

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Higoni, John T. Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Jul 1846 Dearborn County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

① Addie Jones 1867

② Mrs. Julia R. Harris 1872

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Stockholder and one of the directors of the Citizens Savings Bank

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF

C. Profession Attorney

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elect. Pottawattamie County Sheriff in 1892 and served 2 terms;  
Avoca mayor - 2 terms; City Councilman; school board

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

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

7. Death 29 June 1931 Avoca, Iowa;

8. Children Maudie (Mrs. Levine); Paul T.; Roy; Mabel (Mrs. McCord);  
Eloise (died in 1918); a son died in infancy

9. Names of parents Isaac and Rebecca (Stewart) Higoni

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information Democrat

- At age 8 in 1854 he moved with his family to Iowa settling on a government farm near Ainsworth, Iowa
- His first wife, died 1 1/2 years after they married.
- In 1871, he moved to Pottawattomie County, Iowa, purchasing 80 acres of prairie land in Layton Township southeast of Avoca.
- He farmed for a number of years and also did auctioneering.
- When he moved to Avoca in the 1870's he worked on the railroad but later resigned to spend more time auctioneering.
- After he left the sheriff's office he purchased 100 acres northwest of Avoca, farmed for several years and then moved into Avoca.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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## THE JOURNAL

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AVOCA, POTTAWATTAM

## JOHN T. HAZEN DIES MONDAY JUNE 29 PIONEER SETTLER

Lived in Avoca Sixty Years. Served  
Two Terms in General Assembly  
Of Iowa, Sheriff of County

John T. Hazen passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mehrens Monday evening, June 29th, after an illness of three days, aged 84 years, 11 months and two days.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church in Avoca Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Earl Remaly officiating. Short services in charge of the I. O. O. F. at the grave.

John T. Hazen was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, July 27, 1846, the son of Isaac and Rebecca (Stewart) Hazen.

In 1854 when Mr. Hazen was eight years old, the family removed to Iowa making settlement on a government farm near Alinsworth and taking up the hardships and privations of the early pioneer. The father died in 1893.

In 1867 Mr. Hazen was united in marriage to Miss Addie Jones, who died one and one-half years later. In 1871 Mr. Hazen came to Pottawattamie



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county, purchasing eighty acres of prairie land in Dayton township south-east of Avoca. The land was raw prairie and he proceeded to break it up and farmed it for several years. There was no house on this land and Mr. Hazen lived in a tent until he could build a small cabin.

In 1872 Mr. Hazen was married to Mrs. Julia R. Harris of Avoca. To this union six children were born: Mrs. Maude Irvine of New York; Paul T. and Roy, of Omaha; Mrs. Mabel Mc-

### PIONEER DAY AT LADIES AID SOCIETY

The ladies aid society of the Congregational church observed a Pioneer Day at their regular meeting Thursday of last week. A number of relics, some over 100 years old, were displayed and several ladies gave interesting talks.

Mrs. Emma Randall was the oldest pioneer present, having lived here more than 75 years.

Mrs. Susan Sarvis has lived here 62 years, and raised a family of 10 children. Her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Blust, is a charter member of the society, and was born in a log cabin.

Mrs. Will Jackson was also born in a log cabin. Mrs. Henry Johnson was born in an early day sod house. Mrs. Jennie Hart has lived here more than 60 years. She said when she came here more deer roamed the prairies than there were cattle and there was an abundance of wild fruits especially wild strawberries and many varieties of wild flowers.

Mrs. J. H. Jenks, Mrs. Lentz, Mrs. Jean Tittsworth, Mrs. Sarah Davis and Mrs. Blanchan were among the early pioneers, and told of pioneer days.

### WHERE DID THEY GET IT?

Justice Davis' court opened up Monday morning with three cases of drinks!

Will Roberts, charged with "drunk and disorderly" was fined \$25 and costs. This was the third offense.

C. M. Heneger was fined \$10 and cost and will lay his fine out in the county jail. He hails from Missouri.

Dale Austin, first offense, and like "old dog Tray" being in bad company cost him \$5 and cost, which he paid and thanked the judge for not making it more.

Avoca has ever known. He served on the city council the school board and various other civic offices and never he did he shirk his duty. His judgment was sought by his friends in many of their business deals.

We can safely say that no man ever did more for the growth and development of Avoca than John T. Hazen. He spent time and money to promote every good enterprise Avoca ever undertook. As age came along Mr. Hazen was forced to abandon much of his efforts leaving the work to the younger generation.

Mr. Hazen has been a shareholder of the Citizens Saving Bank since its organization and has been one of the directors for twenty years or more.

