

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Seeley,
William Seeley - Represented Henry and Washington Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 Mar 1862 near Primrose, Lee County, Iowa
in Harrison Township

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizbeth Ketchum 4 Mar 1890

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was closely identified with banking interests in Lee,
Van Buren and Henry counties, Iowa;

B. Civic responsibilities Board of trustees member of Mount Pleasant P. M. Ch. Socy;

C. Profession Banker; owned Springfield stocks farm and the
Beckwith stock farm

4. Church membership Presbyterian

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Mount Pleasant school board;

B. State

C. National

7. Death 15 Apr. 1933 Excelsior Springs, Missouri; buried Howard Cemetery, Primrose

8. Children Marion (Mrs. H. D. Ludwicks); Jewel (Mrs. C. D. Morley);
Benjamin J.

9. Names of parents Eli and Martha (Becker) Seeley

10. Education Education in the village school at Princeton, Iowa

11. Degrees Took a course in a business college at Burlington, Iowa
Graduate of the Law School of the State University of Iowa, Iowa
City, Iowa in 1886.

12. Other applicable information Republican

- His parents settled on the Princeton, Iowa farm where he was
born in the early 1840's.
- In 1900 he and his family moved to Mount Pleasant, Iowa
- He constructed and equipped the YMCA at Mount Pleasant as
a memorial to a deceased brother.
- He served on the Board of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa;
board of Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa.

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DEATH CLAIMS W. B. SEELEY

Prominent Mt. Pleasant Busi- ness Man Died Saturday— Funeral Tuesday.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., April 17.—The citizens of Mt. Pleasant were grieved and shocked Saturday evening when word came from Excelsior Springs, Mo., that Hon. W. B. Seeley had died at 5 p. m. Mr. Seeley had not been well for some time and went to the Springs several days ago for treatment. It was known that he was not so well and his son, B. E. Seeley, and his physician, Dr. O. A. Gceseka, went to the Springs a few days ago to be with him, but it was not realized by his many friends here that his condition was so serious.

The Seeley family has lived in this city for about 30 years and have been prominently identified with the business and social interests of this community. Mr. Seeley was active in politics and was sent to the Iowa senate from the Henry-Washington counties for the 32nd and 33rd general assemblies. He served on the boards of Iowa Wesleyan college, Parsons college, First National bank and on the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. W. G. Lodwick of Winnetka, Ill., Mrs. C. D. Morton, River Forest, Ill., and Ben F. Seeley of Mt. Pleasant, and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Davis, of Kansas City.

Mr. Seeley's body will be brought to his home in this city where on Tuesday morning, from 9 to 11, it will lie in state and friends and citizens may call. Private funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. and burial will be made in the family lot in Sharon cemetery in Lee county. The family requests that no flowers be sent.

Hold Dedication.

Dedication festivities which were held each evening last week in the fine new high school in this city were largely attended. The formal dedication was of course the crowning event and was grandly put on by alumnae. Supt. C. W. Cruikshank

DIVING CHAMP AND



Georgia Coleman, Olympic diving champion, and Roof Gilson, a salesman of Jackson, Fla., shortly before they were secret husband-to-be at the southern resort exhibitions. The marriage followed (ated Press Photo)

celved when she fell on the stairs the first of the week. No bones are broken but she is suffering from bruises and shock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Woodruff motored to Iowa City, Ia., Thursday.

Mrs. A. C. Humphrey spent Thursday with relatives at Mount Pleasant, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Henn and son Norval

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representative in 1916, was re-elected in 1918, and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. He was chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of the Thirty-eighth and won a fine reputation as a legislator.

WILLIAM LARRABEE, JR. was born at Clermont, Iowa, December 11, 1879, and died at Clermont April 1, 1933. His parents were William and Anna (Appleman) Larrabee. He attended the public schools of Clermont, was graduated from the State University of Iowa in liberal arts in 1893, and in law in 1896. His entire life was spent at Clermont. For many years he maintained a law office there, and also devoted much time to local banking and to his farming and other property interests. He enlisted May 18, 1898, as a private in Company G, Fifty-second Iowa Infantry, and was promoted June 17, 1898, to captain and commissary of subsistence of volunteers of the Spanish-American War. He was a member of the local school board of Clermont for several years. In 1901 he was elected representative, and again in 1908, 1910 and 1912, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, and Thirty-fifth general assemblies.

