

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Schmedika, William **Senator** Schmedika, William  
Represented Hamilton, Hamilton and Wright Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Aug 1869 Schellsburg, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place

Clara Awe 25 June 1891 Rodcliffe, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer, stock buyer and feeder, firm in real business

4. Church membership Evangelical

5. Sessions served 36<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1915 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 41<sup>st</sup> General Assembly 1925 - Senate

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 3 June 1951 Iowa Falls, Iowa; buried Thomas, Iowa; cemetery near Rodcliffe, Iowa

8. Children Boyd; Dale; Vera (Mrs. Bert Benson); Leta (Mrs. Noble Johnson)

9. Names of parents Henry and Marie (Lange) Schmedika

10. Education He was educated in common schools in Hardin County, Iowa

11. Degrees He attended Dexter Normal School, Dexter, Iowa but did not stay long enough to graduate

12. Other applicable information Independent, later Democrat  
He left Wisconsin in 1875 with his parents and settling in Hardin County, Iowa  
He taught school in Hardin County  
His wife, Clara, born 20 July 1872 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died 24 June 1907  
Shinn's Township of Hardin County, Iowa, also being Shinn's Township  
County near Rockwell, Iowa



# RADCLIFFE NEWS ITEMS

By Miss Lulu Jones

## Wm. Schmedika Dies at Iowa Falls

William Schmedika, 81, a long-time resident of Sherman township, living on a farm northeast of Radcliffe, until moving to Iowa Falls about 25 years ago, passed away there Sunday morning. Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon at St. John's Evangelical United Brethren church.

Mr. Schmedika was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmedika, also of Sherman township.

He was united in marriage to Clara Awe, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Awe formerly of Eldora and later of Radcliffe.

To their union were born four children who survive. He was preceded in death by his wife about 45 years ago. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Dora (Mrs. N. L. Webster) also of this vicinity.

Mr. Schmedika was a farmer and stock buyer here and also served in the state legislature.

He is survived by two sons, Roy, of Jewell; Dale Schmedika of Alden; and two daughters, Vera (Mrs. Bert Benson) and Leta (Mrs. Noble M. Johnson) both of Radcliffe.

Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mary Julian, of Webster City; and a brother, John Schmedika, of Des Moines. Mr.

Mrs. F. M. Preston and Miss Beatrix Jones went to Des Moines Saturday, where the latter attended a noon day luncheon at the Dr. Ramson home, a class reunion of the 1924 graduating class of the school of nursing of the Iowa Methodist hospital, of which Miss Jones was a member and president of her class. In the evening Miss Jones attended a banquet at the Fort Des Moines hotel for the alumni of the nurses of the hospital in observance of the golden anniversary of the school of nursing, dating from 1901. More than 400 nurses, supervisors and former instructors were present from over the United States.

Miss Beatrix Jones went to Webster City Monday for a few days' visit with her cousin, Mrs. Rue Strachan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warman were Marshalltown visitors Sunday afternoon and saw the devastation caused by the tornado which passed over that area last Friday night.

The W. S. C. S. met in the parlors of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon, June 7.

### FORMER PASTOR COMING

Rev. A. B. Gedeye of Williams, a former pastor of the local Methodist church, now retired, will supply the pulpit of the lo-

Schmedika is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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cal church for the next 14 days, June 10 and 17. will be conference Sunday at Waterloo, following which Radcliffe hopes to have a permanent resident minister. The organ case has been completely decorated and cement steps are now being made, and are in readiness for the pastor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earling and sons spent Sunday at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Mansen, at Iowa Falls. Mrs. Hansen returned to Radcliffe with them and will spend a few days visiting in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Laverne went to Des Moines Saturday and were accompanied home by Michael, who spent the weekend in his home. Mr. Laverne is returning to Blank Memorial there Sunday evening. Joe Mason, son of Mrs. L. B. Mason of Iowa Falls, who is employed in Des Moines and is a member of the Iowa Navy Reserve, left Des Moines Saturday evening for the Great Lakes naval training station where he will leave on his 10 weeks' cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. G. went to Boone Sunday for a 10 days visit in the George and Elmer Wiemer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie and Nancy and Huber were guests Sunday in Iowa Falls of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and family.

Mrs. O. K. Hartman spent Memorial day at

Miss Sue Hartman friends at Steamboat Rock for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dr. Des Moines visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dr. daughter, Mrs. Wright, son, visited Mrs. Daisy at the Eldora hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Lora Himmel and daughter, Athena (Mrs. Ralph of Des Moines, and Mr. Thorson and Joy Lo Ames, were Monday and supper guests here home of Mr. and Mrs. Larwick.

Mrs. Louise Butterworth Mankato, Minn., a former resident of this community, is visiting in the Harvey and H. A. Mason homes and other friends.

