

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Ream,  
John Mitchell — Represented Madaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Sept 1854 New Castle, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Mary Ann Toy 7 Mar 1875 Beacon, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business He was a member of United Mine Workers of America!  
B. Civic responsibilities  
C. Profession Coal miner

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1909, 1911,  
1913 and 1915

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Mayor of Beacon; Beacon school board member; Justice  
of the Peace;  
B. State He was Iowa's representative to the National Executive Board of  
United Mine Workers  
C. National

7. Death 26 Feb 1927 Oskaloosa, Iowa; buried Beacon Cemetery, Beacon, Iowa

8. Children Nellie (Mrs. Lane); Elizabeth (Mrs. Burk); Horace (predeceased  
his father in death); William (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents Andrew Jackson and Jane G. (Sharp) Ream

10. Education He attended rural schools near Beaman, Iowa for  
about 4 years

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

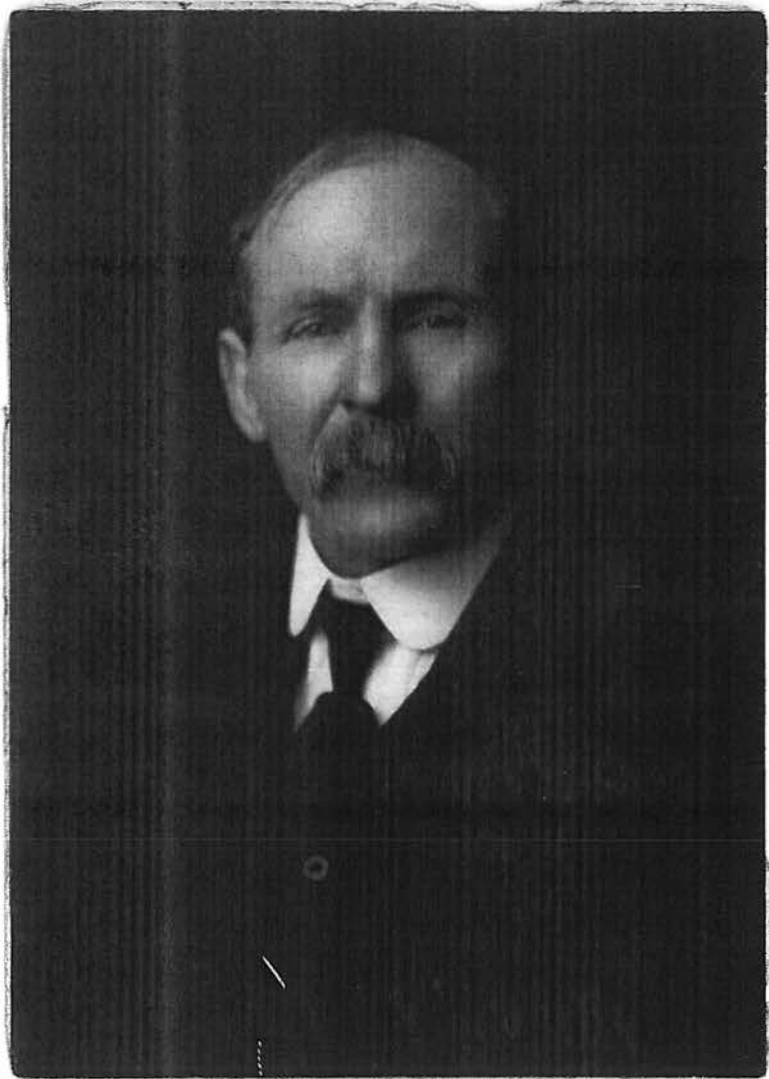
12. Other applicable information Democrat

