

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator ETHELL, JOHN JESSE

Represented Appanoose and Davis Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 November 1872, Davis County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Addie Hotchkiss (c. 1872-9 May 1927); 24 August 1903, Bloomfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In jewelry business in Osceola and Washington, Iowa, several years; then in jewelry and piano business; and in grocery business. Then in farm loan and abstract business in Bloomfield.

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 39th and 40th GA, SD 3, Appanoose and Davis Counties

6. Public Offices

A. Local postmaster, Bloomfield, 1924-1935.

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 31 October 1935 at home, Bloomfield, sudden illness.

W.P.A. Record:

I.O.O.F. Cemetery,

Bloomfield,

Cleveland Township; Davis

County,

Iowa.

8. Children (1) Alice (c. 1907 -); 2) George K. (c. 1918); (3) Helen
(b.d. c. 1910-1920).

9. Names of parents Sanford (c. 1822 - 20 April 1888), and Catherine

(EVANS) ESTELL. (5 April 1829 - 23 April 1912). m. Davis Co. 22 April 1849.

Cemetery
Lot # 18

Ethell, John Jesse

10. Education graduated Bloomfield High School 1889

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Mason, Knights Templar; Shrine; Knights of Pythias.

In his work for jewelry and piano store he traveled over much of Iowa.

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Mu sician of note; for years member of orchestras and Bands in Bloomfield; leader of Sunday School orchestra of his church at time of death.

Author of several volumes of humorous stories; and proficient after-dinner speaker.

Conty chair Davis Co Central Committee--Republican.

At time of death daughter was teacher in Bloomfield High School, and George was student at ~~Univer~~ University of Iowa in premedicine. Also survived by two sisters.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Bloomfield Deocrat, Thurs 7 Nov. 1935		x	death/ obit
Stork/Blingan, Legislators		x	sesssions served
Ia Off Register 1921		x	bio
House Journal 1939		x	memorial
WPA cem records		x	John & Addie
This is Davis County 1936	x		
Pioneer Hist Davis Co. 1927		x	biog of parents
1910 Census, Davis Co. 10-B		x	listing, 1 child
1920 Census, Davis Co. 1-11-91		x	listing, 2 children

Pays Tribute to John Ethell At Funeral Service Sunday

The following tribute and obituary of John J. Ethell, prominent Bloomfield citizen who died a week ago, was written by P. T. Grimes and read by him at the final rites held Sunday at the Bloomfield Methodist Episcopal church.—

Editor's Note.

John Jesse Ethell was born November 16, 1872, the youngest of eight children, sons and daughters of Sanford and Catherine Evans Ethell, pioneer settlers of Davis county, Iowa. His parents came from Boone county, Missouri, locating on a farm near the Wesley Chapel in Wyacondah township, where they lived until John was eight years old when they moved to Bloomfield for the better school privileges. They established a loved and respected family circle here from which the school, the church and every good community interest has drawn support. He was graduated from the Bloomfield High School in the year 1889, then entered the employ of the John Burgess Jewelry Store. He was located at Osceola for a year or more, then formed a partnership with Will Law in the jewelry trade at Washington, Iowa. After disposing of this store he returned to Bloomfield and was employed in the Shaeffer Jewelry and Piano store where he remained for a number of years, visiting every part of the county and forming acquaintances and friends who never forgot him nor his homely philosophy and humorous stories. Later he was associated with Theodore Taylor in the grocery business where he remained until he formed a partnership with H. C. Leach in the loan and abstract business, this partnership lasting until 1911 when it was dissolved. In that year he took over the business of his father-in-law, K. T. Hotchkiss, in the Hotchkiss and Deupree loan and abstract office. He remained with this firm until he became postmaster at Bloomfield in July, 1924, a position he filled with honor and credit until April, 1935, when he resigned.