## Jim Davidson

## Memorial Shoot

Sunday, June 10

## Pine Lake Wildlife Club

Eldora, Iowa

Outline of Personal History of

Wm. Schmiedika,  
RESIDENCE Radcliffe, Ia

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.

1. Name in full (all names).....
2. Chief occupation or profession..... Farming Buying & Feeding Live Stock & Furs
3. Former occupation or profession..... Follow both extensively
4. Date and place of beginning each..... Nov. 1891. Iowa
5. Present residence address..... Radcliffe, Hardin Co Iowa
6. Present business address..... " " " "
7. Date of birth..... August 19-1869
8. Place of birth..... Shellsburg Wisconsin
9. If born abroad, where.....
10. Emigrated to America, when.....
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America..... Left Wis. in 1875 for Hardin Co Ia
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county.....
13. Further emigration, if any..... Moved only 2 mi since coming to Co
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university..... Common School. education Hardin Co. Attended De La Salle Normal School but did not attend long enough to graduate. Taught school
15. Date of graduation and degree if any.....

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication

37. Miscellaneous

Have lived in Hardin Co continuously since coming to Ia. from Wis. Owns ~~part~~ acres of land in Hardin Co Also holdings in Minn + Ark. One of the heaviest feeders & shippers of Live Stock in Co. One of the heaviest tax payers in Co.



### FAMILY HISTORY

- 1. To whom married *Clara Awe*
- 2. Date of marriage *June 25 - 1871*
- 3. Place of marriage *Radcliff, Iowa.*
- 4. Date of his or her birth *July 20 - 1872*
- 5. Place of his or her birth *Milwaukee Wis*
- 6. Religious denomination *Evangelical Church.*
- 7. Date of his or her death *June 24 - 1907*
- 8. Place of his or her death ~~*Radcliff Iowa*~~
- 9. Place of his or her burial *Sherman Twp. Hardin Co Ia*
- 10. Father's full name *Joseph Awe*
- 11. Born where and when *Germany*
- 12. Occupation of his or her father *Farmer*
- 13. His or her mother's full name *Amelia Hauer*
- 14. Born when and where *Penn*
- 15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Penn*
- 16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family *Return with wife moved to Radcliff Ia.*

- 16. Place of death .....
- 17. Date of death .....
- 18. Place of burial .....
- 19. Name of father in full (all names) *Stewart* .....
- 20. Occupation of father *Farmer* .....
- 21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Mary* .....
- 22. Residence when married .....
- 23. Military service, if any (exact dates) *7/17* .....
- 24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) *No busy to Sheriff for office* .....
- 25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions *no* .....
- 26. Politics *Democrat* .....
- 27. Religious denomination if any *German in the Methodist* .....
- 28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination *Evangelical* .....
- 29. Member of what societies or associations of learning *no* .....
- 30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates *Knights of Pythias* .....
- 31. Member of what clubs if any *none* .....
- 32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible) *Always in business alone* .....
- 33. Officer or director in any corporation *no* .....
- 34. Enclose business card if possible .....
- 35. Enclose photograph and autograph .....

1. To whom married second time Widower
2. Date of marriage ~~~~~
3. Place of marriage ~~~~~
4. Date of his or her birth ~~~~~
5. Place of his or her birth ~~~~~
6. Religious denomination ~~~~~
7. Date of his or her death ~~~~~
8. Place of his or her death ~~~~~
9. Place of his or her burial ~~~~~
10. Father's full name ~~~~~
11. Born where and when ~~~~~
12. Occupation of his or her father ~~~~~
13. His or her mother's full name ~~~~~
14. Born when and where ~~~~~
15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage ~~~~~
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family ~~~~~

CHILDREN OF W<sup>m</sup> Schmudica AND Clara Schmudica

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE

CHILDREN OF ~~~~~ AND ~~~~~

<u>Vera.</u>	<u>Radcliff Ia</u>	<u>Jul 13-1893</u>			<u>single</u>		
<u>Roy A.</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>Jan 25 1896</u>			<u>"</u>		
<u>Leola</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>May 12-1899</u>			<u>---</u>		
<u>Evel</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>Apr. 23-1906</u>			<u>---</u>		

SIGNATURE

W Schmudica

DATE

Aug. 2-1914



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stance is a homemaker. They have one son. They reside in Lancaster.

Coleen Marie married Arthur Meister in Lancaster. They live at Taft, Calif. Art is in sales work. They have two children.

Carroll, Frances and their daughters had a lot of adjusting to do when they left the farm to move to Lancaster on the Mojave Desert. We have found out it is a great health resort. As we all have enjoyed good health. And our daughter Patricia was completely healed of her illness which brought us to Lancaster.

