Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative JUSTICE, Gustavus A. (Gus) **Senator** _____

Served from Shelby County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 December 1857, Linn Co., Iowa (obit says Pa.)

2. Marriage (s) date place
Clara E. Miller (June 1861 -), 13 Oct. 18881, Shelby Co., Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Farmer

B. Civic responsibilities BdSup; sch bd; treat twp schbd; treas city; bank director

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Methodist, later Evangelical

5. Sessions served 38 & 39 GA, Shelby Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local treas. Washington twp schbd; treasurer Defiance; sch bd Defiance; Bd Sup Shelby Co 5 yrs

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 March 1933, stroke, at home, Defiance Ia. Bur Harlan Cemetery

8. Children (1) deceased young; (2) Effie (Mrs. Fred Kobbe [or Colby] (Apr 1865 -) (3) Ralph (Feb. 1869 -); (4) Maude M. (Mrs. F. D. Hussebus) (Feb. 1891, before 1933); (5) Lillian F. (Oct. 1895 - 21 May 1907)

9. Names of parents John IV (Pa. 1832 - Shelby Co. 1 Sept. 1916), farmer, groomsman. Margaret Alsworth (Pa. c. 1828 - Iowa 24 Mar. 1881). Married Pa., moved to Linn Co. Iowa 1854, Jones Co. 1865-1881.

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10. Education through 9th grade, Mechanicsville, Cedar C. Iowa

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information According to Porter, Gustafson to Justice (1999), a John Gustafson came from Sweden to New Sweden (now part of Delaware) around 1643. Many of his descendants' names became Justason, Justa, Justin or Justice. He might be an ancestor of Gus.

In 1870, Gus, age 12, was living in Fremont County with Jael C. Ailsworth, possibly n uncle. He worked at the poor farm. He worked on a farm in Nebraska one year, then rented a farm in Fairview Twp, Shelby Co., 2 years; a farm in Lincoln twp 2 years; then bought 80 acres near Panama, Washingotn twp; and 7 years later bought nother 80 acres; eventually owning 360 acres which he farmed for another 12 years. Then he sold this land and bought 220 acres in Washington twp and 160 acres in Greeley twp. He retired from active farming, and moved to defiance where he was living before 1925.

Parents lived in Linn Co. c. 1854-1865; then to Jones Co, 1865-1881. Do not find them in the 1880 census. His mother died in 1881 and father sold Jones Co. land and lived in Shelby Co thereafter. Both father and mother are buried in Harlan Cem. Although 1915 history sa John lived with Gus after 1881, on 1900 census John appears as one of four boarders in Defiance with an Albert Tyler.

Republican Centeal Committee. Bd Sup 5yrs; treasurer Wash twp Sch Bd; treas. Defiance; Defiance Scg Bd. Mason. Had been director of Defiance Bank.

In 1915 history was listed as Methodist, and trustee of church. In 1925 census he gave "Evangelical" as church, and funeral was at Evangelical church.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
The Harlan Republican, Thurs. Mar 23, 1933		x	death, obit.
1935 House Register		x	memorial
1860 census Linn Co.		x	par & fam
1870 census Fremont Co.		x	Gus with Tilsworth
1900 census Shelby Co.		x	Gus & fam
1920 census Shelby Co.		x	Gus & wf
1925 census Shelby Co. Book 18		x	"
White, Past & Present of Shelby Co. 1915		x	history
De Ford, Fam Group sheets for Justice Fams 1991	x not clearly related		
WPA cem records, Shelby Co.		x	Gus & parents
Papke, Gustafson to Justice (1999)		x	How name changed
Coulter, Our ---- Kin and Allied Families	x has some Justices, but not Gus		Gus not listed
Porter, Descendants of Peter Porter 1937	no relation shown		
Shelby Co. Marriage records	x didn't see him in 1880-1889		

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stanch Republican in politics, but his political service has been confined to his membership in the town council of Irwin. He and his family are all loyal members of the German Lutheran church and contribute generously of their means to its support. Mr. Paulsen is a fine example of the self-made German citizen, a man who started at the foot of the ladder, and by his own exertions has attained a position of prominence in his county. He is a man of remarkable business ability and by the application of those German characteristics of frugality and honesty, he has built up a very lucrative trade in Irwin and the surrounding territory.

GUSTAVUS A. JUSTICE.

It would be a fine thing if every citizen of the United States would have the thrift and good judgment to lay aside enough of this world's goods to support him in comfort during his declining years. In England the government has provided old age pensions, but in the United States we are told that every man should be able to provide for himself after he passes the meridian of life and is no longer able to work. For such as have not sufficiently provided for themselves in their old age our government provides beautiful homes and takes good care of those who are unable to care for themselves. It is surprising to note in Shelby county, Iowa, the large number of men, and especially farmers, who have retired from active life and moved to the towns. Every town in this county has a large number of retired farmers living in it and each one of them is a living proof that farming in this county pays.

