

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Roberts, James William Senator _____

Represented Adair County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9. Jul 1861 Adair County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Eva Jane Tullis 7 Mar 1886 Adair County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member and stockholder in the Lewis Township Mutual Telephone Company; he was also a stockholder in the Adair County Farm Association.

B. Civic responsibilities Ad. J. L. W. Modern School of the State

C. Profession Farmer; bred livestock

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 41st, 42nd General Assemblies 1925, 1927

6. Public Offices

A. Local Township officer; Adair County recorder 1903-1909

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Jul 1936 Grand River, Iowa; buried Grand River Cemetery, Grand River, Iowa

8. Children Olie Grace (Mrs. Hoyt); James Tullis; Arthur Lloyd

9. Names of parents John and Emily (McDonald) Roberts

10. Education He was educated in the country schools of his neighborhood
in Adair County, Iowa

11. Degrees He studied a business course at Des Moines University,
Des Moines, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He taught school for 3 years in Grand River Township of Adair County.
- After marriage he and his wife rented a farm in Grand River Township
and later were able to purchase their own farm.
- He remained on the farm until 1902 when he was elected county
recorder for Adair County, and he moved to Greenfield, Iowa where the
courthouse was located.
- After being 3 years in office he returned to his farm

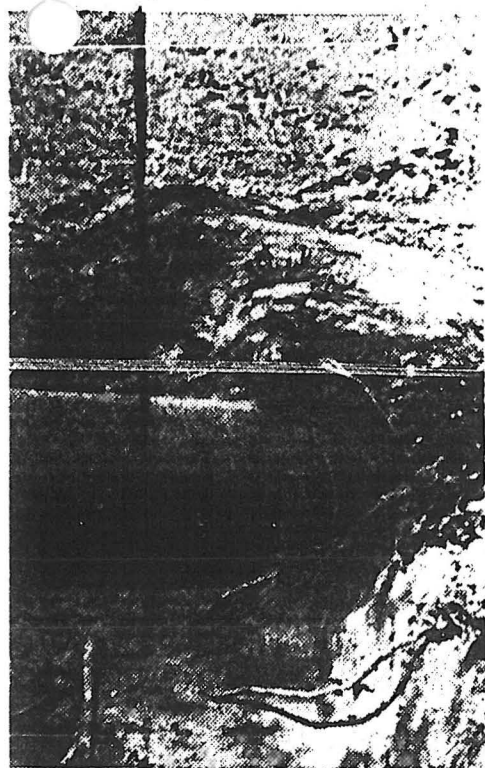
Roberts, James William

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			The Adair County Free Press, Greenfield, Iowa, Thurs. Jul 16, 1936, p. 1, col. 6
			Iowa Official Register 1927-1928, p. 253
			History of Adair County, Iowa 1915, Vol. II, p. 198-199
			Iowa Journal 1937, p. 1815
			Ancestry.com

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Automatic Rain Gauge For Grand River Area

A new automatic rain gauge has been received by the Adair County Soil Conservation office here, for the accurate recording of rain which falls in the Grand River watershed area.

The new gauge which with other standard rain gauges located in the area will be in charge of M. A. Ghormley of the conservation staff.

The new gauge records the rainfall upon a chart which is operated by a clock, recording a week's precipitation on each chart.

The rain as it falls enters the device at the top and falls into a copper bucket, which weighs the rain and converts it into inches on the chart.

A compensating device absorbs the shock of the falling water so that it is not registered on the chart to upset its accuracy. The chart also records all evaporation, so that the readings are scientifically accurate.

So sensitive is the needle tracing the diagram that anyone walking across the floor will cause it to vibrate. When it is installed it will be mounted upon a concrete foundation.

