

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Reaney, Robert Johnson Senator _____
Represented Louisa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 Jul 1856 County Tyrone, Ireland

2. Marriage (s) date place

Belle Ellison 16 Jan 1887 Muskegon Co., Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of the Louisa County National Bank

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; T.O.O.F.; a founder of the
Columbus Chetangues

C. Profession Carpenter; farmer; clothing business; lumberyard
owner; insurance business

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 32nd, 33rd General Assembly 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices

A. Local School treasurer; member of Columbus Junction 1889-1892; town
council member; school board member; director of Columbus Junction
fire

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 3 Aug 1941 Columbus Junction Iowa; Buried Indian Country, Indiana, Iowa

8. Children James E.; Elsie M. (Mrs. R. L. Clark), Louisa; Roy Skillein (predeceased
his father in death); Agnes (predeceased her father in death)

9. Names of parents Joseph and Elizabeth (Jackson) Reaney

Reaney, Robert John

10. Education He was educated in the local schools of Louisa
County, Iowa and in schools at Chester, Pennsylvania

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his family to America in 1862. They settled at Chester,
Pennsylvania where they lived until 1871.
- In 1871 they came to Louisa County, Iowa and moved to a farm in Concord
Township. Here he assisted his father on the farm and learned the
carpentry trade which he followed for 13 years.
- After marriage he and his brother, Samuel, established a trading store in
Columbus Junction. He was in this business until 1891.
- In 1891 he purchased the lumber yard of Bekman and Baldwin in Columbus
Junction with his brother-in-law, Charles Eliason and formed the firm of
Reaney and Eliason.
- The business was sold in 1916 to the Eclipse Lumber Company. He retired
and then

R. J. Reaney Died Sunday Afternoon

R. J. Reaney, prominent and active in this community for many years and one of Columbus Junction's most respected and best known citizens, died at his home in this city at 12:35 p. m. Sunday, August 3rd, following an illness of more than two years, although he has been bedfast but a short time.

Robert John Reaney was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, July 21, 1856. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Turkington) Reaney, born in Ireland of Scotch parentage.

The family came to America in 1862 and established a home at Chester, Pennsylvania where they lived until 1871 when they came to Louisa county and moved on a farm in Concord township.

Mr. Reaney attended the local schools, assisted his father on the



R. J. REANEY

farm and then learned the carpenter trade which he followed for thirty-

He was united in marriage to Miss

Mrs. S. W. Carrick Died At Home Near Wyman

Mrs. S. W. Carrick, 79, died at her home, one mile north of Wyman at two o'clock Saturday morning after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Carrick had lived on the farm on which she died, all her life with the exception of two years which she spent in Sterling, Kansas. She would have been 80 years old, Sunday, August 3.

Mary Cowle was born August 3, 1861, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cowle. Her parents had settled in Louisa county in 1850. In 1898 she married S. W. Carrick of Albia and they settled on her father's farm. Mrs. Carrick was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian at Wyman until it was discontinued, when she became a member of the United Presbyterian church of Crawfordsville.

Surviving are her husband and two sisters, Mrs. Tillie Cherryholmes of Eldora, Kansas and Mrs. W. W. Twinam of Crawfordsville; one son, Francis and daughter, Isabelle preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the United Presbyterian church at Crawfordsville conducted by the Rev. McCracken assisted by the Rev. Patterson of Morning Sun and the Rev. Daugherty of Sharon.

Music was furnished by a mixed quartette composed of Jane Maxwell, Marion Waters, John White and Frank Gault. Pallbearers were T. Dewey Davis, Merle Twinam, James Dunn, Neil Kracaw, Lyle Cherryholmes and Mr. Harbison.

Those attending the funeral services from a distance were Mrs. Frances Blair of Glenwood, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. Coulter and two daughters of Atlanta, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Harbison and son and wife of Albia; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carrick of Beardtown, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cherryholmes and Mrs. Charles Leathers of Eldora, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Courtney of Brighton and Mrs. Schooley and Margaret Carrick of Albia.

