

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Skinner, Scott Senator _____

Represented Union County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Feb 1852 Martensburg, Iowa in
Kearney County

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Mary Macey 1879
② Mrs. Allie T. Groves Aug 1914

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Stockholder and director of the Creston State Bank, the
Iowa State Savings Bank and the Bank at Prescott, Iowa; vice
president of the Creston Mutual Telephone Company
B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias, Elder; Creston Commercial
Club
C. Profession Real estate; railroad engineer; Farmer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 30th, 31st General Assemblies 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices
A. Local Mayor of Creston; postmaster of Creston; Board of supervisors;
school board for several years
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 2 Dec 1936 Creston, Iowa; buried Graceland Cemetery, Creston, Iowa

8. Children Emmal (Mrs. Giffey); Margaret (Mrs. Day); Harriet (died
before her father); Jessie (died before her father); step son Thomas L.
Groves

9. Names of parents Joseph and Harriet (Margan) Skinner

10. Education He was educated in country schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Union County, Iowa in 1868 where he was raised on a farm in Grant Township to age 19
- He became a "call boy" for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad
- He was later made a fireman on the train engine and 3 years later promoted to an engineer
- After 13 years as an engineer of freight, passenger and mail trains he retired
- He then went into the real estate business in Creston
- His first wife, Mary, died in March 1906.
- His second wife, Allie, died 24 June 1936
- He was a former owner of The Oscola Sentinel, Oscola, Iowa - a newspaper.
- He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			<i>The Creston News Advertiser, Creston, Iowa, Wed. Dec. 2, 1936, p.1, col.4 and p.7, col. 5</i>
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BALDWIN GOES TO KING FOR "SHOW-DOWN"

Prime Minister Expected to Discuss Friendship of Mrs. Simpson.

LONDON, Dec. 2. (AP)—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin called upon King Edward at Buckingham Palace tonight for what was reported to be a show-down in the constitutional crisis caused by the monarch's friendship for Mrs. Wallis Simpson, twice-divorced former Baltimore, Md., woman who has gained his favor.

The plain-spoken, pipe-smoking premier was believed to have informed the bachelor king that the cabinet with the backing of parliament, is prepared to resign unless surrenders any plan he may have to wed the American-born woman.

Baldwin remained at the palace for an hour and then went directly to the house of commons. Commons was in session and it was pointed out that the prime minister could call a cabinet session there.

He left the king's private apartment at 7:15 p. m.

York May Be "King of Scotland."

LONDON, Dec. 2. (AP)—Possible break-up of the British realm with the Duke and Duchess of York and as King and Queen of Scotland was hinted today in an editorial in the London Times.

The article, which did not mention King Edward's friendship with Mrs. Wallis Simpson, was interpreted by some readers as the strongest veiled reference to "the affair Simpson" which has yet appeared in England.

The editorial was pegged to the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Edinburgh for the St. Andrew's day Masonic banquet and concluded:

"This visit of the heir presumptive (to the British throne) encourages speculation as to whether the time may not some day come when historic honors may be used again in the crowning of the King of Scotland."

Bishop Warns King of Morals.

LONDON, Dec. 2. (AP)—The Bishop Bradford warned King Edward VIII that he needs the grace of God as much as any of his subjects in a thinly-veiled public criticism of the king's private life.

"We hope he is aware of his need," Dr. A. W. F. Blunt said, concluding his address to the Bradford diocesan conference.

"Some of us wish he gave more positive signs of such awareness."

It was the first time a bishop of the Church of England had publicly mentioned King Edward's personal life.

Criticizes Fellow Bishop.
Bishop Blunt saved his remark for the close of his speech in which

du Ponts Gave \$10,000 to Iowa G.O.P. Coffers

DES MOINES, Dec. 2. (AP)—Carl Cook, republican state chairman, filed with the secretary of state today the party campaign expense report, listing contributions of \$72,798.07 and expenditures of \$71,184.83.

Heaviest contributions came from the du Pont family, the report showed. Cook listed a donation of \$5,000 by P. S. duPont and a \$5,000 contribution by Lamont du Pont.

Alfred P. Sloan, jr., of General Motors gave \$3,500 to the Iowa republican cause and E. E. Silliman of New York contributed \$1,000.

Iowa contributors included F. L. Maytag of Newton, \$1,000; Gardner Cowles, Des Moines, \$1,000; Mayor Ed Manning of Ottumwa, \$400; C. S. Bradshaw, E. D. Perry, and E. C. Finkbine of Des Moines, \$500 each; Gardner Cowles, jr., and John Cowles, of Des Moines, \$375 each; and Pike, Sias, Zimmerman, and Butler, \$500.

MORE WOMEN, CHILDREN DIE

Fascist Bombers in Fierce Attack on Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 2 (AP)—Sixteen fascist bombers smashing Madrid houses to splinters, killed between 30 and 100 men, women, and children in a swift and terrible air raid today.

The emergency red cross station said the known dead totaled 30 and that the list might grow as high as 100. Many of the victims were women and children.

Bombs that fell in Peeraz street destroyed three houses. In Zalle Hermosa street three others were ruined. Others exploded in the section around Montana Barracks. Thousands of frightened Madrileños ran for shelter cellars as the bombs smashed down into the northwest part of the city.

Great Britain, obviously alarmed over the threat of the Spanish civil war involving other nations, will protest before the international non-intervention committee Wednesday the participation of nationals from other countries in the Spanish conflict.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said "some nations are running the grave risk of doing a disservice to the maintenance of peace in Europe."

At the same time, the German embassy issued a denial of a report that between "two thousand and five thousand Germans" had arrived at Seville, Spain, to fight

Eden, in his address before the house of commons, recognized the "danger of the civil war becoming

SCOTT SKINNER, 84, DIED EARLY THIS MORNING

Was Mayor, Representative and Prominent in Civic Affairs.

Scott Skinner, former mayor and postmaster of Creston, a member of two sessions of the state legislature, and long prominent in the development of the city, died at 3:27 o'clock this morning at his home, 507 West Montgomery. He was 84 years and nine months of age.

Mr. Skinner was born February 29, 1852, in Martinsburg, Iowa, the eldest son of Joseph and Harriet Morgan Skinner. He came with his parents to Union county in 1868, where he was reared on a farm in Grant township to the age of 19 years, attending the country schools. He then accompanied his parents to



News Advertiser Engraving Scott Skinner

Creston and became a call boy for the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad. After four months in that capacity he was placed on an engine as a fireman and three years later was promoted to engineer.

Left Railroad.
After thirteen years as engineer of freight, passenger, and later fast mail trains he retired from railroading and turned his attention to real estate business in Creston, in which he was interested until the time of his death. He also had other business interests and was a stockholder and director in the Creston National bank, the Iowa State Savings bank, and the bank of Prescott.

In 1879 Mr. Skinner was married to Miss Mary Morey, who was born in Switzerland in 1856 and died in March, 1906. They were parents of four children, Harriet, Jessie, Emma, and Margaret.

In August of 1914 he was married

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Given Hearing at 2 O'Clock Tomorrow

Hoover's Intimates Deny Reports He Will Quit U. S. for England

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (AP)—Intimates of former President Hoover today as being distressed by published reports he might leave the United States to live in England.

