

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Roome, John Amere Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Winnebago County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Nov 1839 Clearville, West County Ontario, Canada

2. Marriage (s) date place  
(1) Helene Anna Hilliard 26 Jan 1875

(2) Blanche Gros Bigelow 7 Sept 1882

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was secretary of the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Society; stockholder in the Ash and door factory in Calmar

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Modern Shakers of America; Grand Master of United Shakers

C. Profession Physician and surgeon

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1900 and 1902

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Calmar for 2 terms; Calmar city councilman 15 years

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National Member of National Association of Railway Surgeons

7. Death 6 Feb 1919 Los Angeles, California; buried Inglewood Cemetery, Los Angeles, California

8. Children By 1<sup>st</sup> wife - Goldie Gertrude; By 2<sup>nd</sup> wife - Katharine Blanche John Sympson

9. Names of parents William Frederick and Catherine (McLean) Roome

Roome, John S.

10. Education

11. Degrees

Graduated in 1866 from Ann Arbor Medical  
Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan

12. Other applicable information

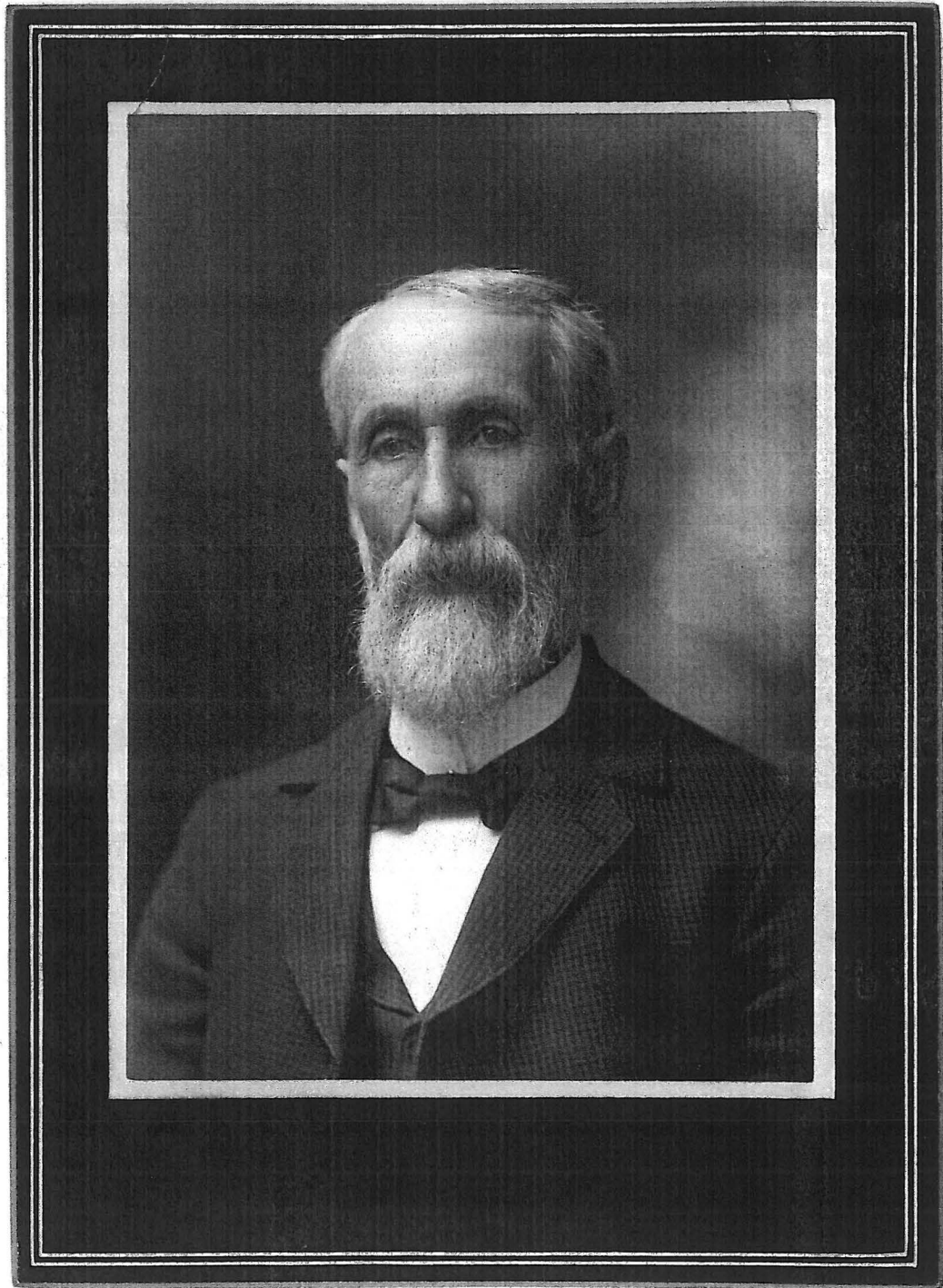
Republican

- He moved from Canada to Michigan in 1863
- After graduation from medical school in 1866 he  
moved to Calmar, and to begin the practice of  
medicine
- Wife, Matilda, born in Michigan, deceased and  
died in 1877/1878
- He practiced medicine for 50 years.

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Applicability

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**COLORADO RIVER.**

(Ariz.) Feb. 6.—[Exclusive Dispatch from the Reclamation Service.] Gauge height Colorado River, 15.4 feet.

**VITAL RECORD.**

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Following marriage licenses were issued yesterday. Name and age given.

**Y—BARNETT.** James S. Barclay, 50; Lora P. Burnett, 44.

**AN—HENDRICKSON.** Gustave C. Bergman, Florence M. Hendrickson, 21.

**COLLI—COLLI.** Amedeo Castagnola, 31; Ita Colli, 29.

**ORD—WATERMAN.** Chase F. Crawford, 20; Ita J. Waterman, 18.

**GHAM—DURAND.** William H. Cunningham, 32; Rose J. Durand, 27.

**DAVIS.** James E. Gooch, 22; Ella Davis, 33.

**WRENN.** Albert W. Hill, 34; Marie A. Wrenn, 27.

**DENNIS.** Rufus L. Hinton, 40; Marilee Dennis, 25.

**KERREBROCK.** Charles Humphrey, Mary Kerrebrock, 21.

**TAYLOR.** Albert Leonard, 31; Sage Taylor, 26.

**GRAHAM.** William L. Medlock, 30; Irene L. Graham, 30.

**BYRAM.** John D. Rocha, 22; Lois R. Byram, 21.

**ROSS.** Floyd Ross, 37; Iza M. Harris, 24.

**ZMAN.** David Sossin, 25; Rose Saltzman, 24.