John Dawson Died At Three Oakes, Michigan

azette is indebted to the Democrat for the pictures on this page of Junior Smith who was featured in a article in the Democrat. Jun- stured here with two of his teresting hobbies, raising and marshalling leaden sol- The soldiers were cast from ad in the basement of the mith home on Walnut street udes an army of 750 lead sol- h a full equipment of tanks, guns, planes and other nt. In addition Junior has a realistic air plane crash rred home where it struck, bearers, nurses and the de- plane.

Be Exhibited At Fair ch interest has been aroused remarkable collection that th and Junior have arranged y it in the Floral hall next the Louisa County Fair.

Collects Turtles Too dition to this hobby Junior ects turtles and now has ap- tely 95, of all sizes and var- ors. They include snappers, id dry land turtles. He em rap raw meat. He also ake, several crawfish, snails, er interesting collections.

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And Mrs. Willet Married Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Willet will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Columbus, Saturday, August 9th.

Mrs. Willet has not been so well some time and they regret it will be impossible for them to hold open house.

However a family dinner will be served at the noon hour and cards and letters will be highly appreciated.

Mrs. Willet was 80 years old Wednesday, August 6th.

510 Lbs. Aluminum

County Chairman Matthews reports Louisa county contributed 510 pounds of aluminum in the recent drive. This was more than the average per person reported thus far, which is one pound for every person.

Collector collected 40 pounds or about one pound per person.

APPRECIATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF ALUMINUM DRIVE

Sincerely thank the many people over the county who participated in the aluminum drive, or contributed in any way to its success.

S. B. Matthews, Chairman.

Former Resident Seriously Injured

Word has been received from the J. Bell at St. Paris, Ohio, of serious injuries suffered by his wife, formerly Miss Ruth Hannon, in this city and their two children in an auto accident the first of last week.

The following is taken from the report of the accident in the Piqua, Ohio, newspaper.

Y. GIRL INJURED IN CRASH MONDAY

Children of Mrs. Merle Bell, St. Paris, Hurt When She Loses Control of Car

Two St. Paris children suffered fatal injuries when the car driven by their mother in which they and

...teen years.

He was united in marriage to Miss Belle Eliason, January 16, 1887 and the following year formed a partnership with his brother, Samuel Reaney and established a clothing store in Columbus Junction. He followed this business until 1891, when he sold his interest and purchased the lumber yard of Eckman & Baldwin in this city and soon afterward formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Charles Eliason, which under the firm name of Reaney & Eliason, soon became one of the major business institutions of this community. In 1916 the business was sold to the Eclipse Lumber Company and Messrs. Reaney and Eliason both retired from active business although Mr. Reaney continued his business affiliations with the community by conducting an insurance business in the office of his son, Attorney J. E. Reaney until just a short time before his death.

In addition to his successful business enterprises Mr. Reaney was a man of unusual public spirit and for more than fifty years exerted a profound influence on the life of this community.

His first interest, next to his home, was his church. He was a life-long member and attendant of the Methodist church. He served in every capacity open to a layman and at the time of his death was a member of the board of stewards. He also took an active interest in the Sunday School. He was one of the first superintendents and until failing health compelled him to relinquish some of his work, he taught the men's Bible class. He was un-failing in his devotion and until just a few weeks before his death, was a regular attendant at all services.

Mr. Reaney was also a sincere friend of education and served for a number of years as a member of the local school board.

No man took more interest in the welfare of the entire community than R. J. Reaney and in addition to his interests outlined above he was elected mayor of Columbus Junction at two different periods, served various times as a member of the town council; was one of the founders of the Columbus Chautauqua and served as president or as a director during the entire Chautauqua period; he also had a part in the establishment of the Columbus Junction fair, and served for many years as a director. He also took a leading part in securing the location of the button factory in Columbus Junction and served until a few years ago as the representative of the community in its connection with the factory. Mr. Reaney was also for

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Three Oakes, Michigan

Mrs. H. L. McRoberts received a telephone message this morning announcing the death Wednesday evening of her brother-in-law, John Dawson, at his home in Three Oakes, Michigan.

