

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Potts, George H., Jr. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Apr 1890 Kansas City, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Aletta Maria Skinner 19 Nov 1910 St. Joseph, Bergen County, Michigan

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in Oct 1919; member of Lee County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.; Mason

C. Profession Attorney; employee of Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad 1905-1919, as railroad broker

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1923

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners in Fort Madison, Iowa 1926

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

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

7. Death 28 Apr 1957 Bethesda, Iowa; buried Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri

8. Children Ruth Louise

9. Names of parents George William, Jr. and Catherine (Abelard) Potts

10. Education Educated in the schools of Kansas City, Missouri  
graduating in 1905, he took a special course on  
the United States Constitution at NE High School, Kansas  
City, Missouri

11. Degrees He took a preparatory course in law at Kansas City  
School of Law

12. Other applicable information Sumner

- His wife, Alotta, born 23 Aug 1894 in Chicago, Illinois,  
died 16 Dec 1953 in Columbus, Miss.
- He moved to Iowa in 1908, settling in Lee County, Iowa at  
Fort Madison
- He was employed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad  
from 1905-1919. During this time he studied law with E. C.  
Heber and in the Kansas School of Law.
- After being admitted to the bar, he practiced law at Fort Madison.
- In 1927 he formed a partnership with Roy Geylman.
- He died in the Bettendorf Masonic Sanitarium when he had been  
hospitalized since 1932.



any of the "early birds" lining low-number license plates arrived at the court and formed a line outside county treasurer's auto department window before 6 a. The office did not open 18 o'clock. Some carried mos bottles filled with ee to help carry them ugh the two-hour wait.

announcement earlier this by the treasurer's office that e plates would not be ra- d for 1958 apparently oted the rush at the court today. Heretofore, many umbered plates had been ved by request. The treas- office said, however, that cent years reservation re- s have come so thick and the staff hasn't had time ndle the book work involv- So, reservations of auto were abolished.

1958 auto plates fea- black numerals on a white round—the exact opposite e plates issued in 1956. ists have until Feb. 1, 1958 ain the new plates.

Madison.

**CRULL**—Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Crull, Niota, Ill., eight pounds, 12 ounces, 6:15 a. m. today, Sacred Heart hospital.

**SANDERS**—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanders, 1325 Avenue D, nine pounds, six ounces, 2:03 p. m. Saturday, Sacred Heart hospital.

## Former Local Lawyer Dies

George W. Potts, 65, former Fort Madison resident, died at 5:40 a. m. Thursday, in the Masonic Sanitarium at Bettendorf where he had made his home since 1932.

Mr. Potts was born April 15, 1890 at Kansas City, Mo. The deceased practiced law in Fort Madison. He was a member of Stella Lodge No. 440 A. F. and A. M. His wife preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Laura Mason, Columbus, O.; one sister, Mrs. Mary Miller, Kansas City, Mo.; and one brother, Walter, Mesa, Ariz.

The body was taken to Kansas City for burial.

ance Co., and a member of the First Methodist church.

Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lorena M. Bartlett, Fort Madison; and one sister, Mrs. Ralph (Sallie) French, Granger, Mo.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Farmington Methodist church. The Rev. Carl E. Wilson, Fort Madison, and the Rev. Ellsworth Walker, Farmington, will officiate. Burial will be in Hillcrest cemetery, Fort Madison. The body is at Azbells' Funeral Home here.

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# Outline of Personal History of

## RESIDENCE

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. What is your name in full? *George W. Potts*
2. What is your present profession or occupation? *Contractor - at - Present*
3. Where and when did you begin? *Fort Madison, Ia., 1920*
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? *Railroad Bookkeeper (ret'd) +  
Harrison, Mo., 1915 to 1920; Fort Madison, Ia.*
5. What is your residence address? *Fort Madison, Ia.*
6. What is your business address? *Room 3 and 7, James Block  
Fort Madison, Ia.*
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? *April 10, 1870  
Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo.*
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal?
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree?  
*Merriam City Public Schools, Edgewood, Ia. High School in substitution of the U.S. High School for the Deaf - American Institute School - Ia.*
11. What was your father's full name? *George William Potts*
12. What was your father's occupation? *Merchant and Contractor*
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? *Antonia Thaller*

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage?

