

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Reimers Otto J. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Lyon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Mar 1878 Scott County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Ella Rohde 22 Feb 1905 Lyon County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business He was admitted to the bar in 1929. he was a member of  
Lyon County and State Bar Associations  
B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Kiwanis; Chairman of the Rock Rapids  
Civic Advisory Committee; Town Board; Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows  
C. Profession Farmer; teacher; attorney

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 41<sup>st</sup> 42<sup>nd</sup> 43<sup>rd</sup> 44<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Lyon County attorney 1933-1934; Township school board member;  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 18 May 1967 Sioux Falls, South Dakota; buried Riverside Cemetery, Rock Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Ella (Mrs. Kenneth Hollice)

9. Names of parents John H. and Carolina (Clasen) Reimers

Rennin, Otto J.

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Rock Rapids, Iowa

11. Degrees He graduated from Western Union College, Des Moines, Iowa  
from a commercial course; he completed a course in law.

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Active consulting editor he taught in Lyon County schools for 4 years 1897-1901
- He practiced law in Rock Rapids Iowa for several years
- He moved from Scott County Iowa to Lyon County Iowa in 1885
- He farmed in Lyon County Iowa from 1905-1920

*Bemiss, Otto J.*

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<i>Obituary - The Lyons County Register Brock Rapids Iowa Mon May 22, 1967 p. 1, col 6 and p. 8, col 6</i>
-			<i>Iowa Official Register 1931-1932, p. 254</i>
-			<i>History of Lyons County Iowa 1989, p. 255-256</i>
-			<i>ancestry.com (accessed 7 Oct 2010)</i>
-			<i>Familysearch.org (accessed 7 Oct 2010)</i>
-			<i>Iowa Press Association of Wood Hill in Iowa 1910, p. 780</i>
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Following the invocation, the concert choir, under the direction of Mrs William Robin, will sing "The Halls of Ivy." The group will be accompanied by Rhonda Kooiker.

Dr. Frank L. Lee, superintendent of the Central Lyon schools, will introduce the speaker for the evening's program, Dr. Lars I. Granberg. Dr. Granberg is a resident of the Northwestern college at Orange City and his address is entitled "What Next?"

After the speaker concludes his address, the concert choir will again appear and will sing two numbers, "I Believe," and the "Central Lyon Hymn."

High School Principal Gordon LeBoutillier will present the class of 1967 for the awarding of the diplomas, which will be presented by Everon L. Klinkenberg, resident of the Central Lyon board of education.

Principal Gordon LeBoutillier will announce the names of the class valedictorian and salutatorian during the commencement exercises here tomorrow night.

The class motto is "Keep your face always toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you." Class colors are lavender and white and the class flower is the lavender pom-pom.

Commencement services were held last night (Sunday) in the high school gymnasium for the class of 1967. The service was attended by a good-sized crowd of

## O. J. Reimers died last week in Sioux Falls

Otto J. Reimers, prominent Lyon county citizen for more than a half century, died Thursday morning in a Sioux Falls nursing home. He was 89, and had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Congregational church with the Rev. R. R. Teeuwen officiating. Organist for the services was Mrs. Gordon LeBoutillier, and Pierre Landman sang two solos — "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

Burial was in the Riverview cemetery here with Masonic Rites by Border Lodge No. 406. Jongewaard Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Active bearers were Raymond Meiburg,



Otto J. Reimers

Erwin Meiburg, Harley Meiburg, Virgil Hasche, Elmer Sheneberger, and Ollie Akkerman. The deacons of the Congregational church served as honorary bearers.

Survivors are a daughter, Elva, Mrs. Kenneth Wallace of Rock Rapids; one sister, Mrs. Clara Sheneberger of Rock Rapids; two granddaughters, Audrey,