Mr. Dawson was ill sometime ago but seemed to be steadily improving and his death was entirely unexpected.

Mrs. Dawson, formerly Miss Lena Hanft of this city, has also been quite ill for sometime and is now a patient at the Niles hospital at Niles, Michigan, and was not informed of her husband's death until this afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at the home at Three Oakes at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

A Mistake By Granddad

In reporting the weight of his new grandson, Marshall Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Davidson, of Sioux City, last week J. M. Marshall says he must have been too excited because the young man weighed seven pounds and eight ounces instead of ten pounds.

Mrs. John Lundquist Died At Sioux City

Mrs. John Lundquist, a former resident of Columbus Junction and a member of the O. E. S. in this city died at her home in Sioux City, Iowa, Sunday evening, following an illness of several months.

She suffered a paralytic stroke three months ago, soon after returning from a Sioux City hospital. She was again taken to the hospital and spent the past three months at her home and in the hospital, returning home about six weeks ago.

She was 52 years of age and is survived by her husband, John Lundquist, who operated for a time the electric light plant in this city.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon with interment at Omaha, Nebraska.

Eliason Building Is Completely Remodeled

The Eliason building on Main street has been completely remodeled the past few weeks and will soon be ready for occupancy.

The carpenter work which includes the installation of the latest work was done by Cy Houseal.

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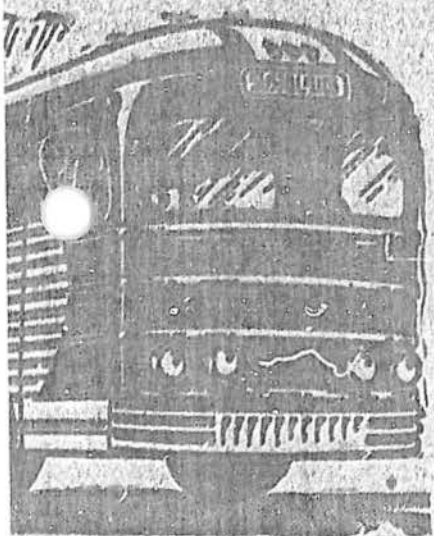
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(Continued from page one)
many years a director of the Louisa
County National Bank.

Politically Mr. Reaney was
aligned with the Republican party,
but he was not narrowly partisan
and twice was honored by the voters
of this county with election to the
state legislature as representative
from this county.

His fraternal interest emphasized
his desire to serve his fellowmen.
He was a member of both the Ma-
sonic and I. O. O. F. orders. He
was a member of the latter order for
more than 64 years and of the Ma-
sonic order for more than 40 years.
He filled all the chairs in both or-
ders with credit to himself as well
as to the organizations. He was also
a member of R. A. M. No. 91 of
this city and of the Commandery at
Washington.

In all these associations it can be
truthfully said that he was a man
and he gained and held throughout
all these years the esteem and coop-
eration of all who sought to elevate
the moral, intellectual and spiritual
standards of this community.

It would seem these would be lit-
tle time for other pursuits but Mr.
Reaney carefully planned all his
work and while he seldom failed to
attend a meeting or carry a part of
the load in all his activities, he also
found time to read good books, par-
ticularly history, both Biblical and
secular.

He also found time to enjoy a trip
now and then to various places of
historic interest.

He is survived by his wife and one
son, James E. Reaney, of this city
and two daughters, Mrs. R. L.
Clark of LeMars, Iowa and Louise
at home and by one sister, Mrs. M.
L. Blankenhorn of Letts and one
brother, J. L. Reaney, of Water-
loo. Also by seven grandchildren and
one great grandchild. One daughter
and one son preceded him in death,
also several brothers and two sis-
ters.

