

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative JOHNSTON, ROBERT James Senator _____

Served from Humboldt County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 January 1856, on "present site" of Pittsburgh, Pa.

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary H. Stoddard (Feb. 1865 - ~~1961~~), 1 July 1882 (bio says 27 June, which is date of license)

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business banking, teacher

B. Civic responsibilities Director, State Aricultural Society (vp2yrs, Pr 1yr)

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 36 & 37 GA1915-1918 Humboldt Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy County Treasurer, one term

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 2 Novemvber 1924, Rutland, Iowa, heart attack just after making a political speech.

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents John Johnston, Jane (Porter)

Johnston, Robert James

10. Education Humboldt public schools; Humboldt College

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Came with prents to ~~EX~~ Iowa spring 1856. They settled near Humboldt. Do not find parents on 1860 or 1870 census.

He was deputy co. treasurer one term, resigning in 1883 to enter banking business. Taught in rural schools. Retiremd from bank sevenyears before death.

Chair, Republican central committee several years.

wife had been national treasurer of DAR. She was attending grand chapter meeting of Eastern Star in Sioux City, at time Mr. Johnston died.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Humboldt Republican, 7 November 1924, pl col 7		x	death
Redbook 1915		x	bio list
1925 House Journal		x	memo
Union Cemetery, Humboldt		x	RJ & wf
Hist. Humboldt Co., 1901	x		
Humboldt Independent, 5 November 1924		x	death/bio
Humboldt Co. Marriage Rec. 3-112		x	marr.
1860 Iowa Census	x		
1870 " "	x		
1900 Iowa Census Humb 131-1-66		x	h/wf

ING SHOW IS LATED NOV. 11 ARMISTICE DAY

inger Kendall Secures me Excellent Talent for His Bouts

It will undoubtedly be the best card Manager Kendall has yet in Humboldt, will be put on evening, starting at eight when twenty-six rounds of will be staged in the Legion

main go will be between Joe te and George Melcher, both 140 and 150 pounds, who will fight rounds. Mandotte is from ill City, and Melcher is from lines.

ling" Nelson of Fort Dodge et Joe Younger, of Des Moines. ids weigh in at 142.

elly of Des Moines will meet Ayreshire in six rounds. of Des Moines will meet "Bat-Koob of Dakota City. These igh 118 and 119 respectively. Evans has been secured as of the bouts.

BALL GAME FAIR GROUNDS FOR NOVEMBER 8

Ames team will meet the ldt independent team at the ldt fair grounds November 8, reat game is expected. Ames team was defeated by mboldt team last year, and is xious to get revenge. They ighting up a lot of former Ames stars, and they propose to put best battle on the local grid-years.

ollette Caravan Toured the County.

week a La Follette caravan Humboldt county, carrying a e Teapot Dome, and a num-speakers. The leading auto unted with an inverted wash-eapot and a kettle tied on be-it entered the towns blowing puny siren, but doing the best. The procession then toured ets and finished with a politich where the crowd was thicke boys made some splendids, and won a lot of attention, le many votes for the senator.

itizen Passes -David Thomas Called

Thomas, pioneer of Humboldt mboldt county, and more than years of age, passed away at e in Humboldt in the presence eife and two daughters, Tues-rni this week. The fu-as Thursday of this week, remains laid to rest in the dt cemetery.

hoffman Farm Did Not Make Sale

anton Hoffman farm, that was e the county farm in the ad-

FATHERS AND SONS BANQUET DATED FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 14

The annual Father and Son banquet will be given at the Congregational church under the auspices of the local Hi-Y club, Friday evening, November 14, at 6:30. The father of boys in high school and in junior high are expected to come and bring their sons. Men who do not have sons in high school or in junior high, but who would like to come, please get in touch with Mr. Goodrich, Rev. Eyman, Dr. Ferreby or Supt. Jakway. A fine toast program is assured for the banquet. Otis McCreary, former Minnesota football star, who is now head football coach at Drage university, will give the main toast. An effort is being made to get former superintendent of schools Minkel of Fort Dodge, as another speaker. Toasts will also be given by local men and Hi-Y members. The tickets may be obtained from Mr. Goodrich, Rev. Eyman, Dr. Ferreby and the members of the Hi-Y next week.

Let's come out with the boys, Dads! What do you say?

ARMISTICE DAY GAME FOR HUMBOLDT FANS —ROCKWELL CITY

The Humboldt Independent foot ball team will meet the Rockwell City foot ball team Armistice day at three o'clock at the fair grounds in Humboldt. Rockwell City has played five games this year, and is undefeated. In fact, they have not lost a game during the past seven years.

There will also be a boxing show in the Legion building the same evening. Anyone coming to Humboldt that day will find opportunity to view athletic sports.

Big Postal Expansion Taxes Uncle Samuel

Interesting facts concerning the operation of the postal system in the United States, since March 4, 1921, are contained in a recent bulletin just received by Postmaster Frank Jaqua.

Expansion has been so rapid, the bulletin states that it has for short periods taxed to the extreme all the efforts and energies of the postal organization and existing appropriations. There has been a total increase in receipts of \$118,508,725 in three years, so that annual receipts last year reached \$572,000,000. Another feature of expansion is the spread of towns and cities due to the influence of automobiles. The same number of people doing the same amount of business are now spread over a greater area than formerly. People are not residing so closely together in the cities, and the mail carrier must go where they are.

Many New Employees

To meet this postal expansion, 17,994 regular employees have been added, divided as follows: railway mail clerks, 1,459; laborers in post-offices, 1,389; motor vehicle employes, 372; carriers, 5,297, and postoffice clerks, 9,479. New carrier service has been established in 104 villages and new "city service" in 164 small cities.

