

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Nichols, Ira Apple Senator _____
Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Apr-1869 Iowa, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elsie Mae Gemmill 15 Apr 1895 Iowa, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of membership Edworth College Board of Trustees

B. Civic responsibilities Rotary; Commercial Club; Knights of Pythias
Naturalization American Mason

C. Profession Newspaper editor and publisher; author; teacher

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 37th General Assembly 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local Iron Hills school board member

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 Dec 1948 Los Angeles, California; Burial Union Cemetery, Iowa

8. Children Alan Gemmill; Ansdon Davis; Margaret Ella (Mrs. Thomas
Levinson); Ira Apple

9. Names of parents Thomas and Sarah Ellen (Forsman) Nichols

Nichols, Ira Axtle

10. Education Education in schools of Shiden, Iowa

11. Degrees BA from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, 1889

12. Other applicable information Republican

- From 1889-1892 he taught school in Shiden, Iowa.
- In 1890-1891 he studied law in the office of A. T. Bennett at Manning, Iowa. He was also employed at the Decision Review newspaper in Des Moines, Iowa as well as the Creighton News Creighton, Nebraska.
- In 1892-1893 he taught school in Marshall County, Iowa and also employed with several newspapers.
- He became owner and operator of the Shiden Graphic newspaper from 1893-1895. In 1894-1895 he became the owner and operator of the Hardin County Citizen newspaper in Iowa Falls, Iowa, owner in The Union Star of Grundy Center, Iowa, the Grundy Center Dispatch, Grundy Center, Iowa
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- In 1930 he developed and donated a 20 acre bird, wild flower and game refuge to the Iowa Falls area.

Community Reflects Person

Ira Nichols' Influence Has Spanned Sixty Years of Iowa Falls' Busy First Century

FOR 40 YEARS OR MORE . . .

Ira Nichols is writing another book. It will be his fourth. The manuscript for this fourth book says in one place "Carl Gade is the most remarkable character in the second 50 years of Iowa Falls."

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Organizations, clubs, churches and business enterprises are all important parts of the history of a town. In the final analysis it is the people in all walks of all strata of society who add the heart beat and the pulse of the community. Here on these pages we are presenting some brief character sketches of the people of Iowa Falls. In presenting these sketches we have endeavored to classify people as to their importance. We present these sketches as a cross section of people for at least 40 out of the last 100 years have lived in Iowa Falls and been active in one way or another in the community. Actually their residences here in Iowa Falls for at least 40 years is the only thing that they have in common.

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Mr. Straley was born in Iowa Falls in 1913. He began his career in the tailoring and dressmaking profession. He sold the business in 1922 and then entered the clothing business. He continued in the profession until 1941, when he erected the building at 523 Washington avenue. He has been very active in the men's furnishing business.

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Charlie Bahr was born in Porte City and came to Iowa Falls in 1900. From 1900 to 1910, he was employed in the independent telephone business. In 1910, he started in the real estate business but then in 1916 he started in the clothing business, continuing in that business until 1941. He is the new owner of the building at 523 Washington avenue. He has wired the first house on West Side, and has wired many other houses. He has been a long-time member of the I. O. O. F. at the Met theater.

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Mrs. Bullock was born in Iowa Falls and has lived most of her life here. She is the daughter of Sylvanus Adams and has been in the real estate business in this vicinity for many years. In 1903, Mrs. Bullock married Prof. A. E. Bullock, who was a director of the Ellsworth Conservatory of Music. She graduated at Ellsworth College, and studied music in Ohio, and in New York. She was married in 1947, became directress of the Ellsworth Conservatory of Music, and has been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1947.

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He has loved every minute of it, whether he was making enemies or making friends. Even those who appreciate him the least, do not for a single moment underrate him. Even within the last five years, when he was well past his 80th birthday, Mr. Nichols succeeded quite readily in making a considerable group of citizens in this community—in-



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Ira Nichols fought with all political parties, although he was ostensibly a lifelong member of the Republican party. He fought with almost all other newspapers in the county. He was forever fighting with the "court house gang" in Eldos. In the days when newspaper editors spoke their minds in ways that were highly personal, Nichols was described by the A. Key Phonograph as "having been born in a bawdy house—the offspring of a canine of uncertain parentage."

