

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nelson, Lewis Elmer Senator _____

Represented Wright County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 Feb 1889 Polk County, Nebraska

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ora Belle Allen 11 May 1910 Eagle Grove, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of Iowa General Directors 2 years; he was the author of
"75 Years of the General Processors"; held patent rights for general equipment

B. Civic responsibilities Commercial Club; Mason; I. O. O. F.;
Eastern Star; Shriner

C. Profession General Director; furniture store owner;
Brokers for Midwest General Services; farmer; author and publisher

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 52nd, 53rd General Assemblies 1947, 1949

6. Public Offices

A. Local Assistant postmaster of Eagle Grove, 1909-1919; Eagle Grove School Board 6 years;
served on Republican central committee; (Wright) Republican Club, chairman

B. State Iowa Examining Board for General Directors for 3 years; Director of
Operations of the State Board of General Directors for 10 years; Life member
of the State Historical Society of Iowa

C. National Member of the National General Directors Association

7. Death 23 Dec 1979 Clarion, Iowa; Buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Eagle Grove, Iowa

8. Children Dorothy (Mrs. Howard Baarnussen); Lili Marie (Mrs. Ken De Vore)
Lyle E.; Harriet E.

9. Names of parents John Thomas and Emma L. (Smith) Nelson

Wilson, Lewis Elmer

10. Education Graduate of the Eagle Grove, Iowa High School in 1908; he attended grade school in Nebraska and Harross County, Iowa as well as Eagle Grove, Iowa.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- At age 13, he moved with his family to New Virginia, Iowa and in 1902 they moved to Eagle Grove, Iowa where he lived until May 1979 when he moved to the Clarion Care Center until his death.
- He taught school after leaving high school in Gray Township of Wright County, Iowa.
- In 1919 he and Fred Falk purchased the Eagle Grove Furniture and Furnish Business which they operated until the early 1930's. He then operated the funeral business alone until his retirement in 1974.
- Military service - World War I. Co. G, 4th Infantry of Iowa National Guards as a 1st Lieutenant
- He wrote the town history of Eagle Grove, Iowa.
- President of the Layman's Association of Northwest Iowa Conference of the Methodist Church.
- His wife, Ora Belle, born 21 March 1891 in Gray, Wright County, Iowa, died 19 May 1974, Eagle Grove, Iowa.
- He retired from the mercantile work in 1974.
- He was the author and publisher of the book "75 Years of the Funeral Profession."
- He held patent rights for equipment used in the funeral business.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

| Source | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained |
|------------|----------------|-------------|---|
| - Obituary | | - The Eagle | Eagle Grove, Iowa, Feb. Jan. 2, 1980, p 1, col. 5, 6 and p. 6, col. 6 |
| | | | Iowa Official Register 1949-1950, p. 93 |
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| | | | Windsor County Cemetery Vols 5-6 |
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ceive the award in 37 years of
radition.

yd (Andy) Anderson, 37 years
Voice of the Wright County
retires.

rd - Child Care Center
House Thursday at 7 p.m.

y Council agreed on new bath
for swimming pool.

bruary 21 - Dramatic rescue of
l bus in raging snow storm on
aday. Driver of bus was Mrs.

Briefs

ly bruised and scared after
Broadway and Commercial
Gerald L. Hinz of Eagle
broken bones but was badly
ve police department con-

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agle Grove city council was
nesday) at City Hall. New
will be the only change. Held
week re-election. Incumbents
Dr. Wayne Emerson and Scott
lmen are Dr. John Gazaway,

tryouts

dinner theatre production of
ht (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.
for the production.

sexual abuse

charged with second degree
le Grove on Dec. 21.
istrate court, bond was set at
om Wright County jail upon

room.

The local contest and banquet is
sponsored by the Agriculture-Urban
Bureau of the Eagle Grove Area
Chamber of Commerce and area
seed corn dealers.

A total of 19 area farmers are in
contention for awards from the Iowa
Crop Improvement Association,
sponsor of the state corn growers-
contest.

The date of the local banquet has
been changed so that local winners
can be announced before the state

director for the Iowa Corn Growers
Association, will name someone
from his office to take his place.

Top entries in the local contest will
be awarded cash and certificates
from the local sponsors in addition to
any recognition given by the state
association.

