

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brammer George E. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Mar, 1886 Adsham, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Frances Skilled 2 Jan 1911 Bloomington, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business He was owned for the Des Moines Railway Company. represented the Occidental Life Insurance Company; a member of the county, state and national Bar Associations.
- B. Civic responsibilities Mayor, Sheriff;

C. Profession Attorney (for 40 years)

4. Church membership United Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 36<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1915

6. Public Offices

- A. Local Served as district judge in Des Moines in 1922; Polk County Bar president in 1947; director of Central National Bank and Trust Company; trustee of Drake University
- B. State \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. Death 9 May 1948 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Glendale Masonic Cemetery Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children James William; Mary Carolyn (Mrs. John P. Harper)

9. Names of parents William Harrison and Martha (Edwards) Brammer

Brammer, George

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Sedham, Iowa  
graduating from Sedham High School, 1903

11. Degrees Graduate of Drake University Law School, Des Moines,  
Iowa in 1902 and LL.M. in 1911

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His wife died in 1947
- He was a member of one of the largest law firms in Iowa in  
1942 which was established in 1929 - Brammer, Brody, Charlton,  
Parker and Roberts.
- He received the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Central College of  
Pella, Iowa in 1943





10 million cigarettes from surplus U. S. army stocks. It was disclosed recently that at least 10 per cent had spoiled while German officials waited to distribute them as incentives to spur war production.

Meanwhile, the Germans have been drawing meager cigarette rations and paying exorbitant black market prices for their rations.

## Mysterious Blast Rocks West Side

A mysterious explosion early Monday caused a score of Des Moines residents to telephone police for information.

Police, however, were unable to find the reason for the explosion, or its location.

Several persons reported their windows shaken by the blast. From information received over the telephone, police said the explosion apparently was in the vicinity of Polk boulevard and Ingersoll avenue about 2:30 a. m.

## Armless Russians Can Fight Again

LONDON, ENGLAND (AP)—Russia boasted Sunday it has a new artificial arm so effective a war veteran can use a machine gun again.

Mass production will start soon and all veterans who lost an arm will be equipped, the Soviet agency Tass said.

Tass quoted a captain, Sergei Zhukov:

"This arm enables me to write, to saw and chop wood, to strike matches and to take cigarettes, even to operate a machine gun."

represented the Occidental Life Insurance Co. in the central west.

He served as district judge here in 1922.

Mr. Brammer is survived by his son, James, and daughter, Mrs. John P. Harper, both of Des Moines; father, William H. Brammer, Shenandoah; sister, Mrs. Glen Leacox, Shenandoah, and four grandchildren.

### Services Tuesday.

Services will be Tuesday afternoon at Dunn's Funeral home, with burial in Glendale cemetery.

Born Mar. 4, 1886, at Dedham, Mr. Brammer received both his bachelor and master of law degrees at Drake university. In 1943, Central college at Pella conferred the honorary doctor of law degree upon him.

### Elder of Church.

For many years, he had been a member of the board of elders at University Christian church. A member of the national, state and county bar associations, he had served as county bar president in 1947.

He was a director of the Central National Bank & Trust Co. and chairman of the board of the Dutton-Lainson Co., in Hastings, Neb. Mr. Brammer also was a trustee of Drake university and chairman of the law school committee there.

### Served in Assembly.

In 1915 he was Polk county representative in the thirty-fifth Iowa general assembly.

He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, Masonic lodge, and the Shrine and was a thirty-second degree Mason. He also belonged to the Des Moines and Wakonda clubs.



After more volcanic eruption spreading thick

# our Mind

1, D. Sc.

2. IS THERE ANY WAY TO ABOLISH TIPPING?  
YOUR OPINION-



3. DO PEOPLE HIGHLY PREJUDICED AGAINST OTHER GROUPS, RACES, RELIGIONS LOOK LIKE BROAD-MINDED PEOPLE?  
YES  NO



erve you this card: (Paraded) "Public opinion polls most people want tipping ended and service workers to air wages. The only way to ve this is by refusing to tip. p to you to tell your em- c we are willing to pay r prices but no more tips."

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Psychologists Else Fren- r. wik and R. N. Sanford college girls with strong ace prejudice were "highly ntional in dress, manners ppearance and very anxious their social position."

# Praises Life Of Brammer

The Rev. Marvin Sansbury, pastor of University Christian church, officiated at funeral services Thursday afternoon at Dunn's funeral home for George Brammer, 62, widely known Des Moines attorney.

Mr. Brammer died in his sleep Sunday at his home, 1085 Forty-fourth st. He was an attorney here 40 years and a former district judge in Des Moines. Burial was in Glendale Masonic cemetery.

In his sermon, the Rev. Mr. Sansbury, noted political, professional and educational achievements of Mr. Brammer.

"He worked his way through Drake university to become one of the state's outstanding attorneys," the Rev. Mr. Sansbury pointed out.

The minister also cited Mr. Brammer's interest in the educational life of the state through his work at Drake university and Central college, Pella.

# A Campaign Post To James Wilson

Gov. Robert D. Blue's campaign headquarters Tuesday announced appointment of James W. Wilson, publisher of the Carroll Daily Times Herald, as publicity director of the governor's primary campaign.