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For the most part, Ira Nichols shied away from public office of any kind. He refused the postmastership in Iowa Falls, he did serve on the school board for a time, and was a member of the legislature during the first World War. He declined to run for a second term

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Mr. Walker has held positions of prominence in Iowa Falls for many years. He was city treasurer for almost 30 years. He was president of the People's Trust and Savings Bank, and later had insurance for 20 years. He was past master of the Masonic Home Lodge and holds a certificate of 50-years membership in that organization.

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But that was not all. In 1905 Carl Gade went into the manufacturing of dredging machines. These were large expensive machines that sold for as much as \$4,000 or \$5,000 and were in considerable demand to help drain areas of the midwest where swamp conditions prevailed.

Later, about 1910, Mr. Gade began the manufacture of farm gates and hog racks which were invented by John Hibner, a farmer near Iowa Falls. Another new building was added.

But things changed. First the electric motor came into the picture and took the place of the gasoline engine. The engine market withered away. The other manufacturing operations failed to prosper and gradually went out of business. Then Carl Gade returned to the land business. That was in the 1920's. He bought heavily in Mitchell and Floyd counties. It is reported that Gade did not know exactly how many acres he owned or had equities in. It is assumed that it is something like 5,000. The land boom of the 20's wiped him out.

Carl Gade is still living, now badly crippled with arthritis. The business which bears his name now managed by John Strohbeen is largely concerned with the manufacture of auto hitches, known as the Sturdi-Hitch, and other specialty items in the blacksmith line. It has one man on the road selling and distributes over wide areas of the entire country. The Sturdi-Hitch requires reasonably little in the way of labor and the force at Gade Mfg. company now consists of three or four men.

1893 until 1915. He served as a member of the school board for 12 years.

Clifford A. McCullough
"Cliff" McCullough was born in Iowa Falls but during his school years, he moved away from town several times as his father was a railroad conductor on the B.C.R. & N. and Rock Island railroads. As a young man he clerked in the Keenole station and Shipley-Monger stores. He helped to start the first cash and carry store in Iowa Falls in 1915. For 18 years, he was a volunteer fireman so he saw the transition from the two-wheel cart to the motor age in fire equipment. He has been in the U. S. postal service at our local office since December, 1916. From 1925 until 1949, he was assistant postmaster.

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Cliff H. Warnock
Among the many outstanding citizens of Iowa Falls, none has a more active and useful record than Cliff Warnock. He has served on committee after committee and has been an officer in many organizations.

He was born in Henry county, Illinois, at Annawan, Ill. After three or four months, he moved to Kewanee, Ill., where he grew up, coming to Iowa Falls on Thanksgiving Day in 1909. He went to Elsworth College for 2½ years, was connected with the Home Savings Bank during the summer of 1911. This was consolidated with Citizens Savings Bank in the fall of 1912 and was known as the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank. Mr. Warnock was with this bank until April 1, 1924. Since 1918, he has been with the building and loan association, now known as the Iowa Falls Federal Savings and Loan.

Other activities include membership on the board of trustees of the Methodist Church; past chancellor commander K. P. Lodge; one of three organizers of the American Legion and also a board member of the Legion; past president of Rotary club; treasurer for several years of the Elks club; officer and director of the Highland Golf club; officer of the old Zuma club.

On August 17, 1920, he married Miss Anita M. Adams. They have one daughter and one grandchild.

Helen Milliken Thalman
Mrs. Thalman was born on a farm five miles east of Iowa Falls, one-half mile south of Highway 20 and came to Iowa Falls in February, 1919. She married J. William Thalman on Aug. 8, 1924. They were the first couple to be married in the newly constructed Congregational Church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. E. Cushman. Prof. Thalman directed the Congregational church choir from 1923 until the time of his death in 1942. Mrs. Thalman has been organist at the Congregational Church since 1924.

