

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative O'Brien, John Edmund Senator _____

Represented Allamakee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Sept 1864 Oneida County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Accorah Grattan 19 Mar 1903 Medford, Oklahoma

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Extensively engaged in real estate, stock and farms
in Iowa and South Dakota

B. Civic responsibilities Knight of Pythias

C. Profession Carpenter, builder, contractor, lawyer, real estate,
farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 43rd General Assembly 1929

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 June 1947 Hawbon, Iowa; buried Oakland Cemetery, Hawbon, Iowa

8. Children Henry Grattan; John Gordon

9. Names of parents Michael Smith and Henrietta Alice (Jenkins) O'Brien

10. Education

11. Degrees

Iowa State University and Drake University -
studied law

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- Came from Oneida County, New York to Allamakee County with his parents in 1870. Drove ox teams and worked on farms until 1884 when he went to NW Iowa and SD to herd cattle
- Military service - US Navy - Spanish American War
- Admitted to the bar in 1899, Company I, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry
- Employed in the construction of the buildings on the Illinois Central Railway between Okauchee and Sioux Falls.
- Also was a carpenter in Birmingham, Alabama and Jackson, Mississippi
- Went then to Chicago, Illinois where he assisted in erection of the exhibition buildings at the World's Columbian Exposition
- Served 6 months in the Columbian Guard
- In 1893 went to California and put up Canadian exhibits at the Midwinter Exposition in San Francisco
- Admitted to the bar in 1900
- In 1913 resides in Hawken, Iowa.
- Wife, Decarah, born 20 Dec 1871, died 10 Feb 1945. Buried Oakland Cemetery, Hawken, Iowa

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BILL LEE IS FREED OF AWOL CHARGE

Local Man Back Sunday After Three Weeks

Bill Lee, 32, was back in Waukon Sunday from 5th Army Headquarters, Chicago, and freed of the charge that he was absent without leave since 1941. Bill had been picked up here May 30 by military police.

He received his discharge in October, 1941, after serving in the army. Later he was called for induction, but at Camp Dodge, near Des Moines, he failed to pass his physical examination.

Unfortunate thing for Lee was the fact that he had misplaced that all-important piece of paper the army calls a discharge. His records kept by the local selective service board, along with all the others, had been sent to Des Moines and were not available. He did, however, have the records which showed he had been called up for induction and not accepted by the army.

It was all a case of mistaken identity so far as Bill was concerned. The army was looking for another man by the same name.

During his three weeks' stay at the 5th Army Headquarters Lee got his board and room and received a daily compensation, besides a new army uniform.

Hold Otto Fish Funeral Tuesday

LANSING — Funeral services for Otto Fish were held Tuesday afternoon at the Federated church, the Rev. C. H. Willemssen officiating. Mr. Fish died Saturday evening at a LaCrosse hospital where he had received care for a week.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fish, born at Cedar Falls January 21, 1884. When he was 14 years old the family moved near Rossville. On December 4, 1904, he was married to Celia McCracken. Five years later they moved near Lansing and then later moved to Lansing.

Mr. Fish is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Yeoman; four sons, Clyde of LaCrosse; Donald of Waukon; Leo and Elmer of Fort Huron, Michigan; 13 grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Emma Barr, Waukon, and three brothers, Edward and Louis of Postville, and George of Freeport. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Berger Died Here

Saturday Night

Serves Lutheran Church 50 Years

The Rev. A. P. Lea observed his fiftieth year as pastor in the Lutheran church at his home near Waterville Sunday.

Born in Norway, he came to the United States when 20 years old and attended school at Min-



REV. A. P. LEA

neapolis, graduating from Augsburg college in 1894. He was ordained at St. Paul, Minn., after completing the theological course at United Theological seminary in 1897.

Prior to serving as pastor of the Old East and West Paint Creek church for 21 years, he had served at Chippewa Falls, Wis., for 23 years.

Mrs. Lea died in September, 1940, and he resigned his pastorate and has since represented the Sudan Lutheran Mission in Africa as a fieldworker.

Shortt Funeral Held Saturday

Funeral services for Patrick Shortt, 61, were held Saturday morning at St. Mary's church, Lycurgus, conducted by Fr. Thomas O'Toole. Burial was in the nearby cemetery.

