

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ross, Claus H. Senator _____

Represented Grundy County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Nov 1890 Grundy County Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place Shiloh Township near Hillsburg, Iowa

Bessie Gieskes 26 Aug 1948 Eldora, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion (post commander); past member of the 3rd District of the World War I Veterans Organization

C. Profession Garage owner

4. Church membership Reformed Christian

5. Sessions served 47th, 48th General Assemblies 1937, 1939

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Hillsburg 10 years; member of the Board of Commissioners of the Grundy County, Iowa

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Mar 1971 Hillsburg, Iowa; burial Shiloh Cemetery, Hillsburg, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents William A. and Gieskes (Roads) Ross

Ross, Claus W.

10. Education He was educated in the public schools in Grundy County

11. Degrees He attended a machinists' course in 1911 at Ulysses Park
College, Des Moines, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

He has been in the automobile business since 1912,

Military service - World War I and World War II - he served in France

during World War I

He lived at Hallsburg all his life.

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The project, which was initiated by the Wellsburg Fire Department in the spring of 1970, has made significant progress since the formation of Wellsburg Swimming Pool Inc. last fall.

A site was donated to the corporation in the south part of town; signed a letter of intent with the contractor, D. C. Taylor Company of Cedar Rapids, and worked out an agreement with the town council whereby the corporation will be dissolved and the pool turned over to the town of Wellsburg when construction has been completed.

The project involves the con-

struction of an 1,800 square foot heated swimming pool, plus a wading pool with fountain, bathhouse and about 3,100 square feet of concrete sun deck enclosed by a fence.

The pool will be equipped with underwater lights, fiberglass diving board, lifeguard chair, four ladders, slide and pool maintenance equipment.

It will accommodate 100 persons.

The grounds will be landscaped and lighted, and there will be a parking lot.

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a lunch, which the guests brought, was served. The Fritzens were presented with a group gift.

The Fritzens are moving this week to the house vacated by the Clifford Bergmans.

Prize Winners at Open House at Ross & Purvis

The open house held Thursday at Ross and Purvis was well attended. There were a number of prize winners including Irwin Abels, drill; Les Rieken, set of steak knives; John E. Ruter, lifetime Schaeffer pen and pencil set; Elke Ruter, ear sound re- tarder; Lawrence Graves, hand cleaner and penetrator; Ken Slems, hand cleaner and penetrator; Arend Eckhoff, 4 spark plugs; Alvin Blythe, mystery prize. Julie Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Meyer, won the toy tractor.

Colfax Ctr. Women's Missionary Society

The Ruths and Esthers of the Colfax Center Women's Missionary Society met together at the church on Tuesday evening, March 16th. About 25 ladies answered to roll call and then they visited the Ackley Presbyterian Home. The Fellowship Committee presented a program and everyone joined in to sing a few old familiar hymns. Everyone had fellowship together and a delicious lunch of coffee, sweet breads and cookies was served and enjoyed by all.

C. W. Ross Died Suddenly Tuesday



C. W. Ross, 80, passed away suddenly at his home around 5 a.m. on Tuesday morning of a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the Second Christian Reformed Church. The casket will be taken to the church at 11:00 a.m. on Friday from the Doyen Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Shiloh cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Bessie, also one sister, Mrs. Dick Hulsmann, Sr. and two brothers, Willie W. Ross and John W. Ross of Wellsburg.

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Last Rites Friday For Claus Ross

Claus W. Ross passed away around 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 30, 1971 at his home in Wellsburg following a heart attack. He reached the age of 80 years, 4 months and 9 days.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the Doyen Funeral Home and at 1:30 p.m. at the Second Christian Reformed Church. Rev. John H. Elenbaas was officiating clergyman. Two selections were sung by a men's quartet, Henry Kannegleter, Thomas Claassen, Roger Nederhoff and Willis Nederhoff accompanied by Mrs. Ray Toomisen, pianist. Mrs. Wilburg Knock was organist. Flower attendants were Miss Lydia Spieker and Mrs. Jack Deters. Pallbearers were Donald Purvis, Albert Hulsman, Kenneth Ross, Willard Ross, William P. Riek-

ena and Richa. Ross. Interment was held in the Shiloh Cemetery. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by local veteran's posts.