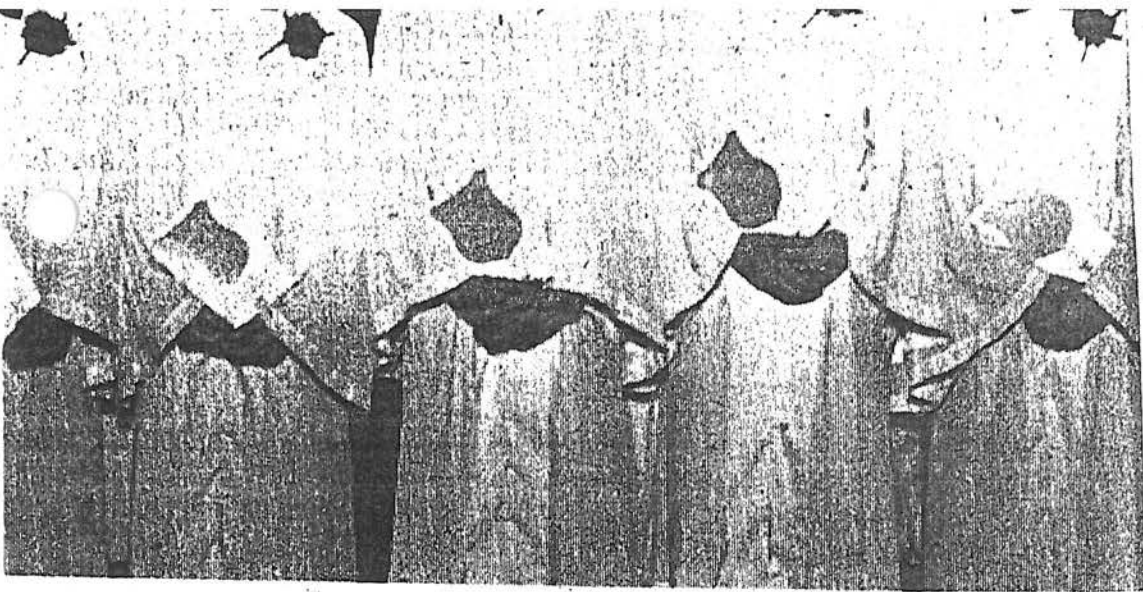
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## Over 2,000 attend open house Sunday at Peace Lutheran church

Pastor Paul Lemke of the Peace Lutheran church reports that he was "very pleased" with the attendance at the open house held there Sunday. A crowd estimated at over 2,000 toured the building.

The open house was originally planned to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. but due to the large number of people, the event did not conclude until 5:45. The people were allowed to wander around the building at their own pace, and members of the congregation were placed in different areas to answer questions.

Pastor Lemke said that the guest book where those attending wrote their names was filled, and other books had to be obtained. Following the tours, the people were invited to have refreshments served by the women of the church.



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Lee Hecht of Larchwood, a junior at the  
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ade point average of 3.4 or above.  
ecepted into Purple Arrow, an organi-  
tion that recognizes scholarship, citizen-  
ip and potential leadership in freshman  
d sophomore women, was Laurel John-  
n, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert  
hson of Inwood.

Two Rock Rapids students, Eileen  
ndman, the daughter of Mr and Mrs  
erre Landman, and Maria Mueller,  
ughter of Mr and Mrs Karl Mueller,  
ere honored at the convocation. Miss  
ueller, a sophomore at SCI, joined Alpha  
i Gamma, national honorary journal-  
ic society. Eileen Landman, a senior  
ident, was accepted into Torch and Tas-  
l, an honor society for senior women,  
cognizing outstanding scholarship and  
adership; Scholarship Honors, an organi-  
tion honoring students who have  
hieved a cumulative grade point of 3.5  
more throughout college; and Sigma  
pha Iota, national honorary music fra-  
nity for women.

### TESTIMONIAL

A testimonial dinner was given to Leo-  
ard C. Rossman, Perry community high  
hool journalism teacher, for his nearly  
years of service to journalism educa-  
on May 5. The tribute was sponsored  
the University of Iowa School of  
u. ism, the Iowa High School Press  
sn., and Quill and Scroll Society.

## O. J. Reimers

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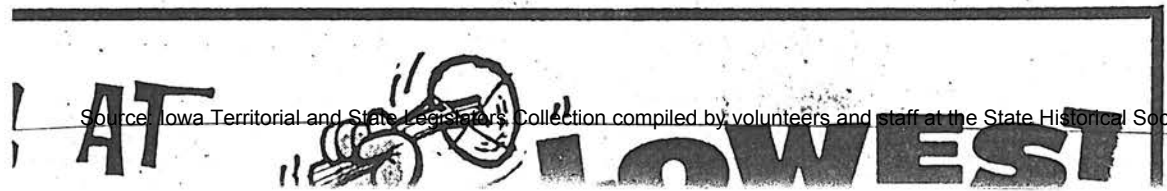
Mrs Richard Putney, Athens, Ohio, and  
Margo, Mrs Robert Conrad, Vancouver,  
Wash.; and four great-grandchildren.