We are very active in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Frances taught for several years Christian Doctrine. Frances is a Catholic Daughter and Carroll is a member of 3rd and 4th degree Knights of Columbus. Both of these organizations do lots of charity work. We have been members for 22 years.

We attended Carroll's 50th Class Reunion in 1980 at Iowa Falls, Iowa. We enjoyed renewing acquaintances.

We love to come back to Hardin County because we have so much interest there. With our children and grandchildren as well as many friends and relatives. We keep up on all the news there because we get the papers and read them from cover to cover. Hardin County will always seem like home to us.

### John Schafer

The Schafer family has been known around Hardin county since 1875 when my great-great-grandparents, Robert and Mary Schafer moved to Jackson township.

Robert was born in 1848 in Ontario county Canada to Charles and Elizabeth Schafer. In 1867 he moved to Freeport, Illinois where he met and later, in 1874, married Mary Doll (born 1856). Robert and Mary lived and worked the same farm for 33 years and raised four children: Albert, Leva, George, and Charles. One daughter died during infancy. In 1908 they retired from farming and moved to Eldora where they lived until their deaths in 1930 and 1935 respectively. Mary's mother, Gertrude Doll, is buried in the Catholic cemetery in Eldora next to her daughter and son-in-law.

Albert Frederick Schafer, my great-grandfather, was born on the family farm northwest of Eldora in 1878. In 1901 he was married to Anna Mary Carroll, of Irish descent, at St. Mary's Church, Ackley, Iowa. For the next 48 years they lived and worked on their 240 acre farm north of Iowa Falls in Franklin county. They were the parents of six children: John, Norma, Mrs. Clarence Richtsmeier; Russell (1911-1929); Carroll; Mary, Mrs. Lewis Lawler; and Jeanne, Mrs. Dick Burton.

In 1948 Albert and Anna retired from farming and moved to Iowa Falls. In 1961 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. In March of that same year Anna died at the age of 82. Albert died in 1967 at the age of 88. They are buried in the Catholic cemetery in Iowa Falls next to their son Russell.

John Robert Schafer, my grandfather, was born in 1904. On February 6, 1934 he was married to Helen Mary Hofmann (born 1908) of Ackley, Iowa. Carrying on a family tradition they engaged in farming in Franklin and Hardin counties. They are the parents of three children: Shirley, Mrs. William Halbach; John Albert, and Robert.

In 1969 John and Helen retired from farming moving to Ackley where they have since made their home.

My mother, Shirley Ann Schafer Halbach was born in 1935. In July of 1957 she was married at St. Mary's in Ackley to William Halbach. Dad is an accountant in Grundy Center and Mom is a clerk in one of the local stores. Their children are: David, Steven, Richard and Robert (born and died 1961), Susan, Linda, Kathleen, and Mary. David was married in 1980 to Susan Markworth of Waverly, Iowa.

Albert was born in 1937 and is single. He lives in Ackley with John and Helen and is the owner of a welding and repair shop located in the southwest part of town.

Robert was born in 1943. In 1965 he was married

to Kay Sheldon of Iowa Falls. They are the parents of five children: Jill, Christine, Sheli, Jamie and Susan.

In 1969 Bob and Kay moved from Waterloo to the Iowa Falls area. They are engaged in farming southeast of town near the old town of Eagle City. *Steve Halbach*

### A.L. Schager

A.L. "Art" Schager and Irene Jury grew up on farms in the community of Dows, Iowa. They were married on October 24, 1932, in Galena, Illinois. After their marriage, Art and Irene worked on farms around Dows, for Swift & Co. in Mason City and Shelby Creameries in Winterset, Iowa. In the spring of 1937 they moved to Popejoy where Art hauled cream for the Dows creamery and started buying a few chickens and eggs.

The fall of 1937 Art and Irene moved to Alden. Their home was a house behind the Alden creamery for whom Art was now hauling cream. Also, their son, Arnold, was born soon after their move to Alden.



Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Schager.

Art continued buying poultry while hauling cream. As the poultry business grew, more space was needed. The need for space had the Schagers move to a home which is still located at the corner of Main and Mill Streets. Because of an expanding business, and neighbor complaints of chickens in the backyard, Art and Irene bought a house and barn on the hill in 1939. The move up the hill saw growth not only in the business, but the family as well. Son Arlin was born in 1942.

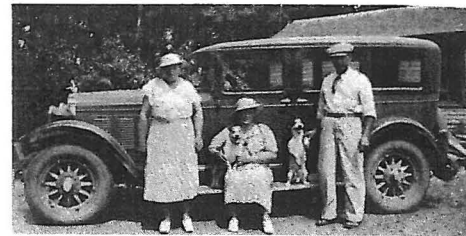
Art gave up his cream route to devote more time buying eggs and poultry and supervising the employees working for him. Business was good and more room was needed as a result of government contracts for eggs to be shipped to the armed forces. It was during 1944 the present produce location was acquired, and the south building built. In 1945 more room was again needed and the north building built to accommodate the picking of chickens and storage for the feed business.