He served as representative in the 34th and 35th General Assembly of Iowa and was considered one of the most influential men at these sessions, making many warm friends over the state. He was a man among men, a lover of home and family, his friends were legion, his enemies few. As an fearless, he held the respect of those who did not always agree in his

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June 24, 1931

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Summer Trousers

\$1.25 to \$5.00

Shirts

\$1.25 to \$3.50

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50c to \$1.50

Straw Hats

95c to \$3.50

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John Hazen has long been identified  
with Pottawattamie county, having  
lived here more than 60 years. He  
farmed for a number of years and took  
up auctioneering as a side line. He  
became known as one of the best auc-  
tioneers in the state. Moving to Avoca  
in the seventies, he worked for a time  
on the railroad at \$1.10 per day. While  
doing this work he came under the  
observation of the roadmaster who  
gave him a job as checker in the freight  
office, later became baggage master,  
resigning in order to devote more time  
to his business of auctioneering which  
soon occupied all of his time.

In 1892 Mr. Hazen was elected  
sheriff of Pottawattamie county and  
held the position for two terms. Dur-  
ing his term of office he had to deal  
with some of the worst criminals  
known in history. He also had to deal  
with one of the worst and most violent  
mobs that ever gathered in Council  
Bluffs, determined to hang a man in  
the custody of Mr. Hazen. He came  
out on the steps of the court house and  
simply talked that mob into dispersing  
without blood being shed.

In April, 1894, Kelly's army marched  
over the river bridge at Omaha and  
camped on what was then known as the  
chautauqua grounds. Mr. Hazen met  
this army of jobless men numbering  
several hundreds, at the east end of the  
bridge and for a week camped with the  
men day and night until he had  
escorted them to the Cass county line.

At one time during this march the  
railroad officials demanded that Mr.  
Hazen call out the state militia, say-  
ing that he would be held responsible  
for any trouble or damages. Mr.  
Hazen knew that the cost of doing this  
would be great and would have to be  
paid by the taxpayers of the county and  
steadfastly refused to call the troops.  
He proved himself equal to the occasion  
and got them out of the county without  
any trouble. At one time when these  
men were wet and hungry Mr. Hazen  
sent for bread and coffee, paying the  
bills for same \$90.00 out of his own  
pocket. How many men in the county  
today would do this?

Soon after leaving the sheriff's office  
which he filled with credit to the  
county and himself, he purchased 100  
acres northeast of Avoca, which he  
farmed for several years, later selling  
it and moving to Avoca.

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were legion, his enemies few. As an  
officer he did his duty, honorably and  
fearlessly. He held the respect of  
those who did not always concur in his  
opinion because of his honesty and  
uprightness.

Mr. Hazen was a member of the Odd  
Fellows lodge of Avoca for more than  
fifty years and in his younger days did  
a great deal to promote the good of the  
order. He was a member of the Con-  
gregational church of Avoca and up-  
until his last illness never failed to  
attend church on Sunday, if possible.

On December 2, 1930, Mr. Hazen  
developed serious trouble and was con-  
fined in the hospital several weeks.  
He improved to the extent that he was  
able to be about town from time to  
time but was forced to give up all  
activity in business. The extreme heat  
the past week had been hard on him  
and last Saturday after returning  
home from town he was forced to go to  
bed and passed away the following  
Monday.

John F. Hazen was a pioneer of this  
section of Iowa. He watched the  
changes from a vast prairie land to the  
present most fertile agricultural section  
of the world. He traveled in the cov-  
ered wagon and ox team, then the  
spring wagon and horses, then came the  
train, the automobile and the airplane.  
When a small boy his father took him  
Davenport in a covered wagon, more  
than 40 miles, to witness the coming  
of the first steam engine which entered  
Iowa at Davenport, crossing the river  
on the ice.

The writer has known Mr. Hazen in  
the most intimate terms of friendship  
for more than fifty years. We came to  
Avoca on Mr. Hazen's birthday, July  
27, and a friendship soon developed  
in comradeship never ceasing until he  
closed his eyes in death Monday even-  
ing, as we entered his room he was tak-  
ing his last breath, and that grand old  
soul left the worn out body we had  
learned to love and cherish, and took its  
flight to that bourne from whence no  
traveler ever returns. These words most  
fittingly express our feelings:

"I'd like to be the sort of friend that  
You have been to me.

I'd like to be the help that you've  
been always glad to be,

I'd like to mean as much to you each  
minute of the day,

As you have meant, old friend, of  
mine, to me along the way.

And could I have one wish, dear  
friend, this only would it be,

I'd like to be the sort of friend that  
you have always been to me."

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