

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Neff, Lewis J. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Sept 1868 Livingston Co., Mo.

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Ruth H. Miller 18 Nov 1906 Arcene, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Never admitted to the bar in 1899. He was a member of the county and Iowa state bar associations

B. Civic responsibilities Odd Fellows; Knights of Pythias; Mason; Red Cross

C. Profession Attorney, teacher; superintendent of schools; real estate and insurance business

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 36<sup>th</sup> 37<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1915, 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of school board of Admet from 1909-1911; mayor of Admet from 1911-1914; secretary of Admet, Iowa school board 1917

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 8 June 1933 Omaha, Nebraska; buried Admet Co., Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents John H. and Phebe Ann (Crow) Neff

10. Education He was educated in small schools by Sally Cook Jones,  
and went to Helmut, Iowa High School

11. Degrees He attended Modern Wood College, Keplest Park College in East St. Louis  
and law school at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican  
- He emigrated with his parents to Iowa settling first in Shelby Co. Iowa  
and then to Pottawattamie Co. Iowa  
- He was Superintendent of Schools at Manning and Adair Iowa schools.  
- He also had a successful real estate and insurance business at Helmut, Iowa

## Sources Log For Legislation Entries

## Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary	-	The Council Bluffs Nonpartisan Council	Bluffs, Iowa, Fri. June 9, 1932
- ancestry.com	(accessed 18 Jan 2011)		
- Outline of Personal History for the Historical Department of Iowa (originals)			located in the library clipping file #7
- Iowa Official Register	1919, p. 321		
- The People of Iowa	1931, p. 292-293		
- Portrait	-		The original photo is located in the archives of the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Low St., Des Moines, Iowa



could find no actual obit

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before final determination as to the conditions under which the bank may be licensed to operate unrestrictedly, that the depositors be represented by a committee and the appointment of such a committee is the purpose of this meeting.

"Under the department's regula- tions, the conservator is prohibited from paying even necessary expenses of such a committee and undoubtedly, at least, one trip to Chicago must be made by a such a committee. The bank, if ultimately licensed, very like- ly would consent to reimburse the committee for expenses advanced, but that, of course, is problematical.

#### Deplores Government Delay.

Mr. Everest also pointed out that the delay in getting action either on reorganization or authority to pay is not the fault of the bank of- ficials, but is due to the system under which they are compelled to operate. In this connection he said that depositors in closed banks all over the country are becoming much exercised over present condi- tions and are demanding that something be done. He read a let- ter from the president of the North City Trust company of Philadei- phia in which he urged that deposi- tors in all closed banks organize and send representatives to a meet- ing to be held in Washington June 10 for the purpose of protesting against the delay. He said they wanted the restricted banks opened 100 per cent immediately and de- positors in closed banks paid off 60 per cent. A. Mitchell Palmer, former attorney general of the United States, is to be counsel for the committee which meets in Washington.

It is expected that another meet- ing of depositors will be held here as soon as the committee returns from Chicago.

## L. J. NEFF, WALNUT ATTORNEY, IS DEAD

### FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE SUCCEUMBS AFTER OPERATION.

(Walnut.)

The body of L. J. Neff, 64, at- torney, was returned to this city Thursday for burial. Mr. Neff, a life-long resident of Walnut, died in an Omaha hospital after a major operation.

He was in republican politics and served two terms as state repre- sentative. He was past grand master of the Odd Fellows.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth Neff, living at Walnut.

## HOTEL GREETERS ELECT WILLIAMS TO OFFICE

Howard W. Williams, manager of the Hotel Chieftain, was named a vice president of the Nebraska- Iowa chapter of the Hotel Greet- ers' Association of America at a meeting in the Hotel Paxton Wednesday night.

Julius Drollick, Paxton hotel, was chosen president. William Wachter, West hotel, Sioux City, also was named a vice president.

The greeters decided to nomi- nate Julius D. Hunter, owner of Hunter inn, Omaha, for national president of the organization and to seek the 1935 national conven- tion for Omaha.

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Walnut, Ia.

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

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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.)

