

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Skromme,

Lars Johan - Represented Boone and Story counties

1. Birthday and place 9 Jan 1879 Skarnevik, Bergen, Norway

2. Marriage (s) date place

Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1931 elected secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Central Iowa; Chairman of the Story County Farm Debt Advisory Committee

B. Civic responsibilities American Legion;

C. Profession Farmer; minister; seed and hatchery business;  
Real estate business

4. Church membership Lutheran

5. Sessions served 41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup> General Assemblies 1925 and 1927

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Roland 1922-1924

B. State Member of the Iowa National Guard

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

7. Death 23 Dec 1934 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Roland Cemetery, Roland, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Askel Spiverson and Martha (Osten) Skromme

10. Education Attended country schools near Roland, Iowa

11. Degrees Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa; Red Wing  
Seminary, Red Wing, Minnesota graduated in theology in  
1902 and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 16 he came with his family to America settling on a farm  
3 miles east of Roland, Iowa
- His first work was as minister at Pontiac, Illinois 1910-1913
- In 1915 he went to River Falls, Minnesota where he engaged in business  
but returned later to Roland.
- Military service - World War I - 133<sup>rd</sup> Ambulance Company
- After the war he entered the seed and hatching business by organizing  
the Skromme Seed Company and the Skromme Hatchery



# NOTED CITIZEN LAID TO REST

LAST RITES FOR LARS J. SKROMME CONDUCTED LAST WEEK

One of the largest audiences ever assembled at one time in Roland was present at the funeral of Lars J. Skromme Thursday afternoon. Following the brief service at the Skromme home, the main funeral service was held at Salem Lutheran church with Rev. Olaf Holen officiating.

Both the church auditorium and the basement were filled with people and many were unable to gain entrance and had to remain in their cars outside. The public address system which the deceased had purchased two years ago for a political campaign, was installed in the basement of the church with the microphone near the pulpit and the audience in the basement as well as in the church auditorium could hear the music and sermon.

The service was simple but effective, the only speaker being the pastor. Before delivering his sermon in the English language, he gave a short talk in the Norwegian language directed toward the aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Skromme who are now 92 and 89 years old respectively, and who were able to be present at the service. Musical numbers were a solo by Robert Boyd and a trio by Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Boyd and Robert Boyd.

The Christmas tree was still in place before the altar and together with the floral offerings formed a beautiful setting for the flag draped casket and the service flag of the church suspended from the pulpit.

The local post of the American Legion, of which Mr. Skromme had served as chaplain for several years, was present and accorded full military honors. The pall bearers, C. A. Pegerland, B. H. Knudtson, M. J. Britson, C. C. Helvig, Peter P. Teig and Otis B. Anderson, were in uniform as were the firing squad and some of the other ex-service men. Besides the members of the Roland post, there were a number of Legionaires from Story City and other towns in the vic-



LARS J. SKROMME  
Minister, legislator and business man, whose funeral was held last Thursday.

of his death.

Mr. Skromme noticed that his health was not what it should be early last summer, but being a man of rugged constitution, he did not realize the seriousness of his condition until this fall. When he finally had a thorough examination, it was found that he was suffering from cancer of the stomach and an operation was performed at the Iowa Lutheran hospital in Des Moines December 20, but he failed to pull through and died about 10 o'clock on Sunday evening, December 23.

He is survived by his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Skromme with whom he made his home, two brothers, Severt of Lee, Ill., and Ole of Roland, and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Christian and Miss Carrie Skromme, both of Roland.

The deceased was a member of Salem Lutheran congregation and served as its vice president for a number of years. During the years 1925 and 1926 when the congregation was without a pastor, he filled the pulpit at the English services, being an ordainer minister in the Lutheran church.

No resident of this community has become so widely known over the country as Mr. Skromme due mostly to his active work in politics and farm relief organizations in which he was a militant campaigner.