In the year 1920 he was elected State Senator for the upper Davis district, resigning from that office when appointed postmaster

On August 24th, 1903, he was married to Miss Addie Hotchkiss, who died May 9th, 1927. Three children were born to them, Alice and George now living, and one daughter, Helen, having died in childhood. Alice is a teacher in the Bloomfield High School and George a student at Iowa State University, preparing himself for the practice of medicine.

Of the family of eight children of which John was the youngest only two now remain, Mrs. Harriett Rawlings and Mrs. Josephine Macy, both residing in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Ethell died at his home in Bloomfield, Thursday morning, October 31st. His death was sudden. While he had not complained of illness he had suffered from a heart weakness but his condition was not considered alarming. He had been working about his home as usual the day previous and had visited and chatted with his neighbors and passersby. When he retired for the night he spoke of a pain in his side but minimized the trouble as something that would pass away with rest. Thursday morning his daughter found him in an unconscious state and at 10 o'clock he passed from mortal life.

"But once I pass this way, and then the Silent Door swings on its hinges—opens, closes, and no more I pass this way. So while I may, with all my might essay sweet comfort and delight to all I meet upon the Pilgrim Way. For no man travels twice the Great Highway that climbs through Darkness up to Light,—through Night to Day"

That is a summary of the philosophy of life which was distinctly the property of John J. Ethell, whose memory will live in the hearts and minds of Davis county citizens long after the sorrow and grief of this day has been forgotten. His nature was such that he could bear malice or rancor toward no one, his heart beat for humanity and he was happiest when contributing to the relief of the distressed. He had touched elbows with trouble and poverty and knew intimately the anguish of personal grief. Knowing not the distinction of class or station he had

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and Mrs. Mark Davidson visited Sunday in Wapello at the home of Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Miss Lou Leach, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Leach, is at her home. She is reported ill.

Miss LaVerne Barton and daughter Betty, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holt visited over the week-end in Salisbury, Mo., with Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Holt's mother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williamson, and in St. Louis, Mo., at the home of their mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lofgren spent the week-end in Mediapolis and Mt. Vernon with relatives.

Clearance Sale on Ladies' Hats — Choice \$1.00 each, from John Taylor's store. Jennie ...

Those from here attending the meeting in Ottumwa Saturday afternoon were: Mrs. Gene Forsberg, Ruth McCash, Mrs. Kaygarten, Mrs. E. A. Lorenz, Eph Young and Mrs. Joe ...

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Fenton were in the city today of Mr. and Mrs. ...

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Horn, of Island, Ill., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Horn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Horn. Misses Stuart of Iowa City, spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson ...

Prohibition Alcohol to Light Tombs — Evidence indicates the ancient Egyptians distilled alcohol for use in tombs to light tombs that were decorated.

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He was prominent in lodge and social circles, a member of the local Masonic order, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge. He was instrumental in the organization of the Bloomfield High School Alumni association and was outstanding and guiding spirit of that association as long as it survived. The annual banquets were events eagerly looked forward to by graduates. He was active in church circles and at the time of his death was the leader of the Sunday School orchestra of the Methodist church.

He was one of the outstanding members of the Republican party, county chairman of the Davis County Central Committee for years, and at the time of his death was acting head of that organization here. His reputation and acquaintance in Republican circles extended over the state. His activities in the State Senate while a member of that body, brought him into prominence as one of the leading men in state politics, and his reputation was enhanced thereby. The leaders in the Senatorial district which he had represented so ably, were insistent that he again enter political life and it was agreed that he should have the honor without a contest, for as frequently expressed, the legislature body is in need of strong, capable and honorable men, more now than ever before.

He was an author of several volumes of humorous stories, handy books for after dinner speakers, a work in which he was very proficient and which had brought him considerable fame. He was a notable after dinner speaker and had had opportunity to take up a career as a lyceum speaker, but he chose to remain at home with his family. He was a musician of note and for years was a member of orchestras and bands in Bloomfield.