- Lewis J. Neff
- Name in full (all names).....
  - Chief occupation or profession..... Attorney at law
  - Former occupation or profession..... Schoolteacher and Superintendent of Schools
  - Date and place of beginning each Teaching first 1887 Shelby County Commenced
  - Present residence address..... Practicing law 1899 at Walnut, Iowa
  - Present business address..... Walnut, Iowa
  - Date of birth..... Sept. 21, 1868
  - Place of birth..... Livingston County, Illinois
  - If born abroad, where.....
  - Emigrated to America, when.....
  - First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America..... Immigrated to Iowa with parents 1872 Shelby County
  - Emigrated the second time to what state or county..... Emigrated to Pottawattamie county
  - Further emigration, if any.....
  - Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university..... Shelby County rural schools, Walnut High School, Western Normal College, Highland Park College, Des Moines, and Drake University Des Moines
  - Date of graduation and degree if any..... Western Normal College-Commercial Course 1890 B.Accts.; Highland Park College 1895 B.Didactics; Drake University 1900 LL B. Admitted to Bar 1899

16. Place of death.....
17. Date of death.....
18. Place of burial.....
19. Name of father in full (all names)..... John H. Neff
20. Occupation of father..... Farmer and stock raiser
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names)..... Phebe Ann Crow
22. Residence when married..... Livingston County, Illinois
23. <sup>your</sup> Military service, if any (exact dates)..... None
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) Member of School Board Walnut, Iowa  
1909-10-11; Mayor of Walnut 1910-11-12-13-14; Secretary of School  
Walnut School Board 1914 Am at present Mayor and Secy of  
School Board
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions.....
26. Politics..... Republican
27. Religious denomination if any..... M.E.
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination.....
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning..... (Iowa State Bar Assn, Potts Bar Assn.)  
(H.P. Alumni and Drake Alumni Assns)
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates  
Farmer R.F.R. & Secy of Knights of Pythias - Walnut  
I.O.O.F. Lodge Walnut, Secy 1899, 1900-01-02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-  
11-12-13-14; D.D.G. Mof Potts County 1908-09; Rep. to Grand Lodge  
1913-14; and am present rep for 14 and 15; Pres. now of Potts County  
anniversary Assn, Secy of Masonic Lodge at Walnut last 8 years.
31. Member of what clubs, if any..... Drake Lawyers Club, VP R to River Road Assn Potts Walnut Vol Fire Dept
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible).....
33. Officer or director in any corporation V.P. Of River to River Road Assn
34. Enclose business card if possible.....
35. Enclose photograph and autograph.....



## FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married..... Ruth W. Miller
2. Date of marriage..... Nov 9 18, 1906
3. Place of marriage..... M. E. Parsonage Avoca, Iowa.
4. Date of his or her birth..... Jan. 21, 1887
5. Place of his or her birth..... Harlan, Iowa
6. Religious denomination..... M. E.
7. Date of his or her death..... -----
8. Place of his or her death..... -----
9. Place of his or her burial..... -----
10. Father's full name..... James W. Miller
11. Born where and when..... Mahaska County, Iowa Apr 24, 1858
12. Occupation of his or her father..... Merchant
13. His or her mother's full name..... Flora Jennie Kemp
14. Born when and where..... June 10, 1864
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage..... Harlan, Iowa
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family.....



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A Narrative History  
of  
The People of Iowa

with  
SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN  
EDUCATION, RELIGION, VALOR, INDUSTRY,  
BUSINESS, ETC.

by  
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J. Dugan removed to Woodbine, Harrison County, where he was established in practice until 1915, when he returned to Perry and resumed his law partnership with his brother, this alliance, as before noted, having been terminated by the election of his brother to the office of judge of the District Court. Mr. Dugan now controls a substantial and important general law practice of individual order and maintains his offices in the Brice & McLaughlin Building.

That Mr. Dugan has had much of influence and leadership in the Iowa councils and campaign activities of the Democratic party is evidenced in that he was, in 1929, chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee of the Seventh Congressional District. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1928, at Houston, Texas, and his professional activities at Perry have included his service as city solicitor and assistant county attorney. He is affiliated with both York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity, besides being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and is a past exalted ruler of Perry Lodge, B. P. O. Elks. He and his wife have membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

September 9, 1908, recorded the marriage of Mr. Dugan to Miss Emma Harned, of Grand Junction, Greene County, where she was graduated in the high school, she having thereafter pursued a thorough course in the musical department of Drake University, Des Moines. Doris, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Dugan, was born at Woodbine, this state, May 10, 1914, and is a student in the high school in her home City of Perry.

Mr. Dugan is an influential and popular member of the Dallas County Bar Association and has membership also in the Iowa State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

**LEWIS J. NEFF** has been engaged in the practice of law at Walnut, Pottawattamie County, during a period of more than a quarter of a century, and the scope and importance of his law business indicate the high popular estimate placed upon him as citizen and well fortified lawyer.

Mr. Neff was born in Livingston County, Illinois, September 21, 1868, and is a son of John H. and Phebe (Crow) Neff. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Neff, was born in Ohio, and his maternal grandfather, John Crow, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he became a coal miner, but eventually removed to Illinois, where he engaged in farm enterprise and where he passed the remainder of his life.

