

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Amos Williams Seth Senator _____
Represented Adair County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Feb 1857 Whiteside County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary L. Dewey Oct 1877 Morrison, Illinois
② Bertha B. Babcock 17 Sept 1907 Adair Grove, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He helped organize the Adair County Farm Bureau

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; stockman

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 37th, 38th General Assemblies 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local He held many positions of trust in Adair Township, Adair County, Iowa; Adair County, Iowa

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 May 1945 Adair Grove, Iowa - buried Adair Grove Cemetery Adair Grove, Iowa

8. Children Wm. Ralph D.; William Dean; Mrs. Arthur Skolan; Mrs. Willard J. Youtz; Roscoe (predeceased his father in death); Lewis B. (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- He came to Ida County in a covered wagon with his brother, Lewis, in 1862. There he purchased a tract of land in Corwin Township, Ida County, Iowa. He became a successful farmer, as well as feeding, raising and breeding livestock.
- He farmed for 36 years and then moved into Ida Grove, Iowa.
- During World War I, he was a chairman of the Ida County Red Cross.
- His first wife, Mary L., died in 1903.

FINCH, W. M. G. 1947

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-	Obituary -	The Ida Grove Pioneer Record,	Ida Grove, Iowa, Thurs. May 10, 1945, p. 1, col. 3 and p. 12, col. 5, 6, 7

ith Germany Ended

New Minister



Rev. R. J. Rutt

Installation Services Presbyterian Church Sunday Eve, May 13

The Sioux City Presbytery will call Rev. Raymond J. Rutt as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday, May 13 at 8 p. m.

Visiting clergymen who will assist at the service are Rev. Moore G. L., Moderator of Schaller; Rev. J. Tillman, Denison and Rev. Albert J. C. Kallow of Battle Creek.

The church choir will provide special music. An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

State Homemaking Supervisor Visits Grove School

Mrs. Edna Kraft of Des Moines

W. S. Finch, 88, Pioneer Citizen, Died May 3

Came Here In Covered Wagon; Former Legislator

Funeral services for William S. Finch, who died at his home in this city last Thursday evening, May 3, were held here Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church.



W. S. Finch
been born in Whiteside county,

Mr. Finch, pioneer resident of this vicinity had been in failing health during the last two years or more, due to the infirmities of old age. He was eighty-eight years of age at the time of his death, having

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Released From Stalez Prison

Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson received a V-mail letter Friday from their son Robert Thompson telling that he had been released from Camp Stalez, Germany, where he had been a prisoner since February 17, 1943. The letter was dated April 18 and stated that he expected to be back home soon.

Willard Thompson another son is a patient in a hospital in Boston where he has been ill two months.

New Mayor—

Holstein— William Weinert is the new mayor of Holstein, having received that appointment from the city council Monday evening of last week. He will finish the term of Louie Goetsch which expires in the spring of 1946. Mr. Goetsch died April 26 after having served Holstein as city mayor 13 years.

Killed In Action—

Holstein — Ferd Sollner's of this city have now received word from the government that their son who was reported missing has been killed in action.

Ensign Robert Hink Killed In Army Blimp Accident

Cushing School—

Cushing—There's full day activities at the Cushing consolidated school Friday, May 11, with the schedule as follows: 10 a. m., report cards given to all grades; 10:30 a. m., Senior class day exercises and presentation of awards; 12

Victim Was A Former Ida Grove Resident

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RICHARDSON
 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson
 Burlington, former Ida Grove
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 n. Aren last week telling them
 at he had been liberated from
 e prison camp at Moosberg,
 rmany.

SAXON
 Holstein—Seaman I/c Henry
 xon, Jr. of New York was at
 me last week for a few days
 sit with his parents, Mr. and
 s. Henry Saxon Sr. He attended
 vices at the Methodist church
 nday morning where he was
 ivilged the candle which is
 hted each Sunday morning in
 emory of those who have given
 eir lives for their country as
 ose still in service overseas.