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He was endowed with a keen sense of humor and an intellect that was penetrating. His humor and homely philosophy was like a saving grace for it relieved the tenseness of harsh situations where an angry word might have created bitterness and prolonged strife and his keen mind read the thoughts of men before the word was spoken which might have been cause for regret.

He was a student far beyond the average, cultured and refined, and the literature he loved was wholesome and good. Withall he was modest in all things, the true mark of a gentleman: never accepting the full measure of reward rightfully his own, but sharing his accomplishments with those less fortunate, and with such a kindly courtesy and grace that his associates, high and low, found in him a friend always faithful and true. He gave of his time and talent to every public cause, ever ready, and eager to labor without recompense in uplifting the community, which is, after all, the perfect Christian way.

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He was deeply concerned about his church affiliations, never failing to add his strength and abilities under all conditions to bring about a more happy situation. Especially was this true of his work in the Sunday School, the foundation of Christian training. He made daily sacrifices that others might find a little more pleasure and happiness in life.

He was progressive but never given to experiments until satisfied the outcome would justify them. He was conservative but never a laggard. He was jealous of his own rights but never denied the same privilege to others. He reached down to lift others up and was glad when his benefactions had stimulated some one distressed and discouraged to more noble efforts, and he was not envious of those who had moved on to higher ground.

John Ethell came of a family who had pioneered and who knew the sufferings and hardships of the poor and he has shared with them all the vicissitudes and struggles to attain a higher standard of life. He was reared in a Christian home where the outstanding characteristics were culture and refinement. The lessons taught there were never forgotten nor neglected. Bank or station had no power to influence his conduct as he went his way through life bestowing some little part of goodness and charity. It was his desire, eagerly sought for, that when his earthly labors were finished he might be worthy of the commendation—"Well done thou good and faithful servant." He died all too soon. Such a man can not pass out of life without the community wherein he labored and loved suffering an irreparable loss. His was a wholesome influence, clean, honorable, consistent.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, of Day-entport, were guests at the Pulaski home of D. K. Miller last Friday leavin' Saturday.

Mrs. Herman Schindler living near Pulaski, has had her tonsils removed, going to Ottumwa and leaving them there.

Rev. Charles Fix was entertained last Sunday at dinner at the Dr. E. E. Gilfillan home by the Doctor and Mrs. Gilfillan and Gertrude, assisting.

Kate Yost was pleasantly entertained last Friday by Miss Lydia and Rose Wuthrich at their beautiful home in Pulaski.

Charles Stein and son, Lyle, attended a meeting of the Brotherhood at Milton last Thursday night and enjoyed the program they presented.

Miss Jessie Knight and Miss Nellie Gleason of this place and members of the Past Noble Grand circle met at the home of Mrs. Ed Shaw Monday evening, where following the business session a program was presented by Miss Katie Lyons and Mrs. Glen Cupp.

Dr. H. C. Finch, of Pulaski is ill at the Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wagler home in Bloomfield.

Pulaski Juniors will present their play "On Ione's Trail" Thursday and Friday nights.

Thieves stole 12,000 pounds of pop corn valued at \$1,440 from a Spencer elevator. This "hot" corn was in 120 sacks containing 100 pounds each.

a brighter day to come. "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'He was a Man'."



"Yes, sir, you get just what you pay for in this world. For instance, the service of cleaning clothes. There are more cut raters in that business than any other line I know. But my experience has been that when they cut a rate they also cut the quality of the work, so I stick to The Bloomfield Cleaners. I know I get a square deal there."

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And the Senate by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate as a commemoration of his life, and that enrolled copies hereof be transmitted to family of the deceased.

O. J. KIRKETEG,
GEO. M. HOPKINS,
H. W. EDWARDS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

JOHN J. ETHELL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life and service of John J. Ethell of Bloomfield, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

John J. Ethell was born in Davis county, Iowa, on November 16, 1872, and resided in that county during his whole life, living in the city of Bloomfield after 1881. He graduated from the high school of that city and was married to Addie Hotchkiss of Bloomfield on August 24, 1903. They had two children, a daughter, Alice, and a son, George K. Mr. Ethell was engaged in the farm loan and abstract business for many years. He died at Bloomfield, Iowa, on October 31, 1935, at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 15 days.

