

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator

Van Alstine,

Howard Spicer - Served Buena Vista, Humboldt and Pocahontas Counties

1. Birthday and place 16 May 1869

Poplar Grove, Illinois
Edou County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Bertha Beers 14 Oct 1896

Elmore City, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Board of Directors of Pocahontas County Mutual Insurance Association;
Board member of Iowa State Tax Payers Association; Elmore Exchange Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shiner; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Banker; investment dealer; insurance agent; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 37th, 38th, 39th General Assemblies 1917-1922

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State President of the Iowa Home Mortgage Bankers Association, in 1920 he was
appointed chairman of the Iowa State Tax Commission

C. National Member of the National Association of Tax Commissioners for
many years

7. Death 5 Aug 1945 Fort Dodge, Iowa; buried Marble Valley Cemetery, Elmore City, Iowa

8. Children Howard Dana (died in 1925); Lois M. (Mrs. Holler); Francis Everett;
Percival Elton; Sewell

9. Names of parents Sewell and Ellen C. (Lawley) Van Alstine

10. Education Attended Gilman City schools, high school
graduated

11. Degrees He took a correspondence class in law for 4 years

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his parents to Pecos County, New Mexico at age one year. They settled on a farm near Gilman City.
- In 1889 he and his brother L. L. Van Alstine formed a partnership known as the Gilman-Embrey Bank.
- They then established financial connections with the large leading banks and insurance companies and developed the farm loan business as their special branch of banking.
- They closed their doors during the depression on 12 Oct 1931.
- He continued to farm after the bank closing.
- He and his brother led in the movement resulting in the drainage of thousands of acres of Pecos County farmland.

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Applicability

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THODIST CHURCH
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C. Callahan, Pastor
 Where hearts are warmed by
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 Sunday school, Sunday at 10:40
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 Divine worship at 11:00.
 J. Y. F. at 7:00 p. m.
 Choir rehearsal Wednesday. 8.
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 Church School Board meets on
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 Everyone is invited to worship
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 The Catechism class meets Sat-
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 Rev. T. B. Thorsen, Pastor
 Divine worship at 11 o'clock.

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 Rev. T. B. Thorsen, Pastor
 Divine worship at 9:30 A. M.

HUMBOLDT FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH
O. B. Anderson, Pastor
 Sunday, August 19th
 9:30 A. M. Worship Hour. Rev. H.
 H. Steege, pastor of the Lutheran
 Church at Gilmore City, will be in
 charge of the services at the Hum-
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 at 9:30 A. M. We invite you to at-
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THE RENWICK BAPTIST
CHURCH
S. C. Blumharen, Pastor
 The Church School meets at 10
 A. M. Sunday Morning. A cordial
 invitation is extended to all who
 have no other church home.
 Mr. Martin Nelson, Superintend-
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 The pastor will be away on a va-
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
E. J. Huck, Pastor
 Renwick, Iowa
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 Divine Worship at 11 a. m.
 Luther League meets at the
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OBITUARY
Howard Spicer Van Alstine
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REPUBLICAN, Humboldt, Iowa

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to lay aside his private affairs to aid in community betterment.

In the years of his life that most men spend relaxing from their toils he continued to work with the same enthusiasm and industry that he had displayed throughout his career.

During all the years of financial depression he was ever adviser and assistant to those who needed financial aid and this aid was indispensable to many who now mourn his passing. He could nearly always find some method to get necessary credit for a worthy borrower. He enjoyed implicit trust of both the borrower and the lender and through this was enabled to work out some suitable solution for many a knotty problem.

In addition to his latter employments he was at the time of death a member of the Board of Directors of the Pocahontas County Mutual Insurance Association and a member of the Board of the Iowa State Tax Payers Association.

He was an early and ardent supporter of the international cooperation for peace and declining days were brightened with hope that his dream shall soon come into fruition.