Claus was born on a farm in Shiloh Township, northwest of Wellsburg, on November 21, 1890, the son of William A. and Geska (Roalfs) Ross. He attended the rural school in the area. He later attended and graduated from Highland Park College in Des Moines. He was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Geerdes on August 26, 1948, at Eldora. They have lived all of their married life in Wellsburg.

He served his country in World War I and World War II. He was a charter member of the Ashing-Jaspers Post No. 213 of the American Legion in Wellsburg, and the Grundy County Barracks No. 1418 of World War I Veterans. He served as State Representative of Grundy county in Des Moines in 1937 and 1939. He was a past Commander of the Third District of

the World War I Veterans' organization, the Mayor of the Town of Wellsburg for 10 years and was also an original member of the Board of Commissioners of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital and would have relinquished his post as of April 1, 1971.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Albert, Rieke and Henry Ross; one sister (Grietje), Mrs. Peter B. Riekena and a brother and sister in infancy.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife, Bessie, one sister (Tatjie,) Mrs. Dick Huisman, Sr. of Wellsburg; two brothers, Will W. Ross of Wellsburg, John W. Ross of Wellsburg and a host of other relatives and friends.

NOTICE

The Wellsburg Study Club meets Wednesday evening, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the School Commons. Hostesses will be Mrs. Gordon Junker and Mrs. Mayo Tjaden.

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Funeral service Monday afternoon p.m. at the Doyen and at 1:30 p.m. Church for Alle ed away unexpected, April 2, and at the Ellsworth hospital in Iowa Pa been admitted evening. He reached years, 5 months

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WILLIAM H. HARBOR, Speaker of the House

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George W. Patterson, son of George and Elizabeth McKay Patterson, was born in Burt, Iowa, on September 4, 1887, where he maintained his residence throughout his lifetime.

He graduated from Burt High School in 1905, and held a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Iowa State University in Ames.

He married Eva Stensrud at Lake Mills, Iowa, on December 28, 1913.

Mr. Patterson was engaged in farming and ranching operations in Iowa and Montana and was very active in local, state and national politics his entire life.

Mr. Patterson served as a Republican in the House of Representatives in the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, and Forty-first sessions, and as State Senator in the Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-five Extra and Forty-sixth sessions.

He served as a member of the State Appeal Board of the Selective Service System from 1939 to March 31, 1947. He also served as a director of the Burt Savings Bank from its inception, and was honorary vice president of the bank. He was a lifelong member of the Burt Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Patterson passed away on February 25, 1971. Surviving him are his widow Eva and two sons, Donald of Burt, and Kenneth of Swea City, and one daughter, Virginia, Mrs. James Appleyard of Saratoga, California, and nine grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother, Howard Patterson of Missoula, Montana, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Dowd Zigrang of Los Angeles, California.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable George W. Patterson, the state has lost an honorable citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House of Representatives 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 of Representatives and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

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Committee

CLAUS W. ROSS

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

Claus W. Ross was born on a farm in Grundy County, Iowa, November 21, 1890, son of William A. and Geska (Roalfs) Ross. He attended public schools in Grundy County and finished a machinist's course in 1911 at

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Highland Park College, Des Moines. He was in the automobile business since 1912.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Geerdes on August 26, 1948.

Mr. Ross was the first Grundy County soldier to enter World War I and served two years, one of which was in France. He also served his country in World War II, and was a charter member of the Ashing-Jaspers Post No. 213 of the American Legion in Wellsburg, and the Grundy County Barracks No. 1418 of World War I Veterans.

He served as State Representative of Grundy County in Des Moines in 1937 and 1939. He was a past Commander of the Third District of the World War I Veterans' organization, the Mayor of the town of Wellsburg for 10 years, and was also an original member of the Board of Commissioners of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital and would have been relinquished of his post as of April 13, 1971.

