

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Journals, William Newton Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented James County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Jul 1869 near Elders Ridge, Pennsylvania in  
Armstrong County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

① Christina B. Wilson 28 Dec 1892

② Olga A. Berger 16 Nov 1904

③ Ruby 10 Nov 1931

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Farmers Savings Bank of Geneva, Iowa and a  
principal organizer

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star; Shriner

C. Profession Farmer; Booked

4. Church membership Presbyterian; later Evangelical United Brethren

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Circuit Court clerk 10 years

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

C. National Defeated as a Democrat, candidate for United States House of  
Representatives in 1926

7. Death 28 Apr 1951 Marshalltown, Iowa; buried Crystal Cemetery, Crystal Township, James County, Iowa

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Eliza (Mrs. Cooper); Simon Peter; Jennie B. (Mrs. McShaff);

John Earl (predeceased his father in death); Sarah K. (Mrs. Hyder); by 2<sup>nd</sup> wife - William Berger;  
Richard Bruce

9. Names of parents Simon Peter and Eliza Jane Journals

10. Education Educated in the public schools, Eders Ridge Academy and State Normal College of Edinboro in Pennsylvania

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- At age 21 he came to Iowa to sell several carloads of apples from his father's farm. He was impressed with the agricultural possibilities of Iowa and decided to live in Iowa permanently.
- He moved to a farm in Crystal Township, Tama County, Iowa
- He retired from the bank in 1943
- His first wife, Christina B., died 23 Dec 1903
- His second wife, Clara A., died 25 Sept 1930
- He moved to Trues, Iowa in 1891 where he farmed

### Sources Log For Legislation Entries

#### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - The Toledo Chronicle, Toledo, Iowa, Thurs May. 3, 1951, p. 3, col. 2
-			A History of Iowa County, Iowa 1910, p. 987-988
-			Iowa Official Register 1913-1914, p. 705

## Harry Frahms Move Back To Home Place

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frahm, who have been living two miles south of Garwin keeping house for their son Raymond for the past few years moved back to their home place, two miles north of town. Another son, Franklin will operate the farm south of town and also assist with the farm work on the home place. Franklin's sister, Violet, who is employed at Marshalltown is staying with him and she and her brother LaVerne also employed in Marshalltown drive to and from work each day.

Leland, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frahm, listed in the air force as a mechanic Tuesday of this week and left Thursday to take his physical exams and still another son, Art has been in training for the past few months at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

## Jimmy Rider Is Home From Hospital; His Illness Undetermined

The condition of Jimmy Rider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kinnard, who was ill last week and a patient in the Deaconess hospital a few days is still undetermined. He is still running a temperature. X-ray pictures and various examinations have been made. He was brought home from the hospital Monday of last week.

## Last Rites For Alvena Woehlk On Wednesday

Alvena Margretha Woehlk, daughter of Jasper and Anna Frahm Woehlk was born Sept. 13, 1871 in Spring Creek township in Tama county.

She was married to John C. Woehlk in 1893 and they farmed in the Garwin vicinity until the death of her husband in 1905, after which time she lived in her home in Garwin. To this union were born two sons, Adolph Albert, who died in 1897 and John Herbert, born in 1899.

For the past forty some odd years

## Townsend Services Tuesday At Garwin

William Newton Townsend was born on July 29, 1869 on a farm near Elders Ridge, Pennsylvania, one of six sons of Simon Peter and Eliza Jane Townsend.

He received his education in the public schools, Elders Ridge Academy and State Normal college at Edinboro in Pennsylvania. As a young man of 21 he came to Iowa to sell several car-loads of apples from his father's farm. He was impressed with the agricultural possibilities of the state and shortly thereafter returned to make this his permanent home.

He settled upon a farm in Crystal township. The greater part of his life was devoted to banking. In 1912 he moved to Garwin as president of the Farmers Savings bank of which he was one of the principal organizers in that year.

Retirement from active participation in the bank came in 1943. But since that time he has continued as president of the institution. Throughout his life he was actively interested in politics. He served two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives in 1911 and 1913.

He was defeated as a democratic candidate for United States House of Representatives in 1926.

Mr. Townsend is survived by his wife Ruby, whom he married on November 10, 1931.

On December 28, 1892 he married Christina B. Wilson and they were parents of five children, Mrs. Eliza Cooper of Marshalltown, Simon Peter of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Janette B. McGriff of Marshalltown; John West, deceased and Mrs. Sara K. Hyder of Los Angeles. His wife Christina died on December 23, 1903.

