

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Hutchins Clayton Barney Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Kossuth County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Jan 1849 near Moira, Franklin County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) Was Hamilton 25 Dec 1877 near National, Iowa

(2) Mrs. Jennie A. Hamilton 22 Feb 1893

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Kossuth County Farmers Institute; president of the Algona Co-operative Creamery Company; president of Kossuth County Mutual Fire Insurance Company; Vice President of County Savings Bank

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Teacher; general civil engineer (drainage)

4. Church membership Congregational

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Kossuth County surveyor; Kossuth County auditor 1883-1889; school director;

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

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

7. Death 28 Mar 1931 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Algona, Iowa

8. Children Harold D.; Lawrence C.; Carlton B.; Ralph H.; Ernest (died in infancy); Homer H. (died in infancy); Irving H. (died 23 Nov 1909, age 27)

9. Names of parents Deputy H. and Helen M. (Whitney) Hutchins

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

11. Degrees State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa attended 2 years

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His first wife, Eva, died 4 Feb 1892
- He came with his parents to Iowa in spring 1855 settling at National in Clayton County, Iowa where the family farmed. He helped his mother manage the farm while his father was in the Civil War.
- The family moved to Cassin County, Iowa in 1869
- After being in college 2 years, he taught school at Mann District (a rural school), head of the Algona public schools beginning 6 Jan 1873 and also at National in Clayton County, Iowa and at Emmetsburg, Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary -</u>			<u>The Upper Des Moines Republican, Algona, Iowa,</u> <u>Icd. Apr. 1, 1931, p. 1, col. 1, 2, 3</u>

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Prominent Citizen and a Former Member of Legislature Passes.

DIED IN DES MOINES SATURDAY MORNING.

Generally Given Credit for Outstanding Work in Building up Northern Iowa and Kossuth County.

Kossuth county mourns the death of one of its most outstanding men in the death of Clayton B. Hutchins, which occurred at the Iowa Lutheran hospital in Des Moines last Saturday morning, March 23, as a result of a sudden attack of lobar pneumonia. Mr. Hutchins who had been spending the winter in Des Moines looking in on the legislature, of which he was for a time a member, caught cold and was confined to his room at the Y. M. C. A. building. A few days later it was found that his cold had developed into dread pneumonia. He was taken to the hospital five days preceding his death, and on Wednesday when he suffered a serious sinking spell his three sons living in Algona were summoned to his bedside. On Friday he showed such a remarkable improvement it was thought that the crisis was past and Carl and Lawrence returned home, leaving Harold, who remained at his father's bedside until the end came Saturday morning at 8:55, when his weakened heart refused to longer function and he passed away peacefully.

#### Death Came as He Wished.

The end came rather quickly, and in just the manner he would have wished. He said to the people at the Y. M. C. A., as he was being taken away to the hospital: "I don't want to get well, and I hope I shall go quickly." It was very interesting to note the affection which he had inspired amongst those about the "Y" where he had stayed for the past two months; also amongst some others in the city of Des Moines. All were quite startled at his sudden taking off and spoke of him with sincere regret.

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At one time he taught school in the Mann district in the country. He taught, as head of the Algona public schools, commencing January 6, 1873. He also taught school at National, in a room with nearly sixty pupils of various ages, and later, following his marriage to Eva Hamilton, he taught in

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#### Andrew Godfredson and Mrs. Samp Wed.

Mrs. Selma Samp and Andrew Godfredson stole a march on their friends Monday and drove to Blue Earth, where they were married by the Rev. John Taylor. They were accompanied by Mrs. Will Palmer of Algona. The bride is well known in Algona where she has been employed at the Paine & Sorensen drug store for the past three and one-half years.

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#### Ab Long Celebrates April Fools' Day.

Ab Long is today celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of his entry into the grocery business in Algona. He started out on his career as the demon delivery boy for the Langdon grocery store and has emerged at the top of the heap. In spite of being thirty years older his pep and good nature has not diminished one whit.

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