

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Powers, Leon Walter Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Crawford County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 June 1888 Hobbs County, Iowa near Fort Dodge, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Blainid Marie Gally 28 June 1916 Denison, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He sat as a judge at the Nuremberg War Trials when leaders of the Nazi Party were charged after World War II. Judge of the Military in the military trials for the Wehrmacht where trying 21 leaders of the Nazi Party in Germany.

B. Civic responsibilities

Keweenaw; Elks Club

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 38<sup>th</sup> 39<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1919, 1921

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the Crawford County Bar Association

B. State Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa from 1934 serving 2 years

C. National Delegate to three National Conventions - 1924, 1932, 1941; member of the American Bar Association

7. Death 7 Jan 1959 Denison, Iowa; buried East Row of Linn County, Denison, Iowa

8. Children Mary Katherine (Mrs. Kimball); Patricia (Mrs. Keller);

James P.; Leon (died in 1947)

9. Names of parents Walter and Catherine (McIntyre) Powers

10. Education He attended district schools in Webster County,  
Iowa

11. Degrees Graduate of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1912;  
graduate of the University of Chicago, 1914; graduate of John  
Calvin in Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1908

12. Other applicable information See over at

- He was associated with J. P. Connors from 1914 - 1924 and L.  
V. Gilchrist 1928 - 1934 and again 1936 - 1945
- At the time of his death he was in partnership with R. C. Reimer  
He was a general counsel for the Farm Credit Administration of Iowa  
and the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank, The Federal  
Intermediate Credit Bank, the Bank of Cooperatives and the Production  
Credit Corporation
- During WWII he took a leading role in local war activities, being  
Crawford County chairman of local Red Cross drives

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Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u>	-		<u>The Denison Bulletin, Denison, Iowa</u> <u>Fri. January 9, 1959, p.1, col. 647</u>
- <u>Northwestern Iowa, Its History and Tradition Vol II, 1804-1926</u>			<u>Outlines of Personal History for the Historical Department of Iowa (located in the library clipping file #2)</u>
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### LEGION MEETING

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Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.  
movie will be shown and  
will be served.

Suit case  
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Champion

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## Schleswig Owner is charged with arson

# Judge L. Powers dies on Tuesday; Denison mourns



—Bulletin Engraving

Judge L. W. Powers

JUDGE L. W. POWERS

## Funeral scheduled Saturday

L. W. Powers, one of  
Denison's most famous  
citizens, died in his sleep  
at home Tuesday night.

His death at 70 brought  
to a close an illustrious  
career of a lawyer, judge  
and political leader.

The funeral will be held Sat-  
urday at 11 a. m. at the St  
Rose of Lima Catholic church  
in Denison with a funeral mass  
celebrated by Father E. F.  
Casey. A rosary will be said  
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He became a member of the  
Justices of the Supreme Court  
of Iowa in 1934 and served two  
years. Prior to this the Iowa  
Democrat was in the state-leg-  
islature from 1919 to 1929.

## Statement is signed Wednesday

Koert Smith, a Schles-  
wig Clover Farm store  
owner, was charged  
with arson here after  
questioning by state fire  
marshals and insurance  
underwriters.

The charge grew out of  
the fire which badly dam-  
aged the store in Schles-  
wig Sunday morning.

County Attorney Bill Norel-  
lus said Smith signed a state-  
ment admitting that he had set  
fire to the building.

Norelius said the informati-  
on was waived to the district  
court and bond was set at  
\$2,000.

The state fire marshals, Galt  
Odem and D. S. Hutshinson  
were called in shortly after  
the fire was put out on Monday.

Volunteer fire department of-  
ficials in Schleswig said earlier  
an interior wall and equipment  
was badly damaged.

In addition to the state mar-  
shals, Bud Huffman, a special  
investigator of fire underwrit-  
ers was also called in to investi-  
gate the fire.

The time of hearing was not  
immediately set.