His daughter, Mrs. Jacquelyn McSweeney of San Francisco, California, was in attendance at the burial services and remained a few days to attend to business affairs.

Others who survive are two brothers and a sister, Peter, Leo and Rose Shortt, French Creek township, Mrs. George Huffman and Mrs. John Ray, Chicago.

Shortt practiced medicine at Grafton and Park River, N. D., in his younger years.

Re-modeling Work

Mrs. Gilman Hagen Receives Note from Family in Greece

Mrs. Gilman Hagen, Waukon Newspapers' Elton correspondent, recently received a thank-you note from a family in Greece, who had received a parcel sent by her in a relief shipment.

The letter, in clear handwriting follows:

Trikkala
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Mrs. Hagen

We got with much surprise the parcel with the nice things in it. Well, it is very moving to think, that a person on the other side of the world thought to give us some pleasure.

I made your acquaintance by a strange way, that is why I wanted to know something more about you and your family.

I live with my wife in a little town which is in the centre of Greece.

With my best compliments,
Leonidae Kastrakidis.

Women's Club Gives Bassinet To Hospital

With the funds left after purchase of an incubator for the Waukon General hospital, the New Century club has purchased a bassinet, recently received and now in use at the hospital delivery room.

The bassinet includes a stand of tubular steel and the basket is equipped with carrying handles and may be placed in the stand in a tilted position. It is finished in white baked-on enamel.

The New Century club, which still has additional funds available, plans to purchase additional bassinets for the hospital. Those in use at present are of wood construction.

The incubator, which was on display in a window at Hale & Sons for several days last month before delivery to the hospital, has already been used, according to Mrs. C. W. Reminger, supervisor at the hospital.

Incubator

The incubator is for care of premature births and subnormal or alling full term infants. It features controlled warmth with constant, automatic temperature control, and generated humidity. Two 250-watt electric light bulbs provide the heat, and one bulb is used to generate the humidity. The incubator also has a built in temperature and humidity indicator and its operation is practically automatic.

The cabinet is 31x17x38 inches, and is of all-steel construction with a baked-on white enamel finish.

The incubator project was started by the New Century club, and other women's clubs, church groups and lodges contributed to

J. E. O'BRIEN DIED AT HOME HERE FRIDAY

Funeral Services Held at Martins Monday Afternoon

John E. O'Brien, 86, Spanish-American war veteran, former attorney and real estate man, died at his home on North High street Friday. He was one of Waukon's oldest residents.

His last illness was of only a day's duration. He had been about his home and had enjoyed an automobile ride Thursday.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Martin's funeral home, conducted by the Rev. A. H. Grossheim. Burial followed in the family lot in Oak-land cemetery.

Mr. O'Brien studied law at the University of Iowa, and at Drake University, and was admitted to the bar in 1900. As long as his health permitted, he practiced law in Waukon and dealt in real estate.

State Representative

He served as state representative from Allamakee county in 1929-30.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Brien, he was born in Oneida county, New York, September 16, 1860. When he was ten years old his parents came to Allamakee county, settling in Ludlow township where he grew to manhood. He served with the United States navy during the Spanish American war.

On March 19, 1903, he and Deborah Grattan, also of Ludlow township, were married at Medford, Oklahoma, and Waukon became their home. Mrs. O'Brien preceded him in death on February 10, 1945.

Surviving Relatives

Surviving are two sons, Henry Grattan O'Brien of Des Moines, and Lt. Col. John Gordon O'Brien, Washington, D. C. Also, a brother, Joseph O'Brien, Waukon. There is one grandchild, Susan O'Brien of LaJolla, Calif.

Pallbearers for the services Monday were Ludvig Larson, Herman Haelen, J. J. Arnold, I. E. Beeman, R. J. Pratt and Sherman Hart.

Lifelong Resident Called by Death

Will Hold Services for Hugh Sweeney Wednesday Morning at Lycurgus

Another aged resident of this vicinity, Hugh Sweeney, sr., died Monday morning at the home of his nephew, James Sweeney in Makee township.

He never married and this county and spent his entire life here. He never married and

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one, hiring out as a farm laborer, and he continued thus for nine years, after which he purchased land of his own. He bought one hundred and twenty-seven acres on section 7, Franklin township, and since he was thirty years of age has been active in its cultivation. Upon his property he has made many substantial improvements, erecting barns and outbuildings, all of which present a neat and attractive appearance. Success has steadily rewarded his well directed labors and he is today one of the prosperous farmers and substantial business men of this vicinity.

