

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Rockhill,
Robert A. - Represented Marshall County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Nov 1894 Larchwood, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Welda Marshall 18 Feb 1928 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Member of the Marshall County Bar Association serving as president in 1939; 50 years member of the Iowa Bar Association in Apr 1973; member of the National Bar Association
B. Civic responsibilities Wescon; American Legion, VFW; Rotary; Red Cross; Community Chest
C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 52nd General Assembly 1947

6. Public Offices
A. Local Marshalltown city solicitor 1927-1933; city attorney 1952-1974; legal advisor to Larchwood, Iowa
B. State
C. National

7. Death 25 Jan 1979 Marshalltown, Iowa; Laurel Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown, Iowa

8. Children Dorothy (Mrs. David H. Kruse); Romona (Mrs. Donald Mackaman)

9. Names of parents Oscar and Welda (Bohner) Rockhill

Rockhill, Robert A.

10. Education Educated in the schools of Larchwood, Iowa
graduating in 1914.

11. Degrees Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana - undergraduate
Graduate of law school at the University of Iowa, Iowa,
Iowa, he earned his B.A. in 1920 and LL.B. degree in 1923

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Marshalltown in 1923 to establish his law
practice.
- Military service - World War I and World War II
- After the war he returned in 1944 to Marshalltown
- He was the owner of a century farm in Marshall County.
- His grandfather, Ellis Rockhill, came to Marshall County, Iowa in 1855

dismissal today. "The right of all parties and the integrity of the judicial process requires the maintenance of the status quo until the hearing" Monday, Chapman said. Miss Eaton, 26, is the city's only female firefighter and she has attracted

ing also broke out in the downtown area of that northwestern city. No other details were immediately available but the official Pars news agency said there had been a "pro-constitution" march both in Tabriz and Zahedan in eastern Iran.

Robert A. Rockhill, 84, Noted City Attorney, Dies

Robert A. Rockhill, 84, 106 N. 7th St., who had the distinction of serving as Marshalltown's city attorney longer than any other man in history, and who served in the Iowa Senate, died Thursday evening at Grandview Heights Nursing Home.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Pursel-Davis Chapel, with the Rev. Gary Pierce of the First Congregational Church, officiating. Masonic services will be conducted at the funeral home, and military burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 24, 1894, in Larchwood, a son of Oscar and Hulda Bohmson-Rockhill. On July 18, 1928, he was married in Cedar Rapids to Velda Mae Fox, and she survives.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters: Dorothy (Mrs. David H.) Kruse, New Albin, and Romaine (Mrs. Donald) Mackaman, Marshalltown. There are also five grandchildren, and two brothers and a sister surviving: Leslie Rockhill and Milton W. Rockhill, both of Larchwood, and Rozeta Reyman, formerly of Nevada.

He was preceded in death by a brother, a sister, and a granddaughter.

Mr. Rockhill was reared and educated in Larchwood; he later at-

tended Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., and did additional undergraduate work, then attended law school at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

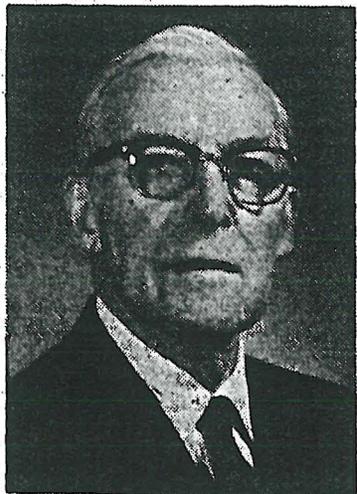
He came to Marshalltown in 1923 to establish a law practice. He was first named City Solicitor in 1927, serving until 1933; in 1952 he again became City Attorney, and served until his retirement in 1974 (at one time he also served as legal advisor to the town of Liscomb). He was a member of the Marshall County Bar Association, serving as president in 1939; he was also a 50-year member of the Iowa Bar Association (being recognized for that distinction in April, 1973), and a member of the National Bar Association.

He served in both World War I and World War II, first as a lieutenant in the infantry as a machine gun officer overseas in 1918, and later, from 1942-44, as staff officer and commanding officer at Ft. Snelling, Minn., a task for which he volunteered. A member of the Army Reserve since 1927, he retired as a major and was cited by the Reserve Officers Association for his 35 years of service.

After leaving the military in 1944, he returned to Marshalltown and was elected to the Iowa Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late B.C. Whitehill. He was a ranking member of the military affairs committee, and served on committees on tax revision, cities and towns, compensation and government affairs, and Board of Control; in 1961 he was a member of the research and municipal education committee of the League of Iowa Municipalities.

In Marshalltown he served as president of the Community Chest in 1946 and 1947, served on the board of directors of the Marshall County Red Cross, was a member of the First Congregational Church, a 50-year Mason, a member of the American Legion and a member of the VFW.

He was a Rotarian since 1944, working as secretary of the Frank G. Pierce Trust from its founding in 1954 until his retirement in 1976; in April, 1978, he was named the recipient of Rotary's Kenneth Brintnall Memorial Award for outstanding service.