Gustavus A. Justice, who is now living a retired life in Defiance, Iowa, was born in Linn county, Iowa, December 31, 1857. His parents, John and Margaret A. (Alsworth) Justice, were both natives of Pennsylvania, married in that state and then moved to Linn county, Iowa. They located in this state several years before the Civil War and were able to purchase their land at that time for one dollar and a quarter an acre. They lived in Linn county until 1865, and then moved to Jones county, in this state, where they purchased one hundred and sixty acres, paying twenty-five dollars an acre for it. In 1881 the wife of John Justice died and he then sold his farm in Jones county and came to Shelby county, where he has since made his home with his son, Gustavus, who was living in this county at the time.

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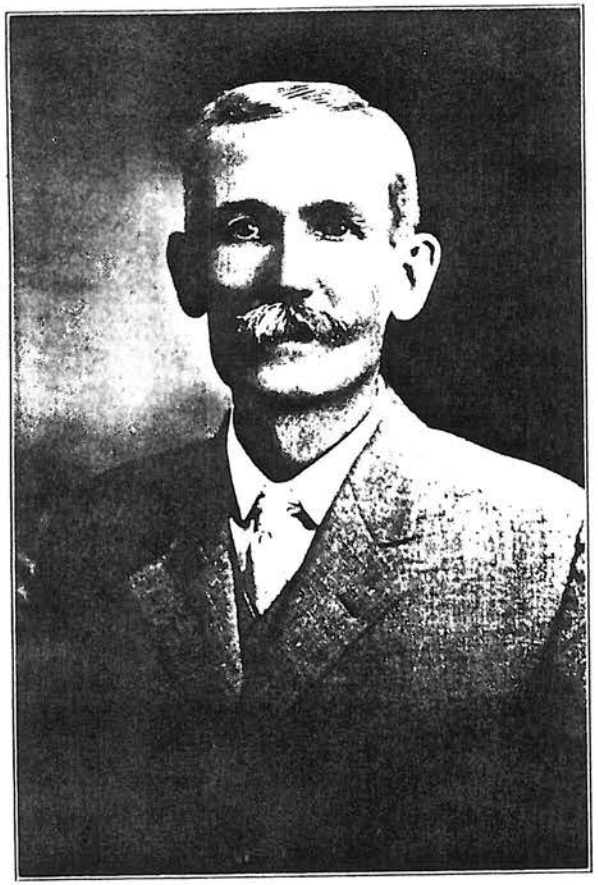

MR. AND MRS. GUSTAVUS A. JUSTICE.

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John Justice and wife were the parents of four children: Edwin, Gustavus, Albert and George.

Gustavus A. Justice was educated in the common schools of Jones county, Iowa, and completed his education by taking the course in the high school at Mechanicsville, Cedar county, Iowa. After leaving school he went to the southern part of Nebraska, where he worked on a farm for one year. He then returned to Shelby county, bought some stock and farm tools and rented a farm southeast of Harlan, in Fairview township, living on this place for two years. He then rented a farm in Lincoln township two years. He next purchased eighty acres of land near Panama, in Washington township, and seven years later added a tract of similar acreage. Upon this farm he lived for the next nineteen years, during which time he bought two hundred acres more land, making three hundred and sixty acres. He has now retired from active farm life and is living in Defiance. As a farmer he was considered one of the best stock raisers in the county and handled a large amount of Polled Angus cattle. He has since sold his farm in Washington township and bought two hundred and twenty acres in Union township and one hundred and sixty acres in Greeley township.

Mr. Justice was married on October 13, 1881, to Clara E. Miller, the daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Grauel) Miller, and to this union have been born five children: One, who died in infancy; Effie, who married Fred Kolbe, and has two children, Mildred and Fred M.; Maude, the wife of F. P. Hulsebus; Lillie Fern, who died May 21, 1907, and Ralph, who married Alta Chamberlain, and has three children, Kenneth C., Earl and Harold E.

The Miller family were natives of Ohio. Joseph Miller was twice married. His first wife, Rebecca Grauel, died in 1872, at the age of forty-one, leaving seven children living and three deceased. The seven living children are William H., Susan, Clare, Addie, Katherine, Minnie F., Jennie M. After the death of his first wife, Joseph Miller married Margaret McConnaughey, and to this second marriage six children were born: Charles, Clancy, Clifford, Anna, Donia and one who died in infancy. Mr. Miller died in 1892, at the age of seventy-two years.