The 1940's and 50's saw as many as 10,000 cases of eggs shipped from Schager Produce each week to points all around the United States, and during the war years, the world. The Schagers employed as many as 48 people at times and had a fleet of 10 trucks picking up eggs and poultry from area farms and delivering them to market. In 1955 a buying station was opened in Storm Lake, Iowa, with other stations opened in Williams and Webster City.

In 1972 Art closed the branch stations and scaled down his operation. 1974 the business was incorporated, bringing the Schager's two sons into ownership. After Art's death in 1977, Arnold returned home in 1978 to continue, and to rebuild the business.

Irene still lives on the hill in the home she and Art built in 1952.

### William Schemel



Herman, Nellie and Emma Schemel Family.

William Schemel was born in Germany August 12, 1837. Johanna Sprung Schemel was born in Bradenburg, Germany October 17, 1844. William Schemel and Johanna Sprung were married in Germany in 1863. Their first child, William August, was born in Germany in March, 1867.

In 1869, they immigrated to the United States landing in Baltimore, Maryland. They migrated to Chicago, Illinois and later lived in Naperville, Illinois for two and one-half years. The Schemels then settled in Hardin County living on various farms, one of which was near the town of Idaho located in the vicinity of what is now the town of Hubbard.

The Schemels purchased from J.S. Marks an eighty acre farm three miles southeast of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, January 25, 1883 for \$32.50 an acre.

William and Johanna Schemel lived on this farm until death took William in May, 1907 and Johanna in July, 1922. Four of the seventeen children born to this union and who stayed on the farm were: Frank, born in 1887 and died in 1922; Herman, born in 1884 and died in 1967; Emma, born in 1882 and died in 1962; and Nellie, born in 1890 and died in 1972. Herman, Emma, and Nellie Schemel purchased the farm in 1923 from the Schemel heirs for \$250.00 an acre.

In 1957, the Schemels sold the farm to James McDonald and moved to Eldora. Later the McDonalds sold the farm to Darrell Freeze, the present owner.

My mother, Minnie Schemel Ayres, was one of the Schemel children who was born in March, 1872 and died in May, 1966. I, Mildred Ayres Norris was a granddaughter of William and Johanna Schemel. *Mildred Ayres Norris*

### William Schmedika

William Schmedika was born in Shellsburg, Wisconsin on August 19, 1869. In 1875 his parents moved to a Hardin County farm northeast of Radcliffe, Iowa. His early boyhood days were spent on a farm and attending rural school. Later he attended Dexter Normal School at Dexter, Iowa. He lived on a farm for years, farming in summer and teaching school in the winter. Later he quit teaching and farmed extensively, together with buying, feeding and shipping livestock. He also was a heavy writer of fire insurance with the Farmers of Cedar Rapids for thirty years.

In 1889 he was united in marriage to Clara Awe, daughter of Joe and Amelia Awe. To this union were born four children. Vera was born July 13, 1892. On April 12, 1917 she married Swen Benson. Her husband died in 1945. They had one daughter, Marilyn who was born in 1926. Later she married Bert Benson. Vera died in 1979.

Roy was born January 25, 1896 and married Mary Lawton of Alden. They lived in Jewell where he was in the livestock business. They had three daughters: Dona Hurd, Vera Headley and Bette Olson. Roy died in 1969.

Leta was born May 12, 1889 and graduated from Radcliffe High School in 1918. On October 30 she married Noble Johnson and they have since made their home at Radcliffe. Noble was in the livestock business for 45 years. They are the parents of Audrey and Richard. Richard was killed in the Korean conflict in December, 1950.

Dale was born April 23, 1905. He attended Radcliffe High School and graduated from Iowa

University. He married Reba Kellogg of Alden. He was an agent for the Federal Land Bank and later was involved in insurance and real estate business. Twin daughters born to them are Jean Vogel and Mary Baleatine. Dale died in 1973.

William Schmedika was elected to the House of Representatives in 1914 and in 1923 was elected State Senator.

William Schmedika died in 1951 at the age of 82 years. Clara Schmedika died in 1906 at the age of 34 years.

### Oscar Schmidt

Oscar and Josephine Schmidt came to Union in March of 1929 along with one daughter Joan (now Mrs. Frank Kadner of Union). They purchased a house from Ott Wood.

Oscar worked for Rockford Life Insurance out of Rockford, Illinois. He has worked for them for 54 years.

In 1939 another daughter was born to them, Betty Jean. Complications came and Betty Jean died. Deciding they would like to have another daughter, they adopted Mary Lou (now Mrs. Claire Oerly of Grundy Center).