- His wife, Mary A, died in 1917
- He came to Mitchell County, Iowa in May 1855 with his parents.
- He began coal mining at Beaman, Iowa in 1872.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The Oskaloosa Times Globe; Oskaloosa, Iowa, Thurs. March 3, 1927, p. 6, col. 4</u>
-			<u>Iowa Official Register 1915-1916, p. 713</u>
-			<u>Iowa Senate Journal 1927, p. 1611-1612</u>
-			<u>Outline of Personal History for the Historical Department of Iowa</u> (original is located in the clipping file #2)
-			<u>ancestry.com (accessed 17 Sept 2010)</u>
-			<u>findagrave.com (accessed 17 Sept 2010)</u>
-			Portrait - <u>The original photo is located in the archive at the State of Iowa Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa.</u>



## SPRINGFIELD

Lilburn Ewing and Tom Bradley hauled corn for Marvin Shisler to Burris Wilson, north of What Cheer, Tuesday.

Paul Lawrence was absent from school Tuesday on account of sickness.

Mabel Garrett and Helen Bradley have not been absent or tardy during the school year. Junior Bradley has only been absent one-fourth of a day on account of having the earache. He has not been tardy during the year.

Charlie Stout, moved Tuesday on the Walt Snodgrass farm on Cedar creek.

John Garrett and two sons helped his brother Clarence and family move on the Lee Kent farm, better known as the J. P. Bowen farm.

Tom Hicklin is moving to the Estla Lawrence farm by the Burr Oak school.

Alvin Wright, of northeast of What Cheer, passed through our burg Wednesday on his way to Denver Garrett's.

The infant sons of Roy and Floyd Snodgrass have been having the measles.

Mrs. Beth Snodgrass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, of Taintor, returned to their home Tuesday after a few days' visit at the Snodgrass home.

Monday, Feb. 21, being Mabel Garrett's 11th birthday, her friends and schoolmates planned a party for her. Games and a jolly good time was had until about 9:30. Mrs. Garrett served lunch, consisting of cherries, cake and popcorn balls. Those present were Marie and Evan Garrett, Hazel and Ronald Showman, Helen, Lenora and Junior Bradley, Leona Garrett, Mabel and Melvin Garrett, Byron Linenkamp and Mr. and Mrs. Garrett. All returned to their homes wishing Mabel many happy birthdays and thanked Mrs. Garrett for her hospitality.—By one who was there.

Friday, Feb. 25, being Evan Garrett's 10th birthday, his friends and schoolmates planned a party for him. Games were played and a good time was had. At a late hour Mrs. Garrett served peaches, cake and popcorn balls. Those present were Mrs. Eva, Hazel, Ronald and Fred Showman, C. G. Moore, Everett, Marie Even, Johnny, Mrs. Everett, Marie Even,

## OBITUARIES

## John Fletcher Ream.

John Fletcher Ream was born in New-Castle, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1854. At an early age he was converted and was baptized and joined the Methodist church.

In 1874 he was united in marriage to Mary A. Toy, and to this union two sons and two daughters were born, both sons and his wife having preceded him in death, the wife having died in 1917. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Howe, St. Anthony, Idaho, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bunker, Oskaloosa; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Morris and Mrs. Lida Hull, both of Oskaloosa, one brother, M. F. Ream, Beacon, Iowa, and three grand children, John H. Howe, Alberta Beard and John F. Ream.

Mr. Ream was elected to the office of State Senator and served the state in that capacity from this county two terms. He was for a number of years prominent in the political affairs of the state. Mr. Ream was a student of literature and had read much of the classic productions of the great writers in various fields of thought. He took special delight in recalling the gems of truth he had garnered in his mind from his literary research.

He was a man having a sociable nature and was an ardent advocate of the practice of the Golden Rule in the affairs dealing with his fellow-men.

After a lingering illness of several months' duration, during which he often suffered great pain of body, he peacefully was taken to his eternal home Saturday, Feb. 26th, about 4:00 p. m., having died at the Mercy hospital in Oskaloosa.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 1, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. at the Cheesman funeral home, Rev. S. H. Turbeville, pastor of the Central M. E. church, officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Evelyn McFadden and C. D. Gordon. Interment was made in Beacon cemetery.