Jasper County,  
Missouri

15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can?

None

16. What military service have you had?

None

17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can?

Chairman Board Police & Fire organized 1922  
State Representative 1st District 1923.

18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can?

None

19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates?

Democratic Party  
(1911)

20. In what religious denominations have you a membership?

Methodist Episcopal

21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline?

22. In what societies of learning have you a membership?

None

23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member?

Odd Fellows, Mason

B. of R. I.

24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates?

Secretary in Treasury - I. M.  
3rd District of the State Legislative Rep.  
representative of B. of R. I.

25. Of what social clubs are you a member?

Boys  
Lumber & Congress

26. Of what business firms have you been a member?

Associated with  
Wesley & Smith, Attorney at Law & Medicine, etc.

27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa

28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?

Wesley & Smith, Attorney at Law, N. E.  
Hand all

29. Please sup

GEO. W. POTTS  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Iowa a list of all your works.....

30. Will you s

JAMES BLOCK  
STATE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE  
BROTHERHOOD OF R. R. TRAINMEN

: the same to the Historical Department of

Iowa for

31.

### DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

#### FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage?

*Marie Skinner*

33. Where and what date was this marriage?

*St. Joseph, Michigan  
February 22, 1913*

34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?

*Chicago, Ill.,  
1894*

35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?

*Methodist*

36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?

37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?

*Elijah Skinner, New-York*

38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?

*Emma Skinner*

39. Where and when was she born?

*New York*

**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. <i>Reith Louise Potts</i>	<i>March 28<sup>th</sup> 1871</i>	<i>L. Madison, Ia.</i>
2. ....	.....	.....
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5. ....	.....	.....
6. ....	.....	.....

**SECOND MARRIAGE.**

40. With whom was your second marriage? .....
41. Where and what date was this marriage? .....
42. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? .....
43. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? .....
44. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment? .....
45. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born? .....
46. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? .....
47. Where and when was she born? .....

**CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
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5. ....	.....	.....
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University of Minnesota. In preparation for his chosen profession he completed a course in the medical department of the University of Illinois, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1920. After thus receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine he served two years as an interne in the University Hospital, and he then established his residence at Perry, Iowa, where he has continued in active general practice since 1921 and where he now has a substantial and representative professional business.

In 1916 Doctor Elvidge was in service as a sergeant in the Medical Corps of a command of Minnesota Field Artillery, a division of the Minnesota National Guard that was equipping for service on the Mexican border. In the World war period he entered hospital service at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, near Chicago, where he was stationed from 1918 until relieved from active duty, January 1, 1919, though it was not until September 30, 1921, that he received his honorable discharge from the hospital service of the United States navy.

Doctor Elvidge has membership in the Dallas County Medical Society, Iowa State Medical Society and American Medical Association, his political allegiance is given to the Republican party, his Masonic affiliations include his membership in the Mystic Shrine, and he is affiliated likewise with the American Legion and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his home city he is a member of the Rotary Club, and here he and his wife have membership in the Congregational Church.

September 19, 1924, marked the marriage of Doctor Elvidge to Miss Lenore Human, who was born and reared at Algona, Kossuth County, a daughter of Hugh Human. Mrs. Elvidge was graduated in the high school at Algona and thereafter was a student of music at Drake University, Des Moines. Doctor and Mrs. Elvidge are popular factors in the social life of their home city.

**GEORGE W. POTTS, JUNIOR.** Coming of the sturdy Scotch-Irish stock that has furnished this country with some of its most honorable and upright men and women, George W. Potts, Junior, is proud of the fact that he inherits many of their characteristics, and that he comes of a people who know no surrender to evil of any kind. In his practice of the law at Fort Madison, Iowa, he lives up to the fine ideals of his profession and his ancestors, and stands deservedly high in popular esteem.

George W. Potts, Junior, was born at Kansas City, Missouri, April 15, 1890, a son of George W. Potts, Senior, the latter a native of Jackson County, Missouri, where he attended the common schools. For years he was engaged in the grocery and general store business, and also did considerable contracting. He married Miss Katherine Wahn, of Jackson County, Missouri, who died in 1893, but he survives and still resides at Kansas City. They had four children:

George W. Potts, Junior; Walter E., of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Geiting, of Kansas City; and Charles, the latter having died in infancy.

