

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator Gordwin,

Williams J. - Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Jan 1878

2. Marriage (s) date place

Graces Kingman 1901 Des Moines, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Board chairman of the Central National Bank and Trust Co; one of the original trustees of the fund that created Summer Opportunity School at Des Moines

B. Civic responsibilities Patron; the Des Moines Club; Mason; Shrine; Modern Woodmen of the World

C. Profession Manufacturer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 40th and 41st General Assemblies 1923 and 1925

6. Public Offices

A. Local Polk County Republican chairman

B. State _____

C. National Delegate to several Republican national conventions; midwestern leader of the National Right to Life Committee in 1940

7. Death 19 Dec 1963 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children Robert K.; William J. Jr.; Jane (Mrs. H. J. Brandeburg, Jr.)

9. Names of parents Robert and Margaret Gordwin

10. Education Educated in schools of Grand Junction, Iowa
graduating in 1894

11. Degrees Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa - Bachelor of
philosophy degree in 1899 at age 21

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents came from Scotland, first to PA and then to Iowa in 1870
settling on a farm south of Beaver, Iowa in Boone County.
- His father opened a coal mine at Grand Junction Iowa
that branched directly to clay
products manufacturing - especially drain tiles eagerly
sought by Boone and Boone County farmers
- The family came to Des Moines in 1895 to begin clay products
manufacturing, but it was unsuccessful so the family moved
back to Grand Junction
- Then in 1903, the father and four sons came back to Des Moines
starting a new tile and brick business
- He acquired the Radfield Brick and Tile Company, Redfield, Iowa, the
first of his many plants at Mason City, Ottumwa, Oskaloosa,
Fort Dodge, Centerville, Des Moines
- Trustee of Drake University since 1912, elected as a life member in
1958
- He became a Director and Treasurer of the Iowa Mutual Dwellling
Insurance in 1944.
- His wife, Grace, died in 1948

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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six hours early Friday
s Moines.

inning Thursday, mid-
when the mercury
at zero here, there was
one degree an hour
it had fallen to 6 degrees
zero at 6 a. m.

pattern was broken at
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still registered 6 below,
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der of the morning went
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-4 11 a. m.
-5 Noon
-4 1 p. m.

was obvious to anyone
ventured outdoors Friday
the massive mound of
air responsible for the
ided cold wave was as
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points were expected to
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range.

Schedule

WASHINGTON, D. C.
—West German Chan-
lor Ludwig Erhard will
d four conferences with
sident Johnson, attend
ir with him, and dine
a Texas barbecue Dec.
and 29 when he meets
Johnson at the presi-
nt's ranch.

Death Takes A Leader in D. M., Iowa

W. J. Goodwin in Banking, Politics

William J. Goodwin, long
prominent in Iowa clay prod-
ucts manufacturing, Des
Moines banking circles and
Republican politics, died in
his sleep at his home at 9
p. m. Thursday after an ex-
tended illness.

He was 85 and lived at
5401 Woodland ave. in the
home built in 1930 of brick
made at his plant in Redfield.
He would have been 86 on
Jan. 15.

Mr. Goodwin suffered from
Parkinson's disease in recent
years. He also had several
slight strokes and a heart at-
tack in recent years.

Brick and Tile

Most of his early business
career was occupied with
brick and tile manufacturing,
a venture started by his father
at Grand Junction and now
carried on by his two sons,
Robert K. and William J., jr.

In his later years, Mr.
Goodwin was widely
known as board chairman
of the Central National
Bank & Trust Co., actively
participating in manage-
ment of the bank.

He relinquished the bank
post in late 1958 at his re-
quest. He had passed his
eightieth birthday. He has
been honorary chairman of the
bank board since.

Services will be at 10 a. m.



WILLIAM J. GOODWIN
1878—1963

Monday at St. Andrew's Epis-
copal Church, with the Rev.
Robert Kem, rector, offici-
ating. Burial will be in Glen-
dale Cemetery.

Mr. Goodwin, known to
close associates and friends as
"Will," was a power in Iowa
Republican Party circles and
active in national G. O. P. af-

Goodwin—

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All-Night Glow

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP)—
The floodlights used to go off
at midnight, but from now on
the dome of the U. S. Capitol
will glow brightly all night.
Senator Mike Monroney
(Dem., Okla.) obtained funds
for the all-night lighting in
the congressional appropri-
ations bill passed by Congress.

And it called for El
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President Johnso
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the White House t
its report, ordered l
by the late President
Kennedy.

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tions on voting.

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Mr. Johnson
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Voting—

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Iowans because it can be controlled by about 30 per cent of the people.

Final Ruling

But a final decree was withheld until after the Shaff plan election. After

give domestic manufacturers a subsidy equal to that enjoyed by foreign purchasers, and government programs to aid farmers have narrowed price fluctuations.

Problems with the safety destruct system Friday forced a third postponement of an attempt to launch the Tiro 8 weather satellite. The shot was rescheduled for early Saturday.

That statement made to a woman of 60 years is fraudulent," Pasternak declared. 1961 Lawsuit Pasternak said the defendants proceeded with their

guise rebel leader Gen. Humberto Delgado arrived in Rome Thursday on a roundabout way to Africa to set up what he calls a provisional Portuguese government in exile.

Goodwin Had Long Banking Background

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fairs in the 1930's and early 1940's.

Active in Politics

Many times Mr. Goodwin said that his hobby, if any, was politics.

He served a four-year term in the Iowa Senate as Polk County senator; was Polk County Republican chairman when 33, and a delegate to several Republican national conventions.