His first venture into the political

cobson of Gilbert and A. J. Shold of Roland, also former senator L. H. Doran, Representative Frank Hollingsworth and Atty. Walter Kennedy, of Boone, former senator Joseph Allen of Des Moines, and O. E. Gunderson of Forest City, also a former senator. There were also other friends and relatives among them, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kvavli of Chicago, Severt and Archie Skromme of Lee, Ill., Rev. Gjerde, Tom Dahl and Nels Frette of Elmore, Minn., Rev. B. K. Barstad of Radcliffe, Rev. H. N. Bakke of McCallsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Fatland of Kanawha, Martha Wicks of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Christoffer Orton of Williams, Henry Stole and A. A. Lein of Forest City, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Durby and children of Buffalo Center, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Olson of Ralston, and many others.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all who assisted us and showed their sympathy during the illness and death of Lars J. Skromme. We wish to give special thanks to Rev. Olaf Holen for his visits and messages, to the American Legion post for the honor shown him, to those who furnished music at the funeral, and to those who contributed flowers and mission offerings in his memory.—The Skromme Family.

### ASSESSORS TO MEET

The assessors of the county will meet with County Auditor Byron Dickey at Nevada next Saturday and receive their supplies and instructions for the year. Assessors from this vicinity who will attend will be T. I. Sampson of Roland, S. L. Bielefeldt of Howard township, Hansell Christian of Milford township, O. E. Nitland of Warren township, and Guy Mills of McCallsburg.

### START RADIO BROADCASTS

The first of a series of 12 monthly radio programs sponsored by Story county voiture No. 285 of the 40 and 8, The American Legion, was presented of the Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock far as from Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa, lege at Ames. The program included a talk on the

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the other ex-service men. Besides the members of the Roland post, there were a number of Legionnaires from Story City and other towns in the vicinity who joined with them and attended the service in a body.

At the cemetery, following the service by the pastor, the Legion prayer was read by Stanton James, chaplain of the Story City American Legion post, followed by the salute by the firing squad and taps.

Lars Johan Skromme was born in Skaanevik parish, Bergen, Norway, July 8, 1879, and died December 23, 1934, at the age of 55 years, 5 months and 15 days.

When he was six years old, the family came to America and settled on a farm three miles east of Roland, which continued to be their home until they moved to town about 20 years ago. He never married.

He attended the country school and later attended Highland Park college in Des Moines for some time. He then attended Red Wing Seminary at Red Wing, Minn., and was graduated from the theological department in 1908. He was ordained into the ministry on call from the Lutheran congregation at Pontiac, Ill., where he served from 1910 to 1913. In 1915 he went to Thief River Falls, Minn., where he was engaged in business, returning later to Roland.

When war was declared on April 6, 1917, arrangements were made the same day by Dr. R. W. Smith to organize an ambulance company at this place and Lars Skromme was the first man to come forward and offer his name as an enlistment. He went to Camp Cody, N. Mex., with the 133 Ambulance company, but was later transferred to an officers training camp and was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry. In the fall of 1918 he boarded a boat that was to take him to France, but before the boat left the dock the Armistice was signed and the troops were unloaded again.

Upon his retirement from the service, he organized the Skromme Seed company here and later the Skromme Hatchery, of which he was the head at the present time. He was making extensive improvements at the plant this summer and fall in preparation for next year's business, but had to give up the work when sickness overtook him. In 1931 he was elected secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association of Central Iowa, which position he still held at the time

to his active work in politics and farm relief organizations in which he was a militant campaigner.

His first venture into the political field was in 1910 when he was a candidate for representative in the state legislature from Story county on the Prohibition ticket. He was always a pronounced dry and instead of affiliating with either of the major parties at that time, took an independent course on a dry ticket. He lost in the election by a close vote at that time.

Fourteen years later, in 1924, he again jumped into the political fray, this time being a candidate for the republican nomination for state senator from the Boone-Story district in the June primaries. After a spirited campaign participated in by a large number of his fellow citizens from this community, he won the nomination and was elected in the fall.