Together, the Thalmans founded the Iowa Falls Conservatory of Music at 605 Stevens street in September, 1925. Since Professor Thalman's death, Mrs. Thalman has continued the school.

Ernest (E. Z.) Welden
E. Z. Welden first saw the light of day at 803 North Main Street, Iowa Falls on Nov. 30, 1886. His life's history is as follows: Graduate of Iowa Falls high school, 1904; graduated from Iowa State College in 1911 with degree B.S. C.E. and in 1919 with degree of C.E. (from same institution). He was employed by the Iowa Falls Bridge Co., 1914-1916, contracting bridges with T. Michaelson. 1916 to date with Welden Brothers of

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As might be expected Mr. Nichols' thinking on matters economic is of the old school. By and large he adheres to belief common to his generation that hard work and industry are the only sure cures for economic problems of any and all kinds. He adhered to that philosophy in his editorials as the depression of the early 30's came on. There were no words of hope or good cheer in Nichols' editorials as the darkening days of the depression came across the country. At one time a prominent Iowa Falls businessman hung a rope in front of his place and when asked its purpose, declared that it was to hang Ira Nichols—because of the harm that he was doing business conditions in the community with his editorials.

By 1933, however, 40 years of incessant toil had taken their toll. Nichols nearly died of ulcers. At that point he sold his paper—and virtually his soul—to Tom Purcell, son of the venerable Hampton editor, and others with whom Tom associated himself for the venture.

It is safe to say that Nichols has never been happy in the slightest degree with the Iowa Falls newspapers since that time.

He immediately busied himself with the development of the Nichols wild life refuge which lies just to the west of Union Cemetery. He spent much time transplanting flowers and native shrubs to that area. He developed a considerable herbarium. A latent interest in birds and flowers that had been with him since his very early days was given free rein. But at the same time he began work on his various books.

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Of two of these books there were 500 copies each printed. Of the third there were 300 copies printed. All are out of print. Mr. Nichols gets continuous requests for additional copies from persons in the community as well as those living away from here. His fourth book he hopes to have ready for the publisher this summer.

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Alan, the oldest, born in 1898, studied at the University of Iowa, University of Colorado, University of Southern California, University of Oxford in England. He has a doctor's degree, has been debate coach and speech instructor at the University of Southern California since 1921. He is the author of a college textbook and vice president of the speech association of America. He has two daughters.

Wilderness-Taming New to Pioneers Cor

By Helen McCleod Fiske

Wilderness-taming was already a family pattern with pioneers that came first to break the prairie sod around Iowa Falls prior to following the Civil War. They were the men and daughters of an earlier generation that had formed the "wave" of westward migration pouring through the famous old Cumberland Gap and risking Indian savagery and the hostility of the French in what was known then as the "Old Northwest" and the "Old Southwest" regions lying on either side of the Ohio River. Into this region which was heavily wooded along its many rivers and streams came land-seekers from the northern and middle colonies, as well as from the "back country" of the hilly south; and these pioneers, who cleared acres of forest land for homes, later sent their sons and daughters on to settle the prairies of Iowa.

Because the first homesteaders who reached the open grasslands of Iowa by crossing the Mississippi by ferry inherited the farming traditions of their forest-clearing progenitors, they too sought first for wooded land and chose it in preference to the treeless prairie.

Wrote Emerson Hough in describing this prejudice of the westward migrants in search of land: "Perhaps it was the treeless nature of the land which carried the idea of its infertility. When the first settlers reached Illinois and Indiana, coming up from south of the Ohio river, they had their choice of timber and prairie lands. Thinking the prairies worthless—since land that could not raise a tree certainly could not raise crops—these first occupants of the Middlewest spent a generation or more, axe in hand, along the heavily timbered river bottoms. The prairies were left in settling. No one then could have predicted that the treeless lands of the Mississippi valley would in a few generations be worth \$300 to \$400 an acre and form one of the great granaries of the world."

