

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smith Ernest T. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Clayton County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Sept 1887 near Volga Iowa in Clayton County

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Roberta Francetta Baskerville 14 June 1916 Earlville, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of the Volga State Bank, Volga, Iowa;  
member of Clayton County Marketing Commission; member of Clayton County Cow Feeding Association

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; 4-H; Farm Bureau

C. Profession Farmer; teacher; Agent of Bureau; merchant

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1945, 1947

6. Public Offices

A. Local Secretary of Volga City Independent school district; director of Volga Co-op Creamery; (Sperdy) Justice of the Peace

B. State He was a charter member of the Iowa State Dairy Industry Commission

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 17 Apr 1964 Iowa City, Iowa; buried Hill Crest Cemetery, Volga, Iowa

8. Children Lillian Alice (Mrs. George Bright); Thomas Robert; John Ernest;  
they also raised a nephew, Richard James Elwood and three grand nephews, Edward Herbert Smith

9. Names of parents Thomas and Eliza J. (Keeling) Smith

10. Education He was educated in the Volga public schools graduating  
in 1904

11. Degrees He earned a B. A. from Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa  
in 1913

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was Superintendent of Schools from 1910-1912 in Hancock, North Dakota,  
1913-1916 in Okeron, North Dakota, 1916-1918 in Leakey, North Dakota,  
1918-1921 in Carrington, North Dakota and 1921-1923 in Ashley, North Dakota

- From 1923-1931 he was a partner of his brother, Herbert, in a general store in  
Volga, Iowa

- From 1933 he went into farming near Volga

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <i>Obituary</i>			<i>The Clayton County Register, Elkader, Iowa Thurs. Apr. 23, 1964, p. 2, col. 1, 2</i>
- <i>Iowa Peace Association of Mrs. Howard Iowa 1940</i>			<i>p. 301</i>
- <i>Iowa Official Register 1947-1948</i>			<i>p. 87</i>
- <i>Home Journal</i>			<i>1965, p. 2207</i>
- <i>History of Clayton County Iowa 1984</i>			<i>p. 687</i>
- <i>ancestry.com</i>			<i>(accessed 21 June 2010)</i>
- <i>familysearch.org</i>			<i>(accessed 21 June 2010)</i>
- <i>findagraves.com</i>			<i>(accessed 21 June 2010)</i>

**VOLGA NEWS**

# Ernest T. Smith Dies At Iowa City

VOLGA: Ernest T. Smith, 76, former member of the Iowa Legislature, died Friday, April 17, about 5 p.m. at the University Hospitals, Iowa City. Death was due to a heart attack and other complications.

At the time of his death, he was secretary of the Clayton County

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ERNEST T. SMITH

Farm Bureau, director of the Volga State Bank, and active in the Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

He served in the Iowa State House of Representatives from 1946 to 1948.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Volga Methodist Church with burial in the Hill Crest Cemetery.

## VOLGA NEWS Announce Delegates To Convention

Mrs. C. A. Brandt, Mrs. H. O. Probert, Mrs. E. J. Shelton, Mrs. E. G. Baumgartner, Mrs. Glen Moats, Mrs. Ray Zwanziger, Mrs. Melvin Gregerson and Mrs. Paul Boenish, members of the Volga Study Club, attended the Clayton County Federated Women's Clubs convention at Guttenberg Thursday. Ninety-one women were registered.

### Church Supper April 26

A supper will be served Sunday, April 26, at the Sacred Heart Church dining hall, beginning at 5 p.m.

The menu features mashed potatoes, ham, baked beans, salad, homemade rolls, jelly, cake and coffee. The public is invited. Supporters of the State Medical Society of Iowa, Mrs. Dan Scully.

### Sutton-Canfield

The marriage of Ruby Canfield

## VOLGA NEWS: Presbyterian Secured

The local congregation and the town have secured the Rev. Murphy of De both churches.

The Rev. an to reside in t City. Ordained the Rev. Mr. attending the where he has study. He tra buque Presbyt

## VOLGA CITY Volga L Contribu Quake

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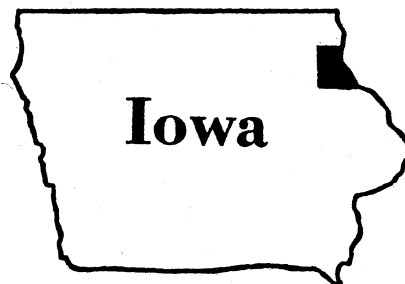
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teacher at Westside School near Garnavillo. Later they took over the family farm from LeRoy.