Mr. Justice has been a life-long Republican and has held several honors at the hands of his party. He is now a member of the Republican Central Committee of Shelby county. While living in Washington township, he was treasurer of the school board, and since moving to Defiance he has been city treasurer, as well as a member of the school board. He was also a member of the board of supervisors for Shelby county for five years, during which

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time he favored every measure which he felt would benefit the county in any way. Religiously, he and the members of his family are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Justice is a trustee of the denomination at the present time. Fraternally, he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Harlan. Mr. Justice is the kind of a man who worked for the good of his county, having always given his influence to all worthy measures and movements and done everything within his power to make the county a better one in which to live.

PHILIP ARMENTROUT.

Among the most successful citizens of Shelby county, Iowa, is he whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Armentrout has for many years been a resident of Shelby county, where he is one of the largest land owners and stock raisers. Closely associated with him is his youngest son, Marion, one of the most widely known auctioneers in this section of the country. Having been brought up on the farm and in close touch with his father's business, he early acquired a knowledge of all relating to agricultural life and became an expert in his ability to properly judge live stock. Therefore, it is not surprising that in his business he makes a specialty of this class of sales and while he has barely attained his majority, he has a reputation as an expert in his line which might well be coveted by many an older man. He cried his first sale when but seventeen years of age, has attended the Missouri Auction School at Kansas City, Missouri, and thus early in his career has cried sales in nine different state.

Philip Armentrout was born on February 28, 1847, in Richland county, Ohio, being the son of Jacob and Mary (Hammond) Armentrout, both of whom were natives of Rockingham county, Virginia. Jacob Armentrout was born in the year 1800, of Pennsylvania-Dutch parentage. There are no family records available showing when the first Armentrouts came to this country or from whence they came. Mr. Armentrout is one of a family of twelve children, but four of whom have passed into the great beyond. Their names are Allen (deceased), Nancy (Mrs. Armentrout, deceased), Annis (deceased), Annamelia (Mrs. McKibben), Anita (Mrs. Wise), Catherine (Mrs. Rhodes), George, Abraham (deceased), Ansel, Albro, Dallas and Philip, the youngest of the family.

Mr. Armentrout remained with his parents in the family home in Ohio

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of the regular program of the Farmers Union and its subsidiary the Farmers Holiday Association. The Union has a different program from the Farm Bureau, and quite naturally believes its program and policies are more likely to better the cause of the farmers of the country than will the program and policies of the Farm Bureau. Hence it seeks to supplant the Farm Bureau in the good opinion of farmers and farm people. It quite naturally is entitled to this opinion.

The matter of driving the Farm Bureau office from the occupancy of a room in the court house as headquarters has not been raised in this county, as in adjacent counties—Harrison county, in particular, where the Farm Bureau was recently forced out of the court house, through order of the board of supervisors, the sheriff carrying out the order. A movement toward this has been hinted by members of the Association.

Henry Littleton, Miss Jessie Black Married

Henry Littleton of Center township and Miss Jessie Black of Chariton were united in marriage at Weldon, Iowa, Saturday, March 18, the Rev. Elkenberry performing the ceremony. The pair have entered upon their married life upon the Chris E. Rold farm east of Harlan.

Mr. Littleton has been a resident of this locality many years, is well known and much respected. His many friends will wish himself and bride every happiness in their marriage relation.

Two Operations for Appendicitis

Richard Koester of Portsmouth is a patient at the Harlan hospital for medical treatment.

Pearl Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Peterson of Harlan, underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday.

Orpha Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hughes, also of Harlan underwent a similar operation Tuesday.

Cash and Carry Cleaners Depart

The Cash & Carry Cleaners departed from Harlan about a week ago, having concluded that business is not worth carrying on just for the fun of it. They had occupied a room in the basement of the Hulsebus Motor Co. building.

Marriage License Application H. W. Littleton, Shelby county, legal; Jessie Black, Lucas county, legal.

which the members of the local board plan to attend.

The final meeting of the retiring board of education of the Harlan school district was held Monday night, and the retiring members of the board, N. P. Booth and J. P. Hartert, left the board after nine and six years service, respectively.

G. A. JUSTICE DIED SATURDAY AFTER A STROKE

Was County Supervisor, Later Legislator; Buried at Harlan

G. A. (Gus) Justice, 75, prominent retired farmer, land owner, former supervisor and state representative from Shelby county, died at his home at Defiance last Saturday, following a paralytic stroke of about a week previously.

The funeral was held at the Evangelical church in Defiance, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of Rev. Mr. Olson, pastor. The body was brought to Harlan for burial, with the Masonic lodge in charge of the service at the grave. Mr. Justice was a member of the Harlan lodge.

The principal public service of Mr. Justice was that of state representative for two or more terms. He was a lifelong republican, and was elected upon that ticket.

From the Manilla Times we quote the following:

"Deceased was born in Pennsylvania Dec. 31, 1857, and was 75 years, 2 months and 17 days of age at the time of his passing. His parents were John and Margaret (Allsworth) Justice, both natives of Pennsylvania.