"There is absolutely no basis whatsoever for the story," said Lawrence Richey, secretary to Mr. Hoover. It would be impossible to make the denial of such a story sufficiently strong.

Both Mr. Hoover and Richey are staying at the Waldorf Astoria. Richey's attitude was understood to reflect that of Mr. Hoover.

"DON'T EXPOSE YOUNGSTERS"

City Health Officer Tells of Contagious Diseases.

"I personally consider it a criminal act to deliberately expose youngsters to contagious diseases," said Dr. A. Fred Watts, city health officer of Creston, last evening in attacking the attitude of "I'd rather the youngsters would have the disease while they're young so they won't have it so hard." This point was made in an address given before members of the local Kiwanis club in their regular weekly session.

That youngsters have no disease "easier" than do adults was the foundation upon which the city health officer based his statement. "I don't know how that impression gained ground," he continued, "unless it was because adults always complain more than do youngsters under the same degree of pain."

With the aim of checking the spread of contagious diseases, Dr. Watts outlined seven of the contagious diseases common among youngsters:

Colds—Rating a cold as highly infectious, he classed it the most prevalent of all contagious diseases. "Keep the youngster at home, not merely out of school," he advised.

Diphtheria—Isolation of patients is imperative, he said.

Whooping cough—This disease is contagious in each of its three stages, he warned.

Smallpox—This disease should be non-existent in view of the availability of effective vaccine, he said in warning that the death rate is high among sufferers.

Measles—This disease perhaps is the most contagious of all, he said. The major danger, he said, is that the disease invariably strikes a "weak spot" in the patient.

Scarlet fever—This is the most treacherous of all in its many complications, he said.

In outlining that lack of time prevented his telling of all contagious diseases, the health officer stressed that "complications" constitute a distinct threat; and urged excellent care and isolation for all patients.

Afton Gymnasium to Be Dedicated Friday

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**The Day's
Record**

Information obtained from Union
county public records and officials.

Real Estate Transfers.

Warranty deed—Theodore S. De-
Lay and wife to L. J. Day. Consid-
eration \$1. North one-half of lot 7,
block 5, first northern addition to
Creston, Iowa. Date Nov. 21, 1936.

Warranty deed—Theodore S. De-
Lay and wife to L. J. and Sadie
Estes Day. Consideration \$1. South
one-half of lot 7, block 5, first
northern addition to Creston, Iowa.
Date Nov. 21, 1936.

Warranty deed—Ray Gibbs and
wife, Irene to Lenz McKibben. Con-
sideration \$100. East nine feet of
lot 9 and west 3 1/2 feet of lot 8,
block 6, original town of Lorimer,
Iowa. Date June 4, 1936.

Scott Skinner Died Today

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to Mrs. Allie T. Groves, who died
June 24, 1936.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs.
Emma Giffey of Creston and Mrs.
Margaret Day of Afton, a step-son,
Thomas L. Groves, and three grand-
daughters, Barbara Jean and Mary
Louise Day and Dorothy Jane
Groves. He was preceeded in death
by his parents, three sisters, two
brothers, and two daughters.

Funeral Friday.

Funeral services will be held at 2
o'clock Friday from the Congrega-
tional church, conducted by the pas-
tor, the Rev. Paul Zieke. Burial will
be in Graceland cemetery. Pall-
bearers will be Frank M. Abbott of
Osceola, George Atkinson, George
Bartle, Homer F. Harsa, Theodore
DeLay and T. P. Roberts.

Mr. Skinner was prominent in re-
publican politics in this community
and the state of Iowa. He served as
a member of the board of supervisors
of Union county for six years from
1893 to 1899 and during a part
of that time was chairman of the
board. In later years he was elect-
ed mayor of Creston, in which office
he served for four years. He rep-
resented his district in the thirtieth
and thirty-first general assemblies
and in February, 1906, he was ap-
pointed postmaster of Creston by
President Theodore Roosevelt, serv-
ing two terms.

He was also vice-president of the
Creston Mutual Telephone company
and a former stockholder in the
privately owned power and water
companies which were later sold to
the Iowa Southern Utilities and the
city of Creston, respectively. He was
a member of the school board for a
number of years.

Bought McKinley Park.

It was during Mr. Skinner's term
as mayor of Creston that he pur-
chased the site of McKinley park
from his own funds, turning it over
to the city for repayment later. With
Mr. Abbott he was formerly owner
of the Osceola Sentinel.

He was a member of the Brother-
hood of Locomotive Engineers, the
Knights of Pythias, and the Benevo-
lent and Protective Order of Elks.

Chicago Stocks

First figures today's close; sec-
ond figures previous market close.

Cities Service 3 1/2-3 3/4
Heilmann Brewing Co 10 1/2-10 3/4

GRAINS SLUMP DURING DAY

Early Strength Lost to
Close Irregular.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2. (AP) — Wheat
closed irregular, 3/4 lower to 3/8 high-
er, compared with yesterday's finish;
corn 5/8 to 1 1/4 down; oats, un-
changed to 3/8 off; and provisions
unchanged to 25 cents decline.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2. (AP)—Responsive
to anxiety over the European
political crisis and to the decided
strength of Liverpool quotations,
Chicago wheat values rose early to-
day to new record heights.

Corn, oats, and rye also outbid
previous peak prices.

Opening unchanged to 1 1/8 higher,
Chicago wheat futures held near
then to these limits.

Corn also started unchanged to
1 1/8 cents up and for the time being
altered little.

Wheat: High. Low. Close.
Dec. 1.25 1.23 1.24
May 1.21 1.19 1.20
July 1.08 1.07 1.07

Corn:
Dec. old 1.10 1.08 1.08
Dec. new 1.04 1.02 1.02
May old 1.03 1.01 1.01
May new 1.00 98 98
July 98 97 97

Oats:
Dec. 46 46 46
May 46 45 45
July 43 42 42

Soybeans:
Dec. 1.35 1.34 1.34
May 1.36 1.34 1.34
July 1.35 1.34 1.34

Rye:
Dec. 98 97 97
May 94 93 93
July 89 88 88

Lard:
Dec. \$12.72 \$12.55 \$12.55
Jan. 12.80 12.70 12.70
March 13.12 12.95 12.95
May 13.37 13.22 13.22
July 13.60 13.40 13.40

Bellies:
Dec. \$16.40
Jan. 16.65

Closing Prices of New York Stocks

(By The Associated Press.)

First figures today's close; sec-
ond figures previous market close.