Wilson is a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Daily Press association. Before

# Alvin R. Swaine Dies Here

Alvin R. Swaine, 61, c Sheridan ave., died Tuesday ing at his home after month illness. Cause of was a kidney ailment.

Mr. Swaine, a resident Moines 45 years, was an em of the Meredith Publish for 25 years. He was a manager in the circulat partment when illness for to quit work more than ago.

Mr. Swaine was a me Waveland Masonic lod Westminster United Pres church. He was born in

Services will be arra Dunn's funeral home.

Survivors include his Sarah; two sons, Richard line, Ill., and Howard Moines; two daughters, M Milligan of Des Moines; Adelbert Newman of S Minn., his mother, Mrs. Swaine of Phoenix, Ar sisters, Edna Swaine of and Mrs. Olive S. Claus wa, Ill.; a brother, Jam Des Moines.

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# "YES"...

A Narrative History  
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The People of Iowa

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

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Rev. Mr. Rash came to Des Moines in 1922 and took charge of The Urbandale Federated Church, now known as The First Federated Church. The church has a membership of 1,250, with an average attendance at Sunday School of 650. The church is non-denominational, and its members represent approximately thirty-two different denominations. Under the direction of Rev. Mr. Rash it is doing a splendid work and developing into an efficient instrument of religious service. Rev. Mr. Rash is a very able speaker, and outside of his regular pulpit services he averages about ten addresses and speeches in and out of the city every month.

He married, in 1908, Miss Alice Young, of Salina, Kansas, daughter of John A. and Alvine (Henry) Young. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Belgium. Her father was in the transfer and merchandise business at Salina. Her grandfather Young was a pioneer Lutheran minister in Kansas. Her grandfather Joseph Henry was an old-timer of Kansas, operated a truck garden and was widely known for his scientific knowledge of botany and related sciences, and frequently wrote articles on these subjects. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Rash have had two children: Paul Reaville, who was born at Lyons, Kansas, September 28, 1912; and Wayne Clifton, born at Lyons April 28, 1916. Rev. Mr. Rash is a York and Scottish Rite Mason.

**HON. GEORGE E. BRAMMER.** Earnest application and patient industry invariably precede success and distinction in the practice of law. The legal profession is exacting of those who enjoy its favors. The successful lawyer must have not only a comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and precedents, but a thorough familiarity with modern business methods and practices as well. Judge Brammer has won a broad and well merited reputation in his chosen field, and his success in the practice of law, in business and as a member of the district bench is indicative of his ability and versatility.

Hon. George E. Brammer was born March 4, 1886, at Dedham, Iowa, and is a son of William H. and Martha (Edwards) Brammer. His father was born in Kentucky, where he was reared to young manhood, and then came to Iowa and for many years was engaged in merchandising at Dedham and Coon Rapids. A man of good business judgment, integrity and industry, he was a successful merchant and is now a substantial, retired citizen of Shenandoah, this state. Mrs. Brammer, a native of Pennsylvania, also survives, and both are consistent and active members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brammer is a Republican in his political convictions, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. There are three children in the family: George E., of this review; Winnifred, the wife of John W. Leavitt, a banker of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Neta, the wife of Glenn F. Leacox, a merchant of Shenandoah.

The public schools of Dedham furnished George E. Brammer with his early education. In 1903

he entered Drake University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws as a member of the class of 1908. Three years later the same institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Laws. Commencing general practice at Des Moines in 1908, he soon assumed a place among the rising young attorneys of the community, and in 1914 was elected to the Thirty-sixth General Assembly from Polk County, and served one term in that body, his record being one worthy of commendation because of his adherence to the interests of his county and constituents. In 1922 he was appointed district judge by Gov. N. E. Kendall to complete the unexpired term of Hon. John D. Wallingford, and served in that capacity until January 1, 1923, at which time he returned to the practice of his profession. In his short term of service on the district bench Judge Brammer conducted his court in a dignified and efficient manner, winning high praise from attorneys appearing before him.

With the exception of a brief interruption when Judge Brammer was on the district bench he has practiced law continuously in Des Moines since 1908. He has served as counsel for large corporations, and in his profession has gained unqualified success. He is recognized as a safe counselor and an able trial lawyer. He was vice president and general counsel of the Merchants Life Insurance Company at the time of its amalgamation on January 1, 1929, with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana, which company he serves as counsel. Judge Brammer is interested in various business and financial enterprises. He is president of the Iowa State Bank, Jefferson, Iowa, and is president of the Central Broadcasting Company, owner and operator of radio stations WHO at Des Moines and WOC at Davenport. He is senior member of the law firm of Brammer, Brody, Charlton & Parker, with offices in the Valley National Bank Building, and is a member of the Polk County Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Judge Brammer, with his family, belongs to the University Place Christian Church, to the activities of which he has been a generous contributor. He is a public spirited citizen and a supporter of every worthy civic movement. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason, Knight Templar and a Shriner, and is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, the Des Moines Club and the Wakonda Country Club. Politically he is a Republican.

On June 21, 1911, Judge Brammer was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Gilliland, of Bloomington, Illinois, who was educated at Eureka College, Hamilton College and Drake University, and to this union there have been born two children: Mary C., born in 1914, and James W., born in 1916, both of whom are attending Theodore Roosevelt High School.