## County appoints coroner

Robert Gibson, a Dow Cit  
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meeting of the county board of  
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He will replace Harry Mas-  
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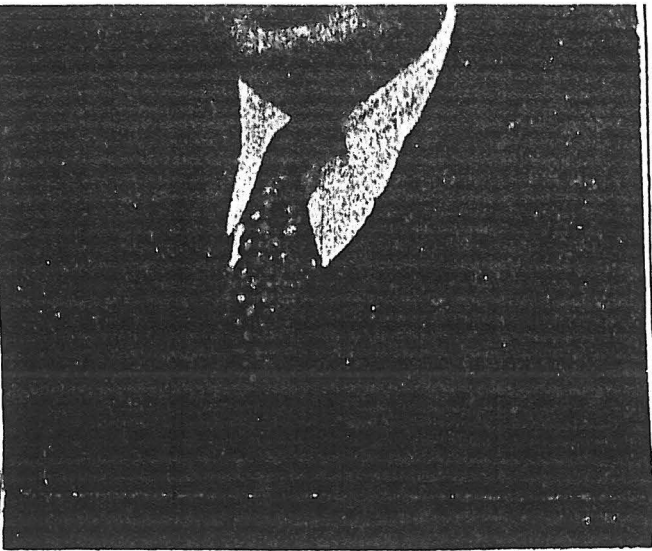
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—Bulletin Engraving

**Judge L. W. Powers**

**JUDGE L. W. POWERS**

The death of Judge L. W. Powers was not only a shock to the community in which he lived, but to his friends and acquaintances throughout the state and nation.

During his 44 years in the active practice of law in Denison, he has engaged in professional activities much above the ordinary. His service as a lawyer was not only to his clients but to his community, his state and his nation.

He was President of the Crawford County Bar Association and had served on important committees of the Iowa State Bar Association. He served his county in the Iowa Legislature from 1919 to 1923, and in 1933 he served the state as Assistant Attorney General. He served with distinction as a Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court from 1934 to 1936. From 1936 to 1943 he most ably served as General Counsel for the Omaha Division of the Farm Credit Administration.

His crowning professional achievement came with his selection as a member of the Military Tribunal at Nuremberg, Germany, where, in 1947 and 1948, he served as a Judge on the court trying persons charged with war crimes.

Judge Powers held the profound respect of the Bench, the Bar and the people of his community and state, and in his passing the local community has lost not only an outstanding citizen and a lawyer of the tallest stature, but the community, state and nation have lost a loyal and able public servant, who has left his imprint upon the affairs of his state and nation. No man could leave a richer heritage.

—CRAWFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

**Incorporated farms  
get tax help here**

The chances of successfully incorporating Crawford county family farms received a big boost from the 1958 Tax Law, County Extension Director Roger Larson of Denison said today.

He said that Farm Economist E. W. Arthur, Iowa State college, explained that before Congress passed the new tax bill, incorporated family farms faced the problem of double taxation of income. First the corporation was taxed, and then the stockholders who received the dividends were taxed. Corporation profits under \$30,000 are taxed at a 30 per cent rate. Those over \$30,000 are in the 52 per cent tax bracket.

Arthur reports the new tax law has changed this situation so that you can incorporate and then operate a "pseudo-

tion, the business income or losses can be reported on the personal income tax returns of its stockholders, he says. This is possible even when the corporation income is not actually distributed to the individual stockholders, Arthur explained.

He says these requirements must be met in order to operate as a pseudo-corporation:

1. All stockholders must be individuals or estates.
2. All stockholders must agree to the election to treat the corporation as a pseudo-corporation.
3. There can not be more than 10 stockholders.
4. The corporation cannot be connected with a parent company or be a member of an affiliated group of corporations.
5. Only one class of stock

His death at 70 brought to a close an illustrious career of a lawyer, judge and political leader.

The funeral will be held Saturday at 11 a. m. at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic church in Denison with a funeral mass celebrated by Father E. F. Casey. A rosary will be said Thursday and Friday evenings.

Dr. Charles Fee, Mr. Powers' personal physician, said a coronary was the cause of death.