**MARKHAM.** Mike Terrotola, 27; Aured Markham, 19.

**BIRTHS.**

Names, sex, place and date of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. John. Boy. Los Angeles. Nov. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis. Boy. Maternity. Feb. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert. Daughter. California. Feb. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert. Daughter. Los Angeles Harbor. Feb. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Daughter. Argosy Hospital. Feb. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. George. Daughter. Park Hospital. Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold. Daughter. 2810 1/2 Forty-ninth street. Feb. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles. Boy. 1024 Gardner street. Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John. Boy. Los Angeles. Cal. Jan. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierre. Boy. 983 South mandie avenue. Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Boy. 959 East Twentieth street. Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert. Boy. Los Angeles Harbor. Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond. Daughter. 1446 Finer street. Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles. Daughter. Argosy Hospital. Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth. Daughter. Maternity Cottage. Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert. Boy. California. Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. James. Boy. 1161 East 11th street. Feb. 8.

**DIVORCE SUITS FILED.**

Alie against George J. Marion against Alma. Ada against Michael A. Gertrude against J. H. NPA's Southwestern National and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff of the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

February 8, at 2 o'clock, in the chapel of Garrett & Company, 1237 South Flower street.

**HENDRICKSON.** The funeral of John Hendrickson will be held at chapel of E. E. Overholtzer-Sons Co., 1236 South Grand, today at 10 a.m.

**HEWITT.** At 1125 1/2 West Twenty-fourth street, Margery Kate Hewitt, loving daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hewitt. Funeral from chapel of Ivy H. Overholtzer, Saturday, February 8, at 2 p.m.

**KING.** At 1216 Second street, Santa Monica, Fanny G. King. Funeral Saturday, 3:30 p.m., from parlors of Brees Brothers & Todd, Third street, Santa Monica. Interment, Woodlawn Cemetery.

**KROES.** February 6, Everett P. Kroes. Remains at parlors of W. A. Brown. Notice of funeral later.

**MACDONALD.** At the family residence, 2625 South Figueroa street, in this city, February 4, 1919, Jane Macdonald, beloved wife of J. Wiseman Macdonald, and mother of Allan, Eleanor Wiseman and James Wiseman Macdonald, Jr. Solemn requiem high mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friday at 9:30 a.m. Interment, Calvary cemetery.