The entire mechanism is enclosed in a water tight case, with only the inlet protruding above the ground. The accurate recording of rainfall in the area is of importance, because of the scientific way in which terraces are constructed

J. W. ROBERTS, PIONEER DIES

State Representative In 41st and 42nd Assemblies

J. W. Roberts, 75 years of age, a resident of Adair County all of his life, and the county's oldest pioneer, died at his home in Grand River township Saturday morning after an illness of six months duration.

Mr. Roberts during his life was prominent in Republican politics of the county, serving as township officer, county recorder during the years of 1903 to 1909 and in the 41st and 42nd general assemblies of the state legislature.

The parents of Mr. Roberts came to Adair county from Illinois in a prairie schooner drawn by oxen. He was born in a little log cabin that stood east of the old Roberts homestead, July 9, 1861.

The father, John Roberts came to the old Roberts homestead just south of the Roberts school house. His father Uncle Jimmy Roberts brought his mother's family of nine children and settled in 1854.

The mother Emily McDonald Roberts came in 1850 to the home place on Middle River when nine years of age with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McDonald.

At the age of 19, Emily was united in marriage to John Roberts.

To this union, seven children were born of which James William was the oldest.

At the age of 25, he was united in marriage to Eva Jane Tullis. To them were born three children, two sons and a daughter, James and Lloyd Roberts, who reside here and Mrs. Olle Grace Hoyt, who resides in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The grand children are Donald, Mildred, Robert and Roberta Hoyt and Betty Darlene Roberts.

The Roberts family moved from Greenfield to their present home in Grand River township in February 1909. Mr. Roberts was a resident of Grand River township for 58 years.

Those rugged principles of honesty and neighborliness which were characteristic of the early pioneers were exemplified in the life of J. W. Roberts. His life grounded in realities. He was not one to be carried away by fads and fancies.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at his home. Ware W. Wimberly, pastor of the Greenfield Presbyterian church, conducted the services. Mrs. R. W. Hoyt and Mrs. W. R. Alley sang: "Going Down The Valley" and "My Faith Looks up to Thee". Those serving as pallbearers were, Henry Young, Herbert Huck, W. E. Wakefield, E. E. Savage, Harvey Rostat and Roy Gray. Interment took place in the Grand River cemetery.

A True Fish Story That Can't Be Beat

Here is a true fish story that challenges local fishermen. Mr.

Woodmen Will Meet Here On Thursday

A joint meeting of the Woodmen of the World and the Woodman Circle will be held at the W. O. W. hall, Thursday evening, July 16 beginning at 8 o'clock.

W. E. Solomon, state representative of the W. O. W. will be the principal speaker of the meeting.

The program for the evening follows:
Song—America Audience
Address of Welcome
..... D. A. Crowley
Selection Cornet Solo
..... Billy McClure
Address W. E. Solomon
Remarks Ed Sley
Selection—Vocal Solo
..... Wilma Roberts
Remarks by others present.

HEAT WAVE IS CUTTING CROPS

Temperatures for This Week Over 100 as County Swelters

Temperatures in Greenfield
Thursday 100
Friday 101
Saturday 101
Sunday 103
Monday 104
Tuesday 106
Wednesday 105

With temperatures in the county for the last week ranging over 100, farmers are becoming more pessimistic over the outlook for the county's corn crop.

White leaves are appearing in corn fields with growing frequency and the corn is rolling badly. The "white flags" in the fields indicate that the corn is firing from the top. As yet corn generally has not fired from the bottom because of the shade provided by the good stand and the height of the corn.

Early planted corn in the tasseling stage is badly damaged and will not make a crop according to local crop observers.

Rain is needed within the next few days if the late corn crop is to be saved.

Threshing small grain began in the county this week. As a general rule oat yields are better than was first expected.

Pastures are suffering under the burning sun and are decreasing in feed value with every day of the hot weather.

The majority of Greenfield residents have not had a good night's sleep for a week due to the heat. Beds are moved out of doors at night to escape the heat.

Supplies of electric fans here have been sold out and dealers claim that warehouse supplies are exhausted so great has been the demand.