BOYSEN
 Battle Creek—Robert Boysen,
 M. I/c called his parents, Mr.
 d Mrs. Albert Boysen Saturday
 ening. His ship which had been
 duty in the Mediterranean area
 d reached port that afternoon.
 st August his ship participated
 the invasion of Southern
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RUSSELL
 Pfc. Edward L. Russell was one
 the 29 infantrymen of the 28th
 vision in France to receive the
 mbat Infantryman badge. These
 en have displayed outstanding
 adership and ability in fighting
 the western front against the
 ermans.
 Major General Norman D. Cota,
 mmanding officer made the
 vards.

Finch—

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Illinois, on February 14, 1857.

Came Here In Covered Wagon

He was one of the real pioneers
 of this county, coming here from
 Illinois with his brother, Lewis
 Finch, in 1882, when this entire
 territory was largely a virgin
 prairie. He purchased a tract of
 fine land in Corwin township,
 northwest of Ida Grove, and im-
 proved this land and made it one
 of the most productive tracts in
 the county. He not only became a
 successful farmer, but he engaged
 in the raising and feeding of live-
 stock and was one of the promi-
 nent feeders and shippers, of which
 there were several very large sim-
 ilar operators on farms in the im-
 mediate Ida Grove territory.

Mr. Finch was always active in
 the affairs of the community, and
 held many positions of trust in
 Corwin township. A number of
 years ago he was elected as a
 member of the lower house of the
 Iowa legislature, and served Ida
 county in that capacity for two
 terms. He never failed to render
 the most faithful service to the
 public in whatever position he was
 placed and few men who have
 served the community leave a bet-
 ter record for more honest service.
 He had been an active member of
 the Methodist church here for
 nearly fifty years, and was also a
 loyal member of the Masonic
 lodge.

He was a prime mover in the
 organization of the Ida county

farm bureau, and was among its
 first presidents. He occupied his
 farm for thirty-six years, and then
 became a resident of Ida Grove,
 where he continued to be active
 in the community affairs and was
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 enterprise for his home town and
 county. He served as a member
 of the city council, and during
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 Members of Mizpah Commandery,
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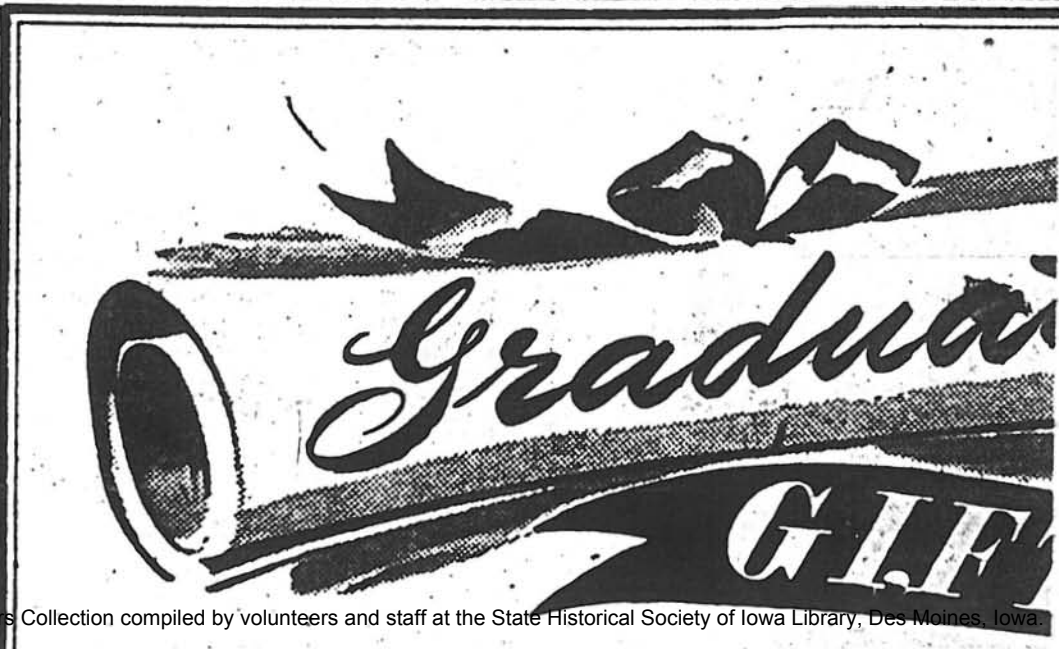
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OBITUARY