Mr. Powers, an internationally known judge, sat as a justice at the Nuremberg War Trials when leaders of the Nazi party were charged shortly after World War II.

He was a judge of the ~~Ministries in the military trials and~~ sat on the bench for the Wilhelmstrasse case which tried 21 leaders of the Nazi party in Germany.

He became a member of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Iowa in 1934 and served two years. Prior to this the Iowa Democrat was in the state legislature from 1919 to 1922.

Mr. Powers held degrees from the State University of Iowa and the University of Chicago.

His wife, the former Blain Lally, died in 1947. They were married June 28, 1916.

Mr. Powers is survived by two daughters and a son, Mrs. Mary Katherine Kimball of Manhasset, N. Y., Mrs. Patricia Keller of Plandome, N. Y., and James P. Powers of Phoenix, Ariz. Another son, Leon, died in 1947. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren.

As a practicing trial lawyer, Mr. Powers was associated with J. P. Conner from 1914 to 1924, and L. V. Gilchrist from 1928 to 1934 and again from 1936 to 1945.

At the time of his death he was in partnership with R. C. Reimer in the offices above the Crawford County Trust and Savings Bank in Denison.

As an attorney, Mr. Powers was general counsel for the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha, and chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Bank of Cooperatives and the Production Credit Corp.

Mr. Powers has been a delegate to three national conventions in 1924, 1932 when F. D. Roosevelt was first nominated and again in 1941.

He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic church in Denison, the Knights of Columbus, a Kiwanian of honorary standing and of the Elks in Carroll.

In addition to many other judicial and legal societies and fraternities, Mr. Powers was a member of the American, Iowa and Crawford County Bar Associations.

**CRAWFORD BANK TOO**

The Crawford County Trust and Savings Bank was unintentionally omitted from the stories which broke the news of the first baby contest. The bank was one of the sponsors of the contest.

The time of hearing was not immediately set.

**County  
appoints  
coroner**

Robert Gibson, a Dow City peace officer, was appointed county coroner at the last meeting of the county board of supervisors.

He will replace Harry Maxwell who has served as coroner for six years.

The position, although an elective one, was not filled as a result of voting in the last election, which made it necessary for the board to appoint a man.

The main function of a coroner is to prepare for and conduct an inquest in the cases of "questionable" deaths and where there is a possibility of a crime involved.

Gibson is presently a police officer in the towns of Dow City, Arion and Defiance and his tenure as coroner begins immediately.

**Wrestling  
scheduled  
in Manilla**

Manilla Several top wrestling names will appear in Manilla at the Memorial hall on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

The first match will begin at 8:30 p. m.

The main event will feature Roy McClarity vs. Emil Dusek in a 60 minute limit, two falls out of three.

Jack Pesek will meet Ergie Dusek in a 45 minute match, two falls out of three in the semi-finals.

The third match will be "Rip" Hawk meeting Joe Scarpello of Omaha. Joe is an alumni of Iowa U. He was the Big Ten champion and represented the U. S. in the Olympics on the same team that Vern Gagne was on. "Rip" Hawk is from Toledo, Ohio.

The referee for all the matches will be Lou Longo.

The events are sponsored by the Manilla Chamber of Commerce.

**Anesthesia  
is discussed**

"Methods of administering anesthesia" was a film shown to the Crawford County Memorial hospital auxiliary at their last meeting.

The auxiliary voted to give \$150 to the radioscope fund in other business.

The visitor control program was discussed and Walter Shultz, hospital administrator, presented the program on anesthesia.



Outline of Personal History of L. H. Powers,  
RESIDENCE Denison, Iowa

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? Leon Walter Powers
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Attorney-at-Law
3. Where and when did you begin? Denison Iowa, Oct. 1914.
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? None.
5. What is your residence address? Denison Iowa
6. What is your business address? Denison Iowa
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? June 12<sup>th</sup> 1888, Webster County, Iowa (near Fort Dodge)
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? State University of Iowa 1912, A. B., University of Chicago 1914 J. D.
11. What was your father's full name? Walter Powers
12. What was your father's occupation? Farmer
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Katherine Mc Intyre

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? *Webster County Iowa (near Rt. Dodge.)*

15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? *Member of the Northern Border Brigade*

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? *Member of the Thirty-eight General Assembly, from Crawford County, Elected to the Thirty-ninth*

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*

20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? *Catholic*

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?