American Can 119 1/2-122
A. T. & T. 187 1/8-187 3/4
Anaconda 47 1/2-47 3/4
American Tob. B 100 1/2-100 1/2
Atchison 72-72 1/2
Auburn 32 1/2-33 1/2
Arnold 19 1/2-19 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 72-71 1/2
C. & N. W. 3 1/2-3 3/4
C. R. I. & P. 2 1/2-1 1/2
Chrysler 122 1/2-123 1/2
Curtiss Wright 6 1/2-6 3/4
Com'l. Solv. 16 1/2-16 1/2
Cont. Oil Del. 37 1/2-37 1/2
Corn Products 71 1/2-71 1/2
Eastman 179-179
General Electric 50 1/2-51
General Motors 68-68 1/2
Graham-Paige 3-2 3/4
Great Northern Pfd. 39 1/2-39 1/2
Hudson 19 1/2-19 1/2
Illinois Central 23 1/2-24
In'tl. Harvester 98 1/2-99
Johns-Manville 140 1/2-142
Kennecott 56 1/2-57 1/2
Montgomery Ward 64 1/2-66 1/2

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cows \$4.25 to \$5
\$6.50; cutter gr
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\$5.10 to \$5.25; j
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and feeders \$6.0
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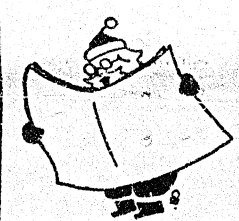
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OF
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St. J.

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Also Biographical Sketches of Some
Prominent Citizens of the County

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in Illinois, at the age of seventy-five. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have been born six children: Alzina, the wife of Norman Day, of Bloomfield, Missouri; Cornelia N., the wife of Sidney Day, of Creston, Iowa; Frank M., who wedded Cora McKeen and is a grocery clerk at Creston; George A., who married Jessie Snyder and is a merchant of Peoria, Illinois; Mary L., the wife of Booth Steel, of Nevinville, Iowa; and Charles A., who married Eva Foster and is a postal clerk on the Great Western Railroad between Oelwein, Iowa, and Kansas City, Missouri, residing, however, in the former place. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe now have twenty-four grandchildren.

For fifty-six years they have been devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in the community where they reside they have many warm friends. Mr. Beebe belongs to Potter Post, No. 440, G. A. R., at Creston, and his wife to the Union Relief Corps. He votes with the republican party, which was the defense of the Union in the Civil war and has always been the party of progress, reform and advancement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have a wide acquaintance in Creston and Union county and have a circle of friends that is almost co-extensive.

IIION. SCOTT SKINNER.

IIion. Scott Skinner, well known in the real-estate circles of Creston, is a self-made man who has worked his way upward from the humble position of railroad call boy until he has attained a place among the leading enterprising and successful business men of Creston. Moreover, he has figured prominently in public affairs and has been called to represent his district in the state legislature.

Mr. Skinner is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Keokuk county in 1852. His father, Joseph Skinner, who was born in Indiana and died in 1897 at the age of sixty-eight years, was of German descent and belonged to a family represented in the Revolutionary war. For many years he followed the occupation of farming but eventually turned his attention to mechanical pursuits. He was only five years of age when his father's family removed to Illinois and he there resided until 1844, when he came to Iowa with his parents, settling on a farm in Keokuk county, where his father, Joel Skinner, had entered land from the government. In 1868 Joseph Skinner removed to Union county and took up his abode in Highland township, where he purchased a tract of land which since the subdivision is in Grant township. In religious faith a Congregationalist, he was one of the charter members of the old Chapel church, and his influence was ever given in support of all that is right and honorable in man's relations with his fellowmen. His political views were in accord with the principles of the republican party.

Joseph Skinner married Harriet C. Morgan a native of Indiana, who is living in Creston at the age of seventy-five years. She is of Scotch lineage

and a daughter of W. F. and Elizabeth Morgan. Her father was a farmer by occupation, served as a member of the Iowa legislature, and was a man of affairs and influence in Keokuk county. His daughter, Mrs. Skinner, is a member of the Congregational church and is highly esteemed by reason of her many good traits of heart and mind. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children: Flora J., who is the widow of Andrew Johnson, who was a locomotive engineer, now makes her home in Grant township with her son, Charles E. Johnson; Elizabeth and John are deceased; Ina J. is a teacher in the public schools; Joel L. has also passed away; Rilla E. is the wife of Truman Shaw, a contractor of Creston.

Scott Skinner, the eldest of the family, was reared upon the home farm to the age of nineteen years and attended the country schools. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Creston and became a call boy for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, discharging the duties of that position for about four months. He had proven his worth in that time and was placed on an engine as fireman, which position he filled for three years. He was then promoted to engineer, acting in that capacity for thirteen years, first on a freight and later on a passenger train, while before he left the road he was engineer on the fast mail. In 1888 he retired from railroading and turned his attention to the real-estate business in Creston, in which he is still engaged. He also has other business interests and is a stockholder and director in the Creston National bank. In his real-estate operations he shows himself thoroughly familiar with the best methods of promoting property interests, has thorough knowledge of realty values and has negotiated many important transfers.

In 1879 occurred the marriage of Mr. Skinner and Miss Mary Morey, who was born in Switzerland in 1856 and died in March, 1906, when about fifty years of age. Her parents were Henry and Mary Morey, the former an artisan who came to the United States and settled in Muscatine county. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were the parents of four children, of whom Harriet, the eldest, is deceased, the others being Jessie, Emma and Margaret.

Mr. Skinner is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of the Knights of Pythias, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a stalwart republican and one of the recognized leaders of the party in this county. He served as a member of the board of supervisors for six years, from 1893 to 1899, and during a part of the time was chairman of the board. In the latter year he was elected mayor of Creston and filled the office for four years, giving to the city a public-spirited and business-like administration which resulted beneficially in advancing municipal interests. He represented his district in the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies, and to each question which came up for settlement he gave earnest consideration, his labors proving an element in the adoption of much wise legislation. In February, 1906, he was appointed postmaster of Creston by President Roosevelt and is now serving in that capacity. Honored and respected in every class of society, he has for some time been a leader in thought and action in the public life of Union county and has done much to wisely mold its course and shape its policy. His record is another illus-

tration of the fact that character and ability will come to the front anywhere, and though his start in life was a humble one he is today accounted one of the prominent citizens of this county.

GEORGE W. BILBO.

On the record of prominent business men and leading financiers of Union county appears the name of George W. Bilbo, who is living on section 5, Highland township, and is one of the large landowners of this part of the state. His success has come to him through judicious investment and well directed energy and in business affairs he has at all times manifested sound judgment, keen discrimination and strong executive force. He is well known in Union county, for his entire life has been passed here, his birth occurring within its borders June 26, 1859.

His father, Benjamin D. Bilbo, was a native of Kentucky, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth. With his parents he removed to Indiana, settling near Perrysville, and in that state he was married to Miss Maria Robertson, also a native of Kentucky. The year 1856 witnessed their arrival in Iowa and they settled in Union county, entering land from the government in Highland township. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place and the entire county was largely unsettled, giving little evidence of the rapid development which was soon to occur, transforming it from a wild and sparsely settled district into one of the populous, thriving and prosperous counties of this great state. Benjamin Bilbo resolutely carried on the work of the home farm until 1862, when in response to the country's call for aid he offered his services to the Union, joining Company H of the Twenty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. With that command he went south and was killed in the battle of Jenkin's Ferry on the Saline river, April 3, 1864, thus laying down his life on the altar of his country. His widow survived him and reared their family and she now makes her home with George W. Bilbo of this review, who is one of a family of two sons and a daughter, the brother being J. A. Bilbo and the sister Mrs. Eva Barber, the wife of David Barber, of Afton. The father was one of the trustees of Highland township in the early days and was a class leader and an active member in the Methodist Episcopal church.