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Lora Dow
Mrs. Dow arrived in her birthplace hav- enterville, Iowa. She from Iowa Falls high class of 1901 and ears after graduation perator with the Cen- Telephone company. 1904, she married Er- w and in the same- oves moved to Esther- they lived until 1918. ey operated Siloam id after Mr. Dow's 42, Mrs. Dow contin- until 1946. She is now with the H. M. Lutz and Insurance office. s had two children— Behnert of El Paso, Donald W. Dow of Calif. Mrs. Dow is a the Baptist Church, of club "the D.A.R., of 'Bé and is secre- eary of the Ladies thering which has nion Cemetery.

A. Bruce
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Telephone Company, he retired in March, 1946. He did not retire from many activities in Iowa Falls, however, for he has been an assessor for eight years, is a member of the Public Library Board, was a Golf club director (in the 1920's), is on the Red Cross board, and the Park Board. In addition, he has served for two terms on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, is a past master of Mason's Home Lodge and a past commander of the Knights Templar.

Samuel E. Gohring
Nearby Alden was the birth- place of Sam Gohring but he left there in 1900 and came to Iowa Falls. Nineteen years later, he joined his father and his brother, Ralph, in the automobile business and after his father's death in 1924 and his brother Ralph mov- ing to Nebraska, he took charge of the business and has continued to do so since then.

Cleo A. Wartchow
Mr. Wartchow was born at Britt, and arrived at Iowa Falls 40 years ago on June 28th. That same year, he purchased the "Sweet Shop" from Chris Becker, taking possession on July 4, 1915. In the fall of 1917, he took the shop to Harry and Nick Pergakis. The next year, he worked for the Roberts and Rinehart Grocery and also in the Miller Burton Grocery. Later, in 1921, he was associated with the Burrows department store and in May, 1922 with Hall's department store. In March, 1934, he moved to St. Louis but returned to Iowa Falls in the fall of 1942 and worked for the Peterson hardware store for 2 1/2 years. In 1945, he was assistant manager and secretary at the Elks club and remained there for nine years. He has also been secretary for the Masons Home Lodge and recorder for the Com- mandery for several years.

Claude H. Koon
Mr. Koon's birthplace was Pec- atonica, Ill. He came to Iowa Falls in the summer of 1894. July 1, 1893, he went to work for Ells- worth and Jones and continued with them until Jan. 1, 1913, at which time he opened a loan of- fice for himself in the Peoples Trust and Savings Bank building. He still occupies the same office room for his personal business. He retired from active business on Jan. 1, 1950.

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Bank. M. Warnock was with this bank until April 1, 1924. Since 1918, he has been with the build- ing and loan association, now known as the Iowa Falls Federal Savings and Loan.

Helen Milliken Thalman
Mrs. Thalman was born on a farm five miles east of Iowa Falls, one-half mile south of Highway 20 and came to Iowa Falls in Feb- ruary, 1910. She married J. Wil- liam Thalman on Aug. 8, 1924. They were the first couple to be married in the newly constructed Congregational Church, the cere- mony being performed by Rev. C. E. Cushman. Prof. Thalman directed the Congregational church choir from 1923 until the time of his death in 1942. Mrs. Thalman has been organist at the Congrega- tional Church since 1924.

Ernest (E. Z.) Welden
E. Z. Welden first saw the light of day at 803 North Main Street, Iowa Falls on Nov. 30, 1895. His life's history is as follows: Gradu- ate of Iowa Falls high school, 1904; graduated from Iowa State College in 1911 with degree B.S. C.E. and in 1919 with degree C.E. from same institution; 1911- 1913, building railroad in British Columbia; 1914-1916, contracting bridges with T. Michaelson; 1916 to date with Welden Brothers of Iowa Falls except 18 months with Uncle Sam's boys in France. Since 1922, he has worked to produce permanent bridges and other civic improvements.

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His first book "Forty Years of Rural Journalism in Iowa" was published in 1938. It is in many ways an autobiography. His third book, "The Struggle to Live" is a collection of 81 essays, editorials, and speeches which he accumulated over a period of many years.