He served a four year term, from 1924 to 1928, and in the spring of 1928 announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Iowa. He lost out in a three cornered fight with John Hammill, the incumbent, and M. L. Bowman, the main issue in the campaign being the matter of issuing bonds for paving primary roads in Iowa. He was unalterably opposed to the paving bonds and incurred the enmity of many people, but also received support from the rural sections and was at one time presented with an automobile from his friends as a token of their appreciation for his work.

Four years later, in 1932, he was again a candidate for a republican nomination, this time for congressman from the sixth district, but the incumbent, C. C. Dowell, won the nomination.

During the last few years during the depression, he was active in the organization of the United Farmers and was at the head of the county unit. He was at present serving as chairman of the Story County Farm Debt Advisory committee.

He also took part in town and local affairs and served as mayor of Roland for one term, from 1922 to 1924.

There were many people in attendance at the funeral from various places in the state as well as from the immediate vicinity. Among them were the directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association, Pete Peterson and T. Z. Henryson of Story City, M. L. Hatlestad of Radcliffe, T. G. Lundy of Zearing, Benjamin Anderson of Jewell, O. A. Ja-

Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from station WOI at Iowa State College at Ames.

The program included a talk on the American Legion and its principles by Dr. C. D. Lee of Ames, and solo numbers by Mrs. Lester Henderson of Story City. The programs are under the direction of Sheriff J. R. Hattery of Nevada and Wilkie L. Harper of Ames, who were named a committee to have charge of the arrangements.

### BUILDING GOING UP

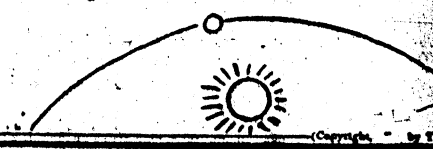
Bricklayers started work last week on the new town building and the walls are now being erected. Work is also being done on the filtration plant proper, which is located in the southeast corner of the building. The project is known as Federal Public Works, Project No. 2537.

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locating first at the old town a mile west of the present town, but moving to the new town in 1874. He aided in establishing the first bank in the town. For many years he was associated with his brother, A. L. Ormsby, in the management of the American Investment Company of Emmetsburg. He was for years president of the First National Bank of Emmetsburg, later the Farmers Trust and Savings Bank. Soon after arriving in town he led in organizing a local Methodist Episcopal church, and a Sunday school, and throughout his residence there he was an active church worker. He was superintendent of his local Sunday school twenty-five years and for some years was president of the State Sunday School Association. In 1881 he was appointed on the military staff of Governor John H. Gear with the title of lieutenant colonel, and thereafter was popularly known as Colonel Ormsby. From 1884 to 1896 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Cornell College, and was vice president of the board from 1887 to 1895. He was also active in politics and in 1893 was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. In a field of six candidates he received 81 votes. Again in the 1895 convention in a field of seven candidates he received 84 votes. In 1904 he was elected as a presidential elector at large running on the Republican ticket. About 1905 he removed to California where he lived in retirement.

LARS JOHAN SKROMME was born in Norway in 1879 and died in a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, December 23, 1934. Burial was at Roland, Story County. He was with his parents when they emigrated to the United States in 1885, settling on a farm near Roland. He received his early education in a country public school, and later attended Highland Park College, Des Moines, Red Wing Seminary, Red Wing, Minnesota, and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He was ordained a minister in the Lutheran church and served for a time as pastor at Eagle Grove, and at Pontiac, Illinois. At different times he was engaged in real estate business at Clarion, Iowa, and at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. On the entry of the United States into the World War he enlisted at Roland in the Iowa National Guard on April 6, 1917, and was assigned to the Second Ambulance Company, Medical Department. He became first class private, August 1, 1917; sergeant, August 17, 1917; and was honorably discharged June 4, 1918, to accept commission; appointed second lieutenant in infantry June 5, 1918; first lieutenant September 27, 1918. His principal stations were at Camp Pike, Arkansas; Camp McArthur, Texas; Camp Merritt, New Jersey; and Camp Funston, Kansas. He was honorably discharged December 11, 1918. After the war he was engaged in farm operations, and in the seed business at Roland where he organized the Skromme Seed Company. In 1924 he was elected senator and served in the Forty-first and Forty-second general assemblies. In 1928 he was a candidate in the primary election for the Republican nomination of governor in a field of four candidates when John Hammill received the nomination for a third term.