**McCLURE.** At 949 Bernal avenue, Mrs. Almira Greer McClure, aged 72 years, beloved mother of Miss Margaret M. McClure. Funeral services, today at 11 a.m., from the funeral parlors of W. A. Brown, 1235 South Flower street. Interment, Rushville, Ill.

**McMANUS.** Peter Francis, beloved husband of Louise Pinney McManus, died suddenly at his home, 41 Nineteenth street, Hermosa Beach, February 6. Funeral services, Pierce Brothers' chapel, 810 South Flower street, Saturday, February 8, 2 p.m.

**PERSON.** The funeral of Mrs. Lilly Person will be held from the chapel of E. E. Overholtzer-Sons Co., 1236 South Grand, Saturday, 2 p.m.

**RICHEY.** February 4, Ellen A. Richey, beloved mother of George D., Evelyn and Charles J. Richey, Mrs. Frances Coyle and Mrs. Annie Coyle, a native of New York State, aged 76 years. Funeral from her late residence, 227 South Bunker Hill avenue, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Mass at Cathedral of St. Vidiana at 10 a.m.

**ROMAIN.** In Los Angeles, February 5, Arthur Romain, aged 80 years. Services at Pierce Brothers' chapel, Friday, February 7, at 3 p.m.

**ROOME.** At 4915 South Normandie avenue, February 6, Dr. John S. Roome, beloved husband of Blanche Roome, and father of Sydney Roome of Los Angeles, Mrs. William Hinkle of St. Peter, Minn., and Mrs. Arthur Martin of Madelia, Minn. Funeral from the chapel of Peck & Chaz Co., 1213 South Figueroa street, Friday at 2 p.m. Interment, Inglewood Park Cemetery.

**SWAIN.** At 1312 East sixty-first street, Delphin C. Swain, aged 62 years. Services today, 3:30 p.m., from Central Avenue Undertaking Co., 5600 Central avenue.

**SWENSON.** February 6, Clara Swenson, aged 22 years. Remains at parlors of George K. Willett.

**TAYLOR.** At 212 North Grand avenue, February 6, Mary Taylor. Remains at Brees Brothers, 855 Figueroa.

**WALLACE.** Sarah E. Wallace. Friends may view the remains at Brees Brothers, 855 Figueroa, Friday. Funeral, Saturday at 9 a.m.

**WEDGE.** February 5, Albert C. Wedge, aged 51 years, loving husband of Vina Wedge, Sergeant of Los Angeles Police Department. Services, today at 2:30 p.m., under the auspices of San Pedro B. P. O. Elks, No. 3966 and Dr. Baker P. Lee, from the Funeral Home of Edwards, Gamash & Heath. Services at the grave in Forest Lawn Cemetery, under the auspices of Golden West Commandery, Knight Templar. Friends invited.

**WILSON.** At Venice, George B. Wilson, aged 73 years. Funeral, 2 p.m. Saturday, at Rose-dale Crematory, Brees Brothers & Todd, directors. (Detroit papers please copy.)

**WING.** The funeral of Robert E. Wing will be held at chapel of E. E. Overholtzer-Sons Co., 1236 South Grand, today at 2 p.m. Service private.

**FUNERAL NOTICE.**

Golden West Commandery, No. 43, will assemble this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the residence of Sir Knight Albert Wedge, member of this commandery. Please make special effort, bring your auto.

of the important interests of the community. Each member was agreed to serve, and a meeting be held, probably today, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization.

While there has been no shevik uprising within the limits, there has been considerable trouble in the orange district. The business men at yesterday's conference expressed the opinion that action should be taken to forestall any possible outbreak.

Those present at the conference were: H. B. Woodill, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association; W. A. Barker, president of the Association for the betterment of Public Service; Bagby, chairman of the Rent Bureau; Capt. George Home of the Detective Department; Col. R. B. Ray, Sergt. Slaughter of the City's War; Watt Moreland of the Motor Truck Company.



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and very new member of this line.

# FOUR YEARS IN AIR, NONE HURT.

### Flight School Head Makes Record for Student Flyers Under Him.

After having established for his entire command a record of 35,000 hours in the air, and a total distance of 2,360,000 miles of flying without an injury to a single officer or student pilot under him, or a seaplane totally wrecked, Lieut. Frank Simpson, Jr., of the Naval Air Service, whose home is in this city, has been relieved from duty as chief of a Flight School at North Island, San Diego, and ordered to Pensacola for duty.