Claus W. Ross passed away Tuesday morning, March 30, 1971, following a heart attack. Services were held at the Second Christian Reformed Church, Wellsburg, Iowa. Surviving are his wife, Bessie; one sister (Tatjie) Mrs. Dick Huisman, Sr., of Wellsburg; two brothers, Will W. Ross of Wellsburg and John W. Ross of Wellsburg.

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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.

HAROLD O. FISCHER
 FLOYD H. MILLEN
 RICHARD W. WELDEN
 Committee

LEO I. SANDERS

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

Leo I. Sanders was born in Osceola, Iowa March 16, 1894, son of Luther T. and Adella Sanders. The family moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1897. He attended the Des Moines schools, and was graduated from West High School.

Mr. Sanders was married to Sarah Davis on August 4, 1916 in Newton, Iowa, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Sanders was engaged in the wholesale ice cream business most of his adult life. He was the Mayor of Estherville from 1956 to 1962, and was associated with the Estherville Daily News. He was a member of the



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Claus W Ross

Birth **21 Nov 1890** in [Iowa City, Wright, Iowa, United States](#)
 Death **Mar 1971** in [Wellsburg, Grundy, Iowa, United States of America](#)

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1900 Age: 10	Residence Shiloh, Grundy, Iowa	1 source citation
1910 Age: 20	Residence Shiloh, Grundy, Iowa	1 source citation
1917 Jun Age: 26	Residence Wellsburg, Grundy, Iowa, USA WWI registr: short, med build, blue eyes, dark hair, work: auto repairing, self employed; single	1 source citation
1925 1 Jan Age: 34	Residence Wellsburg	1 source citation
1942 24 Apr Age: 51	Residence Grundy, Iowa, United States WWII enlistment; single, into Army, Pvt.; grammar school education; mechanic, 67" tall, weight 160#	1 source citation
1971 Mar Age: 80	Death Wellsburg, Grundy, Iowa, United States of America	1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

Wilhelm "William" A. Ross
1855 -

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1900 United States Federal Census

3 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

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This citation provides evidence for Claus W Ross

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

3 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

Social Security Death Index

3 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Death**

U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946

3 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

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Death Date: Mar 1971
Social Security Number: 482-36-9582
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Localities: Wellsburg, Grundy, Iowa

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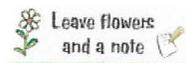
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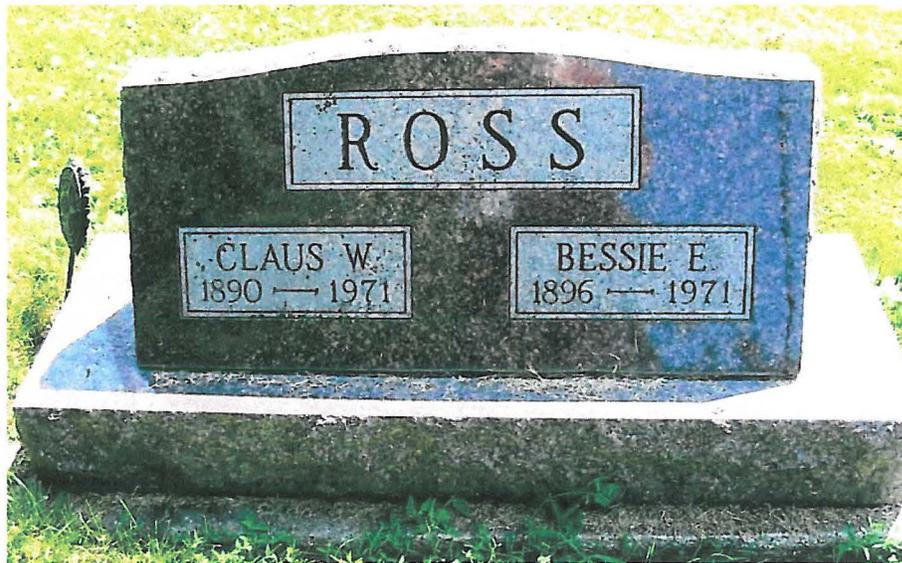


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