Reimers, a son of John H. Reimers  
and Carolena Clasen, was born in Scott  
County, Iowa, on March 16, 1878. He  
attended the Rock Rapids High school  
and after graduating, enrolled in Western  
Union college at LeMars.

After completing his college education,  
Reimers taught in Lyon county schools  
for four years. On February 22, 1905,  
he married Ella Rohde and the couple  
farmed in the county until 1920. Reimers  
was a state representative in the General  
Assembly of Iowa for eight years, and  
was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1929.

He practiced law in Rock Rapids for  
several years and served as county at-  
torney in 1933 and 1934. In addition; he  
has been active in many local clubs  
and organizations, including Kiwanis Lt.  
Governor, chairman of the Rock Rapids  
Civic Advisory committee, president of  
Farm Bureau, commercial club director,  
AF and AM Masonic lodge, Knights of  
Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fel-  
lows, and member of the Congregational  
church.

In 1942, Reimers was nominated by the  
democratic party to fill the unexpired  
term of Vincent Harrington in the U.S.  
Congress.



shop at Little Rock. In this enterprise he was meeting with much success when in 1868, at the call of his friends in the Republican party, he became a candidate for the office of auditor of Lyon county. In the election that followed he was successful, receiving a majority of two hundred and nine votes over his competitor. In 1900 he was again elected, this time having a majority of four hundred and thirty-three votes; in 1902 he was a third time elected to the same position, this time his majority being two hundred and seventy-five votes. The county was organized in 1871 and he is the tenth man elected to this position. He was the first man in Lyon county to hold the office of auditor three terms since the organization of the county.

Mr. Dietrich is associated with the People's church with which he has been connected since 1892, and with his good wife has worked hard to build it up until it has become one of the leading religious organizations of the city.

Mr. Dietrich was married December 22, 1887, to Miss Magdeline M., a daughter of Henry and Jane (Waldron) Shaw. Her father was a successful farmer, and was killed by an accident at the age of fifty-six years. He came of Holland ancestry, while his wife traced back her origin to an old English family. Her family wore a

coat of arms which still remains. To this marriage have come six children: Earnest Oscar; Ada Grace; Blanche Magdalene; Chandon; Helen Jane; and George Earl.

C. E. Dietrich, the father of George F., was a man of note in his day,—although a tailor by trade. He was a close student of the questions of the day; and to crown his declining years wrote a book on the "Solution of the Social Problem." This was published after his death, as it was coming out from the press of the Schultz Publishing Company as he was passing away, at the age of seventy-seven years. This however, has been a popular work, and has received marked approbation from those competent to measure its value. He was born in Germany, and came to this country when about twenty-one years of age, locating in Baltimore, where he was married to Margaret Feldkirchner, also a native of Germany. From her Bavarian home she came with her brother while still a young girl to this country, and here she found her husband.

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#### JOHN H. REIMERS.

Mr. Reimers was born in Germany in 1849, where he was reared on a farm, and well prepared for that honorable

and useful career which he has led in the United States. Here he has had his home since 1868, and his loyalty to his adopted land is beyond question. He is thoroughly Americanized, and is proud of the land which has given him such a generous welcome. His home is in Doon township, Lyon county, where he has lived many years.

In May, 1868, Mr. Reimers arrived in Scott county, Iowa, coming from Germany, and for a time was employed as a farm hand. In 1873 he began farming for himself, and the following year was married to Miss Caroline Elizabeth Clasen. She was also born in Germany, and by her marriage with Mr. Reimers has become the mother of four children: Otto J., Meta E., Mary C., and Clara S.

Mr. Reimers removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where he maintained his home three years. In March, 1885, he located in Lyon county, having already bought a farm in Cleveland township the previous year. In the spring of 1885 he bought his present property, the northeast quarter of section 1, Doon township, on which some few and simple improvements had already been made. In 1889 he bought the northwest quarter of section 6, Garfield township, and at the present time owns three hundred and fifty-six acres, all improved, and furnished with

about the finest set of farm buildings to be found in the county. He devotes his attention principally to stock and grain raising, and has made a very great success of his various agricultural enterprises. In these years in which he has been a citizen of Doon township he has built up a magnificent farm, and made for his family a noble and commanding home.