They had a daughter, Marjorie Kay, b. Dec. 22, 1949. She grew up on the farm enjoying quiet walks through the fields and horseback riding. She attended school in Elkader and graduated from UNI in 1972 with a degree in Vocational Home Economic.

June 17, 1972, Marjorie was united in marriage with Russell William Rock, son of Elmer and Dorothy Rock of Grand Mound, Ia. They have a daughter, Ann Marie, b. Feb. 24, 1977, and reside in Jesup, Ia., where Russ is manager of Farmer's Mutual Telephone Co. and Marjorie is a self employed professional seamstress.

Clyde and Rosalyn retired and moved to the Sabbann family home in Elkader in Oct. 1979. On Dec. 24, 1979, Rosalyn passed away. Clyde continues to live in Elkader.

### Ernest S. and Carrie Noack Smith



The Ernest Smith Family

Ernest Samuel Smith was born April 15, 1904, in Elk Twp., a son of Samuel and May Hansel Smith. He received his education in rural country schools and was a graduate of Elkport High School.

Carrie Leona Noack was the youngest child of James and Anna Kottke Noack and was born in Elk Twp., Dec. 27, 1908. She attended rural grade school No. 9 in Jefferson Twp. for eight years.

Ernest and Carrie ("Stick" and "Babe") were the first couple married in St. John's U.C.C. church at Garber June 8, 1929.

Ernest held a variety of occupations in his lifetime — store clerk, farmer, feed salesman, factory worker, chauffeur, retail salesman, security guard, and others. Most of their married life was spent in Clayton Co. except for almost 10 years when they lived in Dubuque where

he was employed at the K Mart in the garden center.

Their daughter, Gloria Mae, was born Sept. 26, 1930, in Elk Twp. She is the wife of Leland Tomkins of Guttenberg.

Ernest was a Mason, and was a former member of the Guttenberg Rotary Club and the Lions Club of Garnavillo. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Guttenberg, and was a former member of the church council. Carrie is a member of Pearl Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Ernest died at Guttenberg Oct. 3, 1976, and is buried at Mt. Harmony Cemetery near Garber. Carrie resides in Guttenberg.

By Shelia Tomkins

### Ernest T and Roberta Baskerville Smith



Ernest and Roberta Smith

Ernest T Smith, youngest son of Thomas and Eliza Keeling Smith, was born on the home farm east of Volga Sept. 12, 1887. After graduation from the Volga High School, he attended Upper Iowa University and graduated there in 1913. He became a superintendent of schools at Oberon, N.D., and held similar positions in the North Dakota school system for 12 years.

June 14, 1916, Ernest married Roberta Francetta Baskerville of Earlville. Their first two children, Lillian Alice and Thomas Robert, were born in North Dakota. Their third child, John Ernest Smith, was born in Volga after Ernest gave up his teaching career and returned to Volga to care for his aging father. Ernest became a partner with his brother, Herbert, in the Smith Brothers' General Store. In 1932, during the depression, he moved his family to a farm south of town owned by his uncle, Fred Keeling.

Ernest served many years as secretary of the Volga School Board, was a Sperry Twp. justice of the peace, was a charter

member of the Iowa State Dairy Industry Commission, and in 1944 he was elected to the first of two terms in the Iowa Legislature. He served in the Fifty-First and Fifty-Second General Assemblies as representative from Clayton Co.

Ernest was a member of the board of directors for many local organizations including the Volga Creamery Association, the Clayton County Farm Service Company and the Volga State Bank. He was an instructor in the veterans' agricultural program for many years, a director of the Postville R.E.A., active in the Farm Bureau, and was township chairman of the cancer fund drive for seven years after his wife's death on July 26, 1956. He was a member of the Elkader Masonic Lodge No. 72 A.F. & A.M.

Ernest and Roberta were both very active in the Volga Methodist Church. He was the lay speaker and served nearly 40 years as church treasurer, was a Sunday School teacher and its superintendent, and a member of the church choir. Roberta held many offices in the church, as a teacher in Sunday School, of the officary, and the Women's Society.

Roberta Smith was active in the Clayton Co. Womens' Farm Bureau and 4-H work. She was a member of the Volga Study Club and a past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star and very active in state and governmental activities. She was named "Woman of the Week" by the Cedar Rapids Gazette and "Mother of the Year" by the women of Volga.

Ernest and Roberta provided a home for his nephew, Richard James Elwood, and his grandnephew, Edward Herbert Smith. Ernest died April 17, 1964. He and Roberta are buried in Hill Crest Cemetery, Volga.