John H. Neff was born and reared in Ohio, and was a young man when he thence removed to Illinois, where his marriage was solemnized and where he became a substantial exponent of agricultural and live stock industry. In 1873 he came with his family to Iowa and purchased a prairie farm in Des Moines County and eventually developed one of the large and valuable farm

estates of that section of the state. He had given three years of loyal service as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war. He became a member of an Illinois regiment of volunteer infantry and with his command took part in many engagements, including a number of major battles. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and the Atlanta campaign, and after being with Sherman's forces on the historic march from Atlanta to the sea and thence forward through the Carolinas, it was his privilege to take part in the Grand Review of the victorious forces in Washington, D. C., after the close of the war. He was mustered out in the City of Chicago and was duly accorded his honorable discharge. His health became much impaired as the result of the hardships of his war service, and he never entirely recovered. Mr. Neff ever retained a vital interest in his old comrades in arms and was a regular attendant of the meetings and encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, he having been affiliated also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, and while residing on his Iowa farm he was called to serve in various township offices. He and his wife were honored pioneer citizens of the Hawkeye State at the time of their death. Of their four children the eldest in Lewis J., of this review; Mary J. is the wife of Frederick Fell, who is engaged in the dairy business, and they maintain their home at Walnut, Pottawattamie County; John O. is a successful representative of ranch industry in Wyoming; and George B. is engaged in the real-estate business at Walnut, Iowa. The parents were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lewis J. Neff received the advantages of the Des Moines public schools and there continued his studies some time in Highland Park College. At the age of nineteen years Mr. Neff initiated his service as a teacher in the rural district schools, and later he served as superintendent of the schools at Manning and at Adair. In the law department of Drake University, Des Moines, he prosecuted studies in fitting himself for his chosen profession, and had the preceptorship of Judge Chester C. Cole, who served with distinction on the bench of the Iowa Supreme Court. Mr. Neff was admitted to the bar in 1899, and has since continued in the active practice of his profession at Walnut, his substantial law business having been extended into the courts of Shelby and Cass counties as well as his home county of Pottawattamie. In addition to his law practice Mr. Neff controls a successful general real-estate and insurance business at Walnut. He has membership in the Pottawattamie County Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Association.

The political allegiance of Mr. Neff is given to the Republican party, and he represented his county in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies of the Iowa Legislature—during the period of 1913-15-16-17-18-19. He was assigned to various committees of the House of Representatives and was chair-

man of the committee characteristically loyal, wise and constructive. He gave seven and one-half years of his administration as mayor. His loyalty was further shown as president and secretary of the Iowa State Red Cross chapter. He was influential in the driving of the war loans and in the preparation of the war. He and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1899.

Mr. Neff has been a past grandmaster of the order and a past grandmaster of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the department of Iowa, in which he has the rank of lieutenant. He is also secretary of the local order of Odd Fellows for many years, and secretary of the Free and Accepted Masons for fourteen years.

The year 1906 was a notable one for Mr. Neff to Miss Rutledge at Harlan, Shelby County. His discipline included that of having thereafter come to the City of Des Moines, a marriage, taught two children of her native state. She is the chataleine of her place and is a popular factor in the social circles of her home. She is active and prominent in the section of the state.

Mr. Neff is a member of the advisory board of the Iowa Homes for Aged Men and Women, president of the Rebekah Association of Iowa, and is president of the Associated Clubs at Walnut.

**JOSEPH W. SELLARD** is a medical professional of the highest order. Dr. Joseph W. Sellard is successful in building up a practice and in maintaining high standards and ethics of his profession, he came to Iowa in 1880, a physician, to the advantage of a substantial community, where he has been a sterling citizenship.

Dr. Sellards was born in gold County, Iowa, a son of Dr. David Franklin Sellards. His father, who was a young man when he was preparing for the outbreak of the war, was engaged in his studies, he



You searched for **Lewis J. Neff** in **Iowa**

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Lewis J Neff**  
 Birth Year: **abt 1866**  
 Birth Place: **Illinois**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Race: **White**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Census Date: **1 Jan 1925**  
 Residence State: **Iowa**  
 Residence County: **Pottawattamie**  
 Locality: **Walnut**  
 Relation to Head: **Head**  
 Mother: **Phebe A Crow**  
 Mother's Birth Year: **abt 1845**  
 Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Father: **John H Neff**  
 Father's Birthplace: **Indiana**  
 Marriage Place: **Illinois**  
 Spouse Name: **Ruth W Neff**  
 Roll: **IA1925\_1921**  
 Line: **24**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household	Name	Age
Members:	<a href="#">Lewis J Neff</a>	59
	<a href="#">Ruth W Neff</a>	38

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.  
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