Outline of Personal History of Lars J Skromme  
 RESIDENCE Roland Iowa

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

The Historical Department of Iowa  
 DES MOINES, IOWA  
 EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

(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) Lars Johan Skromme
2. Chief occupation or profession Farming
3. Former occupation or profession none
4. Date and place of beginning each About 1889; Roland, Ia
5. Present residence address Roland Story County, Ia
6. Present business address Roland " " "
7. Date of birth July 8, 1879
8. Place of birth Skaanevik Norway
9. If born abroad, where " " "
10. Emigrated to America, when 1885
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America Iowa Story County, Iowa
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county " " "
13. Further emigration, if any " " "
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university Rural school District No 4, Warren Township, Minn  
 Highland Park College, Des Moines; Red Wing Seminary, Red Wing, Minn
15. Date of graduation and degree if any April 29, 1902, College Department of Red Wing Sem.; May 29, 1908, Theological Department of Red Wing, Seminary.



16. Place of death \_\_\_\_\_
17. Date of death \_\_\_\_\_
18. Place of burial \_\_\_\_\_
19. Name of father in full (all names) Askel Spurgeon Skromme
20. Occupation of father Farmer
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) Martha Jaton
22. Residence when married ~~Spencer, Iowa~~
23. Military service, if any (exact dates) \_\_\_\_\_
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)  
Member of the State Central Committee  
of the Prohibition Party since April  
26, 1910
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions \_\_\_\_\_
26. Politics Prohibition
27. Religious denomination if any Lutheran
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination \_\_\_\_\_
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning \_\_\_\_\_
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates \_\_\_\_\_
31. Member of what clubs if any \_\_\_\_\_
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible) \_\_\_\_\_
33. Officer or director in any corporation \_\_\_\_\_
34. Enclose business card if possible \_\_\_\_\_
35. Enclose photograph and autograph \_\_\_\_\_

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

37. *Miscellaneous* .....



## FAMILY HISTORY

1. *To whom married* .....
2. *Date of marriage* .....
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5. *Place of his or her birth* .....
6. *Religious denomination* .....
7. *Date of his or her death* .....
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10. *Father's full name* .....
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12. *Occupation of his or her father* .....
13. *His or her mother's full name* .....
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16. *Miscellaneous remarks on their family* .....

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| 3. <i>Place of marriage</i> .....           | 11. <i>Born where and when</i> .....                          |
| 4. <i>Date of his or her birth</i> .....    | 12. <i>Occupation of his or her father</i> .....              |
| 5. <i>Place of his or her birth</i> .....   | 13. <i>His or her mother's full name</i> .....                |
| 6. <i>Religious denomination</i> .....      | 14. <i>Born when and where</i> .....                          |
| 7. <i>Date of his or her death</i> .....    | 15. <i>Parent's residence at time of their marriage</i> ..... |
| 8. <i>Place of his or her death</i> .....   | 16. <i>Miscellaneous remarks on their family</i> .....        |

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SIGNATURE *Lars J. Skromme*  
 DATE *Sep. 17, 1910*

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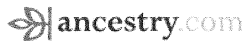
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Roland Cemetery -- North Central Section