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

25. Of what social clubs are you a member?

26. Of what business firms have you been a member? *Conner & Powers, attorneys*

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?

29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....
30. Will you attach your autograph to one or more of your works and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa for permanent preservation?.....
31. ....

## DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

### FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Blaird Marie Lally*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *June 28th, 1916*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Denison Iowa*
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *Catholic*
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? *Patrick Edward C. Lally. Cork, Ireland*
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Kitty Hughes.*
39. Where and when was she born? *Canada*



**CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.**

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. <i>Mary Catherine</i>	<i>August 19, 1918</i>	<i>Denison Iowa</i>
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**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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### **Leon W. Powers (1934 - 1936)**

Served on the Iowa Supreme Court from December 4, 1934, when he was elected to complete the unexpired term of Justice Edgar A. Morling, until he resigned February 14, 1936, to accept the position of General Counsel for the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha.

Born in Webster County, Iowa, June 12, 1888. He was graduated from the University of Iowa in 1912 and from the University of Chicago in 1914. In that year he began the practice of law at Denison. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies. From 1933 until his election to the Supreme Court he was an assistant Attorney General.

He remained with the Farm Credit Administration of Omaha until 1943, when he resumed the private practice of law at Denison,

Iowa.

Justice Powers died at Denison January 7, 1959.

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1930 United States Federal Census

**Name:** **Leon W Powers**

**Home in 1930:** **Denison, Crawford, Iowa**  
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**Age:** **41**

**Estimated birth year:** **abt 1889**

**Birthplace:** **Iowa**

**Relation to Head of House:** **Head**

**Spouse's name:** **Blanid Powers**

**Race:** **White**

**Occupation:**

**Education:**

**Military service:** [View image](#)

**Rent/home value:**

**Age at first marriage:**


**Parents' birthplace:**

**Neighbors:** [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Leon W Powers</a>	41
	<a href="#">Blanid Powers</a>	39
	<a href="#">Mary K Powers</a>	11
	<a href="#">Genevieve Powers</a>	9
	<a href="#">James P Powers</a>	5
	<a href="#">Walter Powers</a>	3
		6/12
	<a href="#">Katherine Lally</a>	69

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 Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626. 2.667 rolls.

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 Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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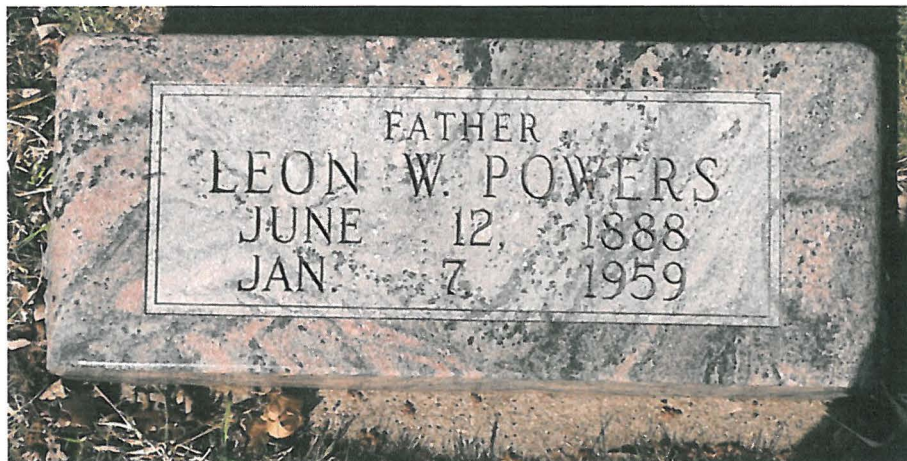


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