## Margaret Capel Clavier.

Funeral of the late Mrs. William C. Clavier was held in the Central M. E. church at

reach him. The sons, Fred, Howard, Clyde and Blaine were summoned and were soon present, as were many friends, but all was over and the home was now a house of mourning.

Ere E. Graham was born in Cedar Falls, April 28, 1858. A few years later the family moved to Clear Lake. His parents were Ben and Elizabeth Graham, who moved to Iowa from Indiana at an early day.

Later they moved to Mahan county and for some years lived south of the river. Mr. Graham married Miss Ellen Gott, to whom were born five children, Fred, Howard, Clyde, Bertha and Blaine. The sons all live in or near Barnes City. Bertha is the wife of Fred Lester, who lives in Oskaloosa.

In later years they lived on a farm near Barnes City, and finally moved to town. Mrs. Graham died August 3, 1914. The home-keeper since has been Alice Gott, sister of the lamented Mrs. Graham.

Mr. Graham was an intelligent, useful citizen, a prominent Mason in his early life, member of the Baptist church, republican in politics but a severely partisan.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church in Barnes City Friday at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Barnes City cemetery.

## Lem Thompson Dead

It will be recalled that the Lem Thompson-Players were here several weeks last fall, at the Masonic Opera House, going from here to Des Moines. He died last week, and the Des Moines Register has the following concerning his death, written by W. Moore:

"Carry on, Flo! I want—"

Lem Thompson, self-styled goof of goofy comedians spoke the unwritten law of the stage and fell into unconsciousness at Polyclinic hospital, Wednesday night. He died at 3:05 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Flo, his wife, and leading woman will carry on. Even death will not stop Lem Thompson's show at the Majestic theatre.

In death's shadow Flo danced and sang before two audiences yesterday. Lem lay dying in a hospital, as the doctors said. But, it was Lem's show, and what belonged to him.

Outline of Personal History of

John F. Ream,  
RESIDENCE Askalooosa, Iowa

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

P.B. 34, 35, 36 SA

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. Name in full (all names) *John Fletcher Ream*
2. Chief occupation or profession *Coal Miner*
3. Former occupation or profession
4. Date and place of beginning each *Entered mines at Beacon Ia <sup>1872</sup>*
5. Present residence address *Askalooosa Ia R. F. D. 5*
6. Present business address
7. Date of birth *September 16, 1854*
8. Place of birth *New-Castle Pa*
9. If born abroad, where
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America *Came to Mahaska Co Ia May 1855*
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county
13. Further emigration, if any
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university *Attended public schools in and near Beacon, Ia, for about 4 years*
15. Date of graduation and degree if any

16. Place of death.....  
 17. Date of death.....  
 18. Place of burial.....  
 19. Name of father in full (all names) *Andrew Jackson Ream*  
 20. Occupation of father *Teamster*  
 21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Jane Sharp*  
 22. Residence when married *Beacon Ia*  
 23. Military service, if any (exact dates).....

24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) *Mayor of Beacon Ia from April 1889 to April 1890. Elected member of Beacon school board in March 1890, and held that office nine years, serving six years of that time as president of the Board. Elected State Senator, 14th Dist. Nov. 1901*  
 25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions.....

26. Politics *Democrat*  
 27. Religious denomination if any.....  
 28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination.....

29. Member of what societies or associations of learning.....

30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates.....

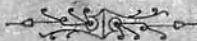
31. Member of what clubs (if any) *Member of Foresters and United Mine Workers of America. Chosen president of Ia Dist of later organization in 1898, serving two years in that office. Was elected as Iowa's representative on National Executive Board of United Mine Workers of America, and held that position three years.*  
 32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible).....  
 33. Officer or director in any corporation.....