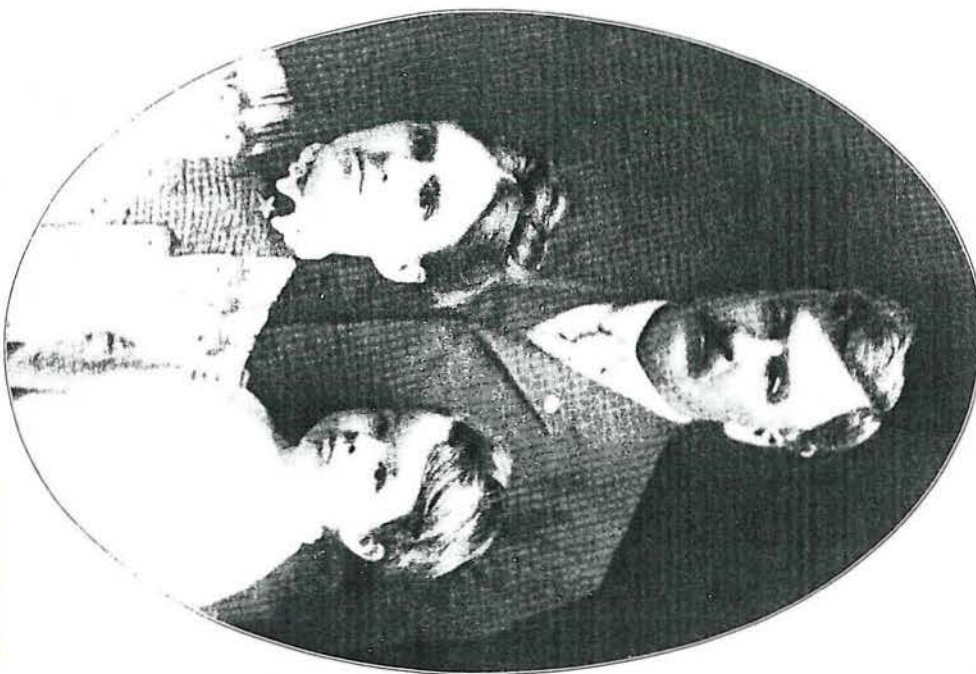
On the 5th of December, 1900, Mr. Roffman was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Segrist, a daughter of Louis and Mary Ann (Joyce) Segrist, the former a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and the latter of Indiana. More extended mention of these parents is made on another page in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Roffman have four children: Harold, who was born October 14, 1903; Earl, born January 17, 1907; Otto, born January 21, 1909; and Mabel, born July 20, 1912.

Mr. Roffman is a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Store at Postville and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been road supervisor and a member of the school board, laboring effectively in that office to promote the cause of education. As one of the large landowners and successful farmers and business men of Franklin township he is well known, for his life record shows what may be accomplished by a determined spirit and by unfaltering enterprise. He has carefully noted and utilized each opportunity and his example of unremitting industry and perseverance is one well worthy of emulation.

JOHN EDMUND O'BRIEN.

John Edmund O'Brien, controlling an important and representative business as a dealer in real estate in Waukon, was born in Oneida county, New York, in 1860, and was one of nine children born to Michael Smith O'Brien and Henrietta Alice Jenkins, who emigrated from Ireland in the early '50s and were married in Oneida county. They afterwards came to Iowa, settling in Ludlow township, Allamakee county, where the father still resides upon his farm.

John Edmund O'Brien was ten years of age when his parents came to Iowa. He worked on farms in this vicinity for several years and then engaged in carpenter work in various parts of the state, being employed in the construction of the buildings on the Illinois Central Railway between Onawa and Sioux Falls. Afterwards he spent two years working at his trade in Birmingham, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi, going from the latter city to Chicago, Illinois, where he assisted in the erection of the exhibition buildings at the World's Columbian Exposition and served for six months in the Columbian Guards. In the winter of 1893 he went to California and put up the Canadian exhibits at the Midwinter Exposition in San Francisco. Returning to Iowa, he established himself in the building business at Waukon and his ability becoming widely recognized, he soon secured a large and representative patronage.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. O'BRIEN AND SON