After attending the public schools of Kansas City through the high-school course, from which he was graduated in 1905, George W. Potts, Junior, began earning his own living, although he had been a paper boy while in school. He also found time to play baseball and football, and was president of the American Boys' Club at school. After working for local concerns he entered the employ of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, in 1905, and continued with it until 1919. During that period he studied law in the office of E. C. Weber, one of the prominent attorneys of Fort Madison, and he also took a special course from Professor Rush of the Kansas School of Law. In October, 1919, his years of intensive study, combined with his daily work, were rewarded by his admission to the bar, and he entered at once upon the practice of his profession at Fort Madison. For several years he served as chairman of the board of police and fire commissioners of his city; and in 1923 a further honor was conferred upon him in his election to the Lower House of the Iowa General Assembly, and he served very capably for one term. In 1927 Mr. Potts took Roy Geizleman into partnership with him, the present firm being Potts & Geizleman, with offices in the Odd Fellows Building. He is a member of the Lee County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His fraternal associations are those which he maintains with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since he cast his first vote he has been a strong supporter of the Democratic party, and one of its local leaders. Long a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he is one of its stewards at Fort Madison, and an earnest worker for its support.

Mr. Potts married in 1910 Miss Eletta Marie Skinner, of Missouri, and they have one child, Ruth Louise, who was born in 1912. As a lawyer Mr. Potts ranks high among his professional associates, and he is equally valuable as a citizen. As is but natural in a man of Mr. Potts' experience, he is deeply interested in legislative matters, and believes that the time is not so far distant when those elected to the assemblies will take more conscientiously the duties of their office, and will seek to provide for the people of the entire state rather than to wrangle over legislation for favored centers. Until this is done he feels the best results cannot be attained, nor will the state itself occupy the place to which it is entitled in the Union. The same ideas which relate to the state assemblies are applicable to local affairs, and he is constantly urging the importance of concerted action to secure different improvements. Such men as Mr. Potts are a real asset to their communities, and their associates are liable to look to them for advice and leadership.



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## George W. Potts

Birth **15 APR 1890** in [Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri](#)  
Death **28 NOV 1957** in [Bettendorf, Scott, Iowa](#)

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15 Apr [Birth](#)  
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- 1910**  
19 Feb [Marriage to Aletta Marie Skinner](#)  
[St. Joseph, Berren, Michigan](#) [1 source citation](#)  
Age: 19
- 1957**  
28 Nov [Death](#)  
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Age: 67

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#### Parents

- [George W. Potts](#)
- [Katherine Whelan](#)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

**George W Potts**

**Born:** 15 Apr 1890  
Kansas City, Jackson, Missouri, USA

**Died:** 28 Nov 1957  
Battendorf, Scott, Iowa, USA

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[Aletta Maria Skinner](#)

**Born:** 23 Aug 1894 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA

**Died:** 16 Dec 1953 in Columbus, Franklin, Ohio, USA

**Marriage:** 19 Feb 1910 in St Joseph, Bergen, Michigan, USA

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**George W. POTTS (AFN: 2PMV-CX)****Sex:** M[Pedigree](#)[Family](#)

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**Event(s)****Birth:** 15 Apr 1890

Kansas City, Jackson, Mo

**Death:** 28 Nov 1957

Bettendorf, Scott, Ia

**Burial:** 30 Nov 1957Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Jacksn, Mo

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**Parents****Father:** [George W. POTTS](#) (AFN: 2PMV-L5)[Family](#)**Mother:** [Katherine WHELAN](#) (AFN: 2PMV-MB)

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**Marriage(s)****Spouse:** [Aletta Marie SKINNER](#) (AFN: 2PMV-D4)[Family](#)**Marriage:** 19 Feb (div) 1910St. Joseph, Berren, Mi