On July 1, Mr. Van Alstine was stricken with peritonitis and was taken to the Lutheran hospital in Fort Dodge where he valiantly struggled to respond to medical. He appeared to be well on the road to recovery when on August 1 pneumonia developed and this with his weight of years was more than his failing strength could cope with. He passed quietly away in the early morning of August 5, 1945.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and its orders of Chapter and the Commandery and the Shrine.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Mary Bertha Van Alstine, a daughter, Mrs. Lois V. Holler and her three children. Frederick now in the U. S. Navy, Lois and Van of Ames, Iowa, two sons F. E. Van Alstine of Pocahontas, Iowa, and Lieut. Sewell Van Alstine, now with the U. S. Army in the Pacific Miss Percie Ellen Van Alstine of Rockford, Illinois and also Sewell's three children, Susan, Cynthia, and Sewell, who during their father's absence are living at the home of the decedent. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Blanche Dayton of Portland, Oregon, and a host of friends throughout the state and nation.

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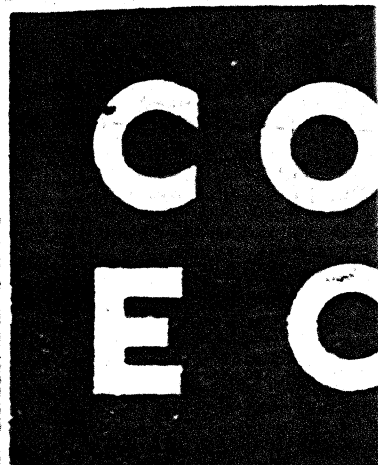
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These three night shows will provide interesting evenings for those who attend the 4-H fair.

Van Alstine, Former State Senator Dies

H. H. Van Alstine of Gilmore City died at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Dodge Sunday morning, after a long illness. The former state senator from the Humboldt, Pocahontas and Buena Vista county district, was 76 years old at the time of his death.

He was a director for the Pocahontas County Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Association and served as the company's agent at Gilmore City.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon.

CONTRACTED CORN HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO ELEVATORS SAYS ELLIS

A total of 446,644 bushels of contracted corn has been delivered to elevators by Pocahontas county producers, according to Gilbert S. Ellis, chairman of the Pocahontas County Agricultural Conservation Committee. The total amount of corn contracted by farmers in this county is 651,357 bushels.

Producers are reminded that September 1st is the deadline date for delivering contracted corn.

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The People of Iowa

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SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN
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S. Van Alstine

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autobiography written in his last years at his home in Gilmore City, Iowa.

In 1836 the Leonard VanAlstine family moved to Illinois and located in Boone County. In 1848 Sewell VanAlstine married Ellen Catherine Hawley, who had recently come to Illinois from Vermont. They went immediately to housekeeping in a small log cabin, in which their first two children were born: Inez, January 6, 1850; and Clarence L., September 28, 1853.

One of the outstanding traits of Sewell VanAlstine was his indefatigable industry and tenacity of purpose. The Illinois farm had been selected more for its "wood and water" than for quality of soil. It called for endless labor and gave small returns. The growing family needed a better home, and after his day's work was done Sewell spent his evenings digging a cellar and building foundation walls for a roomy, new house. He hired help only for such work as it was impossible for one man to do alone. In due season the ample new home was completed and in this home in Boone County, five more children took their places around the family board: Rollin Hurd, born January 25, 1855, died January 9, 1913; Altha M., born March 9, 1858; Leslie Hawley, born August 27, 1860; Blanche Enid, born August 16, 1866; and Howard Spicer, born May 16, 1869. Inez married Ira Scranton, of Greene County, Iowa; Clarence married Gertrude M. Brooks, of Humboldt County, Iowa; Rollin Hurd married Adelaide H. Jackson, of Humboldt County, Iowa; Altha M. died at the age of nineteen, while attending Humboldt College; Leslie Hawley married Mary Jane Coffin, of Gilmore City, Iowa; Blanche E. married Gordon W. Dayton, of King City, California; Howard Spicer married Mary Bertha Beers, of Gilmore City, Iowa.

Further records of the Sewell VanAlstine family will be found in the local records and traditions of Pocahontas and Humboldt counties, where this family has taken an active part in the development of the economic, social and general welfare of those commonwealths for the past sixty years.

During their early days as home makers on the prairie one of the inconveniences was the long distance to a postoffice, first to Fort Dodge and then to Springvale, later renamed Humboldt.