He was married to Clara A. Berper on November 16, 1904 and of this marriage, William Bryan of Avonmore, Penn. and R. Bruce of Indianapolis survive. His wife Clara died on Sept. 25, 1930.

Mr. Townsend was a Presbyterian until he moved to Garwin where he joined the EUB church. He was a member of the Hesperia Masonic lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star at Traer and the Shrine and Consistory of Cedar Rapids.

He died at the Deaconess hospital in Marshalltown on April 28, 1951. Mr. Townsend was a high school graduate, and will be greatly missed by a host of friends and relatives.

## Agriculture Class Field Trip To Iowa State College Thu

Thursday the general class of the Garwin school under supervision of Supt. Burns on a trip to visit the various departments of the agricultural college at Ames.

Accompanying the group were Mr. and Mrs. Pl. Mrs. George Elwell, Mr. and Mrs. John. The class is made up of freshmen and sophomores.

## Year-End Activities For Garwin Seniors

Commencement week ends with the Senior play "Moth Talking" to be held in the school auditorium on Thursday and Friday nights, May 3rd and 4th.

On Friday May 11 the seniors will take in the "Veneration of Iowa State College" especially for high school seniors.

The baccalaureate service will be held in the Christian church on Sunday evening May 13 at 8 p. m. with Rev. L. of the Christian church delivering the sermon.

The commencement exercises will be held at the EUB church on Friday evening May 17 at 8 p. m. Mr. Moore of Des Moines will give the address for the evening. There will be seven girls and six boys.

Graduates are Frances Krause, Jolaine Mason, Lois Peshel, Phyllis Pr Rodgers, Myron Craig, Jim Jessen, Dale LeF Starbuck and Alfred Rohaek.

### Gifts Dedicated

The new altar rail and communion table were dedicated during morning service Sunday. A gift to the church by Mrs. M. in memory of her father Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maj were Garwin residents.

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For the past forty some odd years she has lived in her home in Garwin. During the last few years she has been in failing health and last week was taken to the Deaconess hospital in Marshalltown, where she passed away Saturday afternoon, April 28, at the age of 79 years, four months and 15 days.

Those who survive are one son J. H. Woehlk of Garrison and one granddaughter, Mary Lou. Also surviving are three brothers, Henry, Frank and Carl Sievers, all of Garwin and three sisters, Emma Schneckloth and Ella Johnson both of Waterloo and Alma Boeke of Hubbard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Anna Woehlk who died in 1948 and Doris who died in infancy.

In early life Mrs. Woehlk was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran faith, in which faith she lived and passed away.

Funeral services for Mrs. Woehlk were held Wed., May 2 at 2 p. m. at the Miller funeral home in Garwin. Rev. E. R. Stroud, pastor of the EUB church

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Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, May 1 at the EUB church in Garwin, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stroud.

The hymns "Ivory Palaces" and "Saved By Grace" were sung by Irene Conant and Mrs. H. H. Hall with Mrs. Ralph Rider playing the piano accompaniment.

Mrs. Ruth Christianson, Mrs. George Elwell, Mrs. LaVerne Staker, Miss Mary Evelyn Rider, Mrs. Alfred Harmsen, Mrs. Max Mason and Mrs. Elizabeth Warren were in charge of flowers.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Moyer, Albert Rhoades, H. H. Emke, Charles McCune, George Elwell and Arthur Lincoln.

Regular pallbearers were Lyle Lorenson, O. L. Dixon, D. E. Ochs, Ralph Rider, Phil Aldrich and C. L. Springer.

Burial was in the Crystal cemetery five miles east of Garwin. A large crowd attended the services.

### Last Supper Club Meeting Until Fall.

On Friday May 11, 1951 their annual "Skip Day" Ames to take in the "Vegetation of Iowa State College especially for high school

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### Move To Acres

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas man are preparing to Allen Stewart property a of town, better known Ford acreage. Mrs. Heater of Mrs. Horace Ki Head will assist Mr. K farm work for awhile while home is undergoing remodeling which is to be done.

### Birthday Party

The Birthday club was town Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E and Mrs. Alice Van Horn is being held one week regular date due to Horn's having taken care would be unable to en later.

