

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ellis James Whitcomb Senator _____

Represented Jackson County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Nov 1848 Danville, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary M. Fisher 16 Oct 1870

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R., Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce;
Mason, Shiner, Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Insurance Business

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 33rd and 34th General Assemblies 1909, 1911

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace, school board president;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 April 1929 Magnolia, Iowa; buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Magnolia, Iowa

8. Children Frank E.; Nellie (Mrs. Miller); Mrs. Fred Albright; Mrs.
Orville Eastman; five other children predeceased their father in death

9. Names of parents James and Ailsen Ellis

10. Education Educated in the country schools of Jackson County
until age 14 -

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He came with his parents to Jackson County, Iowa in 1852
and raised on the family farm north of Maquoketa, Iowa
- He made several attempts to join the Civil War and finally succeeded
at age 16
- Military service - Civil War - succeeded in getting into service
but was returned home by parental order; in 1866 he enlisted
in frontier service - 7th U. S. Cavalry which fought in the
Indian campaigns
- After 3 years, he returned home and engaged in farming until 1907
when he moved to Maquoketa
- His wife Mary M., died 3 Mar 1907.
- He had a collection of relics he had collected from all over the world

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Hon. James W. Ellis

**HON. J W ELLIS PASSES
AWAY EARLY THIS MORNING**

When the word was broadcast this morning that Hon. J. W. Ellis, one of the highly honored and prominent citizens of our city, community and state had passed away, a universal sorrow overcast the public which for years has bestowed upon him the respect and esteem due to one who has spent a lifetime in service of his community. There are few men who have been identified with so many active agencies bent on building for the common good; there are few of us who are willing to sacrifice the time and labor to bring about projects and measures that really build for better conditions and standards. It required close association with Mr. Ellis to really learn and know his devotion to the community in which he lived and served. It was our good fortune to enjoy periods of such association during the months when he compiled his Jackson County His-

lature. Mr. Ellis was a member of numerous organizations and always took a keen interest in the activities of them all. He was a member of the Congregational church of this city; the Kiwanis Club; Chamber of Commerce; the several bodies of the Masonic Order of Maquoketa; and the Mystic Shrine of Davenport; Jackson Lodge I. O. O. F.; Peerless Lodge K. of P. Mr. Ellis has on two occasions played a very important part in "Home Coming" events and took exceptional pride in the success which attended each of these delightful events. No history of Mr. Ellis would be complete without mention of the "Ellisonian Institute". For many years he devoted much time in collecting relics from all parts of the world and accumulated one of the finest private collections in the state. For the past many years Mr. Ellis had engaged in the insurance business

**Kirchhoff Plant Adds
New Equipm**

Bigger and bigger every day in way is the schedule being followed by the Kirchhoff Ice and Ice company, the latest addition to facilities of this growing plant two modern ice cream trucks pulled through the Rasmussen Motor company of this city. These trucks equipped with refrigeration and rons in the territory are assured their cream will be delivered to not only promptly but in the very best condition. Mr. Kirchhoff now a fleet of seventeen trucks serve Maquoketa and Clinton plants now that his Springville plant is tting under full operation, it is ble that more transporting fa will soon be added.

**Sunday School Class
Party Well Atten**

The Daughters of the King of the M. E. Sunday school met at home of Mrs. Lena Isbell Friday evening, April 5, with 28 members ent and one visitor. The business sion revealed the class in good fin condition and a goodly number of cial calls on sick and shut ins rep. The way the ladies entered into games and sports of the evening remind one of a lot of school girls released for vacation. These gatherings are an inspiration strengthen the tie that binds us together. The hostess and her assistants served delicious refreshm

Save the Flowers

We are glad to say that the way conservation is sweeping the country and the destructive instinct which seemed to prevail in the past has come generally modified and in many localities almost eliminated. We see from the standpoint of God's garden outdoors, which until recently deemed by many as a place where folks went to devastate and destroy the beauty of earth. An educational campaign against this sort of thing is being carried on and the results indeed gratifying. We have noticed our strolls through the woodlands and people generally are far less destructive than in years gone by. Picking flowers along the bluffs has replaced the careless fun of digging flowers, and shrubbery is admired rather than

