1882,

it purportedly

was named

by railroad

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honor of the Persian

immigrants who worked on

the railroad.

Claims to fame: Near Loess

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