Lieut. Simpson, who has had command of the North Island school for over a year, established there, according to his friends, a record which has never been reached in any other air school, for hours and distance of flying without accident. During the war, Lieut. Simpson was held in this country as an instructor on account of his record. The flyer will spend a few days in this city with his parents before leaving for his station.

# MONTH'S BRIDE TAKES OWN LIFE

(Continued from Second Page.)

"You" she had written a row of and signed her name, Leona. The landlord of the apartment detected the odor of gas shortly before noon yesterday and notified the police and coroner. It appeared at the young woman had prepared her bed and then thrown on a heavy

...concern that the management arranged to have this number performed under these exceptional circumstances, this being the first time Mr. Cadman has played this number with soloist and full orchestra, and the first time it has been given with orchestra in the West.

A few seats are still on sale at Clune's office, but it is expected that the S.R.O. sign will be displayed for this concert before the first note is sounded.

## AGED IOWAN DIES.

### Dr. Roome, Mason and Former Member of Legislature, Passes.

Funeral services for Dr. John S. Roome, for a number of years a member of the Iowa State Legislature, who died yesterday at his home, 4915 South Normandie avenue, of hardening of the arteries, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the chapel of Peck & Chase. Dr. Roome was 80 years old, and had been in California with his wife for about eight years.

In Iowa he practiced medicine for over fifty years, and was regarded as one of the State's medical authorities. About ten years ago his health failed and he retired, coming to Los Angeles. He was a Mason and a Knight Templar.

He leaves, besides the widow, a son, Sidney Roome, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Martin of Medalla, Minn., and Mrs. William Rinkel of St. Peter, Minn. Burial will be in Inglewood Cemetery.

## MEANS DIRECT NEW ROUTE TO BEACHES.

### CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO HELP PAY FOR OPENING OF WEST SIXTEENTH.

Reversing its former position on the proposed improvements, the Rosedale Cemetery Association yesterday informed the Council that it will do more than its share to open and widen Sixteenth street, between Pacific street and Normandie avenue. The association is willing that the thoroughfare be cut through the cemetery, and if the Pacific Electric will agree to certain terms the project may be carried out.

The proposition has been before city officials for several years. At first the owners of the cemetery opposed the project, while the Pacific Electric said it would not oblige the city if the city would reimburse it for the property to be condemned.

Secretary Walker of the cemetery

Among the stories he will fill the East are two well-known French stories.

Mr. Capellani has been in country three and a half year has been identified with Metro several months, and of late been acting as director for Nazimova, having directed "Eye Eye." "The Red Lantern" and of the "Fog," a screen version of Nazimova's play, "Ception du." Mr. Capellani gave a far dinner party to members of technical staff, at the Athletic last night.

### Moore's Daughter Soon.

Little Mary Moore, the 2-year-old daughter of Tom Moore, Hollywood star, is en route to California to visit her famous dad. She is appropriately chaperoned by grandmother, Mrs. Joyce, mother of Alice Joyce, formerly Moore's. The little one will remain in West several weeks.

### She Couldn't Do It.

Kathleen Clifford, former vaudeville and musical comedy star famous as portrayer of male type and late of Balboa, is preparing another dash into pictures. In New York, whence she has returned, Miss Clifford received number of offers to return to musical comedy, but has refused all offers and has struck out for picture work in California.

"One offer I got in New York just as I was leaving and my baggage had been sent on ahead, from the Riverside. They wanted me to substitute for Fritzi Scheff who had lost her voice. But professional pants had gone ahead with my baggage, so I couldn't accept. Miss Scheff lost her voice and I had lost 'trousies!' Wasn't it tragic?"

### Wallace MacDonald Explains.

Wallace MacDonald is at work with Goldwyn, after serving in California infantry for seven months. He says he was might disappointed in not getting France.

"What was the matter?" so body asked.

"Aw, wasn't enough war to around!" answered Wallace.

### Pink Lemonade Note.

Arrangements for the big picture, "Loop-La," in which Bill Rhodes is being presented by William Parsons at the Kinema, on Sunday, are nearing completion. Tomorrow night an army of fifty carpenters and assistants, accompanied by a company of electricians, technical men, etc., will invade the lobby of the Kinema and transform it into a side show of country fair. A huge tent is to be erected on the outside of the theater.

WILL NOT DISCUSS IT.