In farming and rural districts there have been established 4,000 rural routes in the past three years, and tended. As a result the service has been extended to 730,398 people who hitherto have had no delivery service

DIES IN RUTLAND THURSDAY LAST OF HEART FAILURE

Robert J. Johnston Stricken Just After Finishing Political Speech



R. J. Johnston

Robert J. (Bob) Johnston, well known Humboldt citizen, fell dead in Rutland Thursday of last week in the hall there, just after he had finished a political speech. Death occurred about three o'clock in the afternoon. The body was taken immediately to the Sheridan home in Rutland, and a physician from Humboldt called, but Mr. Johnston was beyond aid.

The deceased had been traveling with the republican caravan or number of autos that had been touring the county that day, making a series of republican speeches. Congressman Dickinson was at the head of the company, and had asked his colleagues to speak a portion of the time and help him, as his voice was in bad shape from two months of constant campaigning. The managers of the company of speakers had refrained from asking Mr. Johnston to speak because of the condition of his heart, he having suffered an attack once before, and they were afraid to excite him. However, at Rutland he asked permission to say a word, and spoke but a few moments. He declared himself for republican principles and the republican ticket, and with great vehemence said that he wanted to die a republican as he had lived a republican. He finished his remarks and started to walk out of the room, when he was carried to the Sheridan home that is just beside the hall, as related above.

JOHN C. JESSEN,

Representative from Story county, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 10, 1878, of Danish parentage. His family moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, shortly after his birth and a few years later to Pine River, Wisconsin, where his father died. About the year 1885 his mother with her four children moved to Story City, Iowa, and a couple of years later married Chris Larson who owned a farm north of Nevada, Iowa, where Mr. Jessen grew to manhood on the farm and attended the rural schools, he being the first student in the township to receive a common school diploma and also received a second grade teacher's certificate while attending the rural school. He thereafter attended the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, and completed the one year dairy course while there and following the completion of his course operated a creamery at Shannon City, Iowa, for about three years. In 1902 he entered the Drake University Law School and graduated therefrom in 1905, and located in the practice of law at Zearing, Iowa, remaining there for about two years thereafter, locating at Story City, Iowa, where he has been actively engaged in the practice of law for the past six years. He was married June 22, 1910, to Miss Catharine Golly of Zearing, Iowa. Prior to his entering the legislature he had served as mayor of the town of Zearing, and as city attorney of Story City. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being at present the master of the lodge at Story City. He is a member of the Christian church and takes an active part in Sunday school work, being the teacher of a splendid organized class of young men in the Grace church at Story City, Iowa. Elected representative in 1914. A republican in politics.

JAMES FOSTER JOHNSTON,

Representative from Lucas county, was born in Lucas county, Iowa, April 25, 1875. He received his early education in the country schools, and afterwards attended Western Normal College and Simpson College. For several years he taught school in the winter time and farmed in the summer. His time is now devoted altogether to farming and stock-raising. He was elected a member of the board of supervisors of his county in 1910, and served three years. He held no other public office prior to his election to the general assembly in 1914. He is a republican in politics.

ROBERT J. JOHNSTON,

Representative from Humboldt county, was born on the present site of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1856. His parents, John and Jane (Porter) Johnston, were of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He came to Iowa with his parents in the spring of 1856. They settled in the vicinity of Springvale (now Humboldt) which locality has since been his home. He was educated in the public schools of Humboldt and Humboldt College. He served as deputy county treasurer for one term, resigning that office in 1883 to enter the banking business which he has since followed. He was for several years chairman of the republican county central committee. He served for a number of years as a director of the State Agricultural Society and closed his term of service with the society by serving two years as vice president and one year as president. He is a republican in politics and is cashier of Humboldt State Bank, Humboldt, Iowa, the oldest bank in the county. He was married June 27, 1888, to Mary H. Stoddard. He was elected representative from the Seventy-sixth district of Iowa in the fall of 1914.

FRED W. JONES

Representative of Dickinson county, was born in Mitchell county, Iowa, January 10, 1868; moved with his parents to a farm near Milford, Dickinson county, at the age of fourteen years. His education was limited to that pro-

of high ideals in Christian living, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sympathy to the family who survives.

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly enrolled copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

GEO. E. MILLER,
ARTHUR STOOKESBERRY,
WILBUR F. HUBBARD,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

HON. ROBERT J. JOHNSTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a memorial resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of Robert J. Johnston, of Humboldt County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Robert J. Johnston was born on the present site of Pittsburgh, Pa., January 13, 1856, and died November 2, 1924.

His parents, John and Jane (Porter) Johnston, were of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

He came to Iowa with his parents in the spring of 1856. They settled in the vicinity of Springvale (now Humboldt) which was his home during his entire life.

He was educated in the public schools of Humboldt and Humboldt College. He served as deputy county treasurer for one term, resigning that office in 1883 to enter the banking business. He was for several years chairman of the republican county central committee. He served for a number of years as a director of the State Agricultural Society and closed his term of service with the society by serving two years as vice president and one term as president.

He was a republican in politics and served in the House of Representatives in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. He was married June 27, 1888, to Mary H. Stoddard. He is survived by his wife. The last act of his life was to make a stirring speech setting forth the principles of the republican party.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable Robert J. Johnston, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, a man of strong character and sterling worth and the House would tender by this resolution its sympathy to the widow who survives.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased and copies thereof be transmitted to the widow of the deceased.

FRED C. LOVRIEN,
WM. E. G. SAUNDERS,
OSCAR ULSTAD,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.