### Son Born

Word reached here of eight pound 12 ounce 16 to Mr. and Mrs. M Lapel, Indiana. He is Jeffrey Lynn. Mrs. Si are lived in Garwin. He



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# A HISTORY OF TAMA COUNTY IOWA

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of this notice; Elizabeth, a twin sister, married Elmer Shofer, and died when about twenty-seven; Lewis, a resident of Garrison, Iowa; Cassius and George B., farmers of Grundy county, that state; James and Robert, who are also citizens of Garrison; and Mrs. Eliza Baker, of Linn county, Iowa. The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, who are all living with their mother, are: Nellie E., James W., Marietta, Gordon R., Sarah Blanch and Leroy R. Stewart. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Stewart has rented the old home farm and resides in Reinbeck, Iowa, where several of her children's uncles have their home. The farm is one of the best farms in the county. It is well tilled and the buildings on it are worth \$10,000.

WILLIAM N. TOWNSEND is a prominent and well known farmer in section 27, Crystal township. He was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1869, a son of Simon P. and Eliza J. (Townsend) Townsend, the father born in Armstrong county March 19, 1825, and died in that state in 1907, and the mother, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1834, is now living with her son William. There were six sons in their family, and the two now living are Edwin E. and William N., the elder on the old Townsend homestead in Pennsylvania. Simon P. Townsend was a farmer and fruit raiser, and for many years raised and shipped large quantities of apples.

William N. Townsend was reared as a farmer's son in his native county of Armstrong, and after an attendance at the district schools he entered Elder Ridge Academy and later the State Normal at Edinboro, while after the completion of this training he followed the stock business for a year. At about this time his father sent him to Tama county, Iowa, with seven carloads of apples, which he sold at the Toledo and Traer markets, and it was while on this trip that he met the lady who afterwards became his wife. Returning to his eastern home, he came again to Iowa, married and took his wife to Pennsylvania, where he followed farming until returning in 1891 to Tama county. He then purchased his present farm of two hundred acres in section 27, where he has remodeled many of its buildings and has also erected a splendid modern home. He has increased his landed possessions until he now owns six hundred and forty acres in Saskatchewan, Canada, and although principally a general farmer, he has followed stock-raising and feeding to some extent. He served his township of Crystal ten years as a clerk, and he supports the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Townsend's first wife bore the maiden name of Christena Wilson, and was born in Crystal township in May of 1869, while her death occurred in the year of 1903. She was a daughter of West and Barbara (Kennedy) Wilson. West Wilson, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, September 19, 1820, was reared to farm life and the training received in his native parish was supplemented under a professor of Greek and Hebrew in Edinburgh University. After the completion of this splendid mental training he followed farming until 1846, the year of his emigration to America, and his first home here was at New London, Connecticut, where he continued his former occupation as a renter, while later he engaged in the vegetable and dairy business. From there in 1854 he came to Tama county, Iowa, entering land in Crystal township, but returning to Connecticut he continued his agricultural work there until coming again to Tama county in 1856, settling on the land he had previously entered. In 1874 he embarked in the



grain business in Traer, and in 1879 opened a branch store at Harrison, and in 1882 engaged in the same business at Reinbeck. Mr. Wilson was the first to introduce Shorthorn cattle in northern Tama county, and was engaged quite extensively in raising that breed. He was also one of the instigators of the Toledo Agricultural Society and of the Northern Tama Agricultural Society, and it was mainly through his influence that most of the Scotch and English residents of Tama county located here. He was an excellent business man, and was known and respected over a wide territory. Mr. Wilson married in 1845 Margaret Drynan, also from Ayrshire, Scotland, and she died in 1860, leaving nine children. For his second wife he wedded Barbara Kennedy in 1863, and she bore him four children.

To the marriage union of William N. Townsend and Christena Wilson were born five children: Eliza J., Simon P., Jeanette B., John W. and Sarah K., all at home with their father. In November of 1904 Mr. Townsend was married to Clara A. Berger, who was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, July 13, 1875, a daughter of George W. and Levina (Hecker) Berger, the father born December 5, 1839, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the mother, in 1838, in Ohio. Mr. Berger located with his parents in Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1855, and in 1876 he became a resident of Tama county, Iowa. Purchasing land in Crystal township, he lived there until 1906, when he and his wife moved to their present home in Cedar Falls. Four of their seven children are now living, namely: Nellie, wife of Rollo L. Lynde, of South Dakota; Clara, the wife of Mr. Townsend; Leah, wife of J. W. Dodd, of Crystal township; and George P., at home with his parents. Mr. Townsend and his family are members of the Salem Presbyterian church.