Senator Ethell was elected to the Iowa State Senate from the Third Senatorial District of Iowa composed of Davis and Appanoose counties in 1920, this being his first political office, and he served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extra Sessions of the General Assembly. Following his service in the legislature he served for several years as postmaster at Bloomfield, Iowa.

Senator Ethell is remembered by those who knew him as one who combined a lively sense of humor with a conscientious devotion to duty which made him a dependable and outstanding member of the Senate. His duties in that body and as a private citizen were always well and ably carried out; therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa in Regular Session: That in the passing of John J. Ethell the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen and a man of strong character, and the Senate of Iowa by this resolution extends its sympathy to his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

HUGH G. GUERNSEY,
H. V. LEVIS,
SANFORD ZEIGLER, JR.,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

THE ETHELL FAMILY AS PIONEERS

Perhaps you have not been thinking of the Ethell family as one of the pioneer families of Davis county. But we have been pioneers of the pioneers, from away back, and all the way along. When you are looking for "100 per cent Americans," I think we could qualify. We are of pure British stock, as for anything I have learned to the contrary. But all lines of our family have been in America for at least 150 years.

In the time of my childhood, there was a tradition in the family that the first Ethell in America was a British soldier in the French and Indian war of 1756-63. But from some data acquired later, I am convinced that he must have been a Virginia colonial soldier in the British service in that war. I have a record of the birth of his son, Benjamin Ethell, my great grandfather, in Virginia, in 1757, near the beginning of that war. If the father had enlisted in England for that war, it is not likely he would have brought a young wife or a young family with him. How long before that war the family had been in Virginia I can only conjecture—perhaps 175 years back from the present.

To trace the convergence and intertwining of the lines which have united to form the life history of one pioneer family may form an interesting feature of your studies in Davis county pioneer life.

John Ethell, son of Benjamin, mentioned above, was born in Greenbrier county, Virginia, now a southeastern border county in West Virginia, some time in the latter part of 1784. He was my grandfather. He was buried in the Don Carlos or Hopkins graveyard, near Mark, some time in April, I think, in 1862. He probably emigrated to Kentucky with his parents. I have a record of his father being with him in Grayson county, Kentucky, in later years. I think the first seat of the Ethell family in Kentucky was farther east.

There John Ethell met and married Sarah Barton. The Bartons were related to Daniel Boone. They were neighbors of Boone in North Carolina, and followed him first to Kentucky and later to Missouri. John and Sarah Ethell, with perhaps their six older children, emigrated to Missouri some time before 1820. They packed on horses the family and such of their household effects as they brought with them. Since they settled north of the Missouri river, they must have crossed the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and many smaller streams. I have heard my father say that he did not think his father ever owned a wagon, although he lived on farms all his life. During the life of the family in Missouri, grandfather made and mended shoes for his family and his neighbors while his boys mostly carried on the farm.

My grandmother, Sarah (Barton) Ethell, was born in Kentucky in 1791, and died in Saunders county, Nebraska, in 1882. She was a first cousin of David Barton, one of Missouri's first pair of Senators, his colleague being Thomas H. Benton.

My father, Sanford R. Ethell, was born in Boone county, Missouri, Dec. 17, 1822. He was the fifth of eight sons, the eighth of thirteen children. His oldest brother, Benjamin, before the California gold rush, was regarded as the adventurer of the family, although its smallest member. He was born in 1811, and during the '30s made two trips over the old "Santa Fe trail" from Independence, Mo., to Santa Fe, and learned to talk a little Spanish. He settled

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My father was probably the next member of the family to come. He came in March, 1844, just a little before the county was organized and the county seat laid out. He was then a little past 21. He made the journey from Boone county about 140 miles, on a flea-bitten gray mare, carrying a bundle of extra clothing and money enough to pay his expenses through, on the frugal scale of the travel of that time. There was not much turning aside for fences or going a long way to find a bridge. He returned to Boone county for a short visit a few months later, and never visited it again.