In political matters Mr. Reimers generally takes strong Democratic ground, and has served as town trustee, and has been appointed supervisor to fill a vacancy on the county board. In his own district he has been school director, and has always been ready to meet every duty as a man and a citizen. His upright and honorable career should be an encouragement to the young men of the present generation, as in it they can see what thrift and industry, honesty and integrity can always accomplish.

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SEVERT OLSON FLADAGER  
(DECEASED).

S. O. Fladager, who died January 16, 1903, was long numbered among the leading citizens of Lyon township, Lyon county, and held a place in the social and business circles of the community that can not be easily filled. He



You searched for **Otto J. Reimers** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

**Name:** **Otto J Reimers**

**Home in 1900:** **Doon, Lyon, Iowa**

**Age:** **22**

**Birth Date:** **Mar 1878**

**Birthplace:** **Iowa**

**Race:** **White**

**Gender:** **Male**

**Relationship to Head of House:** **Son**

**Father's Name:** **John H Reimers**

**Father's Birthplace:** **Germany**

**Mother's Name:** **Caroline Reimers**

**Mother's Birthplace:** **Germany**

**Marital Status:** **Single**

**Occupation:** [View on Image](#)

**Neighbors:** [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John H Reimers	51
	Caroline Reimers	47
	Otto J Reimers	22
	Metta Reimers	20
	Mary Reimers	17
	Clara Reimers	13
	Louie J Kruger	21
	Peter Paulson	13

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Doon, Lyon, Iowa; Roll: T623\_445; Page: 11B; Enumeration District: 55.

**Source Information:**  
 Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

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 This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, relationship to the head of household, color or race, sex, month and year of birth, age at last birthday, marital status, number of years married, the total number of children born of the mother, the number of those children living, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, if the individual was foreign born, the year of immigration and the number of years in the United States, the citizenship status of foreign-born individuals over age twenty-one, occupation, and more. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1900 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)





You searched for **Otto J. Reimers** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Otto J Reimers**

Age in 1910: **32**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1878**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birth Place: **Germany**

Mother's Birth Place: **Germany**

Spouse's name: **Ella Reimers**

Home in 1910: **Doon, Lyon, Iowa**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Otto J Reimers	32
	Ella Reimers	29
	Elva Reimers	3
	John Winter	27
	Gusta Boll	18

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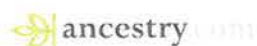
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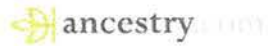
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You searched for **Otto J. Reimers** in **Iowa**

1920 United States Federal Census		
Name:	<b>Otto J Rumus</b> <b>[Otto J Reimers]</b>	
Home in 1920:	Doon, Lyon, Iowa	
Age:	41	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1879	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Ella Rumus	
Father's Birth Place:	Germany [Holstein]	
Mother's Birth Place:	Germany [Holstein]	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Rent	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Otto J Rumus	41
	Ella Rumus	39
	Elva Rumus	12
	Johannes Jacobson	45
	Wilmar Russell	21
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<b>Source Information:</b>		
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Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: NARA. Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).		
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You searched for **Otto J. Reimers** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census

**Name:** **Otto J Reimers**

**Home in 1930:** **Rock, Lyon, Iowa**  
[View Map](#)

**Age:** **52**

**Estimated birth year:** **abt 1878**

**Birthplace:** **Iowa**

**Relation to Head of House:** **Head**

**Spouse's name:** **Ella Reimers**

**Race:** **White**

**Occupation:**

**Education:**

**Military service:** [View image](#)

**Rent/home value:**

**Age at first marriage:**


**Parents' birthplace:**

**Neighbors:** [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Otto J Reimers	52
	Ella Reimers	49
	James Kennedy	66

**Source Citation:** Year: 1930; Census Place: Rock, Lyon, Iowa; Roll: 666; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 26; Image: 898.o.

**Source Information:**



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Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

**Description:**  
 Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

# Individual Record

FamilySearch™ U.S. Social Security Death Index

## Search Results

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 **Otto REIMERS****Birth Date:** 16 Mar 1878**Death Date:** May 1967**Social Security Number:** 479-48-5947**State or Territory Where Number Was Issued:** Iowa**Death Residence Localities****ZIP Code:** 51246**Localities:** Edna, Lyon, Iowa

Rock Rapids, Lyon, Iowa

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