Over the years, too, he found time to serve his alma mater, Drake University, on its Board of Trustees; was long-time treasurer of Town Mutual Dwelling Insurance Co., and participated in civic life of the city.

Born on Farm

Mr. Goodwin was born and reared on a farm south of Beaver, in Boone County. He was one of nine children of Robert and Margaret Goodwin, emigrants from Scotland. His parents came to Iowa about 1870 from Pennsylvania, where his father had worked in coal mines.

He lived and worked on the farm (still in the family) until he was 10, when the family went to nearby Grand Junction to open a coal mine. The venture soon branched directly to clay products manufacturing.

Kept Books

His Scottish father could not let go to waste the clay that piled up in working the mine. The father started making drain tile, eagerly sought by Greene and Boone County farmers.

Although he did not work in the mine, as did his older brothers, Mr. Goodwin "kept the books" when he was 17 or 18.

The Goodwin family first came to Des Moines in 1895 to begin clay products manufacturing, but the venture

didn't pay off, so back to Grand Junction they went for a new start.

(Some of those first brick made here by the Goodwins went into what later became the Hotel Plaza building at Fifth and Grand avenues. That building was razed to become the site of the present Central National motor bank.)

It was in 1903 that the Goodwins came back to Des Moines—the father and four sons, including William J., starting a new tile and brick business here.

W. J. Goodwin, in 1909, acquired the Redfield Brick & Tile Co., the first of his many clay products plants.

Other Plants

During the 1940's and early '50's, other plants were acquired at Mason City, Ottumwa, Oskaloosa, Fort Dodge, Centerville, a second plant at Redfield, as well as the Des Moines Clay Co., and Iowa Clay Pipe Co. here.

In 1955, Mr. Goodwin's two sons purchased his interests in what are operated now as the Goodwin Companies.

It was in 1934 that Mr. Goodwin was elected chairman of the board of Central National. He became president of the bank in 1939, holding both offices for a time.

Central National had been without a board chairman since the death in 1928 of Simon Casady, pioneer Iowa banker, when Mr. Goodwin assumed the post.

Bank Director

Before going to Central National, Mr. Goodwin had been a director of the former Des Moines National Bank, now the Iowa-Des Moines National, and later an Iowa-Des Moines director.

Mr. Goodwin served from 1923 to 1927 as state senator from Polk County in the fortieth, forty-first special and forty-first ses-

sions. He declined to be a candidate for a second term because of business.

Mr. Goodwin managed the late Cassius C. Dowell's first campaign for Congress in 1914; was president of the Cummins for President Club in 1916, when the late Iowa U. S. Senator A. B. Cummins was a candidate for the nomination.

Midwest Leader

He was midwestern leader of the National Republican Program Committee in 1940, being head of the Agricultural Committee of the Dr. Glenn Frank Policy Committee.

The farm plan he suggested was adopted by the committee, especially the parity features. Former President Herbert Hoover, former New York Gov. Thomas A. Dewey and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., were on the committee.

Mr. Goodwin early was a staunch advocate of the St. Lawrence Seaway project.

He firmly declined all overtures to be a candidate for U. S. senator from Iowa. In 1936, he was rumored as a Republican candidate for Iowa governor and also for Sixth District congressman.

Drake Graduate

Mr. Goodwin was graduated from Grand Junction High School in 1894.

He worked his way through a five-year course at Drake University, receiving a bachelor of philosophy degree in 1899, at 21.

Mr. Goodwin was a member of the Drake debating team and for one year managed the Drake Delphic, student newspaper. He also participated in football and baseball at Drake, and managed the famed 1898 Drake football team that included D. W. Morehouse, later Drake president, and Dan McGugin, later an outstanding coach at Vanderbilt University.

He had served as a trustee of the university since 1912, being elected a life member in 1936. He

was chairman of the Drake board from 1928 to 1930.

In late 1959, Mr. Goodwin and his two sons made a \$250,000 gift to Drake's \$5-million campus expansion campaign. He had headed an earlier successful Drake financial campaign.

Mr. Goodwin became a director and treasurer of the Town Mutual Dwelling Insurance Co. in 1944. He was named a director in both Town Mutual and Allied Mutual Insurance Co. when the companies consolidated.

Church Trustee

He formerly was a trustee of Plymouth Congregational Church. In recent years he became a member of St. Andrew's Church. He was one of the original trustees of the fund that created Smouse Opportunity School.

He was married in 1901 to Grace Kingman, member of a pioneer Des Moines family. Her father, Smith Kingman, was a New Englander who operated an early-day ferry here and who founded Kingman Place addition in Des Moines and gave Kingman boulevard to the city.

Traveled Widely

The wedding was at old Plymouth Church, then located on the northeast corner of Seventh and Locust streets, present site of Hotel Chamberlain. They traveled widely. Mrs. Goodwin died in 1948.

Mr. Goodwin had been a member of the Des Moines Rotary Club, Des Moines Club, Pioneer Club, Greater Des Moines Committee, Iowa Manufacturers Association and the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to all Scottish Rite bodies and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He also was a member of Modern Woodmen of the World.

Survivors

Mr. Goodwin is survived by his sons, W. J., Jr., Central National board vice-chairman, and Robert K., bank executive committee chairman; and

a daughter, Jane, now Mrs. W. J. Brandenburg, Jr., at the home.

Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Katherine Oliphant of Atwood, Kan., a retired Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister and former missionary in Japan; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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