Final arrangements for the
banquet will be made at the January
meeting of the Ag-Urban Bureau
Tuesday. Invitations will be sent to
contestants and guests and an an-
nouncement of ticket sales will be
made at that time.

Lewis Wilson, prominent businessman dies at 89

Lewis E. Wilson, prominste Eagle
Grove businessman and former
state representative, died Dec. 23 at
the age of 89. Funeral services were
held Thursday.

He live ! in Eagle Grove from 1902
until May of 1979, 77 years, before he
moved to the Clarion Care Center.

After graduation from Eagle
Grove high school, Wilson taught
school in Troy Township for a year,
then went into the furniture and
funeral business in Eagle Grove in
1909. In the early 1930's the furniture
part of the business was dropped and
he devoted full time to the funeral
portion of the business. He continued
in the mortuary work until his
retirement in 1974.

In 1974 he was elected state
representative for Wright County
and was re-elected for a second
term.

Wilson became the unofficial
historian of Eagle Grove after his
retirement. He researched and
wrote histories of the churches,
schools, businesses, politicians and
people.

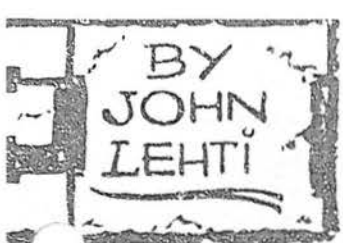
His church, the United Methodist
Church, occupied considerable
amount of his time throughout his
life. Wilson had held every office in
the church. At the time of his death



LEWIS WILSON

he maintained the oldest continuous
membership in the church. He was
also second oldest member of the
Masonic Lodge having served over
60 years.

For more information concerning
Lewis Wilson, please refer to the
obituary on page 8 and the editorial
on page 4.



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SKIRTS



OBITUARY

Lewis Elmer Wilson was born Feb. 23, 1889 on a ranch in Polk County, Neb. At the age of 13 his family moved to New Virginia, Iowa. In 1902 the Wilson family moved to Eagle Grove where Lewis lived until May of 1979 at which time his health necessitated his moving to the Clarion Care Center, Clarion, where he lived until his passing on Dec. 23, 1979.

Lewis graduated from Eagle Grove High School with the class of 1908. While in school he was active in debate, track, baseball and football.

After graduation he taught school at District No. 6 in Troy Township. In 1909 he was appointed assistant postmaster at Eagle Grove. In 1919 Wilson and Fred Foll of Eagle Grove purchased the Eagle Grove Furniture Store and Funeral Business which they operated until the depression of the early 1930's. Wilson then started in the exclusive funeral business which he operated until his retirement.

Lewis E. Wilson served as secretary and president of the Eagle Grove Commercial Club, six years on the Eagle Grove School Board at which time the Eagle Grove Junior College was established. He served since 1907 in the Methodist Church holding every office in the Church. At the time of his death he maintained the oldest continuous membership in the Methodist Church. He also was the second oldest member of the Masonic Lodge, serving over 60 years as a Mason. He had 50 year honors in the Chapter and the Council, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Also the Order of Eastern Star. He held a life membership in the State Historical Society of Iowa.

He was elected a State Representative for Wright County and served in the General Assembly for two terms. He was a member of the Pioneer Lawmaker Society. He helped form Company G, 4th Infantry, Iowa National Guard in West, W. Ia.

Active as a spokesman for the Iowa Funeral Directors and served

September 13, 1976
snowmobile routes in the Pleasant, Belmond, Grant
WHEREAS that resolution set forth the intentions of nor the nature of the established; and
WHEREAS clarification
BE IT THEREFORE
the Wright County Board that the snowmobile routes the Townships of Pleasant Grant and Iowa, are limited the road ditches only resolution of September intended to, nor did snowmobile routes upon highways of any county County.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is public designation of certain districts County for use as snowmobile not alter the prohibitions

| Grant # | N |
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| 03-701-76 | |
| 03-701-77 | |
| 03-701-78 | |
| 03-701-79 | |

Project Period
10 1/2 months

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Board of Supervisors of Wright County, will provide during the project period appropriate the amount of \$243.75 to the Crime Commission support project entitled Fy 80 Grant; and THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED provide for the total support for said project in the termination of N-A year support in accord with Commission policy provided project proves to be a beneficial unit of government continuation.