My father was not much of a traveler. I think an oblong 200 miles north and south and 100 miles east and west would cover all the ground over which he traveled in all his life. The extreme points would probably be old Rochepoort, on the Missouri river, the family's chief market, on the south; Oskaloosa, where he went once as a delegate to a Greenback convention, on the north; a point on the Chariton river, not far from the present site of Sedan, on the west, and Alexandria, Missouri, on the east. The rest of the family came to Davis county long after my father did. Four of the brothers, all then single, paired in their settlements; father and his brother next older, Fielding, commonly called "Tuck," and two younger brothers, George W. and David Barton. Father and Uncle Tuck were mates and partners all the way up until Uncle went to California, in 1850. They never saw each other again. Uncle Ben was the first of all to come. Three brothers older than my father, one of them a twin of Uncle Ben, had died in youth. The Ethell settlement lay in the southwest part of Wyncondah township, from a mile southeast to a little farther southwest of Mark.

A singular circumstance, connected with the settlement of that part of Davis county, may be properly mentioned here. About a dozen families who had been neighbors in the southeastern quarter of Boone county, Missouri, settled in whole or in the greater part, near each other, either in the southwestern part of Davis county or just over the line in Missouri. Some representatives of all these families, again settled together in the southern part of Saunders county, Nebraska. This group included the Ethell family; the Hombs, Marsh and Kelly families, connected with the Ethells by marriage; the Fenton, Dooley, Wilcoxon, Wisdom, Toombs and some other families. Pleas Toombs, Will Marsh and I compared data on the matter in Pleas' shop five years ago, when Marsh and I were both visiting in Bloomfield. I have not before me just now the list we made out together.

My mother's maiden name was Catharine Evans. Her father, Jesse Evans, was born in Virginia, just over the Blue Ridge from Stanton. He emigrated with his parents to Fountain county, Indiana. The maiden name of my mother's mother was Priscilla Cade. She was born in Pickaway county, in Southern Ohio. Her family moved to Fountain county, Indiana, and there she and Jesse Evans were married in 1809, Jesse being about 19 and Priscilla about 18. My mother was their first born as I was hers. She was born April 5, 1829.

Grandfather Evans was a mover. I have counted up about fifteen settlements or temporary stops that he made in the course of his life. Three of these were in Illinois, the third being within or near the present limits of the State. The next three stops of his westward course were in northeastern Missouri, the

third one being about old Tippecanoe, near the present site of Lancaster. From there he came over into the southwestern part of Davis county, in the fall of 1842. His settlement here was doubtless in anticipation of the opening of the Sac and Fox lands, May 1, 1843.

Mother was about 13½ years old when her people came to Davis county. That was about a year and a half before father came. She and father attended the same schools for a time; all subscription schools, I think. I do not think either of them attended a free school.

I think Grandfather Evans moved out on the prairie before father did. They entered adjoining tracts. They did not "homestead," as is sometimes loosely said. The land was bought outright, at auction, at the land sales at Fairfield, for cash, the price ranging from 50 cents to \$1.25 an acre. I have heard my father say that he entered his land 40 or 80 acres at a time, as he could raise the necessary money, notching it, to spoil it for anyone who might want to enter a part of his "claim" before he could raise money enough to complete it. Grandfather's farm was sold to four men from Indiana in the fall of 1854, and finally reunited in the hands of the elder Nathan Puffer.

To follow grandfather to the end of his westward course. He spent a year in Bloomfield in the mercantile business. In the spring of 1856 he removed to Bedford, Iowa. He filled the offices of county judge and postmaster there. In the spring of 1864 he removed to the neighborhood of Fort Jones, California. Several years later he removed to a farm near Medford, Oregon. He and grandmother both died there; grandfather at near 80, grandmother at 97. Some traveler, lodging at our home, once asked my mother where she was raised. She replied that she was raised in a covered wagon.