"We are uncertain as to the time the family settled in Iowa, but Mr. Justice has been a well known resident of Shelby county for many years, during which time he farmed near Panama, later moving to Defiance, where he has been a resident for perhaps fifteen years. He served as supervisor of Shelby county for some time and was also a director of the Defiance bank for a number of years.

"Besides the widow, he is survived by two children, Ralph of Manilla and Mrs. Colby of Lake View. Two other children preceded their father in death."

Long Period

The grand jury has been started upon an investigation of the proceedings in the Elk Horn bank case, particularly the alleged actions of certain of the stockholders of the bank in covering assets which the depositors allege should have been used in reimbursing the depositors.

A thorough investigation of all the proceedings in this cause would require the grand jury's attendance over a considerable period.

The contention of the depositors' committee, which is responsible for this investigation is that, despite a court order forbidding the bank partners from disposing of their property, such disposal was made wholesale, without court interference and without a single citation of contempt of court.

Two investigators from the office of the attorney general of Iowa, among them Carl McNaughton, former sheriff of Shelby county, are attending this investigation.

FARM BILL PASSED HOUSE

The Roosevelt Farm Aid bill was passed by the national House of Representatives yesterday. The vote was 315 for, 98 against. The three Iowa republican members voted for the bill, the six democrats voted three for and three against. Our congressman, Otha D. Wearin, democrat, was one of the three democrats who opposed.

The bill provides various aids to agriculture, chiefly in the way of increased prices on nine agricultural products. Taxes to raise money to pay better prices for farm stuff will be raised by collections from processors. The tax will be passed on to the consumer, and the processor is to be reimbursed by the national treasury.

J. W. Jones Died at Council Bluffs

J. W. Jones, a one-time well-known citizen of Harlan, died at his home in Council Bluffs recently. When he lived here he taught music, occasionally taught school; will especially be remembered as organist for years in the M. E. church.

He is survived by his widow, who is in poor health, by four daughters and one son.

The date for the junior-senior high school reception has been changed from April 28 to May 5 because the local high school will play host to the state declamatory contest April 28.

On Monday, Tuesday and W[illegible] nights, the temperature dropped to 15 degrees or below and the snow, while about [illegible] thawed, still remains to a la[illegible] degree. Under the warm sun today, perhaps but little will [illegible] left tonight.

On Saturday, Sunday and M[illegible]day, the precipitation in the f[illegible] of both rainfall and snow tota[illegible] .70 of an inch. This will gre[illegible] assist in giving the new crop [illegible] good start, and will place [illegible] ground in better working con[illegible]tion.

Elmer Buss gives us the following report of the week's temperatures:

Date	High	L[illegible]
March 16	61	
March 17	64	
March 18	56	
March 19	31	
March 20	23	
March 21	29	
March 22	37	

Charles Rank Died at Home, Frid[illegible]

Charles Henry Rank, 68, a re[illegible]dent of Shelby county some [illegible] or 48 years, died at his home [illegible] northwest Douglas township, [illegible] Friday, after an illness of bu[illegible] few days.

The funeral was held at [illegible] Methodist church, Kirkman, w[illegible] Rev. S. Grant Lewis of the H[illegible]lan Methodist church officiati[illegible] Tuesday afternoon at two o'clo[illegible] Appropriate song numbers w[illegible] provided by a mixed quarter. T[illegible] Defiance Masons were present [illegible] a group and conducted the clos[illegible] service. Burial was in the Ki[illegible]man cemetery.

Charles Henry Rank, son [illegible] Jonathan and Anna Rank, w[illegible] born in Will county, Ill., A[illegible] 23, 1864.

Mr. Rank came to Shelby co[illegible]ty about 1885. Some four ye[illegible] later he was united in marria[illegible] to Miss Maggie A. Johnson, w[illegible] survives him. To this union w[illegible] born eight children. One d[illegible] in infancy. The remaining sev[illegible] who survive, are: Harry E., [illegible] Chamberlain, S. D.; Ben E., [illegible] Manilla; Mrs. Maye Koenig [illegible] Whiting; Mrs. Mame Gaer [illegible] Kirkman; Mrs. Ethel May, a[illegible] Mrs. Sadie Folsom, both of O[illegible]aha. There are also 31 gran[illegible] children, four brothers, Willia[illegible] B. of Irwin, John and Samuel [illegible] Chicago, and George of Dunla[illegible] and two sisters, Mrs. Emm[illegible] Burns of Balaton, Minn., a[illegible] Mrs. Clara Vermets of Chicag[illegible]

When in his 24th year he a[illegible]cepted Christ as his Savior, a[illegible] later united with the Methodi[illegible] church where he kept his me[illegible]bership until his death. He w[illegible] a member of the Masonic Lod[illegible]

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