Sewell VanAlstine applied for a star route from Humboldt to Pocahontas, with rural post-offices between, and one of these was placed at the VanAlstine home. Altha VanAlstine named the postoffice "Blooming Prairie," which was a most appropriate name in those days, since the rich prairie soil gave a seasonal succession and firm foothold to a great variety of wild bloom. In memory of Altha, who died at the age of nineteen, the original VanAlstine home was registered in Pocahontas County as "Blooming Prairie Farm."

Ellen C. VanAlstine remained postmistress for several years, until the Des Moines Valley Railroad was extended from Fort Dodge to Ruthven,

and the town of Gilmore City was established in 1882.

In his autobiography Sewell VanAlstine tells at some length of some of his early pioneer experiences. Of a trip to Iowa in the early winter of 1855; of the perils of crossing the Mississippi River on the ice, and of long walks across open prairie in winter.

In 1869 he again came to Iowa, this time seeking a new home for his vigorous young family. He found his "land of promise" in the deep rich soil of eastern Pocahontas County, where the land is naturally well drained by the underlying limestone. He bought a half section of this limestone land, (upon which a large Portland cement plant was built some forty years later) making his first payment by trading in on the contract a fine team of young horses that he was driving, and returned to Illinois on foot. In the spring of 1870 he brought his family by covered wagon to the new home, where every member of the family worked for the general good to build the new home. The first house had six rooms on the ground, and a big loft where the boys slept. In 1882 a better and larger house was built, that stands today about as it was in the eighties.

The story of Sewell VanAlstine's service in the Civil war of 1861 to 1865 is told at some length in his autobiography. It is enough here to say that his years in the army were simply years of honest, intense service; just as the years before and after that service were years of honest, enthusiastic labor for those he loved and served.

Sewell VanAlstine was one of those sons of the middle border who could and did adjust himself to new conditions and thrive. He was an indefatigable worker, wise in forethought, with initiative and enthusiasm for new enterprises, as he proved by writing a *History of the English People* in his very old age. The man who has all his life handled implements of manual labor to the age of eighty rarely takes a pen in hand even to write an autobiography at that late date, yet here was a man with surplus energy and enthusiasm sufficient to prompt him to rewrite the story of a whole people whose record of progress and achievement toward making this a better world was to him an inspiration and a promise for the future well-being of our people.

He died at his home in Gilmore City, Iowa, on October 9, 1911.

HOWARD SPICER VANALSTINE, youngest son of Sewell VanAlstine and Ellen C. Hawley VanAlstine, was born near the village of Poplar Grove, Boone County, Illinois, on May 16, 1869.

At the age of two years he came with his people to the new pioneer home in Pocahontas County, Iowa, and his early years were spent on the home farm located about one mile north of the present location of Gilmore City. In those pioneer days of the seventies and eighties farm boys of school age were much needed to help with general farm work, herding cattle on the prairies,

and doing the endless routine of chores about a farm. His lot was no exception to this rule. His boyhood summers were spent on horseback herding cattle on the open prairies. He attended school during the winters in the old stone school-house built of lime rock from the quarries on his father's farm. He finished his formal education with two winter terms in the Gilmore City school. Informally and incidentally his education continued through all the years. He taught two terms of school, and in his twenty-first year found a place for work in the Gilmore Exchange Bank, a private bank which had been established by the family in 1886, and managed by a brother, L. H. VanAlstine. Shortly after the partnership of L. H. and H. S. VanAlstine was formed, and this partnership has since continued in the ownership and operation of the bank, which is one of the oldest banking institutions in north-western Iowa.