1932 brought a change, the Schmidts decided to move to Hubbard. In 1933 they moved back to Union and then in 1934 they purchased another home, which they lived in for 25 years.

1938 started a good year for Oscar. They purchased a jewelry store in State Center, Iowa. It worked out well, so they bought the Clarke Garage in downtown Union and remodeled it, and called it Schmidt's Jewelry and Sundrae in 1940. Later they also purchased the same type of store in Ackley.

1954 was a bad year for the Schmidt's. Oscar came down with diabetes and polio in one leg. He was bedfast for three years. During this time the stores in Ackley and State Center had to be sold. His wife ran the store in Union. Doctors told the family Oscar would never walk again, but in 1957 Oscar fooled them all and walked.

In 1961 Oscar and Jo moved into the apartment above the Hilsabeck Gift Store along with a granddaughter Dee Anna (Johnson) Kriz. She lived with them nine years and attended Union-Whitten School.

In 1978 they moved the Jewelry and Sundrae Store into the store below their apartment, which they still run seven days a week now for 41 years.

Oscar and Jo have made many friends through the years and generations of customers still come back and do business with them, especially the children of Union enjoy the store because of the candy counter. Of course Oscar and Jo enjoy all of their friends that they've made.

They have 10 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. One grandchild, Bobby Kadner has deceased, and one great grandchild has deceased, Kortney Jaysen Kriz.

Oscar and Josephine will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary in September 1981.

### Henry J. Schmitz



Belva and Henry Schmitz.

Henry J. (Heinie) Schmitz was born at Norway, Minn. January 7, 1895 where he graduated from high school May 28, 1911.

In 1915 he graduated from the Minnesota Business College at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He was employed at the Bank in Young American, Minn., one year then came to Radcliffe, Iowa.

He was in the army for two years during World War I and after the war he returned to his position in the Bank.

He married Ethel Fagg a school teacher and a native of Eldora, Iowa. They had one son, Parker. Ethel passed away in 1944.

In 1916 he was elected Hardin County Treasurer a position he held for 16 years.

In 1935 he was appointed State Board of Control Auditor and a year later Secretary of the State Tax Commission where he remained for two years.

In 1957 he married Belva Wallace of Waterloo, Iowa.

He returned to Eldora as administrator of the local hospital where he remained until his retirement.

He was Secretary of the cemetery for a number of years and taught a Methodist Sunday School class for 35 years.

He was a member of the American Legion.

He passed away at the Eldora Community Hospital August 7, 1971.

### Albert Schnormeier

Albert Schnormeier was born in 1898 in Grant township, Hardin Co. He was born to August Sr. and Carolina (Brakemeier) Schnormeier, both came from Germany, Lippe area. Albert had five brothers they were August, Fred, Paul, Theodore and Gustav and a sister, Martha (Mrs. Arthur Winter). The brothers were carpenters known as (Schnormeier Brothers), Albert worked with August in later years, if health permitted.

He received his education at (Mudswamp) in Grant township, No. 6. When it rained the grounds would be a lake, (Reason for the name).

Albert was married to Hulda Brand, daughter of Henry and Carolina (Kater) Brand. They were married in 1921, she passed away in April 1922. In December 1923 he was married to Helga (Mannetter) oldest daughter of Carl and Mary (Bekemeier) Mannetter, of Hubbard, Iowa. She had her education in the Hubbard schools. They lived in Grant township, section 14 till 1941 when they moved to Section, 34, south of Hubbard. They engaged in general farming and livestock also chickens till ill health forced him to retire. They enjoyed traveling when health permitted. Later he repaired clocks also built grandfather and mother clocks. He enjoyed antiques, machinery and old hand tools. Albert rebuilt old machinery when possible.

Albert passed away January 29, 1972.

### Fred Schnormeier

Fred Schnormeier was born Feb. 16, 1897 in Hardin County. His parents were William (1852-1930) son of Fred and Louisa (Finke) Schnormeier and Wilhelmine (1859-1903), daughter of Fred and Wilhelmine Blomberg. Fred's parents married in 1883 and immigrated to Hubbard, Iowa from Lippe-Deimold, Germany, the same year. William bought 120 acres in the eastern part of Grant Township, later purchasing a total of 400 acres. William and Wilhelmine became parents of nine children of which Fred was the youngest. They were Willie, Lena (Saaksmeier), Henry, Mary, Minnie (Klemme), Louise (Gelhaus), Anna, Ida, and Fred. Wilhelmine Schnormeier died in 1903. William and his second wife Johanna (1852-1925) moved to Hubbard in 1915, building a home in the southeast end of town. Fred remained on the home place and began farming 200 acres in 1918. He remembers farming with horses until the purchase of his first tractor, a Fordson, in the 1920's. In 1921, Fred married Emma Goeke (B. 1898). Whose parents had immigrated from Germany after their marriage in 1895 and settled first in Hubbard and later in Kossuth Co. The Schnormeiers engaged in general grain farming, raising primarily corn, oats, and hay. They raised stock and dairy cattle, hogs, and