Father and mother were married April 22, 1849, I think at the new prairie home of mother's parents. The officiating minister was Rev. Allen Johnson, who was then, and again about 15 years later, pastor of the Bloomfield Circuit of the M. E. church. They commenced their family life in a log cabin about a mile southeast of where Mark is, and perhaps 2½ miles from the Missouri line. I was born there Feb. 14, 1850. Some time the following fall, father sold the eighty on which the house stood to Eleazer Spurgeon, a newcomer from Indiana, who thought he must settle in the timber. Father entered the land with a part of the purchase money, and deeded it to Spurgeon. The two families—four of the Spurgeons and three of us—lived in the house together the following winter. I do not know whether there was more than one room or not, and I do not know of anyone now living who does know. I was the smallest of the seven, though I started well in size; but I probably took up about as much space and attention as any of them.

"We" moved out on the prairie farm (?) when I was about 13 months old. All the other seven children were born there, in the same house; six of them in the original two-room house, a hewed log cabin with a frame addition; and John after the house was enlarged. We were all born in Wyacondah township. Father had kept a body of 70 acres of heavily timbered land adjoining the original settlement, and he drew on it heavily for firewood, rails, board timber, fence posts, etc., in building the prairie farm, hauling this material about five or six miles. Some of it, in the earlier years, was hauled with oxen.

When I was about 13 months old, in my teens, father showed me one day where he made the first mark in the long struggle which finally resulted in the farm.

which the neighbors of the '50s knew. He had made a load of the large, heavy rails which he used for the "worm" of a fence. I should guess about 34 of them, and hauled them out on the prairie. He dropped them in pairs, in a line north and south, a short distance south where the house afterwards stood, aiming to drop two to the rod. When he had unloaded them all he turned and looked back to see what he had done; then looked out on the broad expanse of prairie where, in his mind's eye, he already saw the future farm. He said it made him feel pretty blue.

My father commenced the building of that farm with very little money and not a very good stock of health; but he brought to the task an equipment of indomitable courage, will power and persistence. He was not much of a plunger, but he was an everlasting stayer; and everybody who had anything to do with him always knew where to find him.

The growth of the farm was slow until I was up in my seventeenth year. Then father began to see the conditions that were confronting him, and to declare his plan to meet them. He saw that he was furnishing more than his share of the grass for the neighborhood. He had more land lying out than he had stock to graze it; or, in other words, too much land in wild grass, and not enough in corn. Then he commenced a campaign to plow out to the line. But that campaign could be carried out no faster than fencing material could be provided and put up.

That first summer after I was sixteen, I helped him break a nine acre piece with two span of horses. After that, I did some breaking alone each season. First and last, I broke more of the soil on that old farm than anybody else ever did. And it was all tough soil, too, except the last ten acres, in the southeast corner, which was pretty well tramped out.

The details of the struggle, privations and hardships which were the common lot of the pioneers have been narrated over and over by others. I need not repeat them. A few passing notes and I am done. Among these I will merely allude to the neighborhood of my people and their neighbors with the old Chief Keokuk and his band, on the big Fabius, the three winters following the surrender of their lands by the Sax and Fox tribe; the home life of the early settlers in their cabin homes, and the hospitality maintained in spite of these limitations; the long drives to market and to mill; the almost inconceivable contrast (to the pioneer) between the rudimentary transportation facilities of even the time of my birth and the asphalt highways, concrete bridges and viaducts and limitless variety of motor-drawn vehicles of the present time.