HENRY G. AND JOHN G. O'BRIEN

Mr. O'Brien served in Company I, the Waukon company, Iowa National Guards, under Captains Gibbs, Nichols and Stewart. In 1898, a few days after the declaration of war with Spain, he went to Pensacola, Florida, and with Paul D. May, enlisted in the United States Navy for one year as carpenter's mate, first class. He served on the United States ships Tacoma, Lancaster and Cassius, under commanders Sutherland, Very-Perry and Lieutenant Waters of Commodore Remy's fleet. At his own request and through Senator Allison's influence he received his honorable discharge at Norfolk, Virginia, at the close of the Spanish-American war. Returning home he studied law first at the Iowa State University and then at Drake University at Des Moines and was admitted to practice before the state and federal courts in 1900. In the following year however he turned his attention to the real-estate business and in this he has since continued, his patronage in Waukon being today profitable and important. He is known as an expert judge of land values and his opinion has come to be regarded as an authority on matters of this character. He is resourceful, far-sighted, capable and energetic and his sagacity is far-reaching and his integrity beyond question.

At Medford, Oklahoma, March 19, 1903, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Decorah Grattan, a daughter of Henry G. Grattan, a pioneer in Allamakee county and for many years one of the most prominent citizens in this part of Iowa. He was born at New Haven, Oswego county, New York, June 28, 1826, and was of English descent, a son of Amos and Abigail (Guyant) Grattan. The former, a blacksmith by trade, was born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts in 1797 and died in Ludlow township, Allamakee county, Iowa, June 2, 1889. In 1835 he took up a claim and built the first log cabin where Kenosha, Wisconsin, now stands. He was for fifty years a member of the Baptist church and voted with the first organization of the old abolitionist party. He fought in the War of 1812. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Abigail Guyant, was born September 8, 1794, in Canterbury, Connecticut, and died in Ludlow township, Allamakee county, in 1886. She was for a time the only white woman in Kenosha, Wisconsin. One child was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Grattan—Henry Guyant.

Henry Guyant Grattan was for many years well known in agricultural and journalistic circles of the middle west and as a leader in many public movements of a progressive and constructive character. He founded and published the Janesville (Wis.) Gazette, the Mt. Carroll (Ill.) Mirror and the Sterling (Ill.) Gazette. He also did considerable literary work after coming to Iowa, but in this state was chiefly interested in scientific agriculture, in the promotion of which he was one of the greatest individual forces of his time. He was a member of the board of trustees of Iowa Agricultural College and took a great interest in the work of that institution, organizing several new departments, among which may be mentioned that of domestic science. His own farm in Ludlow township was a practical exemplification of his theories and was one of the best equipped and most scientifically managed in the township.

Henry Grattan was married three times, first to Jane Trask who died in 1849, then to Phoebe Jane Tisdell, who died in 1865, and to Rosanna Russell who survives him. She was born in Shefford, Canada, and is of French and English parentage, the daughter of Francis and Susannah (Griggs) Bryant. Previous to

her first marriage which united her with Franklin Russell who was killed in the Civil war, Mrs. Grattan engaged in teaching. She was married to Henry Grattan on the 9th of December, 1865. Henry Grattan's children are as follows: Marvin Trask, born in Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1848; Jane, who was born in Freeport, Illinois, in 1851; Orlando Tisdell, born in Mt. Carroll, Illinois, in 1855; Bertha, born in Ludlow township, in 1868; John, born in Ludlow township, in 1869; and Decorah, the wife of the subject of this review. The last named was born at Waukon, Iowa, December 20, 1871, and acquired her education in the public schools of the city, in the South Dakota Agricultural College and at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a teacher of Domestic Science for several years at Toronto, Canada, in St. Thomas Alma College and at Buffalo, New York. Mr. and Mrs. John E. O'Brien have two children: Henry Grattan, born April 2, 1904; and John Gordon, born January 23, 1908.

Mr. O'Brien is today one of the well known business men of Waukon, for he possesses as salient elements in his character, the energy, resourcefulness and sound judgment necessary to business success. His associates respect his integrity and honor and his straightforward dealings and his many sterling traits of mind and character have gained for him the esteem and confidence of a wide circle of friends.

ANTON C. LARSON.