Funeral services were held at the
Methodist church at two-thirty
o'clock Tuesday afternoon and were
conducted by the Rev. J. W. Poale
of Burlington and the Rev. C. H.
Hiller.

A quartette the members of which
were Mrs. S. A. Dwinell, Mrs. G.
W. Weber, H. Lee Huston and L.
C. Hill, accompanied by Mrs. H.
Lee Huston sang, "Oh Master Let
Me Walk With Thee" and "Nearer
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were in charge of Misses Helen Orr
and Helen Jones. Mrs. J. H. Hill

A Minute To The Life

DR. R. K. Mewhirter

Robert Reed Mewhirter, retires
farmer passed away at his home
Marshall township Tuesday night
July 29, 1941 at 11:20 o'clock, hav-
ing been bedfast since August
1939 with a broken hip.

He was born in Westmoreland
County, Pennsylvania, June 1,
1853, the only son in the family
eight children of the late A. B. and
Mary Jane Reed Mewhirter and came
to Louisa county with his parents
the age of five years.

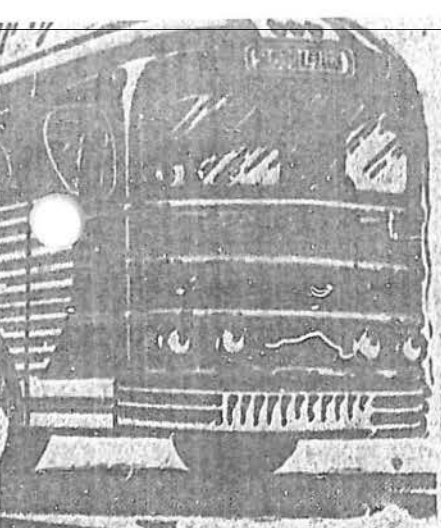
In the paternal line Mr. Mewhirter
traced his descent back to the
same source as President James
Buchanan.

On the second of July, 1881 he was
united in marriage to Miss Phoebe
A. Dawdy who preceded him in
death August 6, 1908. To this union
was born five children, all of who
survive as follows: Mrs. Grace
Tomas, Bottineau, North Dakota; B.
Mewhirter, Columbus Junction; Mrs.
Marian Bozman, Wapello; Mr.
Mabel Ogier and Mrs. Jennie Ni-
colls of Morning Sun. Two sisters:
Mrs. C. L. Jaggard and Miss Abbie
Mewhirter, Winfield; two grand-
daughters, Mrs. Frances Marie
Willette, Puerto Rico; Mr. Eliz-
abeth Duncan, Columbus Junction;
four grandsons, Harold Mewhirter,
Columbus Junction; Robert, Rich-
ard and Roger Reed Bozman, Wapello;
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Mr. Mewhirter was a member of
the Oakland Presbyterian church
and an Elder over fifty-two years
and served as Sunday school superin-
tendent at various periods thru the
years.

He was always interested in and
gave wholehearted support to those
things which make for a better com-
munity and the welfare of others
serving on the Cairo school board as
treasurer for over forty years and
several years as township trustee. He
was a kind, loving husband and
father, a good neighbor and one
whose word was as good as his bond.

His education was obtained in the
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renting his father's farm for ten
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the home where he lived for the



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kert and Mrs. B. H. Shearer.

Pallbearers were: E. C. and H. S.
Turkington of Letts; Sam Turking-
ton of Burlington; Roscoe Ellason
and J. L. Hildebrand of Letts and
Harlan Ellason of Columbus Junc-
tion.

Burial was in the Fredonia ceme-
tery in the family lot with the com-
mital service at the grave conducted
by special request of Mr. Reaney by
Wayne Peterson of Olds.