chickens until 1955. Fred and Emma were the parents of three children — Velma, who died in infancy in 1923, Martha (B. 1925) and Dean (B. 1936). Martha married James Duncan in Dec. 1944 and they had three sons, Verl (B. 1947), David (B. 1952) and Craig, (B. 1956). She died in 1968. Dean married Betty Clark in Dec. 1957 and they are the parents of three children, Sharon, (B. 1960), Sandra, (B. 1967), and Steven, (B. 1969). Emma Schnormeier died in 1955. Fred moved to Hubbard on Feb. 16, 1958 to the home where he lives today, located one block east of the Lutheran Church. He continued to help on the farm with his son, Dean until 1980. In 1962, Fred married Lillian Ziemke (B. 1896) of Hubbard. She died in November, 1973. Fred is a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church at Hubbard. She died in November, 1973. Fred is a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church at Hubbard. He enjoys playing cards, visiting with friends, and has always had a garden. Fred has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who all live in Hardin County.

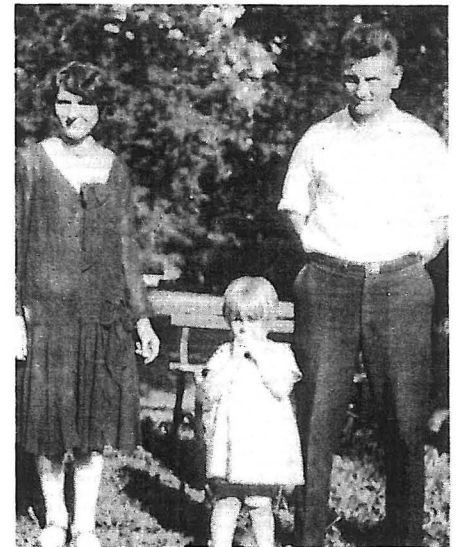
### Gustav Schnormeier

Gustav William Schnormeier, the son of August and Caroline (Brakemeier) Schnormeier, was born on February 27, 1900 in Hardin County, Iowa.

On May 13, 1900 he was baptized by the Rev. M. J. Dammann who was pastor of Zion Church at that time. He was confirmed by Rev. Wm. Buehler on March 28, 1915.

On April 15, 1926 he was united in marriage to Esther Handt, in the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa by Rev. George Hanna.

Two children were born to this union, Verna LeVeear, residing in Des Moines, and Harold Schnormeier of Ames.



Gustav Schnormeier

Most of their married life was spent in and around Hubbard where Gustav was engaged in carpenter work. Many fine buildings, including the Zion Church of Hubbard and the Lutheran Church of Radcliffe were some of his projects. Many of the beautiful homes and other buildings around Hubbard were built by Gus. He and his brother, August F., were known as the Schnormeier Brothers, Builders and Contractors. Their services were sought as first class carpenters and builders.

For a number of years he served on the church council where he assisted in guiding the work of his church.

He passed away early Easter morning, April 1, 1956.

Esther was born at Plymouth, Iowa on October 12, 1902 to Carl and Dorothea Alwine (Schlobohm) Handt. She received her education in the rural schools of Hubbard and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church as a child. She and her mother

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WILLIAM S. LYNES, Speaker of the House

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wholesale lumber business. Mrs. Saylor and his son, Merrill, preceded him in death. Surviving are a son, Lynn, and a granddaughter, Carolyn, both of Chicago.

In the passing of Mr. Saylor both the State and community suffer the loss of an outstanding and upright citizen. The good works performed by him during his long life of ninety-four years will live on for many years to come.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa,* That in the passing of the Honorable William W. Saylor 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 Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

W. S. LYNES,  
WAYNE W. BALLHAGEN,  
GRANT LAUER,  
*Committee.*

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#### WILLIAM SCHMEDIKA

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

William Schmedika was born in Shullsburg, Wisconsin, August 19, 1869, son of Henry and Mary Schmedika. He had been a resident of Hardin County since he moved there with his parents at the age of four years. The family moved to the Radcliffe vicinity where he grew up. In 1928 he moved to his farm southeast of Iowa Falls.

Mr. Schmedika was active in political circles for a number of years. He served in both Houses of the Iowa Legislature, being elected to the House of Representatives in 1915 and to the Senate in 1923. He served one term in each of the branches.

He was also a frequent candidate for county and state offices, running on both the Democratic and Independent tickets. He was last a candidate for a state office on one of the minor party tickets.

He was married to Miss Clara Awe in 1889, who died in 1907. Four children, all of whom are living, were born to the couple. They are Mrs. Noble Johnson and Mrs. Bert Benson, both of Radcliffe; and two sons, Dale of Alden and Roy of Jewell.

