

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Lester, John Senator _____

Served from Grundy County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Oct 1854 Hanover, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Clara S. Edgerton 13 Feb 1879 Hanover, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; breeder of shorthorn cattle

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 30th, 31st and 32nd General Assemblies 1904, 1905, 1907

6. Public Offices

A. Local Chairman of building committee of Grundy County courthouse 1890, board of supervisors, trustee; township clerk; township school treasurer

B. State _____

C. National Delegate to the Farmers National Congress in Macon, Georgia 1902, named to do so by the Iowa Governor

7. Death 10 Apr 1942 at Conrad Iowa; burial Benson Cemetery at Whittier, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. H. L. Robinson; J. H. Lester; C. P. Lester; J. H. Lester; Mrs. M. A. Frankfurter

9. Names of parents _____

Lister, John

10. Education Educated in public schools of Hancock, Illinois

11. Degrees German English Normal College in Illinois,
Galena, Illinois 1873-1874

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Iowa at age 16, ^{in 1870} and began farming with his family on a farm in Felix township.
- Divided his time between teaching and farming.
- After marriage, the couple farmed in Felix township for 45 years.
- In 1919, they moved to a home in Conrad, Iowa.
- Enjoy gardening as a hobby.
- Wife, Clara, died 11 Oct 1933

Lister, John

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- <u>Obituary</u> -			<u>The Grundy Register, Grundy Center, Iowa,</u> <u>Thurs. Apr. 16, 1942, p. 1, col 1 and</u> <u>p. 12, col 4, 5, 6, 7</u>
- <u>Iowa Official Register 1907-1908</u>			<u>p. 625</u>
- <u>Souvenir Album 32nd General Assembly of Iowa, 1907</u>			<u>p. 103</u>

Helped To Build Grundy County Court House

JOHN LISTER, WHO WAS CHM. OF COURT HOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE, DIES AT HOME IN CONRAD.

John Lister, who resided in Grundy county 72 years and who was chairman of the Building Committee when Grundy county's fine courthouse was built in 1890, died at his home at Conrad last Friday. Declining health due to advanced age was the cause of Mr. Lister's death. He was 88 years old.

Few men had more to do with transforming unbroken prairie into the richest farming land in Grundy county than Mr. Lister. He came here as a boy of 16 and went into farming, as that was the only way of making a living here in 1870. He came here with his family from Hanover, Ill., where he was born October 6, 1854. The family made a home on a farm in Felix township and they became leaders in development of the raw prairie of Felix township into the best agricultural farming land. He attended German English Normal college in Illinois. For a number of years he divided his time between farming and teaching a rural school in Grundy county.

On February 13, 1879, he married Clara S. Edgerton at Hanover, Ill. The couple began housekeeping on a farm in Felix township where they resided for 45 years. The farm is now owned by J. P. Brindle and occupied by his son-in-law, Russell Eggleston, and family. It was a half-section of choice land which Mr. Lister converted into one of the outstanding stock farms in Grundy county. He was a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and for many years his herd was one of the best in this section of Iowa.

In 1919 Mr. Lister sold his farm and bought a home in Conrad where he and his wife spent their declining years.

Promoted New Courthouse and Helped Build It

Mr. Lister was a member of the board of supervisors from his district when the matter of building a new courthouse came up. When the decision was made to put up a new county building, he was made chairman of the building committee and he probably had more to do than any other one man to bring to the county the fine struc-

JOHN LISTER—

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Two New Cars Delivered In County This Month



**JOHN LISTER
Grundy Courthouse Builder Dies
At Home at Conrad**

23 Men To Leave For U. S. Army On April 21

NINETEEN MORE MEN TO BE CALLED FOR INDUCTION ON APRIL 28.

Twenty-three men will leave Grundy county Tuesday, April 21, at 8:20 a. m., for Des Moines to undergo final physical examination and induction into the army through Selective Service.

The call was issued for 19 men. However, credit on this quota was received for several enlistments, but five men who had transferred to this county from others in the State will leave on the chartered bus Tuesday morning. In addition to the group of transferees listed last week, Henry G. Johnson, Jr., of Applington, will go to Des Moines with this group.

The American Legion has scheduled a going-away party in Grundy Center at 7:30 a. m., Tuesday morning, for the boys leaving that morning.

19 Men Called for Apr. 28

The Grundy Selective Service Board has received a call for 19 more men to leave for Des Moines on Tuesday, April 28.

Credit on this call will be received for one enlistee, so that only 18 men have received notification of this call. This constitutes the second call for men that the county has received for the month of April.