The journey westward from Indiana was made with an ox-team through a country that was almost as it was when it came from the hand of nature. In fact such was the pioneer life that coon skins were accepted as legal tender and could be used for paying taxes. The homes of the settlers were log cabins with a fireplace and primitive furnishings. Farm machinery which was very crude as compared to that of the present time, was used in cultivating the fields and it was only here and there that a tract of land had been brought under cultivation, much of this great state being still a wild and windswept prairie. The Bilbo family, however, have borne their full share

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1906 he consolidated the two daily papers then existing into the *Boone Daily and Weekly News-Republican*.

In 1907 Mr. Goldthwaite became postmaster of Boone, which position he occupied eight years and three months. In 1912 he built the present News-Republican Building at 812 Keeler Street, a brick and terra cotta edifice occupying about 30x100 feet, with the basement for the press room. In time six typesetting machines were installed and a fast tubular press, which gets out two editions a day of the *News-Republican*, a publication which is considered one of the best in the country for a city the size of Boone. In 1923 Mr. Goldthwaite purchased the *Boone County Pioneer*, the last remaining Boone County newspaper, and the *News-Republican* now has the exclusive field.

Mr. Goldthwaite is well known to the fraternity of the state, having been successively elected as president of the Upper Des Moines Press Association of the older days, and president of the Iowa Press Association, the present organization. In 1930 Mr. Goldthwaite completed forty years in the journalistic calling in Iowa and Illinois and has lived to see his present publication grow from two hand compositors and an Army press, printing one page at a time, to the equivalent of thirty hand compositors and a press capable of printing a sixteen page paper at the rate of 30,000 per hour. It is a romance of journalism which the editors of the '90s would never have dreamed possible any more than they would have at that time expected to see a six and eight-story building built at Boone.

Mr. Goldthwaite is a Baptist by faith, and a member of the Rotary Club, the local Elks Lodge and all the Masonic Orders including Za-Ga-Zig Shrine of Des Moines and Des Moines Consistory No. 3. During his busy career he has found time to travel extensively, having driven to the eastern part of the United States three times, and made two trips to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, once with the Press Congress of the World in 1921, and later, on the U. S. Battleship *Arizona*, during the United States fleet maneuvers in 1925. He also attended the Press Congress of the World at Geneva in 1926 and traveled extensively in other European countries at that time.

In 1895 Mr. Goldthwaite was united in marriage with Miss Iva Bryant, of Boone. One child is the result of this union: Miss Mary Thayer Goldthwaite, who is assistant editor of the *Boone News-Republican*. The pleasant family home is located at 325 Linn Street.

HON. SCOTT SKINNER. One of the most valued and frequently honored citizens of Creston has been Mr. Scott Skinner, former mayor, legislator, business man and banker.

Mr. Skinner is a native of Iowa, born at Martinsburg in Keokuk County, February 29, 1852. His parents, Joseph and Harriett Caroline (Morgan) Skinner, were natives of Indiana, but were married in Iowa, his father coming to Iowa Territory in 1844 and his mother in 1846. His grand-

father, Joel Skinner, was a native of Pennsylvania, and on coming to Iowa in 1844 settled on a farm in Keokuk County, and spent his last years at Creston. The maternal grandfather was William Sane Morgan, a native of Kentucky, who moved to Keokuk County in 1846. He was a farmer and for twenty years held the office of justice of the peace.

Joseph Skinner on coming to Union County settled on a farm, where he lived from 1868 to 1871, and then entered the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway in the local machine shops, and remained there until his death in 1897, at the age of sixty-three. His widow survived him until 1907, passing away at the age of eighty-one. Both were active members of the Congregational Church, and the father was a Republican in politics. They had a family of four daughters and three sons, Scott being the oldest and the only one now living.

Scott Skinner during his boyhood in Keokuk County lived on a farm, learned its routine work, and has made his own opportunities as he has gone through life. In 1871, when he was nineteen years of age, he moved to Creston, and in 1872 became a locomotive fireman. In 1876 he was promoted to engineer, and for four years, from 1884, pulled the fast mail over this division. Mr. Skinner gave up railroad work as a result of the great railway strike of 1888. For several years following he became local representative for the Lombard Investment Company of Kansas City, handling farm loans in this territory. Later he established his independent office in real estate and did an extensive business in that line and in handling loans and investments until 1922. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Prescott, Iowa, and is a stockholder in the Creston National and the Iowa State Savings Banks of Creston.

Mr. Skinner was a member of the board of supervisors from 1894 to 1902. This service was followed by four years in the office of mayor of Creston, until 1906, and he was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt and reappointed by President Taft, giving eight years to the administration of that office. Mr. Skinner was a member of the State Legislature in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. He gave to Creston a thoroughly economical as well as progressive administration, getting the city out of debt, and while he was mayor the first payment was made on the city park, and the fire engine house was erected. From 1911 to 1913 he was a member of the Creston School Board.

Mr. Skinner married in 1874 Mary Morey, a native of Switzerland. She died in 1906, and of her four children two are living: Miss Emma, who attended the Creston High School and the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, now teaching in the Lincoln grade school at Creston; and Margaret, wife of F. W. Day, a Union County farmer. Mr. Skinner in 1914 married Allie T. Totman, who was born in Lucas County, Iowa. She is a member of the Congregational Church.

He has filled chairs in the B. P. O. Elks and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Creston Commercial Club.

GEORGE JUDSON STEWART was for many years a notable figure in the commercial and civic life of Chariton, being one of the best known business men in that section of the state.

He was born near Rock Island, Illinois, November 13, 1840, and his parents, Dr. William Q. and Salome (Bentley) Stewart, moved to Iowa in the early territorial period, locating at Agency in Wapello County in 1845. His father died while living there and later the family moved to Knoxville and from there to Albia, where George Judson Stewart grew to manhood. He had his first experience in the mercantile business there and later moved to Chariton, where he bought and shipped wool in company with Daniel Eikenberry. Later these men formed a partnership to carry on a lumber, grain and stock business. The firm was continued with mutual advantage until the death of Mr. Eikenberry. A few years later Mr. Stewart sold his interest in the business, and he and his son, H. B. Stewart, formed the G. J. Stewart Lumber Company of Chariton. He was active in this business until his death on August 15, 1927.

The late Mr. Stewart was a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner. He was ready in response to calls upon his time and means to help in a civic and community way and served as a member of the city council and on the school board.

Mr. Stewart married in 1863 Amanda C. Cramer, a native of Pennsylvania, but whose people came at an early date to Albia, Iowa. The Stewart family is of Scotch ancestry and the Cramers were German. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart had two children: Mrs. Zora Harper and Harry Bentley Stewart, both of whom reside at Chariton.

PAUL G. THONN came to Iowa as a young attorney shortly after the close of the World war, in which he saw active service overseas, and has enjoyed an increasing prestige as a lawyer and citizen of Northwood, Worth County.