One particularly I must note, and in so doing pay a grateful tribute to those who brought it about. What a contrast between the school house which had been built in our district before I was ready to go to school, and in which most of my schooling was obtained, and the one to which my parents went but a few years before; and between the school which was maintained then and those which they had attended. That old school house was a marvel for its time. Built of home-dressed native walnut, seats, desks and all wainscotted with the same material one-third the way up, and plastered the rest of the way; the lower half of the plastered sides making a belt of blackboard all around the room, excepting the door and eight windows. The best of teachers were gen-

on three sides, during most of my school days, by raw prairie. If I have been rightly informed, much of the credit for the building of this school house and the policy upon which the school was conducted in those early days was due to hard-headed old Billy Carson and a few others who appreciated the value of education for their children, and seconded him in his plans.

The Ethell family was a numerous family in Davis county in the pioneer days. There are none of the name left there now except my brother John and his family, and they had no part in the pioneer life.

Henry C. Ethell.

DAVID FERGUSON

My father, David Ferguson, descended from a vigorous stock. His immediate ancestors were mixed up in the troubles between Ireland and England. The land laws were such that the landlords were able to charge exorbitant rents and it became difficult for the common people to get the use of suitable and sufficient land to provide the necessary food for their families. The result was that a constant and successive conflict was going on, often resulting in insurrections and armed revolt. About the same time England was having trouble with her American Colonies and the people of Ireland were strongly sympathetic with the Colonies. As a result of the persecutions in Ireland many of her people in one way or another, escaped and came to America. David Ferguson's father was one of those who escaped. Those people largely settled in New England and some in the Southern Colonies. The vast quantities of land opened for settlement was what attracted them. Freedom from persecution and poverty was another dominant cause of emigration. They came with the map of Ireland on their faces. Many of them had enough Scotch blood in their veins to fit them as sturdy pioneers.

My grandfather was an Irish weaver and was a commissioned officer in the army in Ireland. He left without permission and came to America. By reason of that fact he never dared to go back. He worked for 7 years before he got money enough to send and bring his family over. Finally the family shipped by sail boat but were shipwrecked on the way and had to go back. The next time they started the weather and sea were propitious and the family was reunited in Ohio in 1807. My father was the only child of the family born in America, and this was in 1808 in Ohio. He was married in Ohio and came by steamboat to Iowa. They came down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to Davenport where they landed on the west bank of the river. Davenport then had only one log house. My father was a cabinet maker, had learned his trade as a bound boy. His assets on landing was a set of cabinet and carpenter tools and \$500 in gold. A little later he came down to Fort Madison and worked driving oxen or any work he could find to do at that time. In 1839 he came to Van Buren county and located, and attended the first public land sale in Iowa Territory at Burlington and bought 160 acres of public land at \$1.25 per acre. His claim was selected about 3 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, near the Chequest. He and a neighbor went together to the Burlington land sale. He had \$200 in gold carrying it on his person. His companion was on horseback and a few rods in front of him. He was very nervous and his back companion suggested that he put the gold in the sack on his horse and he

WARREN A. CALDWELL

Senator from the Fourteenth district, composed of Mahaska county. Was born on a farm near Wright, Iowa, January 17, 1886. After attending the rural school he attended Penn academy and college, after which time he taught rural school for two years. Was married in 1907 to Isabelle Hay, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and to this union three sons have been born, Norval, Harold and Robert. Operated farm until 1912, removed to Oskaloosa to take management of the Caldwell Silo company. Elected member County Board of Supervisors. Served six years. Elected to Iowa Senate 1920. A republican in politics.

ED. H. CAMPBELL

Was born on the farm near Battle Creek, Iowa, on the 6th day of March in the year 1882. The son of Romeo Campbell and Hattie Campbell, pioneer residents of Ida county. Attended the rural school until 14 years of age. Graduated from the Battle Creek high school in 1900. Graduated from the University of Iowa in 1916, law department. Served as mayor of Battle Creek, Iowa, for three terms. Member of the house of representatives of the thirty-fourth general assembly. Senator for the Forty-sixth senatorial district. Married Esta Fein in Los Angeles, California, October 25, 1913. Son, Romeo Campbell, born August 31, 1915. Republican in politics. Member of law firm of Campbell & Campbell, Battle Creek, Iowa, being associated with his twin brother, Jed H. Campbell.