Alan
Alan, the oldest, born in 1898, studied at the University of Iowa, University of Colorado, University of Southern California, University of Oxford in England. He has a doctor's degree, has been debate coach and speech instructor at the University of Southern California since 1921. He is the author of a college textbook and vice president of the speech association of America. He has two daughters.

Margaret
Margaret was born in 1905. She attended Grinnell college, graduated from the University of Nebraska, was graduate librarian of Columbia University. She was later employed in public libraries of Des Moines, Brooklyn, New York, and East Orange, N.J. She is now married and lives at Bay- side, N.Y. She has three sons.

Ira J. (Bo) Nichols
Ira J. (Bo) Nichols in 1911, is the only one of Mr. Nichols' chil- dren to follow the profession of journalism. He attended the Uni- versity of Iowa, served in the armed forces in World War II and has edited newspapers at Beresford, S.D., and Montello, Wis. Since Mrs. Nichols' death in May of 1951, Bo has been a fre- quent visitor at his father's home on the south side of Iowa Falls.

Ira Nichols
Ira Nichols, at 86, works almost constantly researching with pro- fessional skill through old news- paper files for the material that goes into his fourth book and re- calls, with a mind sharp as ever, the colorful and historic events in which he has played so active a part over so many years.

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After the Civil War
After the Civil War, Clark Kinney married Louise Caraway, the ceremony being performed by Judge Parker at Eldora, and they built a log cabin in the Cottage neighborhood where their nine children, including their daughter Ada Kinney (Mrs. Andrew Katsch), were born. Clark Kinney broke hundreds of acres of virgin prairie for his neighbors in Buckeye township. He bought altogether 17 different parcels of land, of 40 acres each, and donated 20 acres to the town of Buckeye. During one of the severe early droughts, the neighbors all drove their livestock to his farm to water them, as he had the first windmill to be erected in Buckeye township.

The first Kelseys
The first Kelseys, Charles and Mary Kelsey, parents of Jerrold and Max and Mrs. A. R. Calkins, came from Leroy, in Genesee County, New York, in 1870.

The first Gilberts
The first Gilberts to settle in Hardin county, parents of Dewey and the late Charles H. Gilbert, came from New York state; the mother being a Hooker and a relative of "Fighting Joe" Hooker of Civil War fame.

The first McMilians
The first McMilians to Hardin county came from New York and were temporarily in Ohio before coming to Iowa.

Ohio
From Ohio came many of the early families of Hardin, includ- ing the Caraways, Walthals, Balls and Mitchells. The first Mitchell was Robert, who came in 1852 and settled in a log cabin he built near Eagle City. Also settling at Eagle City was Joshua Ball, grandfather of Herbert Robb.

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annual Conference of Upper Iowa was held in First Church with Dr. Roy Smith as speaker. Several members have gone into the ministry. They are, Ralph Collis, Donald Grooters, Charles B. Rayhill, Russell Surls, John Gaulke, Bob Ruedebusch, Kermit Culver. And Joy Love, who is the first woman to be ordained a minister. Blanche Briittain and Estella C... served many years as missionaries. Ido Franklin Meyer, an outstanding educator, spent 30 years in First Church. He was responsible for building Ellsworth into a four year standard school. Richard Waggoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waggoner is a prominent organist in Minneapolis.

In the early 1970's first church had a youth group which produced and performed the musical "Godspell" for several churches in the area. This group also performed at annual conference and gave many concerts under the direction of Miss Nancy Patrick. Pearl Hellger served as director of Christian Education from 1966 to 1975 and Cathy Smalley is in her 15th year as church secretary.

After 125 years the Methodists in Iowa Falls can look back with pride and look forward to greater things in the coming years. Submitted by S. J. Patrick

Citizens State Bank

Citizens State Bank, Iowa Falls, Iowa was organized April 15, 1935 by Irvin B. Bleeker of Ackley and Edward H. Klisart of West Bend.