Mr. Thonn was born in Telemarken, Norway, March 10, 1892, son of Hans H. and Dorothea (Week) Thonn. His mother is still living in Norway. His father, who died there in 1904, was an educator and gave forty years of his life to teaching in one school.

Paul G. Thonn when fifteen years of age came to America with some friends, and lived his first years in America at Moorhead, Minnesota. He attended grade schools there and was graduated from the State Normal at Moorhead in 1911. For several years he taught school at Evansville, and for two years was superintendent there. In 1914 he entered the University of Minnesota, graduating in the literary and law courses in 1918, and was admitted to the Minnesota bar.

In the meantime, in April, 1918, he enlisted, was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, with

the Ordnance Corps, for three months was in the camp at Augusta, Georgia, and arrived overseas in time to serve in the Argonne sector. In July, 1919, he was returned home, and received his honorable discharge at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Mr. Thonn was in the law offices of Nye, Newton & Dodd at Minneapolis until 1920, when he came to Northwood, Iowa. He was associated with T. A. Kingland until November, 1921, when he bought the practice of Mr. Kingland and looked after his private practice and his official duties until 1927, when O. J. Wardwell became associated with him as a partner, and together they carry on a leading practice in Worth County.

Mr. Thonn is former county attorney of Worth County, at first as assistant to L. T. Bosworth, in 1920, and later was chief of the office from 1923 to 1929. He is a Republican, is a Royal Arch Mason, a past president of the Northwood Commercial Club and member of the school board. He was commander of the local post of the American Legion in 1921-22.

Mr. Thonn married, August 20, 1924, Miss Agnes Torgerson, of Northwood, daughter of Rev. A. J. Torgerson, who for many years was pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Northwood. Both her parents are living. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Thonn are Paul G., Jr., born August 19, 1925, and David T., born March 15, 1928.

WALTER BRUCE HOWELL. Printing, the art of producing impressions from characters or figures on paper or any other subject, is comparatively of modern origin, only 400 years having elapsed since the first book was issued from the press. Yet there is proof that the principles on which it was ultimately developed existed among the ancient Assyrian nations, and, according to the eminent authority, Professor Douglas, printing from movable types was probably practiced in China as early as the twelfth or thirteenth century, as there are Korean books printed from wooden clay or movable types in 1317. The great discovery was that of forming every letter or character of the alphabet separately, so as to be capable of rearrangement and forming in succession the pages of a work, thereby avoiding the labor of cutting new blocks of types from every page. From that time printing has made great advancement and today it may at once be designated as a craft, a trade, an art, a profession and a science. Among the leaders of the printing craft of Iowa few have better records for accomplishment as business men and for contributions to the development of their calling than Walter Bruce Howell, who is widely and favorably known at Waterloo, Iowa, as a thorough master of his craft and a citizen of public-spirited motives.

Walter Bruce Howell was born at Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California, on March 29, 1869, a son of Prof. Saul Sylvester Howell, who was born at Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, December 25, 1841. Professor Howell was a son of John Gil-

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upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

DAVID A. DANCER,
ROY J. SOURS,
G. T. KUESTER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

HONORABLE SCOTT SKINNER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Scott Skinner of Union County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Scott Skinner was born February 29, 1852, and died December 2, 1936. He came with his parents to Union County in 1868, where he was reared on a farm and lived until the age of 19 when he moved to Creston, Iowa, where he became a call boy for the C. B. & Q. Railway Company.

A few years later he became fireman, then engineer, later retiring to engage in the real estate business in Creston. He also became interested in banking, being a stockholder and director in several banks in his community.

He served as mayor of Creston and later as postmaster during the Theodore Roosevelt administration.

In politics Mr. Skinner was a republican and served as representative from Union County in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Giffey of Creston and Mrs. Margaret Day of Afton, a step-son, Thomas L. Groves and three granddaughters.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Scott Skinner, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

L. C. BOWERS,
LEONARD L. MOORE,
THOS. HENDRICKSON,

Committee.

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SIMPSON-STOUT

The "Simpson Hill," an old landmark which is located one mile west of Afton, has been a place where several generations of Simpsons have lived and still do. The first Simpson was Lafayette and Adeline (Hathaway) Simpson who came to Union County from Madison County, Ohio by team and wagon in 1854. In 1881 he moved to Washington County, Kansas and remained there until he died.

Walter S. Simpson Sr. was associated with his father, Lafayette, in farming and in 1883 he married Henrietta Susan Nauman, a native of Virginia, and they came to this same farm where they carried on general agriculture and stock-raising, making a speciality of hogs and cattle. He also raised draft horses. He was a life-long Republican and for six years served on the board of supervisors. His history is in the Ide Book of Union County. This home was blessed with two sons and two daughters. One son was Walter S. Simpson Jr. who is my father and he too lived here about 19 years.

He married Inez Anderson and moved to Kansas and made their home for several years. Then they returned to Union County where he worked on the C.B. & Q. Railroad for many years and then in later years farmed some. He and Inez had two sons, William who lives in Plummer, Minnesota, Charles, who lives in Port Angeles, Washington, and one daughter Mary, who married William Harry Stout in 1946 and came to live on this same Simpson farm. Harry farmed with horses for several years until his health failed, so Mary helped out lots with the farming. They had four daughters, Ellen, Carol, June and Jeanne.

Ellen married Alan Jensen of Creston, lives in Afton and has three sons, William, Tony and Andy. Alan works at "Simco" at Osceola as a welder having worked their 11 years.

Carol married Marvin McFarland of Afton and they have a son, William Scott, Carol is employed at Gits' Brothers in Creston and Marvin works at Wellman's. They, too, live at Afton.

June and Jeanne attend East Union School, June is in ninth grade and Jeanne is in eighth. They with their mother, Mary Simpson Stout, still reside on the Simpson farm west of Afton and are still raising some cattle and hogs. Harry passed away in 1968.

REX AND HELEN SIMPSON

Rex Simpson and Helen Mickle were married February 12, 1939 and have lived since that time on the farm west of Shannon City where Rex was born in 1913 and where his grandparents, Arelius and Mary Simpson, settled in 1873. Rex's parents were Clifton and Ethel Higgins Simpson and he had one brother, Clarke.

Dairying has always been an important part of the Simpson farm. Milking machines have been used on the farm since 1929, the first being powered by direct current until utilities were connected in 1931.

Rex and Helen are parents of two sons, Ronald A. and Charles Michael, who farm Simpson land and whose children are the fifth generation of Simpsons to live on the land. Ron and Karen Henry Simpson have two daughters, Kim and Deb. Mike and Beverly Clements Simpson are parents of Jane and Jim Simpson, Jim being the only male descendant of the fifth generation bearing the Simpson name. Two daughters also blessed the home of Rex and Helen. They are Carol Simpson (Jerry) Oliver (pastor's wife, mother of two adopted sons, John and Jo and school teachers) and Mary Lou Simpson (Ron) Cheers (active farm wife, mother of three daughters, Sarah, Brenda and Ronda, part time secretary).

Helen's parents were James and Mattie Abel Mickle, early residents of Union and Ringgold Counties. Helen's sister Norma married Rex's brother Clarke. Her brother Lloyd and wife Helen Wimmer Mickle are Union County residents.