WILLIAM BECKER SEELEY was born in Harrison Township, Lee County, Iowa, March 4, 1862, and died at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, April 15, 1933. Burial was in Sharon Cemetery, Lee County. His parents were Eli and Martha (Beeler) Seeley. He acquired his education in country school, village school at Primrose, Elliott's Business College, Burlington, and the Law Department of the State University of Iowa from which he was graduated in 1886. He then became associated with his father in extensive agricultural, real estate and banking interests. His home was on the farm where he was born until 1900 when he removed to Mount Pleasant, but continued in the same lines of business throughout his life, was connected officially with several banks in that section, and was an extensive raiser of pure bred livestock. In 1906 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty second and Thirty-third general assemblies. He was on the Board of Trustees of the Mount Pleasant Public Library, on the School Board, the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan College, and for some years, on the Board of Trustees of Parsons College. He possessed to an uncommon degree the confidence and respect of the public wherever he was known.

JOHN R. WEBER was born in Springfield, Illinois, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a son of George R. Weber, a native of Baltimore, who settled in Illinois in 1835, and was for some time publisher of the *Illinois State Register*, one of the leading Democratic newspapers of the state. His father also entered the Mexican War under Colonel Baker, a friend of Lincoln. John R. Weber knew Lincoln and Douglas and many of the public men in Springfield. At the time of his death he left a manuscript entitled "A Boyhood Impression of Lincoln." He frequently wrote articles on the

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	13 ^c
Brooms, 4 sewed each	29 ^c
Pails, Galvanized each	10 ^c
Mop Sticks, rust proof each	15 ^c
Chipso, large pkg each	16 ^c
GWC Tomato Catsup 7 oz bottles	5 ^c
Green Peppers, Asparagus, Sweet Potatoes,	
Bananas per dozen	20 ^c
Bacon Slices per lb	10 ^c
Hamburger or Sausage 2 lbs	15 ^c
Beef Steak that you can eat—lb	12 ^{1/2}

AND'S Market

Rev. E. L. Jeambey and George Tomlinson attended the meeting of the Presbytery in Dennellson this week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Tomlinson who visited at the home of her brother, E. C. Linn.

TY SALE

- MT. PLEASANT

L 29th at 1 O'clock

- LADIES' INVITED

W. B. Seeley, Prominent In County, Dies

Senator Seeley Suffers Relapse at Excelsior Springs, Dies Late Saturday

Senator William B. Seeley, 71, for thirty-three years one of the most prominent and influential men of this community, died at Excelsior Springs, Mo., Saturday evening about five o'clock, following a six months illness from intestinal troubles.

A week ago last Friday Senator Seeley and his son, Ben, drove down to the Springs for a few days visit with Mrs. Florence Seeley Lodwick, his daughter, who with her husband, W. C. Lodwick of Winnetka, Ill., were there for an over Easter rest. The Senator also proposed to take some treatments.

Wednesday last the Senator suffered a severe relapse and it was at once seen that his condition was serious. His son returned home hurriedly for his mother but she was too ill to go to the Springs. Dr. O. A. Geeseka, the family physician, was taken back and remained with Mr. Seeley for two days and returned home with the information that the Senator's condition was very critical. Mrs. June Seeley Morton, of River Forest, Illinois, was sent for and arrived here Saturday afternoon and with her brother was just about to leave for the Springs when the word came that the Senator had died.

While Senator Seeley had been in failing health for the last year and especially noticeable during the last six months, his immediate death was a great blow to the family.

Of his immediate family Mrs. Lucy Seeley Davis of Kansas City is the sole survivor. Senator Seeley in his own household, his wife and three children, Mrs. W. D. Lodwick of Winnetka, Ill., Mrs. C. D. Morton of River Forest, Ill., and Ben E., of this city.

Mrs. F. A. Schultz Funeral Is Held

Funeral services for Mrs. F. A. Schultz were held at the First Methodist church on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. E. L. Jeambey spoke briefly and the

New Banking Regulations to Release Funds

Measure Proposed To Open Most of Restricted Banks

Des Moines.—Regulations were completed Saturday under the terms of the administration uniform bank reorganization act which should result in releasing from restrictions of senate file 1, the "greater majority" of the 383 state banks now operating under its rules, according to D. W. Bates, assistant superintendent of banking.