In the year 1896 Howard S. VanAlstine married Mary Bertha Beers, of Gilmore City, Iowa. To this marriage five children were born: Lois, November 12, 1897; Howard Dana, September 16, 1899; Francis Everett, August 29, 1901; Sewell, August 19, 1903; and Percie Ellen, October 9, 1905. Lois, graduated at Chicago University (1920), married Frederick W. Holler (1924) and is the mother of three children, Frederick W., Lois V., and Howard VanAlstine Holler. Howard Dana died November 23, 1828. Francis Everett, graduated at George Washington University (1922) Iowa Bar (1928), is practicing law in Gilmore City, Iowa. Sewell, graduated at George Washington University, (1928) Iowa bar (1928), is with the trust department of the First Minneapolis Trust Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Marian Ballinger (1927) and has one daughter, Susan. Percie Ellen, graduated from the State University of Iowa (1928), and is employed in an executive capacity by the Dayton Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In 1916 Howard S. VanAlstine was elected to the Iowa State Senate and reelected in 1918. His service in that office was of a quality one would expect from a son of Sewell and Ellen C. VanAlstine. He gave to this work untiring industry, careful attention to detail, mature judgment and vision for the future. He introduced and sponsored a number of important measures, including the bill providing for revision of the Iowa code. This was passed by the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, and the work of revision was at once commenced. This work was carried on by the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Assemblies, and finally completed by a special session of the Fortieth General Assembly, called for that purpose. He had for many years been a student of taxation matters, and took an active part in legislation relating to taxes. During the period of war prices and inflation the ever increasing cost of local and state government, and the consequent increase in taxes, brought the problem of tax reform before the legislature as an acute issue. Realizing that an adequate consideration

of this problem would require more time for study and investigation than would be possible to give it during a session of the General Assembly, Senator VanAlstine offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint legislative committee of the House and Senate, for the purpose of studying the problem and considering the need for a revision of the assessment and tax laws of the state. This resolution was approved, and the committee was appointed in the spring of 1921, and organized for work. Senator VanAlstine was made chairman. The work of this committee continued until 1923, when their report with recommendations was submitted to the Fortieth General Assembly. This work and report is recognized as a highly constructive contribution to the movement for, and the subsequent enactment of, a more equitable and efficient code of tax laws.

COL. EUGENE C. HAYNES was an early resident of Iowa, well known over the state, a soldier, public official and attorney.

He was a native of Illinois and came to Iowa in the early 1850s. When the Civil war broke out he joined the Sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and proved a brave and gallant soldier. In the siege of Atlanta he lost his right arm. After the war he practiced law for many years at Centerville and also served in the office of postmaster. He was a leader in the Republican party of the state and served on the staff of four of Iowa's governors.

Colonel Haynes' father, Cyrus Haynes, was a clergyman of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He came to Southern Iowa in pioneer times, and distinguished himself by his activities as a churchman and also as an educator.

Colonel Haynes married in November, 1871, Edna M. Felkner. The Felkners came to Iowa soon after the Blackhawk purchase, settling in what is now Johnson County as early as 1837. Her father, Henry Felkner, was a member of the Iowa Territorial Legislature and a member of the first state constitutional convention, and also served on the first board of commissioners of Johnson County.

CLARENCE W. PETERSON, D. D. S., has been established in the practice of his profession in the City of Shenandoah since 1923, and his success and prestige marking him as one of the skilled and representative dental practitioners of Page County.

Doctor Peterson was born at Manson, Calhoun County, Iowa, in the year 1900, and is a son of John A. and Anna (Anderson) Peterson, the former of whom was born in Sweden and the latter in Iowa, her parents having been natives of Sweden and having been early settlers in Iowa. John A. Peterson has long been a successful contractor and builder at Manson, where he has followed this vocation fully forty years and where he still maintains his home, the death of his wife having occurred in 1902. Mabel, eldest

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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? *Howard Spicer Van Alstine*
2. What is your present profession or occupation? *Banker*
3. Where and when did you begin? *Gilmore City Ia - 1890 -*
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? *farming prior to 1890*
5. What is your residence address? *Gilmore City Ia*
6. What is your business address? *same*
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? *May 16 - 1869 - Poplar Grove
Borneo Ill*
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? *Parents
came from Borneo Ill to Potosi Ia
Ia in 1870 - and 1871 -*
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? *Common schools &
Gilmore schools and after starting work in
bank, took a correspondence course in law - 4y.*
11. What was your father's full name? *Levell Van Alstine*
12. What was your father's occupation? *farmer*
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? *Ellen C Hawley*

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Poplar Grove Ill
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? Served three years in 95th Ill Inf = Was discharged as Sargeant; Orderly
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? None
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? Director of Cross of Farmers Sav Bk - Pioneer - - Director & Secy & Treas of Fort Dodge Portland Cement Corporation.
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican - only -
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? none
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? Methodist
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership? —
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? Masonic - order = A.F.A.M. = R.A.M. = K.T. = and Shrine =, My K.O.P.
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? Practically all offices in local lodges of K.O.P. and A.F. & A.M. - up to, Master.
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? none of consequence -
26. Of what business firms have you been a member? Gilman Exchange Bank - a private bank and corporations indicated above
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa card enclosed - Photograph will follow later.
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem? Just the ordinary record of ordinary man