Robert A. Rockhill

shovels. Heavy snow warnings were posted in the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico, and a new winter storm watch was issued in Nebraska, where cattle are already dying of starvation and farmers are flying in emergency rations by ski plane.

Freezing drizzle mixed with snow fell in northeast Ohio into New York and eastern Pennsylvania.

Record-setting rains and icy floodwaters soaked parts of New England, New York and New Jersey, driving more than 1,200 residents from their homes.

In Vermont, a mixture of rain and heavy snow was blamed for the death of a young girl, killed when snow slid off the roof of her house, and about 1,600 persons were without power in the Springfield and Brattleboro areas.

Leukemia Victim Taken To Mexico

SCITUATE, Mass. (AP) — The parents of 3-year-old leukemia victim Chad Green, ordered to stop giving him Laetrile, have fled with the boy to Mexico, the father said today.

Gerald Green said in an interview broadcast on Boston radio station WEEI that he and his wife had taken Chad to a Laetrile clinic in Tijuana. Laetrile is legal in Mexico.

The little blond boy's grandmother, with whom the family had been living, said the parents were "distraught" over a Plymouth County Superior Court order Tuesday prohibiting them from giving Chad Laetrile and vitamins to fight his cancer.

Punchy

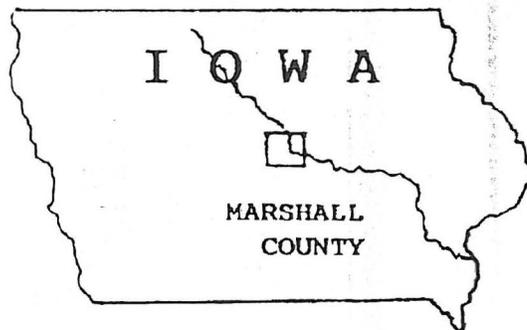
tlett said that Blair yelled at him: "I hate you! I want to see my kids! I hate my job!" He was charged with reckless homicide, under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident and negligent driving. Mayor Bilandic has called on God for help and Chicagoans to pray for an end to the less weather. "I'm going to visit my saintly mother (Mrs. Minnie Bilandic) and get her on my knees," said the mayor.

Level agents say that since the first big snow on Jan. 13, inquiries to escape to sunny climes increased 50 percent. "Everybody wants to go away, but doing it is very difficult because everything is sold out," said agent Marianne

Joseph DiLeonardi, police homicide commander, said 52 persons have been murdered in Chicago this year and 38 occurred in homes, apartments, hallways and taverns, indicating people are getting on each other's nerves ... I call them 'cabin fever murders.'"

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Century Farms

Evans, Stull, McMartin

16 acres northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 85 North Range 17W; 1856: Henry & Louisa P. Ambler; 1856: John F. Nessley; 1857: John F. Nessley & Margaret; to William H. and Elizabeth Weatherly; 1867: Martin Van Buren Evans; 1910 or 1911: Mr. Evans' daughter, Grace and her husband, Guy Stull, received title; 1966: Mrs. Dorothy (Don) McMartin, who is the daughter of the Stull's, received title to it in 1966.

James-Appelgate

160 acres southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 85 North, Range 17 W; 1855: US Government to Wilson Allen; 1857: Margaret Allen; 1869: Isaac T. James; 1925: John R. James; 1962: Bessie Hansen & Gladys Appelgate; 1963: Gladys Appelgate; Bruce & Merlyn Appelgate, sons of Leroy & Gladys Appelgate, farm the land as of 1995.

Walter

160 acres in original parcel, SE1/4, NW1/4, SE1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4, SW1/4, Township 85, Section 3, Range 17 W; Purchased 1855 from John Carroll by George Walter. From George it went to Warren S. Walter, to Warren Eldon Walter, to Mrs. W. Eldon Walter (in life estate), and terminated, then Ardis Walter McMechan (Mrs. James D.) and Donna Walter Liska (Mrs. Jay) received title.

Reuben Zink

160 acres SE 1/4 of Section 16, Range 85, 17 W; 1845: US Government to State of Iowa; 1868: Samuel Zink; Francis Zink (brother); George Zink; Reuben Zink; Reuben Zink Estate.

Lloyd Zink

North 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 36, 85, 17. 1855: US Government to Joseph Wichard; 1856: William Crawford; 1875: Charles Zink; 1911: Jacob H. Zink. south 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 36, 85, 17 issued in favor of James McClughan, private in War of 1812 and assigned Thomas Swearingen in 1856, under an act granting Bounty Land to certain officers & soldiers who had been engaged in US military service. 1867: Christian Beichley; 1883: Charles Zink; 1900: J.H. Zink. NE 1/4 of Section 36, 85, 17; 1938: Jacob H. & Maggie Zink to Lloyd S. & Elmer L. Zink, an undivided one-half; 1956: Elmer L. and

wife, Agnes, an entire undivided interest to Edith Zink; 1975: Lloyd & Edith Zink to Marlene Langbehn (S 1/2 of NW 1/4); 1975: Lloyd & Edith Zink to Sharon K. Mann (N 1/2 of NW 1/4), 1975.