Although the list is subject to change, the tentative list of men to go to Des Moines April 28 for induction if they pass the examination, is as follows:

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Hold Convention To Elect County Superintendent

CONVENTION WILL MEET IN GRUNDY CENTER MAY 12; THERE WILL BE 22 VOTING DELEGATES.

The term of County Superintendent K. F. Jones will expire on August 1st of this year. He will be a candidate for re-election.

The county superintendent is elected every three years at a convention of delegates selected with authority to vote on a choice of a candidate. In Grundy county there will be 22 delegates.

The law provides that the president of every town or city school board in the county be authorized to take part in the convention to elect a county superintendent. The rural schools in every township in the county where there are rural schools operating shall select one delegate to represent the township at the convention. There are fourteen townships in the county. Black Hawk township has no rural schools and that township will not have a delegate at the convention other than the president of the Reinbeck school board. There will be 13 delegates from the rural schools and nine delegates from the town schools.

Notice of the convention is sent to rural school board officers and a date set when they are to meet to select a delegate to represent them at the county convention on May 12th.

County Auditor L. A. Meyer will call the convention to order at the courthouse on May 12th and he will preside until the convention has selected a chairman. After the organization of the convention there will be a vote taken for choice of superintendent.

Townships Meet May 1st To Select Delegates

Township school board presidents have been notified to meet at a designated place in each of the 13 townships entitled to a delegate to select their delegate to the county convention. Notice of this meeting has been issued by the county auditor.

Grundy Rural Schools Rate High

Mr. Jones is serving his 9th year as county superintendent. He has given close application to the work of his office and has received fine co-operation from the rural teachers. This combination has resulted in the high ranking which the Grundy rural schools have attained. He has been chosen to his present position at each of which there were opposing candidates. At his first

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 ture which has been serving Grundy county as a courthouse the past 52 years.

Served in Three Sessions of State Legislature

Mr. Lister represented Grundy county during three terms of the Iowa Legislature, the 30th, the 31st, and the 32nd sessions of our legislature, and his legislative service was a credit to himself and to his county. He was the only man from Grundy county who was chosen as its state representative for three consecutive terms.

In 1902 he was named by the Governor as a delegate from Iowa

to the Farmers National Congress at Macon, Georgia.

A life-long member of the Methodist church, he helped build the old Felix Center church and served as trustee steward, Sunday school superintendent and teacher. When the Felix church was abandoned he transferred with his family to the church at Conrad where he served in a like capacity. He served the Upper Iowa conference on its board of stewards and in 1920 was elected as lay delegate to the general conference.

Flowers Were His Hobby

Flowers were Mr. Lister's hobby. After leaving the farm and moving to Conrad he devoted his time to the raising of flowers. He

was honored because of his outstanding work in the raising and developing of flowers by being given a membership in the American Gladiola Society.

Mr. Lister suffered a stroke on August 20, 1932, which impaired his health during the remaining years of his life. Some time later he fell and broke his hip and from that time his health and vigor declined gradually.

Mrs. Lister died Oct. 11, 1933. A son and daughter also preceded

him in death. Three sons and two daughters survive. They are: Mrs. W. L. Robinson of Hartford, Conn.; J. W. Lister, Sheldon; C. P. Lister, Marshalltown; G. H. Lister, Beaman, and Mrs. M. A. Tranbarker, Conrad. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Conrad at 2 o'clock, Sunday, April 12. Burial was in the Benson cemetery near Whitten.

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Tractorette School Begins Thursday, Apr. 18

7:30 p. m., Heine Implement Building, Grundy Center.
 All Ladies Interested in this Course of Instruction are Invited to Attend.

- 1—McDeering Stalk Cutter.
- 2—Regular Farmalls, steel.
- 1—High Wheel Wagon.
- 1—McDeering Cylinder Corn Sheller.
- 1—McDeering 1 1/2 H.P. Engine.
- 1—John Deere 2 Row Corn Picker.
- 2—F-12 McDeering Tractors, on steel.
- 1—Regular Farmall, steel.
- 1—McDeering F-30 Tractor on rubber.
- 1—LaCrosse 2-14" Tractor Plow.
- 1—10-20 McCormick-Deering Tractor.
- 1—Model D Tractor, John Deere.
- 3—F-12 McDeering Tractors, on steel.
- 1—Dain Hay Loader.
- Several used Separators.
- 1—10-inch Feed Grinder, with traveling feed table.
- Several good Drags.
- 2—10 ft. McCormick-Deering Disks.
- Several John Deere Corn Planters, one with Bean Attachment.

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