Among those at a distance in at-
tendance at the service were: Mr.
and Mrs. R. L. Clark and Charles
and Mrs. Margaret Walker and
Joan, of LeMars, Iowa; J. L.
Reaney and daughter, Miss Edith
Reaney of Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs.
Orville Huston, Waterloo; Mr. and
Mrs. Wayne Peterson and family of
Olds; Rev. J. W. Poole and daugh-
ter, Genevieve of Burlington, Dr.
and Mr. J. W. Potter of Mt. Pleas-
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for his comfort.

A change was noticed in his con-
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and quietly slept away Tuesday ev
ning being at the time of his dea
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age.

Funeral services were conduct
at the Oakland Presbyterian church
Thursday afternoon at three o'clo
by the Rev. O. L. Byrns and t
Rev. L. B. Deedrick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hall and M
and Mrs. Harry Grim sang "Rock
Ages" and "The Land Of The Unse
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The floral tributes which we
many and beautiful were in char
of Mrs. Lydia McConahay, Mrs. L
rea Garrison, Mrs. Pearl Earnes
Mrs. Phronia McConahay and Mr

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were both born in Indiana, and emigrated to Louisa County, Iowa, in 1868, settling at Clifton, where Mr. Carr engaged in the lumber business until his death, which occurred Nov. 3, 1874. His wife survives him, and is a resident of Columbus Junction, Iowa. Mr. Carr was a Republican in politics, and a member of the I. O. O. F. He was also a consistent member of the Reform Church, and a worthy and highly respected citizen. His wife also belongs to that church, and is held in high esteem for her many excellencies of character. They were the parents of three children: Frederick, the eldest, died at the age of three years; William A., the subject of this sketch; and Thomas Ira, who is employed as salesman in the store of his elder brother.

Our subject received a common-school education, and in 1877 engaged as clerk with Louis Biedeman, a well-known merchant of Columbus Junction, and after a service of six years with that gentleman, established his present business in 1883, which he has carried on successfully since. He is an enterprising, energetic young business man, and is doing the largest exclusive clothing business in the county. Mr. Carr is independent in politics, and is a member of Columbus City Lodge No. 107, A. F. & A. M., of Columbus Junction.

On the 6th of September, 1888, Mr. C. was united in marriage, at Columbus Junction, with Miss May Jennings, of that city.

ROBERT J. REANEY, of the firm of Reaney Bros., clothiers, of Columbus Junction, Iowa, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, July 21, 1856, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Reaney. His parents were born in Ireland, of Scotch parentage, were married July 28, 1854, and emigrated to America in 1863. They are now residents of Concord Township, Louisa Co., Iowa.

Our subject received a common-school education, and came with his parents to this county in 1871. He was reared to farm labor, and also learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked from his eighteenth year until 1884, and at intervals since. On the 12th of December, 1887, he was united in

marriage, in Muscatine County, Iowa, with Miss Belle Eliason, a daughter of Levi Eliason, who is a resident of that county. Mr. Reaney formed the existing partnership with his brother Samuel in April, 1888. He is a Republican in politics, strongly in favor of high tariff, and at present makes his home upon the farm in Concord Township.

FRANCIS MARION BALDWIN, of the firm of Eckman & Baldwin, dealers in lumber, coal, etc., was born Feb. 6, 1839, near Crawfordsville, Ind. His parents were William C. and Cyrena (Dolton) Baldwin. The father, born in Hamilton County, Ohio, of Scotch and English descent, followed the vocation of farming, and is now living a retired life at Virden, Ill., at the age of seventy-eight. The mother was born and reared in Kentucky, though descended from an old Virginian family, and her death occurred July 3, 1880.