Milholland-Fleming

160 acres of SE 1/4 of Section 25, 85, 17. The original deed was dated January 1, 1857 at Iowa City. 1857: US Government to Joseph & Martha Wickard; to Frank W. Milholland (son of J.D.); to Sarah E. Milholland Wise (daughter of Frank W.); to Henrietta W. Milholland Fleming (daughter of Sarah); to John R. Fleming, Jr. (son of Henrietta). John R. Fleming died in 1994, and his widow, Eugenia, continues to live on the farm. The Flemings' son-in-law, Bob Michels, farms the land as of 1995.

Yetley-Manz

80 acres NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 36; 1867: F. Wallace to Christopher Yetley; 1894: Christian Yetley, executor of Christopher's estate, sold to Ann E. Manze; 1909: George Manz; 1963: George's estate to Emma Manz & Aleta Ferrin (inherited from estate). Emma Manz died in 1975, and Aleta M. Ferrin is the sole owner of the property. Tenanted by Ron & Lois Groth.

Yetley-Ferrin

80 acres SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 36; Subject to RR right of way. 1868: Jacob C. Yetley; 1901: Mary E., Grant E., Charles L., Emma May, Lattie E. & Della A. were heirs of Jacob's estate); 1910: Emma May Manz & Della Alice Cuthbertson; 1918: Emma May Manz; 1975: Emma died leaving Aleta M. Ferrin the property.

Glass

160 acres, Section 1, SW 1/4; 1856: US Government to R. Lewis; to Charles Hayes; to Graham; to Taber; 1862: Powell; 1864: Sheriff of Marshall Co.; to John Bradley; to Adeline Welch; 1865: John Wilcox; 1870: Daniel McColl; 1872: Margaret McColl (Glass); 1916: Lewis Glass; 1938: Matilda Glass; 1943: Russell Glass. Daniel McColl was a brother of Mrs. J.L. Glass & has been in the Glass family since 1870.

Glass

320 acres, Section 12; 1856: US Govern-

ment to Harvey Bradshaw; 1873: C.F. Breithaupt; 1877: Charles B. Breithaupt; 1878: Jacob L. Glass; May 2, 1930: Lewis A. Glass Estate; 1938: Matilda Glass Estate; March 1, 1943: Russell Glass. Russell Glass married Wima Thornblade (who taught Vienna No. 1 School in 1935-1937), in 1940. They first rented the farm and bought it in 1943 and lived there until their deaths. The farm was sold to Jack and Colleen Elfin in 1980-1981, and they are living there at the present time. Wayne and Edith Whannel were with the Glass' for many years, first working for them, and in later years, renting the farm.

Rockhill

160 acres SE 1/4 Section 6; 1859: US by James Buchanan, president, to Elias Fisher; 1872: Sarah Fisher to Henry Butler; 1875: Ellis Rockhill; 1916: Harlow Rockhill; 1944: Robert A. Rockhill (grandson of Ellis).

Westcott

160 acres SE 1/4 Section 1; 1855: Aaron Hartley; 1866: Erskine Wescott; 1901: Harlow Wescott; 1942: Anna Wescott; 1946: Harvey Wescott; 1972: Helen Wescott. After Helen's death, her son, Larry and his wife Ruth, have lived in the house, and the farmland is rented out.

Binford-Bein

160 acres NW 1/4 Section 15; 1874: Oliver Binford, Marshalltown attorney; 1882: Alfred Binford (brother) - never lived there but his son, Albert J., a Grinnell College student, stayed with people who farmed it. He married Retta Hamilton on the former George Gethmann farm and moved to the Binford farm, which they purchased in 1909. They had four children, one of which was Lelia (Binford) Bein. Lelia and her husband, Elmer Bein purchased the farm in 1936 from the other Binford sister and brother. However, the sister, Iva and her husband, Walter Fleming, lived on the farm until 1944 when Lelia and Elmer Bein moved to the farm. The fourth generation of Bein's have lived on the farm, including Lelia's son and his wife, Vernon and Jeanne Bein, and their four children.

Charles Sharp

80 acres (unimproved) E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 6 ; 1873: Elias Fisher, Moses Steddon, Sarah Fisher, Samuel Borton,



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Robert A. ROCKHILL

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Birth **24 Nov 1894** in Larchwood, Iowa, USA
 Death **Jan 1979** in Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, United States of America

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1928 Age: 34	Marriage to Velda M. FOX	
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1930 Age: 36	Residence Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa	1 source citation
1979 Jan Age: 84	Death Marshalltown, Marshall, Iowa, United States of America	1 source citation
	Residence Lyon, Iowa	1 source citation

Parents

- Oscar ROCKHILL
1869 -
- Hildah C. BANNISON
1874 -

Show siblings

Spouse & Children

- Velda M. FOX
1895 - 1982
- Living ROCKHILL

Family group sheet

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 Robert ROCKHILL

Birth Date: 24 Nov 1894
Death Date: Jan 1979
Social Security Number: 479-40-6210
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 50158
Localities: Dillon, Marshall, Iowa
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