29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works *None*
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? *None*
31. *H. S. Van Alstine*

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? *Mary Bertha Beers-*
33. Where and what date was this marriage? *Oct 14-1896*
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? *Reinbeck - Grundy Co Ia
in Jan 27-1874*
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership? *none*
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? *Francis Everett
Beers - Born near Bridgeport Iowa. - Aug 29-1833-*
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)? *Emma J. Frisk*
39. Where and when was she born? *Youngstown Pa - Nov 19-1846-*

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

Full Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.
1. <i>Lois</i>	<i>Nov 12 - 1897</i>	<i>Gilman City</i>
2. <i>Howard Dana</i>	<i>Sep 16 1899</i>	<i>"</i>
3. <i>Francis Everett</i>	<i>Aug 29 1901</i>	<i>"</i>
4. <i>Sewell</i>	<i>Aug 19 1903</i>	<i>"</i>
5. <i>Percie</i>	<i>Oct 9 1905</i>	<i>"</i>
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.
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

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mittees. He was aggressive in public affairs and a Republican in politics. Senator Stoddard passed away on April 18, 1946, at his boyhood home of Minonk, Illinois.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Stoddard the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service.

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.

A. D. CLEM,
J. T. DYKHOUSE,
E. C. MYRLAND,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

HOWARD SPICER VAN ALSTINE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Howard Spicer Van Alstine, begs leave to submit the following:

Howard Spicer Van Alstine, banker and legislator, died at the Lutheran Hospital at Fort Dodge, Iowa, August 5, 1945; born at Poplar Grove, Illinois, May 16, 1869, son of Sewell Van Alstine and Ellen Hawley Van Alstine, who came to Iowa in 1870 and settled in Pocahontas county on the virgin prairie two miles northwest of the present town of Gilmore City, where Mr. Van Alstine has lived the most of his life and resided at the time of his demise. A post office was established at the Van Alstine farm home, known as the Blooming Prairie Post Office, and the mother was named postmistress; its operation continued until after 1880 when the railroad was built and the town of Gilmore City established by the elder Van Alstine. The school opened near the farm homestead which he attended and obtained his only formal education in four terms, which he supplemented by reading and study during hours engaged in herding cattle on the prairie. In 1889 he joined with his brother, L. H. Van Alstine, in a partnership establishing the Gilmore Exchange Bank.

In 1896 Mr. Van Alstine married Mary Bertha Beers of Gilmore City, who with two sons and two daughters survive him; one son, Howard Dana Van Alstine, died in 1928. He was one of the three last survivors of the original settlers of Gilmore City. With his brother he was a leader in the movement resulting in the drainage of thousands of acres of Pocahontas county slough bottoms long before the first drainage ditch was established in the county under the provisions of law. The bank extended its financial operations throughout the county and obtained valuable eastern loan connections which were utilized in developing the wild prairie into productive farms. Later in the depth of the depression the shrinkage of deposits from a high of \$1,800,000 to \$303,000, occasioned the decision of the Van Alstines to close the bank and it was liquidated be-

ginning in October, 1931, the farm loan business being continued.

In addition to his local business Mr. Van Alstine was active in public affairs, his most lasting and important public work being in the Iowa legislature, serving in the Senate, representing Buena Vista, Humboldt and Pocahontas counties, in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies, as chairman of the code revision committee, chairman of the appropriations and other standing committees. In 1920 he was appointed chairman of the state tax commission, which at that time carried no compensation, and he devoted a large part of his time in securing revision of tax laws and taxation practices; for many years was a member of the National Association of Tax Commissioners, and was a recognized authority on methods of taxation; in 1928 designed and drew the legislation under which the present Iowa State Tax Commission was organized and was offered appointment as its first chairman but declined this honor; served as president of the Iowa Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association, a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Tax Association and of the Pocahontas County Mutual Insurance Association and president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Association. While his primary legislative interest was taxation, he was the author of a number of the statutes curative to real estate titles and he was the author of the Chattel Lien Recording Law, both of which have been of very material value to the business men of the state.