Rex and Helen have been active in many community, school and church activities. 4-H leadership, school, church and hospital boards, dairy promotion and music are among the volunteer activities in which they have been involved. Since they have been less active in the farm operation, real estate work,

sales work and postal work have occupied much of their time.

JAMES A. SISSEL

James A. Sissel came to Creston in 1964, at the age of 18. In June he married Janet P. Tull.

He managed Ellens Professional Beauty Salon located in the 100 block on North Elm Street for a few months.

In the years that followed two daughters were born; Andrea Joy, June 21, 1966 and Allyson Joy, August 8, 1968. There were three locations for the business they owned in partnership first with Glen I. and Betty J. Tull, and finally Glen I. Tull.

The first location was at 217 North Maple, then a home at 509 W. Adams and another at 405 W. Adams. The salon is now located at 110 N. Oak, the old Masonic Temple. They have established a cosmetology school in the lower level of the building.

Jim has served on the Creston City Council since Feb. 1977 and has served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Janet is a homemaker health aid for Union County. She was born in Oregon. Her mother, suffering from cancer, died when Janet was 2 months old. Her aunt and uncle, Alvin and Irene Tull, raised her along with 4 of their own sons. No natural parents could have been so kind and loving. Her childhood was spent in Ringgold County.

Jim was born in Leon, Ia. and grew up in Ringgold County living south of Kellerton until he moved to Creston.

They now reside at 617 N. Poplar St.

RICHARD E. SKARDA

Richard E. Skarda, son of George and Helen Skarda of Schuyler, Nebraska, and Sharon Rozanek, daughter of Bill and Helen Rozanek, were married in Columbus, Nebraska July 27, 1957. Dick and Sharon spent the early part of their marriage in Western Nebraska where Dick taught history and biology and coached football, basketball and track.

The family moved to Creston in 1965 when Dick had the opportunity to become track coach and teach physical education. In 1978 Dick was named 1978 Class A Track Coach of the year and the family was pleased when the people of Creston added to this honor by holding "Dick Skarda Day."

A son, Richard Michael, was born in Lexington, Nebraska July 19, 1958. He enjoys painting and music. Richard graduated from SWCC in 1979 and presently works at Wellmans.

LeAnn is a true Union County resident having been born June 22, 1966 at Greater Community Hospital. She is a student at the junior high and enjoys music and sports.

Sharon has been employed at Greater Community Hospital for 15 years and is presently Director of Medical Records, a member of Catholic Daughters and Holy Spirit Parish.

REBECCA HART SKINNER

My great-great-grandmother, Rebecca Lonas Hart Skinner, came to Wapello County, Iowa in 1851 with her first husband William J. Hart. She was born February 22, 1822 and died July 13, 1896, buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, Afton. They married February 5, 1840 in Indiana. William born March 14, 1816 Pennsylvania and died December 9, 1854, Iowa. They had four children: 1. Elizabeth Ann Hart born September 14, 1841 Indiana, died November 11, 1922 buried Groesbeck Cemetery, married August 20, 1860 Union County to Younger David Comer son of John. They were blessed with five children, Marth Jane Seeley, William Henry married Ellen Hircock, George W. married Josie Long, Noah Elmer married Mabel Allen, and Rebecca Idella Means: 2. George W. Hart born December 31, 1845 Raccoon County, Illinois, died 1936 buried Greenlawn Cemetery, married December 31, 1868 Rebecca E. Truster and had nine children, John M., Charles E., Alica A., Ella J., two infants, George W. another infant, and Ruth: 3. John D. Hart born December 1, 1847, died October



Rebecca Hart Skinner

3, 1880 buried Lorimor, married November 23, 1875 Union County to Alice Leak had a son John Jr.: 4. William Henry Hart born September 2, 1850, died 1925 buried Lorimor, married August 7, 1875 Union County to Mary E. Lewis Williams had seven children all born Union County, Herman P. born 1873, died 1879 buried Groesbeck Cemetery, David M. born 1879, a professor in Des Moines, John C. born 1883, Belle born 1885, Newt, Otis, Ralph. (Mary E. Lewis married Henry Williams and had a son Benjamin F.)

Rebecca and her children came to Union County, Iowa in 1860 making their home in New Hope Township. She married second January 29, 1857 Henry Skinner born October 28, 1800, died November 11, 1873 and had a daughter Melissa born February 4, 1858, died May 29, 1957 buried Lorimor, married April 21, 1886 Newt Williams, Rebecca and Henry Skinner had two sons Francis M. born June 23, 1861 and Leonard born June 20, 1864 as stated in family Bible owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Comer of Lorimor, Iowa.

Newt Williams was reported to have lived 100 years and was the son of William C. Williams and Jemima Camplan. He and Melissa had seven children: 1. Guy born January 16, 1887 Lorimor, married January 28, 1914 to Agnes A. Robinson daughter of James Robinson and Mary Agnes. Guy lives near Lorimor; 2. William C. born February 6, 1889 Lorimor, died November 25, 1949 buried at Winterset, married Carrie Pople; 3. Merrill born October 17, 1891 Afton, died November, 1959 buried Kansas City, married Lucille Ball; 4. Ben F. born November 22, 1893 Afton, died December 1959 buried Oklahoma City, married Eva Coon; 5. Everett born March 11, 1896 Afton, married Nellie Moffet; 6. Clifford born September 16, 1900, Afton, married Bernice Harrison; 7. John A. born February 4, 1902, Afton, died May 23, 1970 buried Los Angeles, married Eva Bishop. by Mabel F. McGee Schuessler

SCOTT SKINNER

There are a few direct family links to Creston 100 years ago and one of these is Mrs. Fred Day of Creston. Her father, Scott Skinner, started working for the Burlington railroad 100 years prior to 1969.

In 1869 Skinner started working as a call boy for the Burlington out of Creston. He later became a fireman on the road and then was engineer for the fast mail run to Pacific Junction.

In 1879 he married Mary Morey; she had been born in Switzerland and lived in Creston with the Abe Keith family. She died in 1906.

During the strike of 1888, Skinner left the railroad and became a real estate and insurance man in Creston.

From 1893 to 1899 he served on the county board of supervisors and was chairman of the board during part of this period. He was elected mayor of Creston in 1899 and served two terms before becoming a member of the legislature during the 30th and 31st

sessions.

Skinner was Creston postmaster from 1906 to 1914 when he retired. In 1912 he married Mrs. Allie Groves.

He served as vice-president of the electric light company, vice-president of the telephone company, vice-president of the old Creston National Bank and was on the board of directors for the Iowa State Savings Bank. He died in 1936.

Besides Mrs. Day, Creston residents will remember late Mrs. Herman Giffey, the former Emma Skinner, another daughter, who taught school here for over 25 years.

ROY AND JEAN SLEZAK

Carolyn Jean Strauss Slezak was born July 11, 1930 in Hollywood, California to Barbara Agnes Walsh Strauss and Sidney Harold Strauss. Being the second born of this union Jean has a brother William S. Strauss and a sister Linda L. Hartsock.