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James Whitcomb Ellis was born near Danville, Indiana, November 25, 1848, and with his parents, Jesse and Allsea Ellis, came to Jackson county in 1852. He was reared on his father's farm north of this city and attended the country school until fourteen years of age, when he entered that great school of practical experience and his mastery of its lessons enabled him to cope with the problems of the business world and achieve success. During the period of the Civil war, Mr. Ellis, then a mere youth, made several attempts to enlist with the colors and when sixteen years of age succeeded in getting to the front long enough to witness the campaign from Culpepper to Petersburg, but by parental authority because of his youth, was returned home. But his patriotic spirit was undaunted and in 1866 he enlisted in frontier service with the famous Seventh United States Cavalry which organization figured prominently throughout the hard Indian campaigns in the west and southwest. After serving three years Mr. Ellis returned home and engaged in farm work and clearing the then densely wooded lands, remaining there until 1907 when he removed to Maquoketa. On October 16, 1870, he was united in marriage to Mary M. Forbes who passed away March 3, 1907. To this union were born nine children, four of whom are left to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted father. They are: Frank E., and Mrs. Nellie Miller of this city; Mrs. Fred Albright of Ankeny, Iowa, and Mrs. Orville Eastman of Clinton. Mr. Ellis has filled the offices of justice of the peace, president of the South Fork township school board; member of the Soldiers' Relief Commission; Commander of A. W. Drips Post G. A. R.; Commander of the U. V. U.; Secretary of the Pioneers Association; and a member of the House of Representatives in the state legis-

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For the past many years Mr. Ellis had engaged in the insurance business and his close attention to work and fair dealing won a splendid competence, owning at the time of his death several valuable properties in our city. During his term in the legislature he succeeded in raising a fund to bring back the body of Ansel Briggs, Iowa's first governor, from its resting place in Omaha to Andrew, the home of the executive, after which he secured from the state an appropriation of \$1,000 with which a fitting monument was erected to his memory.

Several weeks ago, Mr. Ellis was stricken with the flu and for some days it was feared that the attack would prove fatal, but he rallied nicely and became able to be about the home but the malady had affected the heart and this morning at 3:15 o'clock, the end came.

An active, useful life has closed, but not until after great good had been done and much honor attained. The community is far better that Honorable James W. Ellis has lived and served.

Funeral services will be held from the Congregational church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. A. W. Sinden officiating. The remains will be laid to rest in the mausoleum in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Junior League Baseball

All boys wishing to try out for American Legion Baseball team, leave names at office of Dr. O. L. Frank, or at post office with Rex Harrington or Emil Rutenbeck.

All boys, to be eligible, must not have attained their 17th birthday before midnight Sept. 14, 1929.

NOTICE

Butte & Western Stockholders:

A final movement is on foot to salvage something from our investment, and all interested are requested to meet at City Hall, Maquoketa, Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

By request of committee.

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Dr. J. F. Ritter.

Attention M. W. A.

The M. W. A. Lodge will hold their regular meeting Wednesday April 10. There will be initiation.

our strolls through the woodlands people generally are far less destructive than in years gone by. Picking flowers along the bluffs has replaced the called fun of digging flowers, shrubbery is admired rather than further and carried away to decorate a room for a few moments. No longer comes from picking wild flowers, in fact picking flowers carefully makes them more prolific, but the old fashion of digging them up is the sure way of exterminating the charm and beauty which they only in their natural state and habitat can give.

The Toreadors

Presented under the direction of Miss Throckmorton.

Cast of characters:

Senor Dictorio, wealthy farmer and great admirer of Toreadors—H. A. Lowder.

Benita and Juanita, his twin daughters—Charline Phillips, Maxine Tilt, Juan, Pablo, sons of neighbor farmers and admirers of Benita and Juanita—Wm. Ahlers, Clifford Stant.

Senor Swateo, Senor Whackers, beggars masquerading as Toreadors—R. L. Hunt, Berney Rosenberg.

Dolores, Maria, friends of Juanita and Benita—Marian Mitchell, Leona Sh.

Group of dancing girls, chorus girls, chorus of men, celebrating Benita's and Juanita's birthday.

Act I—Place, Spanish Patton; to present.

Act II—Same as Act I.

Senor Dictorio, a wealthy farmer sunny Spain, is a "Sport Page" who knows all about bull fights, and admires most all of the famous toreadors. Senor Swateo and Senor Whacker. He intends that his daughters Juan and Benita should like them too. But the girls have other plans. Juan and Pablo, true Spanish gentlemen, are more to their liking.

On the girls' birthday, Senor Dictorio invites these two toreadors to present but frowns upon the lovers.

Two beggars come along to add to the confusion, Juan and Pablo for them to dress up and present themselves as Senor Swateo and Senor Whackero. This they do but not being cast for the part, they find it irksome. This is but a part of the story.

Mrs. Henry Becker, daughters Edith and Mrs. C. W. Farr went to Davenport Saturday and spent the day with relatives.