His life was devoted to aggressive community and county development, being active in the movements that secured for Gilmore City a gas plant, which was later supplanted with an electric service in 1912, also in the organization and installation of a municipal water works. A Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias and various Masonic bodies, and during World War I was active in government service. A son, Lieutenant Sewal Van Alstine, is now with the U. S. Armed Forces in the Pacific area.

J. F. MILLER,
DUANE E. DEWEL,
C. V. FINDLAY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

JOHN L. WILSON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable John L. Wilson of Clinton, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

John L. Wilson, farmer and legislator, died at his home in Clinton, Iowa, August 31, 1946. He was born in Elk River township near Almont, in Clinton county, Iowa, October 25, 1857, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilson, who were early Iowa pioneers from Pennsylvania.

He was educated in the rural schools and business college at Clinton, graduating in 1876, his life-long occupation being that of farming.

Mr. Wilson was married to Susie E. Cook on December 15, 1880, and



You searched for **Howard S. Vanalstine** in **Iowa**

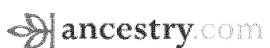
1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	Howard S Van Alstine [Howard S Vanalstine]	
Age in 1910:	41	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1869	
Birthplace:	Illinois	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birth Place:	New York	
Mother's Birth Place:	Vermont	
Spouse's Name:	M Bertha	
Home in 1910:	Gilmore, Humboldt, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Howard S Van Alstine	41
	M Bertha Van Alstine	36
	Lois Van Alstine	12
	Howard D Van Alstine	10
	Francis E Van Alstine	8
	Sewell Van Alstine	6
	Percie E Van Alstine	4

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You searched for **Howard S. Vanalstine** in Iowa

1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Howard S Van Alstine [Howard S Vanalstine]	
Home in 1920:	Weaver, Humboldt, Iowa	
Age:	51 years	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1869	
Birthplace:	Illinois	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Spouse's Name:	Mary B	
Father's Birth Place:	New York	
Mother's Birth Place:	Vermont	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Image:	1175	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Howard S Van Alstine	51
	Mary B Van Alstine	48
	Lois Van Alstine	22
	Howard D Van Alstine	20
	Francis E Van Alstine	18
	Sewell Van Alstine	16
	Percy Ellon Van Alstine	14

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Weaver, Humboldt, Iowa; Roll T625_494; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 163; Image: 1175.

Source Information:
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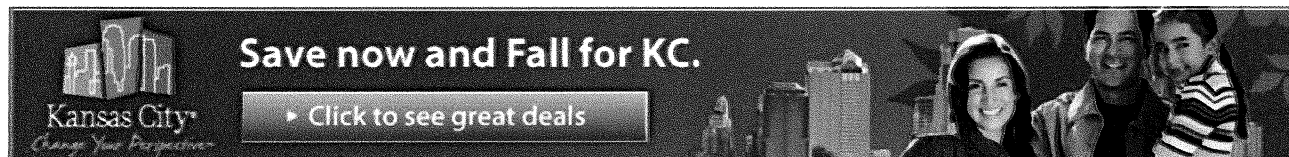
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- **ID:** I3199
- **Name:** **Howard VANALSTINE**
- **Surname:** Vanalstine
- **Given Name:** Howard
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 15 May 1869
- **UID:** 76C8518CAB1E9147A91CA2EDF0199BFAAECD ¹
- **Change Date:** 20 Feb 2007 at 13:06:56

* **Ancestry Hints for Howard VANALSTINE**

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Father: [Sewell VANALSTINE](#) b: 1824 in Columbia Co, New York

Mother: [Ellen C HAWLEY](#) b: 28 May 1830 in Pocahontas Co, Iowa

Sources:

1. Title: The Hawley Record
 Author: Elias Sill Hawley
 Publication: Press of E H Hutchinson & Co, Buffalo, New York,
 1890
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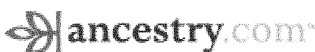
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- **ID:** I02228
- **Name:** Howard Spicer VanAlstine
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 16 MAY 1869 in Poplar Grove, Boone, ~~IA~~ Illinois
- **Note:** Regan - Vol. 3: He was a state senator in 1916 and 1918.