Jean, her brother and their parents came back to Creston in 1933 where she attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Creston High in 1948. Her college years were spent at SWCC and Saint Mary's College of Xavier, Kan. Roy Junior Slezak was the first born from the union of Roy Vincent Slezak and Gladys Everling Slezak on December 24, 1926, in Orient, Iowa. Roy has a sister Barbara Jean Shelby living in Bethany, Mo. with her husband Nicholas L. Shelby and their four children. Attended grade and high school in Orient and finished his education at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa with a B.S. degree. Having taught and coached in Arispe for one year, then moved to



Front — Barbara, Jean, Roy Jr. and Greg Slezak.
Back — Steve and David.

Cromwell High School, then under the Creston System.

Roy and Jean were united in marriage at St. Malachy's Church, November 23, 1949. They have four children: Stephen Lynn Slezak married to Ruth Raymond and living in Iowa City, Iowa, where Steve is a cost accountant for the College of Pharmacy of the University of Iowa and Ruth, after finishing a degree in nursing, is head supervisor of the Dr. Falk's Urology Clinic. Gregory Vincent Slezak was born January 9, 1952 and spent his young life in Creston. Upon completing his education he spent four years serving the U.S. Navy; with three years in the State of Hawaii. Greg married Cyndy Lines and they moved to Loveland, Colorado where Greg is manager of a Montgomery Wards Automotive Store. Cynda is a cost accountant with Hoch Chemical. Barbara Ann Slezak born September 25, 1955, in Creston, was graduated from the same. Her college years were spent at SWCC and Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, majoring in music. She is currently working for Hy Vee in Ames, Iowa, while her husband, Peter Yetter from Des Moines, is studying electrical engineering. Then there was David Roy, born September 5, 1962, in Creston.

Dave attended Lincoln grade school and graduated from Creston High School in 1980. He is furthering his education at Central College, Pella, Iowa, where he is majoring in computer science. His summers are spent in Creston working at the Hy Vee and his free time on the golf course and playing in golf tournaments.

Jean began working at Strauss' ready-to-wear in 1960, where she was joined in partnership with Roy eight years ago when they opened a second store in Audubon, Iowa. They are still operating the present store and location. Roy and Jean are living at the country club, in the same cabin that her dad built some 57 years ago, right after Sid and Barbara were married.

VICTOR SLOANS

Victor Eugene Sloan, Jr., son of Victor Eugene Sloan and Helen Delores Long, was born Sept. 1, 1948 in Maryville, Missouri. He has one brother, Kenneth Wayne and one sister, Deborah Kay. Vic attended elementary school in Clearmont, Missouri and attended high school at Burlington Junction, Missouri, graduating in 1966. He was in the United States Air Force for four years serving overseas duty in Thailand.

On Jan. 23, 1971 he married Dwila (Dee) Kay Lewis, the daughter of Earl D. Lewis and Carrie Irene Geer. She was born Nov. 5, 1950 in Clarinda, Iowa. She has two brothers, Randal Edward and Duane Earl.



Vic, Dee and Teri Sloan

Dee attended the New Market, Iowa schools and graduated in 1969.

Vic and Dee came to Creston from Greybull, Wyoming in May 1974 when Vic transferred in the Burlington Northern Railroad System, where he is now employed. Dee has been a library aide in the Creston Community Schools for the past three years.

They have one daughter, Teri Jo, born Dec. 17, 1973 in Greybull, Wyoming. At this writing, Teri is in first grade at the Jefferson Elementary School in Creston. Mrs. Sandra Stalker is the teacher.

The Sloans reside on an eighty-acre farm north-east of town in Lincoln Township where they constructed a new home in 1978.

The family enjoys the out-of-doors and the freedom of country living.

They attend the First Baptist Church in Creston.

INO SMID FAMILY

Ino was born at George, Iowa, Lyon County of parents who came to America from Germany. He grew up in a family of 9 children: John, George, Abbo, Sienus, Andy, Annie, Ida and Johanna. Ino served 2 years in 1st Division of the U.S. Army in WW I. After returning home from active service in Germany, he attended Iowa State Teachers College. He taught for 40 years in the following schools: New Providence, Shelby, Missouri Valley, Macksburg, Coon Rapids, Walnut, Persia, Silver City, Underwood, Central City, DeSoto, Rodman, Ware, Hancock, Kirkman, Nodaway, Ellston, and Schleswig and after retiring in 1961 substituted another 10 years in the Creston schools. He taught commercial



Ino S. Smid Family

baseball.

I was a senior in high school when Ino taught at Macksburg, 1925-26. We were married in 1928 at Winterset by Rev. A.P. Keast, and spent our honeymoon in Winnipeg, Canada. We have 3 children: Russell Ino Smid who is a real estate broker and lives at Fort Dodge with his wife Ruth who works for the Lutheran Ministerial Association. Daughter Betty Jo Anne Walters lives in W. Covina, California and is purchasing agent for Foothill Presbyterian Hospital. Her husband Matt is a real estate broker. Our other daughter Aneta Louise Van-Sickle is head counsellor at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. Her husband David has a Doctor's Degree and is also a professor at Purdue. We have one granddaughter, Maxanne, Louise Stevens who lives in Mesa, Arizona.

Both Ino and I grew up on the farm. I had 2 sisters, Elizabeth and Pauline and a brother Wesley. As children Wesley, Polly and I spent many happy hours during the summer herding cattle on our ponies, Black Beauty, Red Wing and Dolly. My grandfather, Wesley Cochran, came to Iowa from Ohio and settled in Madison County. He was a farmer and cattleman having acquired 2300 acres of land in Madison and Union County. He and his wife Elizabeth raised 7 boys and 2 girls and 2 grandsons Edward and James Steele after their mother died.

Ino and I came to Union County in 1954 and bought a home in Creston to be close to my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cochran so I could care for them in their old age at their farm home near Macksburg.

Ino belonged to the First Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and WW I Barracks and was active in all. I transferred my membership to the Adventist Church where I play the music, read the mission story and teach the adult Bible class each Sabbath. I also belong and am secretary to American Legion Auxiliary; also secretary and card chairman of Federated Garden Club; and secretary-treasurer of the WW I Auxiliary. My favorite hobby is embroidering. I also like to read, collect axioms, write poetry, play music, travel, raise flowers, and work crossword puzzles.

Ino passed away January 13, 1979. Although I miss him we had a good life together and took many nice trips. *Dorothy Smid*

BILL AND KAY SMITH

Bill Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith of Lorimor, was born June 10, 1951 in Union County. He lived on farm near Arispe, Iowa until the age of 10 years when they moved to Afton. Bill graduated from East Union Community High School in 1969 and graduated from Southwestern Community College in Creston in 1971.

I, Kay Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moffitt of Thayer, Iowa was born August 4, 1952 in Polk County, Iowa. I lived with my parents on a farm south of Thayer until graduation from East Union Community High School in 1970. I then attended Americana Academy of Beauty for a graduation course in cosmetology.

Bill and I were married on April 16, 1971 at Pleasant Valley Christian Church south of Thayer. We moved to Indianola, Iowa where Bill finished two more years of college at Simpson graduating with a B.S. in accounting. We then moved to West Des Moines where Bill worked as an accountant for four years.