In addition to them, W.A. Middleton, George Tjaden, Fred Fults and Laurence W. Wingert were on the first board of directors.

In 1944 control of the bank passed to H.A. Carstens, George Carstens and Harry S. Lekwa all of Ackley. Elmer Ringoen became executive vice president one year earlier and held that position until his death in 1953.

In August 1955, the Carstens and Lekwa sold their interest to Leo Jorgensen, Dr. W.A. Johnson, R.M. Santee, Ray Haltom and Vinal McCoy.

On Jan. 1, 1974 interest in the bank was transferred to R.E. Miller, D.F. Ruigh, R. M. Santee, T.S. ... and Robert Lincoln.

The present Board of Directors consists of R.E. Miller, D.E. Ruigh, R.M. Santee, T.S. Gentle and Dr. T. Graham.

Miller is President, Ruigh is Executive Vice President, Richard Petersen, Vice President and Cashier, George Umscheid, Vice President and Installment Loan Officer, Dean T. Carlson, Vice President and Controller and Douglas Hatlevig, Asst. Cashier and Installment Loan Officer.

In 1959 the building west of Citizens State Bank was added to make additional space. In 1980 the building known as the Tot-N-Teen stop was purchased and added to the Bank premises.

Deposits on Dec 31, 1936 were \$782,000 — Deposits Dec 31, 1980 were \$43,000,000.

Iowa Falls State Bank

In 1882 a bank known as the Commercial Bank of Iowa Falls was organized with a capital of \$32,500. The officers and stockholders were J.H. Carleton, President, Wm. Wilde, Vice President, W.H. Woods, Cashier; L.F. Wisner, E.S. Ellsworth, Wm Wilde, L.O. Bliss, W.F. Beck, J.H. Hoag, J.H. Carleton and Mrs. Helen Nichols, Directors. Wilde and Bliss furnished their safe and the bank began business in Weaver & Woods law office. By November 1883 the assets of the bank amounted to \$87,333.02. Deposits were \$47,024.84. In the spring of 1884 the bank put a new brick building at the Southwest corner of Stevens and Washington. When they moved to this new building in September they changed the name to the First National Bank and it was the First National Bank in Hardin County. Some 30 or more years later this building was torn down and the present building occupied by the Iowa Falls State Bank was erected. For many years E.O. Ellsworth was President of the First National Bank.

As time went on conditions changed and the city of Iowa Falls was without a bank from December 21, 1932 to May 25, 1933. During that time checks were cashed and change made available at the city hall. Floyd Klippel, then city manager, acted as teller, and made frequent trips carrying cash to and from the State Bank at Des Moines.

in operation.

In March, 1933, two or three town meetings were held at the city hall with the object of establishing a bank. To this end the following committee was appointed: D.W. Repp, L.W. Coleman, W.A. Middleton, W.E. Weldon and I.A. Nichols. This committee made contact with the Charles E. Walters Company of Omaha who were making a business of installing banks. A preliminary meeting was held in the office of I.A. Nichols and arrangements were made to present a proposition to the people of the community, which was done April 21, in the superior court rooms in the library.

The bank was to be called the Iowa Falls State Bank and to have a capital of \$25,000 plus a surplus of \$5,000. A.C. Thornburg of Deshler, Nebraska, and R.L. Koethe of the Walters Company bought a little over half the stock, and the community, the remainder. With dollars as big as they were at that time, this was no small accomplishment. Sale of the stock was completed by May 5, 1933.

On May 11, 1933, twenty-eight stockholders met at the library and chose the following directors: D.R. Repp, J.W. Capwell, Dr. R.M. Smith, W.A. Middleton, A.C. Thornburg, I.A. Nichols and W.E. Weldon. W.E. Weldon's place on the board was taken by his son R.W. Weldon, who is now a director. Dr. R.M. Smith was chosen President, W.A. Middleton, Vice President, A.C. Thornburg, Cashier, L.L. Winterfield and L.C. Jorgenson, Assistant Cashiers. In August of that year, Mary Repp was hired as the first bookkeeper.