Motion by Halverson, Whyte, to adopt the foregoing Upon call of the roll the follows:
Ayes: Halverson, Olson, Whyte and Sturgeon.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Whereupon the Chairman motion carried and the foregoing adopted.

Motion by Olson, seconded transfer \$100,000.00 from Sharing Trust Fund to Road Fund pending a public



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Active as a spokesman for the Iowa Funeral Directors and served as the President of that organization for two years. Appointed by Governor Hammill as a member of the Examining Board for the Funeral Directors, serving three years in that capacity. He served 10 years as Director of Education for the State Board of Funeral Directors. He worked after retirement as a broker for the Midwest Funeral Services for 10 years. He was author and publisher of the book "75 Years of the Funeral Profession," and held patent rights for equipment used in the funeral business.

He wrote the history of the town of Eagle Grove and was chosen honorary Grand Marshall of the Eagle Grove Scandinavian Day Celebration.

He was married to Ora Belle Allen on May 11, 1910. Their family consisted of two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Howard (Dorothy) Rasmussen of Hardy; Mrs. Ken (Helen) DeVore of Albuquerque, N.M.; Lysle Wilson of Backus, Minn.; and Warren E. Wilson of Boone. He had nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ora Belle; his parents, John T. and Emma Wilson; a brother, Phil; sisters, Lena Beckholt, and Cora Daake. One sister, Iva Lonning of Mesa, Ariz. remains.

United Methodist Church
 Reverend Donald O. Callen, Pastor

WEDNESDAY -
 Rotary Ann chapel services.
 THURSDAY -
 9:30 a.m. Covenant prayer group.
 2 p.m. United Methodist Women meeting.
 7 p.m. Chancel choir.
 8 p.m. Council on ministries.

SUNDAY -
 9:15 a.m. Church school for all ages.
 10:30 a.m. Divine worship.
 MONDAY -
 7:30 p.m. 3 M's meeting.

St. Peters Lutheran Church
 Woolstock
 SUNDAY-
 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study.
 10:45 a.m. Worship services.

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 Monday, December
 Supervisors' Room in
 Clarion, Iowa, be set as
 place for public hearin
 of Revenue Sharing
 Auditor is directed to p
 hearing as provided by
 the roll all Supervisors
 Chairman declared th

Motion by Halvers
 Studebaker, to allow 19
 Military exemptions r
 thru 4513 with the excep
 exemptions numbered
 and Military exemptio
 709, 2494, 3116, 3165 and
 the roll all Supervisors
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The following claim
 ordered paid:

- COUNTY FUND
 Donald E. Adkins,
 Renovation at Sheriff
 Bankers Advertising C
 Sheriff's supplies
 Belmont Publishing C
 Notice for Auditor 1
 Notice for Treasurer
 Board Proceedings 21
 Boone Blank Book Co.
 Auditor's supplies 9.
 Recorders supplies 10
 Bunnell Agency, inc.,
 County Insurance
 Central Electric, Elect
 work for computer
 Coast to Coast Store,
 Court House supplies
 Jail supplies 120.25
 Des Moines Stamp MF
 Treasurer's supplies
 Equitable Life Assuran
 Society, County share
 Insurance
 Farmers Co-operative
 Aux. power system for
 Dan R. Fesler & Son, I
 Sheriff's car expense
 Held in Custodial Supply
 Court House supplies
 Joe Halverson, Mileage
 for November



World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

Name: **Lewis Eimer Wilson**
 County: Wright
 State: Iowa
 Birthplace: Nebraska:United States of America
 Birth Date: 23 Feb 1889
 Race: Caucasian (*White*)
 Roll: 1643419
 DraftBoard: 0
 Age:
 Occupation:
 Nearest Relative: [View image](#)
 Height/Build:
 Color of
 Eyes/Hair:
 Signature:

Source Citation: Registration Location: *Wright County, Iowa*; Roll *1643419*; Draft Board: *0*.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Original data: United States. Selective Service System. *World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. M1509, 4,582 rolls. Imaged from Family History Library microfilm.

Description:

This database contains an index and images of World War I draft registration cards completed by approximately 24 million men living in the U.S. in 1917 and 1918. Information that may be found for an individual includes: name, place of residence, date and place of birth, race, country of citizenship, occupation, and employer. [Learn more...](#)