Bill decided to return to farming in January of 1976 where he presently are located near Lorimor.

We have two sons, Dustin age 9, Nathan age 7, who provide us much joy and excitement. *Kay*



You searched for **Scott Skinner** in **Iowa**

1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Scott Skinner	
Birth Year:	abt 1852	
Age in 1870:	18	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Home in 1870:	Highland, Union, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Afton	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Joseph Skinner	42
	Caroline Skinner	37
	Scott Skinner	18
	Flora J Skinner	16
	Ina Skinner	11
	Sarilla Skinner	5

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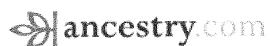
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Scott Skinner	
Home in 1880:	Creston, Union, Iowa	
Age:	28	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1852	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Mary	
Father's birthplace:	Indiana	
Mother's birthplace:	Indiana	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Locomotive Engineer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
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Household Members:	Name	Age
	Scott Skinner	28
	Mary Skinner	22

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	Scott Skinner	
Home in 1900:	Creston, Union, Iowa	
Age:	48	
Birth Date:	Feb 1852	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relationship to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birthplace:	Indiana	
Mother's Birthplace:	Indiana	
Spouse's name:	Mary	
Marriage Year:	1880	
Marital Status:	Married	
Years Married:	20	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Scott Skinner	48
	Mary Skinner	43
	Jessie M Skinner	17
	Emma I Skinner	16
	Margaret Skinner	8/12

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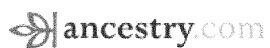
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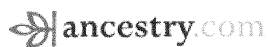
Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Scott Skinner	
Census Date:	1905	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Union	
Locality:	Creston	
Roll:	IA_111	
Line:	642	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Scott Skinner	

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name:	Scott Skinner [Scott Skinnr]	
Age in 1910:	58	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1852	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Father's Birth Place:	Indiana	
Mother's Birth Place:	Indiana	
Home in 1910:	Creston Ward 5, Union, Iowa	
Marital Status:	Widowed	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Scott Skinner	58
	Enna I Skinner	25
	Margaret M Skinner	19

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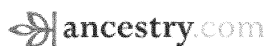
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Scott Skinner	
Birth Year:	abt 1853	
Birth Place:	Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Race:	White	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1915	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Union	
Locality:	Creston	
Mother's Birthplace:	Indiana	
Father's Birthplace:	Indiana	
Roll:	IA1915_477	
Line:	B511	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Scott Skinner	62

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Jessie M Skinner	B: 1882
Emma I Skinner	B: 1884
Margarete Skinner (Day)	B: 1898

Scott Skinner

B: Feb 1852 in Iowa
D:

Parents

Joseph Skinner
1828-Caroline Skinner
1833-

Mary Skinner (Mosey) B:25 Oct 1858 in Switzerland

Other spouses (1)

1920 United States Federal Census

Name:	Scott Skinner [Scott Shinner]	
Home in 1920:	Creston Ward 5, Union, Iowa	
Age:	67	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1853	
Birthplace:	Iowa	
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head) [Head]	
Spouse's name:	Allie	
Father's Birth Place:	Indiana	
Mother's Birth Place:	Indiana	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Male	
Home owned:	Own	
Able to read:	Yes	
Able to Write:	Yes	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Scott Skinner	67
	Allie Skinner	45
	Emma J Skinner	35
	Margaret Skinner	20

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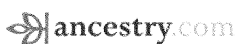
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<p>1920 Age: 68</p> <p>Residence Creston Ward 5, Union, Iowa</p>	<p>1 source citation</p>

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Parents

- Joseph Skinner**
1828 -
- Caroline Skinner**
1833 -

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Spouse & Children

- Mary Skinner (Mosey)**
1858 - 1906
- Jessie M Skinner**
1882 -
- Emma I Skinner**
1884 -
- Margarete Skinner (Day)**
1898 - 1982

Other Spouse & Children

- Allie Skinner**
1875 -
- Emma J Skinner**
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- Margaret Skinner**
1900 -

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Iowa Cemetery Records

Name:	Scott Skinner
Death Date:	2 Dec 1936
Page #:	209
Birth Date:	29 Feb 1852
Cemetery:	Graceland
Town:	Creston
Level Info:	<i>Tomb-stone Records of Union County, Iowa</i>

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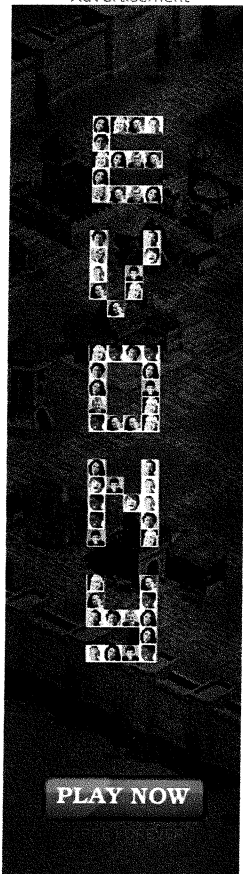
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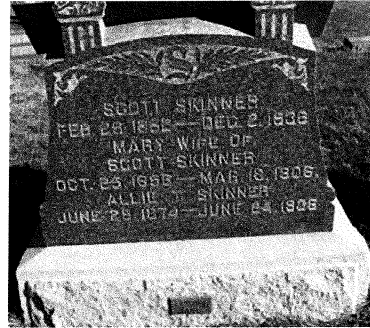
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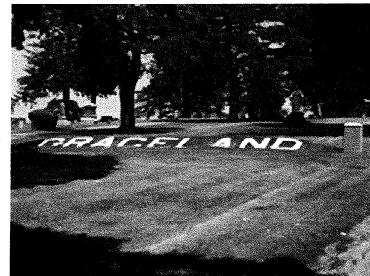
Birth: Feb. 29, 1852
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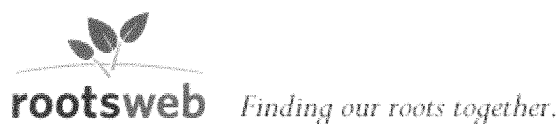
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- **ID:** I77573
- **Name:** William Scott Skinner
- **Surname:** Skinner
- **Given Name:** William Scott
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 29 Feb 1852 in , Keokuk, Iowa, USA
- **Death:** 2 Dec 1936
- **Burial:** Graceland Cemetery, Creston, Union, Iowa, USA
- **UID:** 3F4BFEB2A7288B41BA99B29C7E23976F1DBB
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Mother: Harriett Caroline Morgan b: 10 Apr 1833 in , , Indiana, USA

c: 10 Dec 1834 in Sugar Creek, Shelby, Indiana, USA

Marriage 1 Mary Morey b: 25 Oct 1858 in Switzerland

- **Married:** 14 Oct 1879 in , Union, Iowa, USA

Children

1. Hattie Skinner b: 9 Sep 1880
2. Jessie Skinner b: 8 Jun 1882 in , , Iowa, USA
3. Emma I. Skinner b: May 1884 in , , Iowa, USA
4. Margaret Skinner b: Oct 1899 in , , Iowa, USA