Compiled by Esther B. Smith, wife of John E. Smith, Wadena.

### Ferman and Berdina Schrunk Smith



Ferman and Berdina Smith

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*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.

TOM DOUGHERTY,  
JOHN L. DUFFY,  
CASEY LOSS,  
*Committee.*

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ERNEST T. SMITH

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

Ernest T. Smith was born September 12, 1887, in Volga, Iowa. He was a graduate of Volga High School, and graduated from Upper Iowa University, in Fayette, in 1913.

In June, 1916, he was married to Miss Roberta Baskerville of Earlville. They lived in North Dakota for 12 years, where Mr. Smith was a school superintendent for eight years. In 1923 they moved to Iowa, where he operated a general merchandise store in Volga for eight years. In 1932 he moved his family to a farm south of town, where he lived at the time of his death.

Mr Smith was an active worker in the Methodist Church, serving nearly 40 years as church treasurer. He also was a Sunday School teacher and superintendent for several years. He served many years as secretary of the Volga School Board, was a Sperry Township Justice of the Peace, and a charter member of the Iowa State Dairy Industry Commission. He was also a member of the Elkader Masonic Lodge, Farm Bureau, and Director in the Volga State Bank.

In 1944 he was elected to the Iowa Legislature, serving in the Fifty-first and Fifty-second General Assemblies as Representative from Clayton County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one son, two brothers, one sister and his parents. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George Bright, Oildale, California; two sons, Tom of Perry, Iowa and Dr. John of Arlington, Iowa, and ten grandchildren. Mr. Smith passed away April 17, 1964, at University Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa, following a heart attack.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Ernest T. Smith, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful 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.

DALE L. TIEDEN,  
JAMES E. PATTON,  
MAURICE E. BARINGER,






You searched for **Ernest T. Smith** in **Iowa**

### 1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Ernest T Smith</b>	
Home in 1900:	<b>Sperry, Clayton, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>12</b>	
Birth Date:	<b>Sep 1887</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Relationship to Head of House:	<b>Son</b>	
Father's Name:	<b>Thomas</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>New York</b>	
Mother's Name:	<b>Lizzie F</b>	
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>England</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Occupation:	<a href="#">View on Image</a>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Thomas Smith</a>	59
	<a href="#">Lizzie F Smith</a>	50
	<a href="#">Louie E Smith</a>	19
	<a href="#">Herbert H Smith</a>	14
	<a href="#">Ernest T Smith</a>	12

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Sperry, Clayton, Iowa; Roll T623\_425; Page: 10A; Enumeration District: 62.

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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Ernest T Smith</b>	
Census Date:	1905	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Clayton	
Locality:	Volga	
Roll:	IA_81	
Line:	28	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Ernest T Smith</b>	

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### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Ernest T Smith</b> <b>[Ernest T Smith]</b>	
Home in 1920:	<b>Carrington, Foster, North Dakota</b>	
Age:	<b>32</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1888</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Self (Head)</b> <b>[Head]</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Roberta F</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>New York</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>England</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Sex:	<b>Male</b>	
Home owned:	<b>Rent</b>	
Able to read:	<b>Yes</b>	
Able to Write:	<b>Yes</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<b>Ernest T Smith</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>Roberta F Smith</b>	<b>28</b>
	<b>Lillian A Smith</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>[2</b>
		<b>9/12]</b>
	<b>Hazel D Seavey</b>	<b>32</b>

**Source Citation:** Year: 1920; Census Place: Carrington, Foster, North Dakota; Roll T625\_1334; Page: 10A; Enumeration District: 117; Image: 81.

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 **Ernest SMITH**

<b>Birth Date:</b>	12 Sep 1887
<b>Death Date:</b>	Apr 1964
<b>Social Security Number:</b>	483-28-6710
<b>State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:</b>	Iowa
<b>Actual Death Residence:</b>	Iowa

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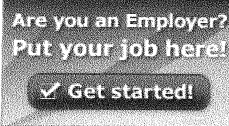
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Birth: Sep. 12, 1887 Volga Clayton County Iowa, USA
Death: Apr. 17, 1964



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Ernest T. SMITH was born on the Thomas and Eliza SMITH farm East of VolgaIA.

He married 1916 Roberta Francetta BASKERVILLE of EarlvilleIA.

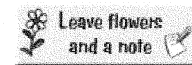
Ernest was a member of the Fifty First and Fifty Second Iowa General Assemblies representing Clayton CoIA.

Burial: Hillcrest Cemetery Volga Clayton County Iowa, USA

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