C. J. SCHMIDT is one of the most prominent of Dysart's business men, the proprietor of a large retail harness store there. He has been a resident of this city since 1884, buying in that year the stock and business of Duncan and Gamble, and he has since been prominently identified with that line of work and has built up a large business. He is also the director of the First National Bank of Dysart and connected with many other of the city's important industries.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Andrew Jackson county, Iowa, in 1858, a son of Paul and Louisa (Cuppenhover) Schmidt, who came from Buffalo, New York, to Iowa in 1851, locating in the northern part of Andrew Jackson county, owning and conducting a farm there for many years. But in 1860 they moved to Maquoketa, Iowa, and were in the hotel business there for five years, were then in the same business at Rockdale, and later moving to Dubuque Mr. Schmidt conducted the American hotel there until his death in 1872, when forty-seven years of age. Mrs. Schmidt died at Waterloo, this state, in 1903, when eighty-seven years of age. Both were born in Battenburg, Germany, and coming to America when young people they were subsequently married in this country. They have a son and daughter living at Waterloo, and a son at Missoula, Montana, and another son deceased.

C. J. Schmidt was married at Waterloo, Iowa, to Elizabeth Kruse. She was born in that city, whither her parents had moved many years ago from Freeport, Illinois, and her father was in the boot and shoe business. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt five were born in Dysart, and their family are: Walter, engaged in the hardware and plumbing business at Waukon, Iowa; Frank, the cashier of the First National



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### Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	<b>William N Townsend</b>
Birth Year:	<b>abt 1870</b>
Birth Place:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
Gender:	<b>Male</b>
Race:	<b>White</b>
Marital Status:	<b>Married</b>
Census Date:	<b>1 Jan 1925</b>
Residence State:	<b>Iowa</b>
Residence County:	<b>Tama</b>
Locality:	<b>Garwin</b>
Relation to Head:	<b>Head</b>
Mother:	<b>Eliza J Townsend</b>
Mother's Birth Year:	<b>abt 1840</b>
Mother's Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
Father:	<b>Ennon P Townsend</b>
Father's Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
Marriage Place:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>
Spouse Name:	<b>Clara A Townsend</b>
Roll:	<b>IA1925_1955</b>
Line:	<b>2</b>
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>
Household Members:	
Name	Age
William N Townsend	<b>55</b>
Clara A Townsend	<b>49</b>

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 Birth Year: **abt 1870**  
 Birth Place: **Pennsylvania**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Race: **White**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Census Date: **1915**  
 Residence State: **Iowa**  
 Residence County: **Tama**  
 Locality: **Garwin**  
 Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**  
 Roll: **IA1915\_469**  
 Line: **379**  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Name	Age
Members: William N Townsend	45

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### 1930 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>William N Townsend</b>	
Home in 1930:	<b>Garwin, Tama, Iowa</b>	
	<a href="#">View Map</a>	
Age:	<b>60</b>	
Estimated birth year:	<b>abt 1870</b>	
Birthplace:	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
Relation to Head of House:	<b>Head</b>	
Spouse's name:	<b>Clara</b>	
Race:	<b>White</b>	
Occupation:		
Education:		
Military service:	<a href="#">View image</a>	
Rent/home value:		
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Parents' birthplace:		
Neighbors:	<a href="#">View others on page</a>	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	William N Townsend	<b>60</b>
	Clara Townsend	<b>56</b>
	Bruce Townsend	<b>13</b>
	Leni Denoma	<b>57</b>

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- Name: William Newton TOWNSEND
- Given Name: William Newton
- Surname: Townsend
- Sex: M
- Birth: 29 Jul 1869
- Death: 28 Apr 1951
- Change Date: 12 Sep 2003

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*Father:* [Simon Peter TOWNSEND](#) b: 19 Mar 1826  
*Mother:* [Eliza Jane TOWNSEND](#) b: 15 Apr 1831

*Marriage 1* [Christine Barbara WILSON](#)

- *Married:* 25 Dec 1892

**Children**

1. [Eliza Jane TOWNSEND](#)
2. [Simon Peter TOWNSEND](#)
3. [Janette Barbara TOWNSEND](#)
4. [John West TOWNSEND](#) b: 6 Oct 1901
5. [Sarah Kennedy TOWNSEND](#)

*Marriage 2* [Clara BERGER](#)

**Children**

1. [William Jennings Bryan TOWNSEND](#)

2.  Richard Bruce TOWNSEND*Marriage 3 Ruby CONANT*

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