

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Larson, James E. Senator _____
Represented Cedar County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Feb 1881 West Branch, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Bess Potter 5 May 1903

(2) Mara M. Rose 15 Mar 1919 West Branch, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of the First State Bank; director and auditor for the Iowa
United Farmers Insurance Company; director, secretary and treasurer of Springfield
Mutual Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Red Cross

C. Profession Real estate and insurance business; worked
in grocery firm; worked in pharmacy; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 38th General Assembly 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local Secretary of West Branch school board as well as president for 25 years

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 14 Dec 1939 Iowa City, Iowa

8. Children Clara Mae; Thomas James; John Lewis

9. Names of parents Mads and Sarah (Styler) Larson

10. Education Educated in the West Branch, Iowa public schools

11. Degrees Attended the School of Pharmacy at State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He began working in the Hill Drug Store in West Branch and then
decided at first to be his calling as a career.
- However, after 2-3 years as partner in a North Liberty, Iowa
grocery firm he returned to West Branch.
- Then he engaged in the real estate and insurance firm and for
23 of the 35 years it was known as the Larson and Moore firm
- His first wife, Rose, died 9 Jul 1917

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<u>- Abituary</u>			<u>- The West Branch Times, West Branch, Iowa, Thursday, Dec. 21, 1939, p. 2, col. 3</u>

OBITUARY

LARSON

James E. Larson, son of Mads and Sarah Staples Larson, was born in West Branch, Iowa, on February 14, 1881, and it was his high privilege to spend almost his entire life in the town of his birth. Upon the completion of his work in the West Branch public schools Mr. Larson began working in the Gill Drug store and later attended the school of pharmacy at the State University of Iowa. His natural interests seemed to turn him toward another type of work, however, and after two or three years as partner in a North Liberty grocery firm, he returned to his home town where for more than 35 years he engaged in real estate and insurance, the firm for nearly 23 years having been known as Larson & Moore.

On May 5, 1903, Mr. Larson was married to Miss Rose Pettis, who passed away on July 9, 1917. While representing Cedar county in the 38th General Assembly, Mr. Larson returned to West Branch to marry Miss Clara M. Rose on March 15, 1919. Three children came to brighten and bless the home—Clara Mae, at present a student at Grinnell college, Thomas James and John Irvin, who are students in the West Branch public schools.

Mr. Larson's unexpected passing on December 14, 1939, at Mercy hospital in Iowa City, where he had been taken for an emergency operation, came as a real shock to his many, many friends, both at home and elsewhere throughout the state and in other sections of the country. Few men have engaged themselves more actively and more helpfully in community, state and national affairs. A birthright member of the Friends church, he had been a member of the Methodist church since 1900 and had served it in many official capacities. For more than a quarter of a century he was identified with the West Branch school board, serving as secretary.

Current Week In

Fifteen Years

Mr. and Mrs. Christian sen, celebrated their 15th anniversary. They received from their friends in Denmark a message coming by telegraph from Denmark to Norway, across the Atlantic by radio, from West Liberty by telegraph and phone to their country home.

Died at her home, Mrs. all.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd celebrated their first wedding anniversary with a party, planned by D. E. Edwards.

At a regular meeting of the Commercial Club, W. B. Gerling was elected president; I. B. Fawcett, vice president; L. C. Rummells, secretary; E. Larson, treasurer.

Twenty-Five Years

The fireman, their wife, and their town council, and their friends banqueted at the Mize home.

Miss Mabel Frauenholz was the guest at Prairie Dale.

Those neither absent nor present during the past month in the school were Ona O'Brien, Lillian O'Brien, Leslie Campbell, John Fred O'Brien, Lillian Bertram, Fred Hemingway was the teacher.

There were 116 cars of snow plows through West Branch, 100 cars on the six previous days.

Thirty-Five Years

An all day snow fell on the ground to the depth of six inches. Sleighs and bob sleds were used.

Farmers Institute was held at West Branch. Will Yetter was the victim of the buggy and harness, that resulted in the loss of the buggy and harness.

Fred Emmons and family were in Pasadena, Calif.

3 years was terminated last week, when the senior son, passed into the Great Beyond. His memory of him remains. He was a grand and happy man. I find nothing unkind in what was selfish, nothing that led for an apology at the display of courage will be a boon to me.

In my heart I want to thank the community for their kind understanding during this trying period. Carry on, always striving

& MOORE

T. A. MOORE

Christmas to All



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In addition to his wife and three children, other members of his more immediate family include two sisters, Mrs. Emma Coppock of Whittier, and Mrs. Birdie Moore of West Branch.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, December 17, at the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. James P. Gable, officiating. Miss Alice Gill sang "In the Garden" and "Enough To Know" with her sister, Mrs. Lois Secrest, accompanying her on the organ.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy which have brought comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

Clara Larson and Family.
Emma Coppock and Family.
Birdie Moore and Family.

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I. W. Haines purchas est in the F. F. Fisher h ness.

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The town council of Tip ed an ordinance licensing bowling alleys and skating

W. H. Stuart sold dur season to A. R. Ohl 49 h ing cattle, aggregating \$2

Marshal Perry had se incarcerated in the cool and sent six others on th

FIRST METHODIST

James P. Gable, P

Sunday school will be lar hour of 9:30. Our al Cross Christmas offering celved and we hope and expect that you will give to this worthy work. W have a one hundred doll to send to St. Luke's h Christmas Program given bers of the Sunday school

Inner guests. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dennison and family and Mr. Dennison's mother, all of South English.

Mrs. Bessie Rowe and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dennison and son attended the funeral of their uncle, Jacob C. Rowe, of Coralville on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruzek and son and Mrs. Frank Brick visited Sunday evening at the Frank Kysely home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dennison spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Dennison's parents near Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walenta entertained several friends at a card party Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matoush of Cedar Rapids called Monday at the Joe Baker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kysely visited at the Allen Wehde home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Walenta and family were visitors in Iowa City on Saturday.

J. C. Sheppard of Clarence was in this territory one day last week.

Mrs. Frank Brick visited her mother at Iowa City, Wednesday