T. C. CESSNA

Senator from the Twelfth district, composed of Poweshiek and Keokuk counties, born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Came to Iowa in 1887, and located in Grinnell. He was educated in the public schools and private instruction. Has been actively and extensively engaged in farming and the cattle business for the past thirty years. An active member of the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association. Is now chairman of the Poweshiek County Council of Defense. Elected senator in 1918. A republican politically.

H. A. DARTING

Senator from the Eighth district, was born in Harrison county, Iowa, February 5, 1873. Moved with his parents to Thayer county, Neb. Returned to Harrison county in 1881. Received his education in the rural schools. Moved to Mills county in 1911. Is a member of the Christian church. An Odd Fellow, a York Rite Mason, including the Shrine. Elected senator in 1920. Republican in politics.

CHARLES M. DUTCHER

Born in Kansas, 1869. Removed to Iowa City, Iowa, 1877. Educated in the common schools and at the State University of Iowa. Admitted to the bar, 1894. Practiced law at Iowa City continuously since that time. County Attorney of Johnson county 1897 and 1898. Delegate to republican national convention 1916. President of the Iowa State Bar association.

JOHN J. ETHELL

Senator from the Third district (Davis-Appanoose). Was born in Davis county, Iowa, November 16, 1872. Has lived in Bloomfield, Iowa, since 1881.

A graduate of the high schools of this city, class of 1889. Was married to Addie Hotchkiss, of Bloomfield, August 24, 1903. Has two children, Alice and George K., aged 14 and 6 years. Is a partner in the farm loan and abstract firm of Deupree & Ethell. A member of the Knights of Pythias and various Masonic bodies. Was elected state senator on the republican ticket in 1920, the same being his first political office.

HERBERT I. FOSKETT

Senator from Seventh district, composed of Page and Fremont counties. Born in Henry county, Illinois, near Kewanee, December 11, 1861, of New England parentage. Attended grade schools in Illinois and high school in Sacramento, California. Returning to Iowa in 1878 he worked in stores and post office until 1882, when he became cashier of the Commercial bank in Essex, Iowa. In 1885 he removed to Shenandoah and engaged in the farm loan business, the firm name being Webster and Foskett. This firm was succeeded later by the present firm of Foskett and Nye. In 1901 he was elected president of the Commercial Savings Bank of Shenandoah, which was later changed to a national bank and in 1919 consolidated with the Shenandoah National bank, of which he has since been vice president. He was married in 1893 to Miss May Tucker. Elected senator in 1914 and 1918. Republican in politics.

JOSEPH R. FRAILEY

Senator from the First district, composed of Lee county, was born in Ft. Madison March 2, 1876. Graduated Ft. Madison high school 1893; State University of Iowa, Liberal arts 1895; law, 1900. Second lieutenant, Company F, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, United States Volunteers, during Spanish-American war, and up to the time this regiment was mustered out of service. City solicitor of Ft. Madison from 1905 up to the time he took his seat in the senate, at which time he resigned. Connected with the legal department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad from 1900 to 1905. Practiced law in Ft. Madison since 1905. Is married, and republican in politics. During the political campaign of 1920, he spoke for the republican national committee in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado.

CHARLES J. FULTON

Senator from the Second district, composed of the counties of Jefferson and Van Buren, was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, January 27, 1860. His parents were American-born. He attended both common and private schools and was graduated in 1882 from Parsons college. Remained on the farm until the winter of 1891-2, when he became a member of the Loudon Machinery company. Was mayor of Fairfield from 1903 to 1907 and again in 1920. Served as chairman of the local exemption board for Jefferson county during the World war. Was president of the Fairfield Chautauqua association for thirteen years. Is a trustee of Parsons college, a trustee of the Fairfield free public library, a member of the county board of education and a member of the school board of Fairfield. Was a member of the house of representatives in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. Elected senator in 1920. A republican in politics.