

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Murdhurst, Charles Henry Senator _____
Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Mar 1852 Kiel, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place
Caroline Knobl 15 Jan 1874 Des Moines, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business President of the bank in Milledale; president of the Milledale Creamery
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Farmer; bank president; secretary of various companies; president of the creamery

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 29th General Assembly 1902

6. Public Offices
A. Local Clinton County supervisor; secretary of 2 insurance companies; Justice of the Peace
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 2 Jul 1943 near Orono, Nebraska, buried; buried in Peoria, Nebraska

8. Children Mrs. Henry G. Hornigbaum; Mrs. Ernest Doppers; Fred; Walter; George; Edgar; Charles; Ferdinand; Mrs. Charles Bergstadt (predeceased her father in death); Mrs. George Fox (predeceased her father in death)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He died at the home of his son, George near Orono, Nebraska
- He came to the United States at age 17 years settling at Holland Iowa
- He moved to Pierce, Nebraska in 1916
- His wife, Corbin, died 17 Mar 1928 in Pierce, Nebraska.

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Was a Wheatland Girl

In the obituary of Mrs. Edw.
oll, of Davenport, was print-
week, the main particulars of
her life and death were taken
from a Davenport paper, in the city
where she spent many years of
her wedded life, and saw her fine
family of five sons and two daugh-
ters grow to manhood and woman-
hood. Her later years filled with the
interests of twelve grandchild-
ren. She was a happy woman, and
her health brought her low, she
was bolstered by the loving care
of her husband and that fine family.
Her father, a Keller was a Wheatland
farmer for several years, coming here
for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John
Keller when she was a slip of a
girl. An only child, she was always
a source of pride and comfort to her
parents, and her friends were
many. She possessed much musical
talent and an alto voice that would
lead any choir. She had ability to
teach and for a time after her gradu-
ation from the Wheatland high
school took her place among the
best of teachers.
When there came to Wheatland a
young attorney, Ed Carroll, who
found the practice of law in
Wheatland really was secondary to
his other making friends, and
his best case when he won
his mate in Wheatland.
His family and his fine family go our
sympathy in their loss of a
dear wife, mother and grand-

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J. Schneider, Mrs. Norman
Mrs. Lawrence Bicknese, Mrs.

church lawn. Everyone please bring
own dishes.

Obituary

Mr. Charles Mordhorst passed
away last Thursday, July 8, 1943, in
the home of his son, George, near
Osmond, Nebraska. Funeral services
were held on Saturday, July 10th, at
Pierce, Nebraska.

Mr. Mordhorst was born March 10,
1852, in Germany, and came to the
United States at the age of 17 years.
While residing in Wheatland, he
served as county supervisor, presi-
dent of the bank, secretary of two
insurance companies, president of
the creamery, justice of the peace
and was elected to serve in the state
legislature. He also farmed exten-
sively.

He moved to Pierce, Nebraska, in
1916. On January 1, 1874, he mar-
ried Caroline Kuehl at Davenport,
whom after fifty-four years of use-
ful life, died at her home in Pierce
on March 17, 1928.

Left to mourn his death are two
daughters, Mrs. Henry G. Homrig-
hausen of Wheatland and Mrs. Er-
nest Shaffer of Pierce; six sons,
Fred of Durant, Walter of O'Neil,
Neb., George of Osmond, Neb., Edgar
of Oregon, Charles of Rapid City, S.
D., and Ferdinand of Notus, Idaho;
34 grandchildren; and 31 great-
grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his
wife and two daughters, Mrs. George
Fox and Mrs. Charles Bargstadt of
Pierce.

The deceased had attained the ripe
old age of 91 years. He was well
known in this vicinity and Wheat-
land folks extend sympathy to the
bereaved relatives.

Attending the last rites from a dis-
tance were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mord-
horst of Wilton Junction, Ia.; Don
Mordhorst, Durant, Ia.; Charles
Mordhorst, Rapid City, S. D.; Mr.
and Mrs. Roy Langenmeier, Mr. and
Mrs. Chris Jurgensen, Vern Mord-
horst, of Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Allen
Sullivan, Beemer; Mrs. Clara Dively
and Joyce, Charlene Bargstadt and
Jake Dively, of Burr; Mr. and Mrs.
Walter Mordhorst of O'Neill; Mr.
and Mrs. Augie Miller, Mr. and Mrs.
Henry Miller of Norfolk; and Mr.
and Mrs. George Schmidt of Ran-
dolph.

Mrs. H. G. Homrighausen, of this
place, was unable to attend the fun-
eral.

Molly Pitcher Tag Day Aug. 7

Fashioned in the manner of the
famous Poppy Day, so well known to
thousands of American men and
women, the Molly Pitcher Tag Day
celebration, in co-operation with the United

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Charles M. Mordhorst Sr.

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Grandpa Mordhorst Sr. is one of the grand old men of Pierce who will observe his 88th birthday on Sunday, March 10. Confined to his bed since a fall eight weeks ago, he is still weak, but during the past few days has been able to sit up in his bed by means of a backrest. He welcomes visitors who help pass the time. Despite his weakness, his physician says that his vital organs still function in a remarkable manner.