34. Enclose business card if possible.....

35. Enclose photograph and autograph.....

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication

37. Miscellaneous



## FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Mary Ann Joy.*
2. Date of marriage *March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1875*
3. Place of marriage *Beacon Iowa*
4. Date of his or her birth *January 21 - 1858*
5. Place of his or her birth *Mountains Ash Wales*
6. Religious denomination
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 *Joseph Joy*
11. Born where and when *Cornwall England 1835*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Coal miner*
13. His or her mother's full name *Ann Bath*
14. Born when and where *Cornwall England 1837*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Cornwall England*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family



- 1. To whom married second time .....
- 2. Date of marriage .....
- 3. Place of marriage .....
- 4. Date of his or her birth .....
- 5. Place of his or her birth .....
- 6. Religious denomination .....
- 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 .....
- 11. Born where and when .....
- 12. Occupation of his or her father .....
- 13. His or her mother's full name .....
- 14. Born when and where .....
- 15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage .....
- 16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family .....

CHILDREN OF

AND

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
Wm C.	Beacon da	Jan 1876			Rose Rippon	Beacon da	1900
Kellie	"	June 1878			Robt Home	" "	1898
Horace	"	April 1880			Alice Beadle	" "	1905
Lizzie	"	April 1882			J. M. Beard	" "	1903

CHILDREN OF

AND

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE

SIGNATURE

John C. Ream

DATE September 2nd 1910

STATE OF IOWA  
1927

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**Journal of the Senate**

OF THE

**Forty-second General Assembly**

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REGULAR SESSION  
CONVENED JANUARY 10, 1927  
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JOHN HAMMILL, Governor  
CLEM F. KIMBALL, President of the Senate  
L. V. CARTER, Speaker of the House

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the general welfare. As a lawyer he devoted to his client's cause all his ability and learning, but was ever courteous to court and counsel. As a citizen, he was of the fine type that recognizes and takes duty seriously. He was justly proud of an ancestry that had contributed to the foundations of this great state and he sought to build on that foundation a structure that would endure.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of William S. Allen the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an excellent and high-minded citizen, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the journal of the Senate, and that the secretary of the Senate be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to his family.*

C. J. FULTON,  
J. R. FRAILEY,  
WILLIAM CARDEN,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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**JOHN F. REAM**

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late John F. Ream of Mahaska county Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

John F. Ream was born near New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1854, and died at the Mercy Hospital, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Saturday, February 26, 1927. His father and mother were both born in Pennsylvania, his father being of German descent and his mother of English descent. His parents moved to Mahaska county in May, 1855, where he made his home until the time of his death. He entered the coal mines in Beacon, Iowa, when he was sixteen years of age and spent many years in the coal mining business. He served as mayor of the town of Beacon, was nine years a member of the school board and was elected for a number of terms as justice of the peace. He was President of the Iowa District of United Mine Workers of America for two years, ending his services in that position in March, 1900. He was chosen as Iowa's representative on the National Executive Board of United Mine Workers and held the office for three years. He possessed a common school education.

Mr. Ream was elected Senator in 1908 and again in 1912. He was the first democrat to be elected to the State Senate from Mahaska county after the Civil War. Senator Ream was always interested in public affairs and by hard labor and judicious management attained success in private and public life.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of John F. Ream the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and*

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

F. C. STANLEY,  
A. J. SHINN,  
E. E. CAVANAUGH,  
*Committee.*

Senator Stanley spoke as follows:

I am to speak of the life and work of John F. Ream who served as Senator from Mahaska county during the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies.

I did not know Senator Ream intimately but the information which I have gained from those who knew of his life and from the biography which appears in the Iowa Official Register, shows that Senator Ream was one of those men who rose through his own efforts. His parents were among those early pioneers from Pennsylvania who came out to Iowa before it was admitted as a state and settled in the little mining town of Beacon, near Oskaloosa. At an early age he entered the coal mines and continued throughout most of his life as a mine operator or dealer in coal. His education was limited to the common schools of his community. Regardless of his limited educational facilities, his life shows that he was a man who was interested in all of the good things which upbuild a community. He entered into the civic life of the city, was interested in building up the schools of his district and finally was elected as Senator from his county, though he was a democrat and his district was always strongly republican. Through all of the activities of his life he has shown those characteristics of the rank and file of the early pioneers, upon which our present civilization is built. He was conscientious in his belief, unswerving in his position, always doing the thing which he thought to be right.