Bates declared that banks which could not comply with the reorganization regulations would be compelled to liquidate.

The new Iowa bank regulations apparently provide that with the approval of the banking department and the governor:

1. Banks now operating under waiver agreements will continue functioning unchanged provided the waiver agreements appear to have been fair to depositors.

2. Banks whose stockholders are not able to pay a 100 per cent assessment, may be reorganized with depositors waiving any necessary percentage of their deposits up to a maximum of 50 per cent, but such reorganized banks out of future earnings shall pay over to the depositors who waived a portion of their deposits an amount at least equal to 100 per cent of the bank's capital before any dividends can be paid on the bank stock.

The regulations imply that no bank whose good assets are less than 50 per cent of its deposits will be allowed to reorganize. Presumably such banks will be liquidated and the double liability assessment be levied against stockholders.

The regulations provide that reorganized banks must pay all expenses connected with the handling of assets segregated for depositors who have signed waivers, so that the depositors will receive in liquidating dividends the full amount received from the disposition of such segregated assets. In regard to those banks that are less than 100 per cent solvent but more than 50 per cent solvent, the regula-

Seek Payment Culvert M

Two new court action materials used in the case of the Winfield-Morning Sun filed with the clerk of court Friday.

T. F. Maher and sons contract according to the payment has not been made of the materials purchased from the petition state.

The Winfield Lumber plaintiff against the U company, Iowa State highway, T. F. Maher and son for \$299.44 which it is claimed unpaid.

Barry-Alkhaus Hardware plaintiff in an action against Guarantee company of N Maher and sons and others.

Children Hunt Easter Eggs

Despite the rain of noon, the Easter Egg hunt by the American Legion at Saunders Park with near taking part.

The Legion regretted of the rain, the band play, but the children were each child was presented and then the group was hunt some 200 eggs which hidden on the hillside. On April 25 were inscribed "C Theater," and children's eggs received a free ticket.

The park was crowded carrying scores of people event, which was great for the children.

Easter Pageant Methodists

An Easter pageant in the person of Miss Hazel K. presented to a large crowd at the Methodist church Sunday. Mrs. Ethel Winter presided, playing several scenes fitted in with the proper instruction story. The entrance also added to the interest. The following cast of



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Compare With People From Your Family Tree

<p>Children (3)</p> <p>Florance Seeley B: 1890</p> <p>June Seeley B: 1803</p> <p>Benjamin Eli Seeley B: 1896</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">William Beeler Seeley</p> <p>B: 4 Mar 1862 in Near Primrose Lee Co, Iowa</p> <p>D:</p> <p>Elizabeth K Ketcham B:27 AUG 1869 in Iowa</p>	<p>Parents</p> <p>Eli Seeley 1813-1896</p> <p>Martha Beeler 1822-1912</p>
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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **W B Seeley**

Home in 1900: **Harrison, Lee, Iowa**

Age: **38**

Birth Date: **Mar 1862**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to Head of House: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Connecticut**

Mother's Birthplace: **Indiana**

Spouse's name: **Lizzie K**

Marriage Year: **1890**

Marital Status: **Married**

Years Married: **10**


Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	W B Seeley	38
	Lizzie K Seeley	29
	Florance Seeley	9
	June Seeley	6
	Benjamin E Seeley	3
	Girtie Walker	21

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Harrison, Lee, Iowa; Roll T623 442; Page: 1B; Enumeration District: 61.

Source Information: Ancestry.com, 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

Description:
This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census.



1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	William B Seeley	
Age in 1910:	48	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1862	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birth Place:	Connecticut	
Mother's Birth Place:	Iowa	
Spouse's name:	Elizabeth	
Home in 1910:	Center, Henry, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	William B Seeley	48
	Elizabeth Seeley	40
	Florance Seeley	19
	Jenne Seeley	16
	Benjamin Seeley	13
	Alvira Johnson	25

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Center, Henry, Iowa; Roll T624_405; Page: 15B; Enumeration District: 33; Image: 703.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.



Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

Description:

This database is an index to the head of households enumerated in the 1910 United States Federal Census, the Thirteenth Census of the United States. In addition, each indexed name is linked to actual images of the 1910 Federal Census. The information recorded in the census includes: name, relationship to head of family, age at last birthday, sex, color or race, whether single, married, widowed, or divorced, birthplace, birthplace of father and mother, and more. [Learn more...](#)



1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	W B Seeley [W B Lesley]								
Home in 1920:	Mount Pleasant, Henry, Iowa								
Age:	57								
Estimated birth year:	abt 1863								
Birthplace:	Iowa								
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]								
Spouse's name:	Elizabeth								
Father's Birth Place:	Connecticut								
Mother's Birth Place:	Indiana								
Marital Status:	Married								
Race:	White								
Sex:	Male								
Home owned:	Own								
Able to read:	Yes								
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Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Mount Pleasant, Henry, Iowa; Roll T625_493; Page: 18B; Enumeration District: 38; Image: 750.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#). Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).

Description:

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Children (3)

Florance Seeley B: 1890
June Seeley B: 1803
Benjamin Eli Seeley B: 1896

William Beeler Seeley

B: 4 Mar 1862 in Near Primrose Lee Co, Iowa
D:

Elizabeth K Ketcham B: 27 AUG 1869 in Iowa

Parents
Eli Seeley
 1813-1896

Martha Beeler
 1822-1912

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **William B Seeley**
 Birth Year: **abt 1863**
 Birth Place: **Iowa**
 Gender: **Male**
 Race: **White**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Census Date: **1 Jan 1925**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Henry**
 Locality: **Mount Pleasant**
 Relation to Head: **Head**
 Mother: **Martha Buler**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Indiana**
 Father: **Eli Seeley**
 Father's Birthplace: **Connecticut**
 Marriage Place: **Iowa**
 Spouse Name: **Elizabeth K Seeley**
 Roll: **IA1925_1751**
 Line: **10**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William B Seeley	62
	Elizabeth K Seeley	54
	Benjamin E Seeley	27

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.
 Original data: Microfilm of Iowa State Censuses, 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925 as well various special censuses from 1836-1897 obtained from the State Historical Society of Iowa via Heritage Quest.

Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes: name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, and place of enumeration. [Learn more...](#)



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William Beeler Seeley

Birth **4 Mar 1862** in Near Primrose Lee Co, Iowa
Death

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Timeline (View details)

1862 4 Mar	Birth Near Primrose Lee Co, Iowa	3 source citations
1890 Age: 28	Marriage to Elizabeth K Ketcham	1 source citation
1900 Age: 38	Residence Harrison, Lee, Iowa	1 source citation
1925 1 Jan Age: 62	Residence Mount Pleasant	1 source citation
	Residence United States	1 source citation

Comments

No comments have been added yet.

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Family Members

Parents

- Eli Seeley**
1813 - 1896
- Martha Beeler**
1822 - 1912

[Show siblings](#)

Spouse & Children

- Elizabeth K Ketcham**
1869 - 1935
- Florence Seeley**
1890 -
- June Seeley**
1893 -
- Benjamin Eli Seeley**
1896 - 1970

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Historical Records

- 1900 United States Federal Census
- Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925
- U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925

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ID: I10456
Name: William Beeler Seeley
Sex: M
Birth: 4 MAR 1862
Death: 15 APR 1933 in Harrison TWP, Lee Co., IA
Burial: Sharon Cemetery, Harrison TWP, Lee Co., IA

Ancestry Hints for William Beeler Seeley

9 possible historical record matches

Father: Eli Seeley b: 7 MAY 1813 in Monroe, Fairfield Co., CT
Mother: Martha Meeler b: 14 MAY 1821 in Wayne Co., IN

Marriage 1 Elizabeth Ketcham b: 27 AUG 1869

Married: 1890

Children

Florence Seeley b: 28 NOV 1890 in Harrison TWP, Lee Co., IA
 June Seeley b: JUN 1893
 Benjamin E. Seeley b: JUN 1896 in Harrison TWP, Lee Co., IA

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name: **William Seeley**Death Date: **15 Apr 1933**Page #: **77**Birth Date: **4 Mar 1862**Cemetery: **Sharon**Town: **Harrison**Level Info: **Grave Records of Lee County, Iowa (Part of County Only)
Taken by Graves Registration Project W P A****Source Information:**

Ancestry.com. *Iowa Cemetery Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.
Original data: Works Project Administration. *Graves Registration Project*. Washington, D.C.: n.p., n.d.

Description:

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