22. QUAM John Aug 16 1870-Aug 13 1936  
Amanda Nov 18 1875-Nov 10 1942; Married Feb 23 1895
23. John Mandus QUAM Jan 21 1896; Mark Earl QUAM May 5 1899  
Infant sons of John & Amanda
24. Roy J QUAM Aug 29 1903-Mar 26 1986
25. NESSA T A 1890-1960; Nina V 1893-1959
26. NESSA Tom N 1921- ; Alice M 1924-1976
27. Terry M RYAN 1945-1965
28. RYAN Thomas M 1910-1991; Sylvia C 1919-
29. HANSON Twedt 1914-1984; Mildred 1918-  
Parents of Harlan & Lou Ann
30. Wife Irene M HANSON 1924-1944
31. EGGLAND Osmond 1877-1937; Anna 1877-1959
32. EGGLAND Irving G 1901-1986
33. DYER Corrine T Mar 2 1918-Nov 6 1976  
Harold R Nov 5 1916-
34. MOLDE J Ted 1888-1988; Cora C 1895-1975
35. ARNESON Jonas 1895-1973; Mabel 1899-1972
36. HOVDE Joseph M June 20 1902-Dec 21 1983  
Mildred H Mar 28 1906- ; Parents of Shirley, Marilyn, LaVerne
37. JACOBSON Jacob E 1876-1937; Lena B 1883-1956
38. Ardis JACOBSON 1916-1981
39. Ora A SIMSER 1884-1943
40. Jay A SIMSER 1888-1934 (Mason)
41. Virgil R TJELMELAND 1923-1930
42. TJELMELAND Father Vier Aug 23 1868-Mar 2 1945  
Mother Ragna May 22 1873-Nov 7 1945
43. Marie (HOVLAND) Sept 12 1882 - Jan 6 1930
44. HOVLAND
45. Ingeborg Belle (HOVLAND) Oct 2 1871-Oct 8 1972


Row 12

1. Wilma J IMSLAND 1931-1932
2. IMSLAND Helen O 1898-1967; Chris R 1893-1939
3. Palmer GJERDE 1925-1932
4. Lt Carroll J GJERDE 1917-1945 (AmL)
5. GJERDE Hannah 1891-1984 (AmLax); Ivers S 1887-1960
6. Bernt GJERDE 1895-1949
7. Avis A BOHNING 1902-1933
8. Betty Lou SANFORD 1927-1935
9. HEREIM Susie G 1883-1973; Thomas A 1879-1955
10. Otis R HEREIM 1906-1967
11. Ole M SKROMME 1884-1949
12. Lars J SKROMME 1879-1934 (AmL)
13. SKROMME Martha 1845-1939; Askel S 1842-1938
14. Carrie Skromme FATLAND June 25 1889-June 4 1980
15. HOVERSTEN Dora S 1865-1937; Jacob J 1854-1940
16. HOVERSTEN Viola F 1897-1991; Elmer J 1897-1985
17. JOHNSON Willie B 1900 Father 1937  
Jennie C 1898 Mother 1944
18. Rexford C TYSDALE IA Pvt Co I 358 Infantry WWI  
Oct 22 1895-June 6 1970 (AmL)
19. Mother Louise RASMUSEN 1876-1967



You searched for **Lars J. Skromme** in **Iowa**

### 1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>Lars J Skromme</b>	
Age in 1910:	<b>30</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1880</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Norway</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Son</b>	
Father's Name:	<b>Askel S</b>	
Father's Birth Place:	<b>Norway</b>	
Mother's Name:	<b>Martha</b>	
Mother's Birth Place:	<b>Norway</b>	
Home in 1910:	<b>Warren, Story, Iowa</b>	
Marital Status:	<b>Single</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Gender:	<b>Male</b>	
Year of Immigration:	<b>1885</b>	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Askel S Skromme</a>	67
	<a href="#">Martha Skromme</a>	65
	<a href="#">Lars J Skromme</a>	30
	<a href="#">Maggie C Skromme</a>	20
	<a href="#">Tollef Skogervoe</a>	42
	<a href="#">Lars Skogervoe</a>	28
	<a href="#">Tollef Wicks</a>	19
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