No heat prostrations have been reported in Greenfield during the week.

Grasshoppers have become an annoyance to the farmers of the county and farmers are reporting the pests damaging corn fields. Polson bran is being distributed

DROUTH BRINGS PROGRAM CHANGE

Are Made to Preserve Forage in This Emergency

Modifications of the 1936 Agricultural Conservation Program, meet the emergency resulting from drought conditions in the Corn Belt Region announced by AAA have been received by Walter M. Zell, County Agent.

Claud R. Wickard, acting director of the North Central Division, pointed out that these modifications designed to preserve all available forage for livestock feed; to encourage farmers to increase the amount of forage crops for fall and winter feeding, and to provide large an acreage as possible of soil conserving crops for 1937.

An additional revision provided for the acceptance of performance other than a good stand of a soil conserving crop, if the failure obtain a good stand was caused conditions beyond the control of the farmer.

The substance of the modifications which have been made, which will become effective immediately is as follows:

1. Good stand of soil conserving crop on land from which a good hay or annual legume hay is harvested is classed as soil-conserving—Land from which a crop of good hay or annual legume hay, such as soybeans and field peas has been harvested in 1936 will be classed as soil-conserving provided a good stand of a soil-conserving crop growing on this land when performance is checked later in the year. The kind, rate, and time of seeding the soil-conserving crop will be subject to recommendations made by the State Agricultural Conservation Committee. Such will be announced by the Iowa Agricultural Conservation Committee in about ten days.

This provision will not only apply to the production of feed and forage on farms in the Corn Belt year but by encouraging late planting and early fall seedings of legumes and grasses, it will provide a definite incentive to farmers to take steps this year to provide pasture and hay crops in 1937 thereby to get back to a normal acreage of soil-conserving crops. It is further pointed out a good stand of legumes and grasses this coming winter and spring will tend to prevent wind and water erosion on land that otherwise might be void of vegetation because of drought.

2. Proof of performance other than a good stand—Farmers have seeded soil-conserving crops in accordance with good farming practice but who have lost crops because of drought, insect infestations, or other conditions beyond their control, may qualify for conserving and soil building treatments on this land. It will be necessary, however, that farmers provide sufficient evidence that soil-conserving crops have been seeded in accordance with good farming practice. Prior to this modification, a good stand of soil-conserving crops constituted the only acceptable proof of performance.

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quarter section. He also operates his father's farm in Union township and in the conduct of his agricultural interests is meeting with a most gratifying and well merited measure of success.

On the 11th of February, 1903, Mr. Bevercombe was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Reed, her parents being William H. and Emma (Witham) Reed, extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Bevercombe have been born two children, Gale R. and Wilma H. Mr. Bevercombe gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now serving as treasurer of Union township and as a member of the school board, making a most creditable record in both connections. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance in their home community.

JAMES W. ROBERTS.

Agricultural interests find a worthy representative in James W. Roberts, who is living on section 17, Grand River township, where he is busily and successfully engaged in the usual work of the farm. He has always lived in this county, his birth having occurred in Harrison township on the 9th of July, 1861, his parents being John and Emily (McDonald) Roberts, natives of Indiana and Illinois respectively. They arrived in Adair county in childhood with their parents, were here reared and in 1860 were married. They have resided continuously in Grand River and Harrison townships since that time, now making their home in the latter. Mrs. Roberts is today the oldest living resident of Adair county in years of continuous residence therein, for she arrived on the 4th of July, 1850. It was not until four years later, or in 1854, that John Roberts became a resident of the county.

James W. Roberts was reared upon the old home place and the district schools afforded him his educational privileges, supplemented by a business course in Drake University at Des Moines. After studying there he returned to Adair county and for three years gave his attention to educational work, teaching school in Grand River township through three winter seasons, while the summer months were devoted to farming.