Our subject removed with his parents to Greene County, Ill., when thirteen years of age, and there grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving such education as the district schools afforded. On the 16th of February, 1864, in Macoupin County, Ill. he was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Smith, who was a daughter of Thomas Smith, and was born near Roodhouse, Greene Co., Ill. One child graces their union, Edwin H., now twenty-one years of age. Mr. Baldwin was engaged in farming in Greene County, Ill., until 1875, when he engaged in the live-stock business, buying, feeding and shipping. Subsequently he formed a partnership with W. W. Eckman in the grain and lumber business, which was carried on in the two towns of Atwater and Virden, Ill., Mr. Baldwin having charge of that of the former and Mr. Eckman of the latter place. Until May, 1884, they continued business in Illinois, but at that time sold out and removed to Columbus Junction, Iowa, buying out the lumber business of Wilcox & Son, and continued business under their former firm name of Eckman & Baldwin. (See sketch of business elsewhere in this work.)

Mr. Baldwin is a Republican in politics, but not an aspirant for the honors of public office, one term

Individual Record

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Robert John Reaney Compact Disc #134 Pin #3505241
Sex: M

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Event(s)

Birth: 21 Jul 1856
County Tyrone, Ireland
Death: 3 Aug 1941
Columbus Junction, Iowa
Burial:
Fredonia Cemetery

Parents

Marriage(s)

Spouse: [Belle Eliason](#) Disc #134 Pin #3503423
Marriage: 12 Jan 1887

Notes and Sources

Notes: None
Sources: None

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Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name:	Robert J. Reaney
Spouse:	Belle Eliason
Marriage Date:	12 Jan 1887
County:	Muscatine
State:	IA

Source Information:
Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000.
Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Robert J Reaney

Born: 21 Jul 1856
Northern, Ireland

Died: 3 Aug 1941
Columbus Junction, Iowa, USA

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[Belle Eliason](#)
Born: 1859 in Letts, Iowa, USA
Died: 24 Jul 1948 in Columbus Junction, Iowa, USA
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Children

Children	Sex	Birth
Elsie M Clark	F	5 Dec 1887
James E Reamey	M	15 Aug 1889 in Iowa, USA
Roy William Reaney	M	9 Aug 1891
Agnes Reaney	F	25 Mar 1894
Louise Elizabeth Reaney	F	30 May 1897

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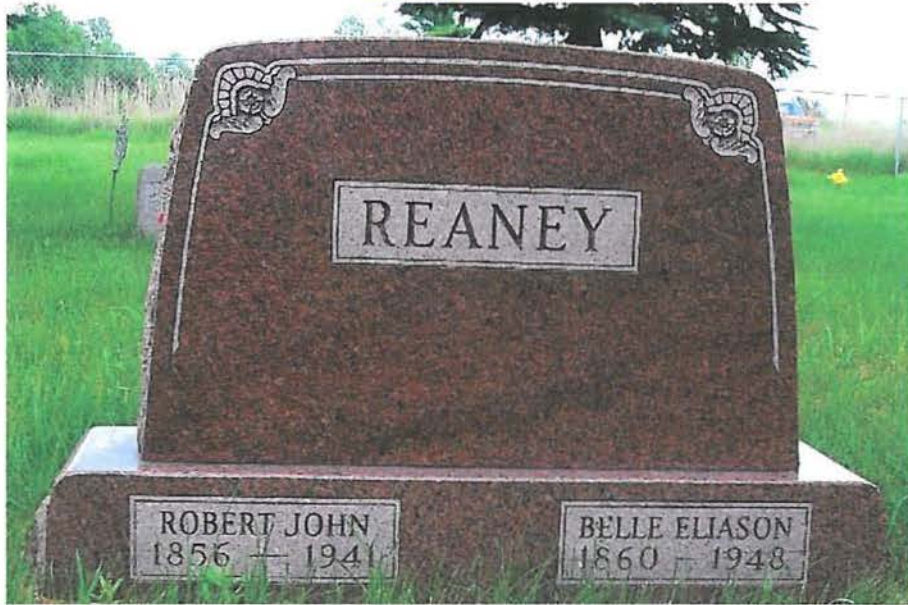


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