In the loss of Senator Ream the community and state have lost a valuable citizen.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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#### WILLIAM BELL TALMAN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late William Bell Talman, beg leave to submit the following:

William Bell Talman, son of Thomas B. Talman and Frances Gillespie Talman, was born at Point Pleasant, now in West Virginia, January 10, 1848. He died at Osceola, Iowa, October 27, 1926.

He came to Iowa with his parents in 1851. The family with all its worldly possessions floated down the Ohio river to Cairo, Illinois, on a raft of logs and from Cairo the raft was towed up the Mississippi to Keokuk. In 1869 he moved with his parents by covered wagon to Clarke



You searched for **John F. Ream** in **Iowa**

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Name:	<b>John F Ream</b>	
Birth Year:	abt 1855	
Birth Place:	Pennsylvania	
Gender:	Male	
Census Date:	1856	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Mahaska	
Locality:	Scott	
Roll:	IA_60	
Line:	31	
Family Number:	26	
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Andrew J Ream	27
	Jane G Ream	28
	John F Ream	1

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### JOHN F. REAM

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 Death **26 Feb 1927** in MAHASKA CO., IA

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1860 Age: 6	<b>Residence</b> Oskaloosa, Mahaska, Iowa 1860 CENSUS - RESIDING WITH PARENTS	1 source citation
1870 Age: 16	<b>Residence</b> Oskaloosa, Mahaska, Iowa 1870 CENSUS - RESIDING WITH HIS UNCLE & AUNT, SAMUEL & SARAH REAM, & THEIR FAMILY	1 source citation
1876 Age: 22	<b>Marriage to MARY A. TOY</b> MARRIAGE DATE FROM 1900 CENSUS	
1880 Age: 26	<b>Residence</b> Scott, Mahaska, Iowa 1880 CENSUS - RESIDING WITH WIFE & 2 CHD	1 source citation
1885 Age: 31	<b>Residence</b> Beacon 1885 IOWA STATE CENSUS - RESIDING WITH WIFE & 4 CHD	1 source citation
1900 Age: 46	<b>Residence</b> Garfield, Mahaska, Iowa 1900 CENSUS - RESIDING WITH WIFE & 2 CHD	1 source citation
1915 Age: 61	<b>Residence</b> Garfield, MAHASKA CO., IA 1915 IOWA STATE CENSUS - INDIVIDUAL CARDS FOR EACH PERSON - WIFE MARY A. REAM ALSO HAS A CARD	1 source citation
1927 26 Feb Age: 72	<b>Death</b> MAHASKA CO., IA	

#### Family Members

##### Parents

**ANDREW JACKSON REAM**  
1828 - 1915

**JANE GRAINGER SHARP**  
1828 - 1901

Show siblings

##### Spouse & Children

**MARY A. TOY**  
1859 -

**WILLIAM E. REAM**  
1876 -

**NELLIE ANN REAM**  
1878 - 1956

**JOSEPH HORIS REAM**  
1883 -

**ELIZABETH JANE REAM**  
1885 -

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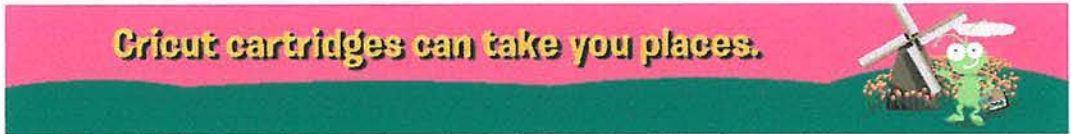
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