* **Ancestry Hints for Howard Spicer VanAlstine**

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Father: Sewell VanAlstine

Mother: Ellen C. Hawley

Marriage 1 [Mary Bertha Beers](#) b: 27 JAN 1874 in Grundy Co., IA

- **Married:** 1896

Children

1. [Lois VanAlstine](#) b: 12 NOV 1897
2. [Howard Dana VanAlstine](#) b: 16 SEP 1899
3. [Francis Everett VanAlstine](#) b: 29 AUG 1901
4. [Sewell VanAlstine](#) b: 19 AUG 1903
5. ~~Living~~ [VanAlstine](#) *Percy Ellen*

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For the many kind people who have asked, I have had 3 surgeries in the last year - two in an attempt to fix one of many injuries recieved in Viet Nam in 1970 - another, more drastic due to lung cancer is the most recent. Please be patient on updates to this site and slow responses to 'Post-ems' and emails.

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Humboldt Co.,

Iowa

Cemeteries

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MARBLE VALLEY CEMETERY, ~~SECTION~~ TWP, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, IOWA
 THIS CEMETERY LOCATED ONE MILE NORTH OF GILMORE CITY AND IS SITUATED ON THE
 NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 31 IN TOWNSHIP 92 NORTH, RANGE 30 WEST OF THE 5th
 PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN IOWA. (SEC. 31-92-10). IT CONTAINS FOUR AND ONE HALF
 ACRES COUNTING THE ROAD: THE LOTS ARE 18 FEET BY 18 FT. AND THE ALLEYS
 AROUND THE BLOCKS ARE 8 FT. WIDE: THE ALLEYS RUNNING THROUGH THE BLOCKS ARE
 6 FEET WIDE: THE DRIVE IS 20 FEET WIDE: THE CORNERS OF THE BLOCKS ARE
 COMMEMORATED BY BURR OAK STAKES, THE CORNERS OF THE LOTS BY PIN STAKES. SURVEY
 MADE SEPT 29, 1888. FRANK BELLOWS, COUNTY SURVEYOR

MANY BEAUTIFUL TREES WERE PLANTED IN 1942. THESE CONSISTED OF CANNORT, RED CEDAR,
 NORWAY MAPLES AND MOLINE ELM. ANOTHER HALF ACRE OF LAND WAS PURCHASED FROM
 TED NEUBAUER ON SEPT. 20, 1958 FOR A ROAD WAY. COST WAS \$200 A HALF ACRE. AVERY
 TOWNSHIP LEVIES THE AMOUNT NEEDED AND GILMORE CITY MATCHES IT. GILMORE CITY
 CEMETERY ASSN. HANDLES IT AND DONALD DAY IS SECRETARY.

TROY DAY, THE FATHER OF DONALD, WAS SUCH VALUABLE HELP TO ME IN GETTING THE
 INFORMATION COMPILED. HE HAS THE CEMETERY RECORDS, BUT A GREAT DEAL OF WHAT HE
 TOLD ME IS INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT IN THE RECORDS. IT IS HE WHOM THEY CONTACT
 WHEN LOTS ARE SOLD. I STARTED MY INFORMATION FROM BLOCK ONE, LOT ONE AND WENT
 THROUGH THE CEMETERY IN THAT WAY. THIS CEMETERY LOCATED 1 MILE NORTH OF THE MAIN
 STREET OF GILMORE CITY IS A BEAUTIFUL SPOT--THE LAND IS ROLLING AND THE BEAUTIFUL
 EVERGREEN TREES SURROUND IT ON THE NORTH, WEST AND SOUTH. THE LARGE MAPLE TREES
 ARE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CEMETERY. MRS. VERNA M. JUELF'S
 GILMORE CITY, IOWA

MRS. JUELF'S SAID THERE ARE NO LOT NUMBERS AND THIS WAS A COMPLETE REPORT AS SHE
 COULD GET TO JULY 15, 1975.

WE HAVE MRS. JUELF'S REPORT BY LOT NUMBERS IN OUR FILE IN OUR LOCAL MUSEUM, BUT WE
 HAVE ALPHABETIZED THE NAMES FOR CONVENIENCE IN FINDING THE NAMES.