In March, 1886, Mr. Roberts was joined in wedlock to Miss Eva Tullis, of Grand River township, and the following year they took up their abode upon a rented farm on section 4 of that township. In due time Mr. Roberts purchased this farm, then comprising one hundred and twenty acres, but as his financial resources increased he kept adding to his place. He remained upon the farm until 1902, when the vote of his fellow townsmen called him to public office, electing him county recorder of Adair county. He then removed to Greenfield, where he filled the position most acceptably for three terms, or six years, discharging the duties of the office in a most prompt and capable manner. After the expiration of his third term he removed to his present home farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Grand River township, having purchased the property during his residence in Greenfield. His time and energy are now devoted to the further development and improvement of this place, which is a well kept farm, having

upon it many substantial and modern improvements. In addition to this property he is a stockholder in the Lincoln Township Mutual Telephone Company and a stockholder in the Adair County Fair Association.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been born three children: Olie Grace, the wife of C. A. Hoyt, living at Silver City, Iowa; and James T. and Lloyd A., both at home. The family is well known and the hospitality of the best homes of the township and county is freely extended them. Mr. Roberts is a prominent republican and in 1912 was the candidate of his party for state representative and, notwithstanding it was the year of the great democratic landslide, he was defeated by but eighteen votes. He is a member of Greenfield Lodge, No. 375, I. O. O. F., and also holds membership with the Woodmen of the World. He has wielded considerable influence over public thought and action and none question the integrity of his opinions even though they differ from him. He has made an excellent record in office, has been progressive and reliable in business affairs and in every relation has merited and won the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

H. P. PROCTOR.

Among the representative and enterprising agriculturists of Adair county is numbered H. P. Proctor, who owns and operates a well improved farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grand River township. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 12th of February, 1867, his parents being G. M. D. and Nancy A. (Alexander) Proctor, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. They came to Adair county, Iowa, in 1870.

H. P. Proctor, who was but a child of three years when brought to this county, remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he operated for fifteen years and then sold, buying his present home place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grand River township. On this property he has made excellent improvements and as an agriculturist is meeting with well deserved success, cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raising and feeding stock of all kinds. The prosperity which he now enjoys is attributable entirely to his own efforts and he may justly lay claim to the proud American title of a self-made man.

In 1890 Mr. Proctor was united in marriage to Miss F. E. Jordan, a native of Iowa county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Rebecca (Reed) Jordan, both of whom were born in Ohio. They came to Iowa in the early '70s, locating first in Iowa county and at the end of three years making their way to Adair county, while at present they are residents of Madison county, this state. To them have been born ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor have become the parents of seven children, as follows: Nellie T., who is the wife of Samuel Zellweger; Laura G., who has completed a course in a musical college; Lester T., who is a college graduate and now a minister of the Christian church in Nebraska; Floyd E.; Forest R.; Mabel I.; and Zetta, who is deceased.

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Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: James W. Roberts

Spouse: Eva J. Tullis

Marriage Date: 7 Mar 1886

County: Adair

State: IA

Source Information:

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000.
Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

Description:

This database contains marriage information from various counties in the U.S. state of Iowa from 1851-1900. Information that may be found in this database for each individual includes their name, spouse's name, marriage date, and marriage county. [Learn more...](#)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

James W Roberts
 Born: 9 Jul 1861
 Adair, Iowa, USA
 Died: 11 Jul 1936
 Adair, Iowa, USA
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Family **Historical Records** Family Facts

Family Groups

Spouse

Eva Jane Tullis
 Born: 22 Sep 1858
 Died: 2 Dec 1936 in Adair, Iowa, USA

Marriage: 7 Mar 1886 in Adair, Iowa, USA

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Children

- [Olie Grace Roberts](#)
- [James Tullis Roberts](#)
- [Arthur Lloyd Roberts](#)

Sex

Birth

Sex	Birth
F	27 Mar 1887
M	1 Jul 1894 in Adair, Iowa, USA
M	7 Jun 1897 in Adair, Iowa, USA

HISTORICAL RECORDS

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