A.C. Thornburg's stock was sold in 1946 to F.A. Rummel of Williams, Iowa. Mr. Rummel was president until he sold his interest in 1952 to Robert W. Barlow. Present officers are: R.W. Barlow, President; Roger E. Bjorenson, Exec. Vice Pres.; Arthur Dunn and R.W. Weldon, Vice President; Keith E. Schwabke, Vice President and Cashier; Lorraine Bitters, and Lorraine Troutner, Ass't. Vice Pres.; Mary Anderson Donna Olsen, and Evelyn Pierce, Ass't. Cashiers. Directors are: Don W. Barker, R.W. Barlow, Mrs. Jerene Barlow, Roger E. Bjorenson, William J. Harris, and R.W. Weldon. Arthur Dunn is honorary director.

Business began in the present building on May 25, 1933 and the deposits the first day amounted to \$25,000.00. The bank has continued to progress and on December 31, 1980 the capital structure and reserves was \$2,162,809.00 and deposits were \$24,594,622.00. A modern motor bank was added in 1960 and the motor bank was reconstructed and doubled in size in 1977.

Citizen Printing Co.

Iowa Falls had been settled for some 10 years before Marcus Woodruff came from Eldora to publish the first issue of the Iowa Falls Sentinel on Dec. 13, 1865. But Woodruff was not a stranger to the city.

A native of New York, Woodruff had been a bookkeeper and teacher before heading west and landing in Iowa Falls in 1855. He helped survey the original town, picked out a corner lot, built the first frame building on the street and opened a land and law office with John F. Brown.

His interest in Republican politics later took him to Eldora where he became deputy county auditor under J.D. Hunter, who also published the Hardin Sentinel in the county seat. Woodruff later bought that paper and in the fall of 1865 decided to move it to Iowa Falls, retaining the Sentinel name.

In April, 1871, the paper was sold to O.W. Garrison, who later had interests in the Waterloo Courier and Dubuque Daily Times. It was in 1883 that the Citizen appeared on the scene to offer competition and this competitive situation continued until 1927 when Ira Nichols, Citizen Publisher, bought the Sentinel and closed its doors.

The Times entered the picture in May, 1948, after E.C. Cassill sold the Alden Times to the Citizen Printing Co. Then, the Times became the first-of-the-week paper and the Citizen came to be published later in the week.

Among all of the publishers and editors of the Iowa Falls newspapers, none was more colorful and well-known than Nichols.

speaking his mind. Above all else, he was a "good newspaper" man who knew his business, paid his bills and was rough on his competition.

Nichols' career covered the years of 1895 to 1933, but he was still sufficiently active in Iowa Falls to offer plenty of advice to Carl Hamilton who took over as editor and publisher in 1948. The pioneer editor also authored several books, two of which are authoritative histories of Iowa Falls.

Hamilton, too, garnered his share of recognition and honors during his 14 years with the newspaper. He also became well-known for his strong and thoughtful editorial positions and earned the Bent Cane Award of a statewide press club and the Master Editor—Publisher Award of the Iowa Press Association. He left the newspaper at the end of 1961 to head the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Iowa State University and in 1965 became the University's vice president for information and development.

Hamilton was succeeded by Charles Davis who still operates the newspapers. The last 20 years have been marked by great changes and advances in printing technology and many of these found their way into early use at the Times-Citizen. The award winning ways of earlier years have continued and the Times and Citizen have received numerous state and national honors for editorial and news excellence. Like Hamilton, Davis is also a recipient of the Iowa Press Association's Master Editor—Publisher Award.

North Hardin County Chapter American Red Cross

On May 8, 1917, I.A. Nichols became chairman of the Iowa Falls chapter. Soon he had organized chapters throughout the county. He was owner of the Hardin County Citizen and when he wrote his published history of Iowa Falls in 1950 he told much of the early days of the Red Cross.

For a few years in the early twenties the whole county was one chapter, but it didn't work well, so there has been two chapters in the county since 1923.