Mr. Schmedika died on June 3, 1951, at the age of 81 years.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of The Honorable William Schmedika the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.*

*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.*

PAUL M. WALTER,  
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,  
JOHN A. WALKER,  
*Committee.*

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ERIC W. SCOTT

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Eric W. Scott, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Eric W. Scott was born in Prussia February 14, 1880. He was the son of Simon and Anna Kruser Scott. He came with his parents to America in the year 1881. They settled on a farm two miles northwest of Wall Lake, Iowa, and a year later moved to a farm north of Lake View.

He was united in marriage to Mary Lenora Quinlan on April 15, 1903, who preceded him in death in February of 1947. To this union were born two sons, Everett E. of Lake View and Lloyd W. of Pocahontas, Iowa.

Mr. Scott was a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine and the Commandery. He was State Representative from Sac County from 1936 to 1942, serving in the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth sessions of the General Assembly.

Through the years he farmed extensively; was owner and operator of the Scott Grain Company; was president of the Farmers State Bank and manager of the Union Telephone Company.

On February 3, 1948, he was married to Martha Batie Hawthorne. He died October 31, 1952, at Loring hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; two sons, Everett of Lake View, Iowa, and Lloyd, of Pocahontas; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert Carlson of Duncan, Oklahoma; a stepson, Batie Hawthorne, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and several grandchildren.

# ALL 48 CEMETERIES IN HARDIN CO., IOWA

Burial records from 1850's to mid-1999

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1. Alden Township
2. Alden
3. Union (at Iowa Falls)
4. St. Mark (Catholic)
5. Friends
6. Northlawn Memory Gardens
7. Hazel Green
8. Buckeye
9. Bahr
10. Lincoln or Riley
11. Cottage
12. Oakwood
13. Kidwiler
14. Jackson Township or Berlin
15. Donner
16. Hardin County Home
17. Steamboat Rock
18. Radcliffe
19. Sherman Township
20. Tipton Norwegian Lutheran
21. Hubbard
22. Boylan
23. Tipton Grove or Kuhlman
24. Rough Woods
25. Point Pleasant or Prairie Lea
26. Pleasant Chapel or Duke
27. Eldora Training School
28. Calvary or St. Mary's (Catholic)
29. Eldora
30. Ellsworth or Bailey
31. East Lawn Memory Gardens
32. Buckner
33. Xenia or Secor
34. Zion Lutheran
35. Concord Township
36. Stavanger Norwegian
37. Idaho or Grant Center
38. Highland or Pickering
39. New Providence
40. Hadley or Haman's Horn
41. Honey Creek
42. Chester
43. Sheppard
44. Francisco or Betts
45. Miller or Southwest Union
46. Union (at Union)
47. Hauser
48. Whitney or Haggin