In years past, Mr. Mordhorst has always looked forward to his natal day as a time when his children and grandchildren gathered for the day, but this year he knows that he could not stand so many being there at one time.

On his desk near the bed is a pile of letters and cards from friends and relatives too far away to visit him personally. Needless to say, scores of other messages will be added to say happy birthday.

Always a great lover of plants and flowers, he found great pleasure in their cultivation. With him, it is always a privilege to carry some plant life to his nearby church, The Congregational, to add beauty to the morning service.

A German born and educated gentleman is Mr. Mordhorst, whose long life has been spent in many vocations and labors. Since his arrival alone at Davenport, Iowa when a year 17 years old, he has worked with government engineers, been a bookkeeper, prescription clerk, gardener, farmer, banker, creamery organizer, and insurance secretary. He also served as a member of the Iowa legislature, as a county commissioner, and justice of the peace. His companion of 54 years died in 1928. He has two daughters, six sons, 32 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren. "Grandpa," as he is better known than by any other name, has lived in Pierce since 1916.

Grandpa Mordhorst was born in Kiel, Germany and lived to be 91 years old. He never saw his family again and never saw his brother named Fred. He was sponsored by a family and worked in their drug store.

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Attached to in this tree

 Charles Henry Mordhorst
1852 - 1943

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Mordhorst Family Tree

by  linmort on 4 Jun 2010

You searched for **Charles Mordhorst** in **Iowa**

Iowa, Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: **Charles Mordhorst**
Gender: **Male**
Spouse: **Caroline Kuhl**
Marriage Date: **15 Jan 1874**
County: **Scott**
State: **Iowa**

Source Information:

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp.. *Iowa, Marriages, 1851-1900* [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.
Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **Charles Mordhorst**
 Home in 1880: **Springfield, Cedar, Iowa**
 Age: **28**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1852**
 Birthplace: **Germany**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's Name: **Caroline Mordhorst**
 Father's birthplace: **Ger**
 Mother's birthplace: **Ger**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Farmer**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind: [View image](#)
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:
 Household Name: _____ Age
 Members: [Charles Mordhorst](#) **28**
 [Caroline Mordhorst](#) **24**
 [Sophie Mordhorst](#) **6**
 [August Mordhorst](#) **4**
 [Fred Mordhorst](#) **1**
 [Ben Mier](#) **12**

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Springfield, Cedar, Iowa; Roll: 331; Family History Film: 1254331; Page: 81B; Enumeration District: 348; Image: 0368.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site.

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1900 United States Federal Census																					
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Home in 1900:	Spring Rock, Clinton, Iowa [Wheatland, Clinton, Iowa]																				
Age:	48																				
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Race:	White																				
Gender:	Male																				
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Relationship to head-of-house:	Head																				
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Mother's Birthplace:	Germany																				
Spouse's Name:	Caroline Mordhorst																				
Marriage year:	1874																				
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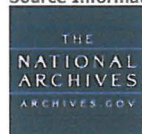
You searched for **Charles Mordhorst** in **Iowa**

1910 United States Federal Census

Name: Charles Mordhorst
Age in 1910: 58
Birth Year: 1852
Birthplace: Germany
Home in 1910: Spring Rock, Clinton, Iowa
Race: White
Gender: Male
Immigration Year: 1870
Relation to Head of House: Head [Self (Head)]
Marital Status: Married
Spouse's Name: Carlina Mordhorst
Father's Birthplace: Germany
Mother's Birthplace: Germany
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles Mordhorst	58
	Carlina Mordhorst	55
	Alice C Mordhorst	21
	Charles Mordhorst	16
	Ferdinand Mordhorst	14

Source Citation: Year: 1910; Census Place: Spring Rock, Clinton, Iowa; Roll: T624_398; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 0032; Image: 407; FHL microfilm: 1374411.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database online]. 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](#)

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Charles Henry Mordhorst

Birth **10 Mar 1852** in [Hamburg, Germany](#)

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Family Members

Parents

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Spouse & Children

[Caroline Kuehl](#)
1855 – 1928

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1874 – 1889

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[Edgar James Mordhorst](#)
1891 – 1979

[Charles Henry Mordhorst, Jr](#)
1893 – 1983

[Ferdinand David Mordhorst](#)
1896 – 1994

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1852 10 Mar	Birth Hamburg, Germany	7 source citations
1870 Age: 18	Arrival	1 source citation
1870 Age: 18	Arrival	1 source citation
1876 Age: 24	Arrival Scott Co., Iowa	1 source citation
1880 Age: 28	Residence Springfield, Cedar, Iowa, United States	1 source citation
1895 Age: 43	Residence Spring, Clinton, Iowa	1 source citation
1900 Age: 48	Residence Spring Rock, Clinton, Iowa	1 source citation
1910 Age: 58	Residence Spring Rock, Clinton, Iowa	1 source citation
1915 Age: 63	Residence Spring Rock	1 source citation
1920 Age: 68	Residence Pierce, Pierce, Nebraska	1 source citation
1930 Age: 78	Residence Pierce, Pierce, Nebraska	1 source citation
1943 8 Jul Age: 91	Death	

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1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

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1910 United States Federal Census

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1920 United States Federal Census

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