The Red Cross is mandated by congressional charter to provide service to military and dependents and emergency care in time of disasters. Between the two world wars, the Red Cross became involved in safety programs.

The Red Cross is primarily a volunteer organization and throughout the years many have helped with their money or services. In 1976 three local buildings with apartments were destroyed by fire. Because more than five families were involved, the National Red Cross sent a trained disaster worker who wrote disbursing orders for emergency help for eleven persons, including two pairs of eye glasses. The \$2400 spent was as much as the chapter's share of their national fund drive.

In 1951 it was possible to purchase the building at 819½ Washington Ave. as chapter headquarters. At last the office, hospital equipment, sewing machines, first aid and water safety supplies etc. could be under one roof.

There was a place to pack the community Christmas boxes and to have Toyland for children. Until the late 40's all workers were volunteers, but increased paper work made it necessary to hire an executive secretary. Beula Seney Hossler was first, then Nettie Patten, Bess Welden and currently Dorothy Westbury.

During the Korean conflict in the early 50's over 800 pints of blood was collected. Seven years ago the Human Service Club of Ellsworth college sponsored an annual blood drive and now the local hospital auxiliary is responsible for two drives and the Ackley Lions Club has one.

Since 1981 is the centennial of the National Red Cross the local chapter is updating their scrapbooks. The names of as many as possible volunteers and events of the past years will be saved for the future. One name should be mentioned in closing, that of "Mrs. Red Cross" Mrs. Frank (Bess) Welden. She started her volunteer work in 1933, was active in nearly every phase of the organization, including 17 years as executive secretary. In retiring from that job she stated "I'll never retire from the Red Cross."

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Outline of Personal History of I. A. Nichols

RESIDENCE Iowa Falls, Iowa

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? Ira Alfred Nichols
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Publisher
3. Where and when did you begin? Creighton, Nebraska in 1891
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? School teaching at various places
5. What is your residence address? 625 Park avenue, Iowa Falls
6. What is your business address? 320 Stevens St., Iowa Falls
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? November 24, 1869 at Traer, Iowa.
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? Moved to Glidden, Iowa, in 1879.
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Graduated in 1889 from State College at Ames with B. Sc. degree
11. What was your father's full name? Homer Nichols
12. What was your father's occupation? Farmer and livery an
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Ellen Torrence

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? Glidden, Iowa
15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? None
16. What military service have you had? Nothing except the training at Ames College
17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? School director for a number of years
18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? None
19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? Republican
20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? None
21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? Presbyterian or Congregational
22. In what societies of learning have you a membership? None
23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen
24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? None
25. Of what social clubs are you a member? None
26. Of what business firms have you been a member?
27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa
28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem?

29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....
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?.....
31.

DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

32. With whom was your first marriage? Elsie Mae Gemmel
33. Where and what date was this marriage? April 15, 1895 at Traer, Iowa
34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born? September 20, 1870
at Dysart, Iowa
35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?.....
Presbyterian and later Congregational
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?.....
George Gemmel, in New York
38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?.....
39. Where and when was she born?.....

CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE.

| Full Name. | Date of Birth. | Place of Birth. |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Alan Gemmel Nichols | 1898 | Iowa Falls |
| 2. Guerdon David Nichols | 1900 | Iowa Falls |
| 3. Marggret Ellen Nichols | 1905 | Iowa Falls |
| 4. Ira Alred Nichols Jr. | 1911 | Iowa Falls, Iowa |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 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. _____ | _____ | _____ |



You searched for **Ira A. Nichols** in **Iowa**

1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Ira A Nichols**

Home in 1930: **Hardin, Hardin, Iowa**
[View Map](#)

Age: **60**

Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1870**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Spouse's Name: **Elsie G Nichols**

Race: **White**

Occupation:

Education:

Military service: [View image](#)

Rent/home value:

Age at first marriage:


Parents' birthplace:

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | Ira A Nichols | 60 |
| | Elsie G Nichols | 59 |
| | Ira A Nichols | 18 |

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