Robert J. Hink

Robert J. Hink, elder son of
 r. and Mrs. R. C. Hink, was born
 Ida Grove, March 10, 1924.
 ost of his life was spent here
 here he grew to young manhood,
 aduating from high school with
 e class of 1942.
 Following his graduation he en-
 lled at Iowa State college, Ames
 he e began a course in aero-
 nautical engineering. He enlisted
 the services of his country on
 avy Day October 27, 1942. He
 ceived his basic training at
 ornell college, Mt. Vernon. His
 re-flight training was received
 t. St. Mary's college, California,
 here he was placed on the honor



farm bureau, and was among its first presidents. He occupied his home for thirty-six years, and then came a resident of Ida Grove, where he continued to be active in the community affairs and was a loyal supporter of any worthy enterprise for his home town and county. He served as a member of the city council, and during World War I he was chairman of the Ida county Red Cross and developed a fine organization which put Ida county over the top in any call which the Red Cross made. During the last active years of his life he was chairman of the CWA, and had charge of the distribution of federal commodities for Ida county. The history of his life, long in years, is replete with a record of duty faithfully performed under all circumstances, the story of any honorable, consistent christian life.

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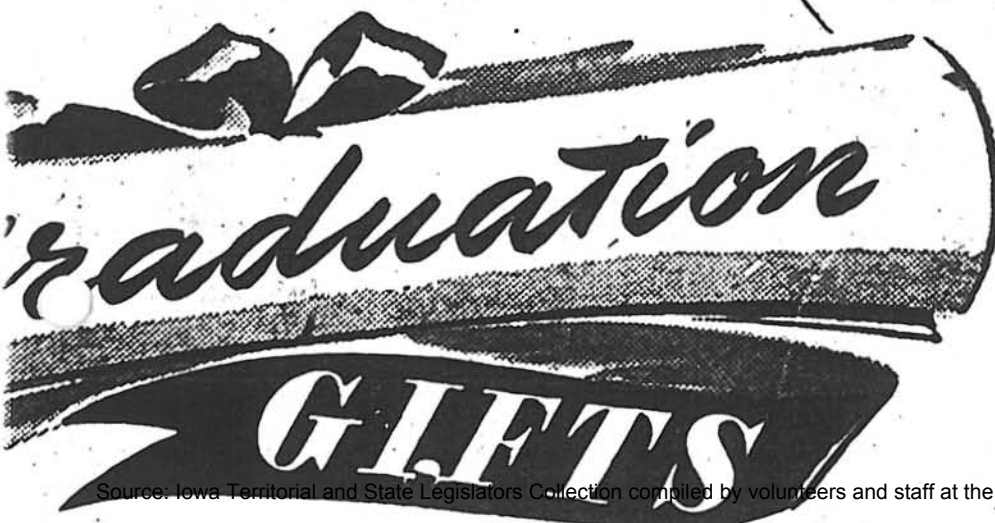
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to Miss Bertha B. Babcock, in Ida Grove, and two children were born to them. He leaves to survive him, his wife, Mrs. W. S. Finch; three sons, Fred, of Madison, S. D.; Ralph, D., Ida Grove; William Dean, Yankton, S. D.; and two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Skolas, of Holstein, Ia.; and Mrs. Millard F. Youtz, Ida Grove. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Wogens, of Clinton, Ia., and Mrs. Retta Howard, Chicago. There are also fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Two sons, Roscoe and Lewis B., preceded him in death.

Relatives from a distance attending the services were Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Finch, Madison, S. D.; Dean Finch, Yankton, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan White, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mary Catherine and Willard Finch, Red Wing, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller, Omaha; Floyd James and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wormley, Kingsley; Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Purcell, Hampton and Miss Persis A. Babcock, Ames.

THE WEATHER

May 2	63	34	36
May 3	59	37	T
May 4	62	35	0
May 5	72	34	0
May 6	86	55	0
May 7	81	44	0
May 8	57	32	0



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