- _____, Austin 1894-1907
- ANDERSEN, MARILYN ELAINE 1951-1955
 (Baby of H.C. and D. L. Andersen)
- ANDERSEN, SOREN 1895-1954 (Father of Helen McPherson)
- ANDERSEN, AXEL 12/14/1901-5/25/1973 (Uncle of Helen McPherson)
 NEBR. T E C 5 U.S. Army W.W.II
- ALMA, DONALD 5/30/1850-12/3/1893
- ARMSTRONG, JOHN J. 1867-1951
- ARMSTRONG, ANNA ANN D. 1857-1950
- BACH, PETER H. 1866-1936 Parents of Pearl Bothwell
- BACH, ELIZABETH 1873-1925
- BALDWIN, FLOYD N. 1910-1967
- BALDWIN, LEWIS 1906-1947 (Father)
- BARKER, HERB M. 1905-1967 (Son)
- BARKER, MARY J. 9-18-1931-10/24/1902 Wife of M.H. Barker
- BARTLEY, CLIFFORD E. Died 1-26-1944 Ia. Pvt 1C1 38th Bn. U.S. GUARD
- BARTLEY, CHARLES J. 1873-1919 (Father)

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VAN ALSTINE, MERLIN	1880-1886
VAN ALSTINE, ADELAIDE	1852-1935
VAN ALSTINE, HOWARD DANA	1899-1928
VAN ALSTINE, LESLIE REGINALD	7/29/1896-11/4/1960 1st Lt. 28th INF. 1 DIV(W. W. I)
VAN ALSTINE, SEWELL	
VAN ALSTINE, MARY BERTHA	1874-1971
VAN ALSTINE, HOWARD S.	1869-1945
VAN ALSTINE, DONALD	1/16/1899-10/21/1899 Son of L.H. & M.J.
VAN ALSTINE, CLERMONT	8/30/1884-7/10/1895 Son of C.L. & C.M. Van Alstine
VAN ALSTINE, GERTRUDE BROOKS	1863-1945
VAN ALSTINE, CLARENCE L.	1852-1940
VAN ALSTINE, PAUL B.	1891-1930
VAN ALSTINE, S.	10/24/1824-10/9/1911
VAN ALSTINE, ELLEN C.	5/28/1830-3/23/1900 Wife of S. Van Alstine
VAN ALSTINE, ALTHA	3/9/1859-10/31/1875
VAN ALSTINE, HAWLEY J.	2/22/1859-4/20/1941
VAN ALSTINE, MRS. LILLIE MAY	1872-1931
VAN ALSTINE, T. WESLEY	1895-1956 Husband of Mary, Father of Myrtle
VAN ALSTINE, MARY I.	1897-1970 Wife, Mother
VAN ALSTINE, THOMAS WESLEY	9/18/1933-10/29/1937 Son of Wesley & Mary
VAN ALSTINE, RUTH JANE	11/14/1922-11/15/1922 Dau. of Wesley & Mary
VAN GORKEM, ISAAC	
VANHIGBY, BELLE	1872-1918
VAN STEENBURG, EMMA J.	12/4/1851-4/13/1922
VAN STEENBURG, W.	2/11/1847-6/15/1901
VESTWEBER, OLIVE	1903-1967
VIAL, W. SCOTT	2/3/1888 Age 26 years, 5 Mo. 5 days
VIAL, MARGARETT	10/29/1826-7/20/1890 Wife of J.M. VIAL
VOLZ, PHILLIP	1856-1922 Father of Bernice DeGroot
VOLZ, MOTHER	1866-1916 Mother of Bernice DeGroot
VOLZ, EDNA	1899-1900
WALLACE, WILLIAM C.	1889-1918
WALLACE, MARY E.	1852-1915
WALLACE, FRANK	1882-1906
WALLACE, DAVID H.	1871-1930
WALLACE GORDEN	1926-1928 Son
WALLACE, JOHN	1868-1944 Father of Jean
WALLACE, FRANK	1865-1910
WALLACE, LULIA	1878-1956 Parents of Harold Wallace & Ethel Wallace Higgins