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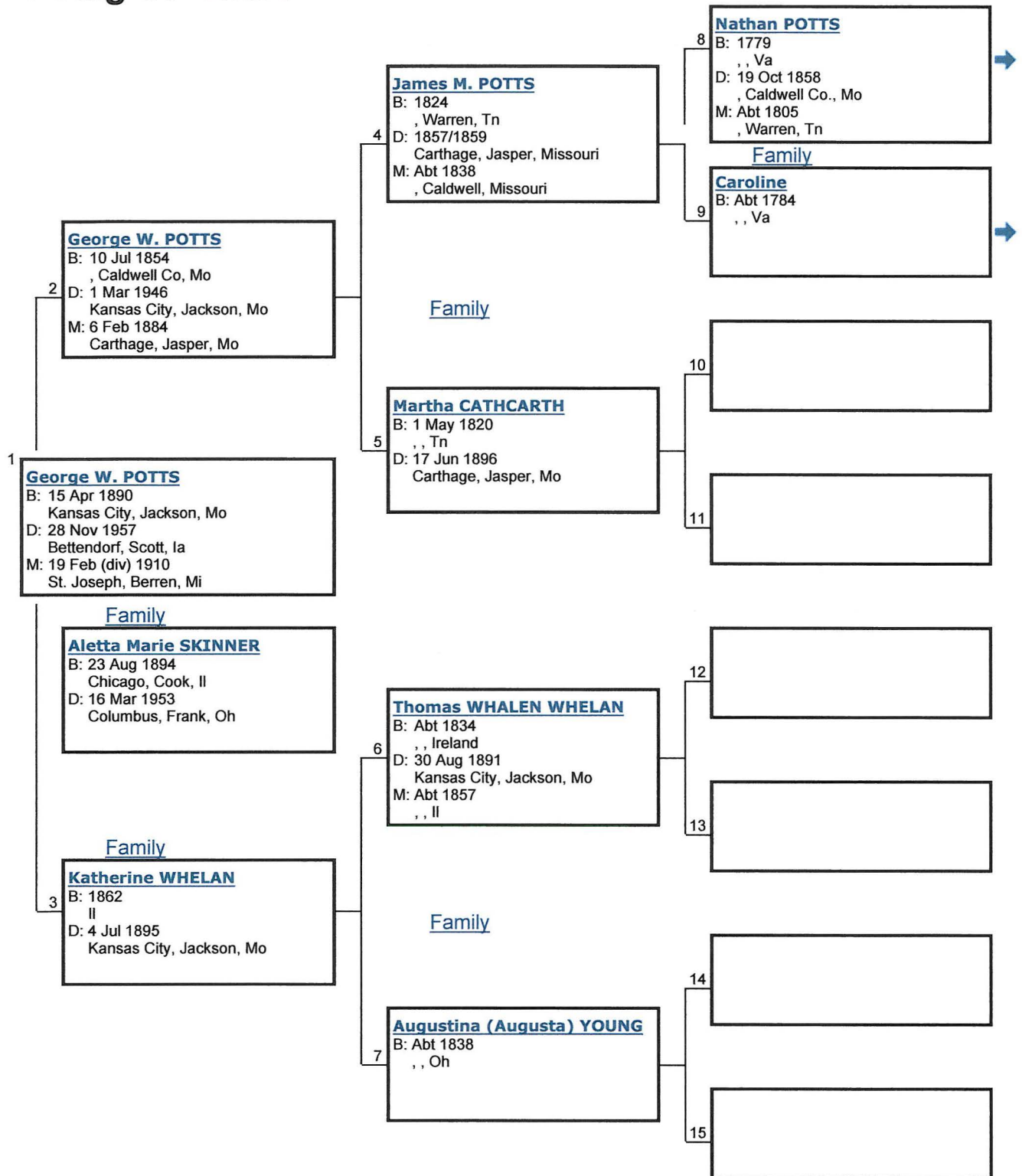
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You searched for **George W. Potts** in **Iowa**

### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **George W Potts**  
 Home in 1920: **Fort Madison Ward 4, Lee, Iowa**  
 Age: **29**  
 Estimated birth year: **abt 1891**  
 Birthplace: **Missouri**  
 Relation to Head of House: **Self (Head)**  
 Spouse's name: **Marie A Potts**  
 Father's Birth Place: **Missouri**  
 Mother's Birth Place: **Missouri**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Race: **White**  
 Sex: **Male**  
 Home owned: **Own**  
 Able to read: **Yes**  
 Able to Write: **Yes**  
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">George W Potts</a>	29
	<a href="#">Marie A Potts</a>	27
	<a href="#">Ruth L Potts</a>	8

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