Anton C. Larson, a prominent real-estate dealer in Waukon and well known in business and political circles of the city, is a native of Allamakee county, born June 2, 1857. His father, Christian Larson, was born in Norway and there grew to maturity and married. He and his wife emigrated to the United States in 1853, coming direct to Iowa, where they settled in Hanover township, Allamakee county. The father entered an eighty acre tract of land which he broke, fenced and improved, later purchasing more property to which he added from time to time until he owned a fine farm of two hundred acres. Upon this he made substantial improvements, erecting a good residence, barns and other outbuildings and installing all of the necessary machinery and equipment. He made his property valuable and by his practical and progressive methods secured for himself a place among the prosperous and successful farmers of Hanover township. He spent his last years upon the homestead, dying at the advanced age of eighty-two. His wife survives him and makes her home with one of her sons on the old farm where she has lived for the past fifty-nine years. She is now in the eighty-seventh year of her age.

Anton C. Larson was reared upon his father's farm in Hanover township and as a child aided in the operation of the homestead. He attended the district school and later supplemented this by a course in a commercial college in Minneapolis. He afterward went to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where he clerked for three years, at the end of which time he returned home and clerked in a general store for five years, receiving during this time a thorough and practical business training. Returning to Yellow Medicine county, he engaged in business at Canby, where he made his home for five years, disposing of his interests

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Memorial to the Honorable John Edmund O'Brien of Allamakee County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable John Edmund O'Brien, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

John Edmund O'Brien was born in Oneida County, New York. He was one of nine children of Michael Smith O'Brien and Henrietta Alice O'Brien. He came to Allamakee County with his parents in September, 1870. He drove ox teams and worked on farms until 1884, when he went to northwestern Iowa and South Dakota and herded cattle. In 1891 and 1892 he worked as a carpenter at Sanborn, Rock Rapids and Sioux Falls. He also worked as a carpenter and builder in Birmingham, Alabama, and Jackson, Mississippi.

In 1892 and 1893 he helped install exhibits at the exposition in Chicago and in May, 1893, he was appointed as one of the Columbian Guards at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago. At the close of the exposition he went to California. He put up Canadian exhibits at the Midwinter Exposition in Golden Gate Park in the winter of 1893 and 1894. In 1894 he returned to Waukon, Iowa, following the trade of contractor and builder until 1898.

Mr. O'Brien was a member of "I" Company, 49th Iowa National Guard for several years. A few days after war with Spain was declared he went to Pensacola, Florida, and enlisted May 5, 1898, in the regular United States Navy for one year as first class petty officer. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war with Spain. He then returned to Waukon.

He was admitted to the bar in 1899 and in connection with the practice of law, engaged extensively in real estate business and was interested in stock ranches and farms in North Dakota and Iowa.

He was elected Representative from Allamakee County and served in the Forty-third session of the General Assembly. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Bayard Lodge, No. 121, Waukon.

In 1902 Mr. O'Brien was married to Miss Decorah Grattan at Medford, Oklahoma, and to this union two sons were born, Henry Grattan O'Brien and John Gordon O'Brien, now a Lieutenant Colonel in Hawaii.

Mr. O'Brien passed away July, 1947. He is survived by his sons, his wife having preceded him in death.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable John Edmund O'Brien, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

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.

ELMER PIEPER,
J. C. DAVIS,
C. M. LANGLAND,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable William Paisley of Lee County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William Paisley, begs leave to report the following memorial:

William Paisley was born on a farm near Primrose, Iowa, December 8, 1865. He received his education in the rural schools at Primrose. He worked on his father's farm as a young man, later engaging in farming for himself.

On October 3, 1893, he was united in marriage to Linnie F. Pease, who preceded him in death. To this union three children were born.

Mr. Paisley was president of the Peoples Mutual Insurance Association. He was also active in civic and community affairs. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives from Lee County and served in the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-fifth Extra General Assemblies. In politics, he was a Democrat. He was a prominent Mason and Shriner. He was past master of the Hillsboro and Donnellson Masonic lodges. He was district Masonic Lecturer.

Mr. Paisley was an elder in the Sharon and Donnellson Presbyterian churches.

He died March 17, 1951, at the age of 85 years. He is survived by a daughter, Helen, and a sister, Mrs. Harriett Schlossman of Donnellson.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable William Paisley, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

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ERNEST PALMER, JR.,
CLAUDE OBERMAN,
CLAYTON D. SHEROD,
Committee.



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