Schuneman, Augusta	d. 16 Mar 1891, 33y 8m 28d, ss Emma	wife of John F., ss Emma
Schuneman, Bertha	1858-1926	
Schuneman, John	1849-1930	
Schuneman, Arthur	1892-1950	VFW
Schuneman, Carl	1888-1948	
Peterson,	(Mortuary marker)	
Glaizer, Catherine	d. 15 Mar 1886, 81y 3m	
Liittschwager, Infant	3 May 1890-3 May 1890	dau of Gustave & Eda, ss
Liittschwager, Leo	5 Oct 1887-17 Nov 1887	son of Gustave & Eda, ss
Ott, John C.	5 Sep 1840-27 Jul 1897	
Schmedika, Wm.	1869-1951	ss Clara
Schmedika, Clara	20 Jul 1872-24 June 1970 1967	ss Wm., Wife
Awe, Joe	1840-1919	
Awe, Amelia	1850-1921	
Schirmayer, Susanna	d. 12 Sep 1897, 69y 2m 9d	wife of Joseph
Schwartz, Wm	1882-1936	ss Hattie
Schwartz, Hattie	1881-1964	ss Wm.
Schwartz, Andrew	1887-1938	
Kolling, Ralph	1895-1966	VFW, ss Irene
Radke, Fredrick	29 Mai 1838-3 Mai 1915	(in German)
Radke, Caroline	9 Dec 1835-27 Nov 1913	(in German)
Radke, Augusta	1866-1926	
Furstenau, Father	1851-1934	
Furstenau, Mother	1848-1928	
Butler, Wm.	1884-1931	ss Augusta
Butler, Augusta	1879-1952	ss Wm.
Liittschwager, John	1873-1929	ss Ella
Liittschwager, Ella	1883-1961	ss John
Daum, Lydia	3 Feb 1880-17 Sep 1916	wife of H. D.
Beitsch, Carl F.	26 May 1832-17 Oct 1921	ss Bertha
Beitsch, Bertha M.	20 Sep 1858-21 May 1904	ss Carl
Ziesman, Robert H.	1865-1937	father
Ziesman, Alveina	1872-1958	mother, ss
Ziesman, Harry	1894-1943	Pvt 350Inf Co K WWI, Am Leg
Ziesman, Walter	4 Feb 1906-16 June 1916	
Ziesman, Robert	5 Feb 1897-16 June 1915	
Ziesman, Albert	27 Feb 1909-3 Mar 1909	
Ziesman, Ernest	24 Feb 1913-24 Jul 1913	
Kasischke, John, Mrs.	(Mortuary marker)	
Kasischke, Chas.	(Mortuary marker)	
Wirlds, Mable	1898-1899	dau
Wirlds, Wendelina	1905-1907	dau
Schwartz, Leo	1897-1940	ss Alice
Schwartz, Alice	1899-	ss Leo
Fank, Carl	18 Feb 1851-11 Jan 1930	ss Maria, father
Fank, Maria	27 Mar 1868-31 Dec 1928	ss Carl, wife, mother
Fank, Otto L.	22 Julii 1903-1 Dec 1903	Hier Ruhet, ss Polline
Fank, Polline	9 Nov 1852-22 Juni 1894	(in German), ss otto
Rattunde, Caroline	22 Sep 1825-14 Apr 1915	Sie Ging Durch Kreuz Und Leiden Zur Seligen Himmels Freuden, ss
Fank, Albert J.	23 Feb 1908-4 Mar 1908	
Bahr, Kenneth	2 Oct 1910-6 Oct 1910	son of EW & N
Schulz, Fred W.	1915-1964	VFW, WWII
Schulz, Albert	22 Oct 1910-7 Jan 1911	son of H & A
Schulz, Hans	1886-1952	ss Anna
Schulz, Anna	1889-1946	ss Hans
Fuhrman, Albert	1857-1939	ss Caroline
Fuhrman, Caroline	1860-1948	ss Albert
Warmbier, Larry E.	10 Sep 1940-5 Dec 1957	
Warmbier, John	7 Aug 1910-22 Nov 1975	
Warmbier, Emil	1881-1957	ss Laura
Warmbier, Laura A.	1885-1962	ss Emil
Sielaff, Fred W.	5 Nov 1885-19 June 1965	
Sielaff, Minnie B.	6 Mar 1887-2 Apr 1966	
Sielaff, Wilfred W.	1920-1949	
Sielaff, Albert C.	9 Aug 1911-19 Aug 1956	VFW, WWII, Ia. Capt AAF
Schwartz, Gary Lynn	12 Oct 1944-23 Dec 1945	son of Marion & Esther
Buckholtz, Elmer	1898-1950	





You searched for **William Schmedika** in **Iowa**

## 1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William Schmedika</b>	
Home in 1880:	<b>Fairfield, Jackson, Iowa</b>	
Age:	<b>13</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1867</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Relation to Head of Household:	<b>Son</b>	
Father's Name:	<b>Fred</b>	
Father's birthplace:	<b>Ger</b>	
Mother's Name:	<b>Sophia</b>	
Mother's birthplace:	<b>Ger</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Occupation:	<b>Farm Worke</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:		
	Name	Age
	Fred Schmedika	58
	Sophia Schmedika	41
	John Schmedika	21
	Anna Schmedika	16
	Henry Schmedika	13
	William Schmedika	13

**Source Citation:** Year: 1880; Census Place: Fairfield, Jackson, Iowa; Roll: T9\_346; Family History Film: 1254346; Page: 509,1000; Enumeration District: 320; Image: 0079.

**Source Information:**

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William H Schmedika</b>														
Home in 1900:	<b>Sherman, Hardin, Iowa</b>														
Age:	<b>30</b>														
Birth Date:	<b>Aug 1869</b>														
Birthplace:	<b>Wisconsin</b>														
Race:	<b>White</b>														
Gender:	<b>Male</b>														
Relationship to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>														
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Germany</b>														
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Germany</b>														
Spouse's name:	<b>Clarra A</b>														
Marriage Year:	<b>1892</b>														
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>														
Years Married:	<b>8</b>														
Residence :	<b>Radcliffe Town, Hardin, Iowa</b>														
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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>Wm Schmedika</b>	
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1870</b>	
Birth Place:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Widowed</b>	
Census Date:	<b>1 Jan 1925</b>	
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>	
Residence County:	<b>Hardin</b>	
Locality:	<b>Sherman</b>	
Relation to Head:	<b>Head</b>	
Father:	<b>Henry Schmedika</b>	
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Germany</b>	
Roll:	<b>IA1925_1744</b>	
Line:	<b>18</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Wm Schmedika	55
	W O Sioma	54
	Dale Schmedika	21

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