

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Tinsleran, Henry C. Senator _____

Represented Crawford County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Aug 1877 Medesdorf, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Mietta Vosgerau 27 May 1903

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Publisher

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 43rd 44th General Assembly 1929, 1931

6. Public Offices

A. Local Senior postmaster 15 years; Chokysda District Court; Crawford County Clerk of the District Court;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 28 June 1971 Des Moines, Iowa; heart

8. Children Lillian (Mrs Lunsford); Ruby (Mrs Green); Arnold; Marvin (predeceased his father in death); Normal (Mrs John Graves)

9. Names of parents J. Christian and Anna Marie (Kachler) Tinsleran

10. Education Educated in public schools in Germany

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- His wife, Frieda, died in 1957
- His newspaper career began at age 14 when he worked as a printer's apprentice for Der Crawford County Demokrat, in Denison, Iowa
- At age 19 he started working for The Denison Pioneer
- He briefly left the newspaper Pioneer in 1901 to be Clerk of Court
- He joined in partnership with Otto Vosgerau to purchase Der Crawford County Demokrat, later purchasing The Denison Zeitung, put the 2 papers together to form Der Denison Herald.
- During World War I Der Denison Herald became an English language paper named The Denison Herald.
- After World War I he purchased The Denison Bulletin and he became publisher of The Denison Bulletin and Herald. Later the name was changed to The Denison Bulletin.
- He emigrated to the United States in 1891, coming to Denison to live with his uncle.

Henry C. Fineran dies, former Bulletin publisher

Henry C. Fineran, 93, former publisher of the Denison Bulletin, died Monday evening at Eventide in Denison. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at Zion Lutheran church. Friends may call at the Huebner Funeral Home after 7 p. m. today.

Mr. Fineran, who also was Denison postmaster for 15 years and served two terms as state representative from Crawford county was associated with newspapers in Denison for 52 years before selling his interest in the Denison Bulletin to Mark Cramer in 1944.

His newspaper career began at the age of 14 when he answered an advertisement in Der Crawford County Demokrat for a printer's apprentice. Five years later he accepted a position on the Denison Review, one of four weekly newspapers published in Denison at that time.

After leaving the newspaper business



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briefly in 1901 to work for Clerk of the District Court Frank Faul at the court house, Mr. Fineran joined in a partnership with Otto Vosgerau to purchase Der Demokrat which had been owned by Faul. Two years later Mr. Fineran and Vosgerau purchased the Denison Zeitung and combined the two papers to form Der Denison Herold. Der Herold became an English language newspaper during World War I and the name was changed to the Denison Herald.

Following the war the Herald purchased the competing Bulletin and Mr. Fineran became publisher of the Bulletin and Herald. The name later was changed to the Denison Bulletin.

While editing the Bulletin, Mr. Fineran served two terms as state representative from Crawford county, from 1928 to 1932. He was appointed Denison postmaster in 1934 and served for 15 years before retiring.

Mr. Fineran was born Aug. 13, 1877, in Fredesdorf, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, the son of J. Christian and Anna Marie (Kaehler) Fineran. He attended public schools in Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1891, coming to Denison to live with an uncle.

He was married on May 27, 1903 to Frieda Vosgerau who preceded him in death in 1957. They were the parents of five children, Mrs. Lillian Lunsford of Denison, Mrs. Ruby Green of Demopolis, Ala., Arnold of Ormond Beach, Fla., Marvin, deceased and Mrs. John (Norma) Graves of Loveland, Colo. Also surviving are six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Fineran was a member of Zion Lutheran church, holding various offices. He also was an officer of the Columbia Society and was president of the Denison Opera House Company for more than 50 years.