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## John Somers Roome

**ROOME, SOMERS, MCLEAN**

**Posted By: R. Warden (email)**

**Date: 8/29/2003 at 09:01:25**

John S. Roome, M.D., practicing physician at Calmar, Iowa, was born near Clearville, Kent County, Ontario, November 24, 1839, and is a son of William Frederick and Catherine (McLean) Roome. Abraham Roome, grandfather of our subject, was born in London, England and emigrated to New Brunswick about 1800, being accompanied by his wife and four daughters. He married Catherine Somers and their children were Sarah, Catherine, Mary, Deborah and William Frederick, father of our subject. In 1815, he moved with his family to Orford Township, Ontario, where he located a homestead and died a few years later. His wife survived him by more than thirty years, her death occurring in 1848.

Mr. Roome was a farmer by occupation and was a pioneer in the Province of Ontario, Canada. The maternal grandfather, John McLean, was a Scottish Highlander by birth, who emigratee to Ontario in 1828 where he established a home in Dunwich Township. His children were Agnes, John, Catherine, Mary, Sarah, and Nancy.

William Frederick Roome, father of our subject, was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, May 5, 1807. He was the only son of his parents, ther youngest child in the family, and the only child born in America. He married Catherine McLean March 13, 1836, and to them were born seven children, our subject being the second child. The third child, Dr. William Frederick Roome, resides in London, Ontario, and has served as a member of the House of Commons, the lower branch on the Dominion Parliament, for the past twelve years. Of the other children, Abraham, the eldest in the family, died in Bismack, Ontario, in his forty-fifth year; Dr. C.D. Roome is a practicing physician at Cresco, Iowa; Joseph E. conducts a mercantile business at Glencoe, Ontario; Sarah Catherine, the only daughter, married a merchant of Dutton, Ontario, where she resides; and James H., the youngest child, is a grain dealer in Manitoba, Canada. Mrs. W. F. Roome was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1817, and died on the old home place, in Ontario, May 19, 1861. Her Husband died June 7, 1873, having followed the quiet occupation of farmer all his life.

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HISTORY  
OF  
WINNESHIEK and ALLAMAKEE COUNTIES

IOWA.

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BY W. E. ALEXANDER.

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SIoux CITY, IOWA:  
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township offices; is a republican in politics. Mr. R. was married in 1865 in this tp., to Miss Anna Gilbertson; they have eight children. During the war his farm was carried on by his younger brother, Anton P. Rucksvold, who now owns the farm in Sec. 11. He is a prominent citizen and has filled every office in the tp.; was married in 1873 in this tp., to Miss Anna Amundson.

Peter Rosa, farmer, Frankville tp.; one of the leading and most prominent citizens in the Co.; was born in Ulster Co., N. Y., April 17, 1831; his parents moved shortly after to near Auburn, Cayuga Co., N. Y.; farmed there, and moved in 1847 to Clayton Co., Io., where they farmed three seasons, and in March, 1850, came to Winneshiek Co. and bought school lands. Peter took up a claim and opened the same, as well as helping his father, Abraham E. Rosa, with his farm, being about 1,000 acres, which he divided between his seven sons. He died August 12, 1877; his wife, Rachel Rosa, died June 19, 1871. The farm on which Peter Rosa resides is one of the handsomest and most attractive in that part of the county, is on Sec. 28, and is thoroughly improved. The residence is the finest farm residence in the neighborhood, is gothic in style of architecture, and cost over \$3,000; is surrounded by a handsome garden, orchard and lawn, in which Mrs. Rosa takes especial pride, everything being the picture of neatness. With its neat and luxuriant surroundings, this is indeed a model country home. The farm is well stocked with a fine herd of good grade cattle, nine head of horses, and a large drove of fine hogs. Mr. R. has filled the office of justice of the peace several years in the tp., and is a member of the Masonic order, Frankville Lodge. He was married Dec. 10, 1867, at Postville, Allamakee Co., to Cassindina Webster; they have one son, Webbie.

J. S. Roome, physician and surgeon, was born in Canada in 1839. In 1863 he came to Mich. and entered the Ann Arbor medical institute, from which he graduated in the class of '66. He immediately came to Calmar and began the practice of his profession. He married Gertrude Hilliard, who was born in Madison, Wis., and who died in 1878. They had one child, Toldie.

Peter Roney, Sec. 23, P. O. Decorah; farmer and dairyman; was born in Essex Co., N. Y., in 1841; came to this Co. in 1855, and engaged as a laborer on the farm he now owns, and which he purchased in 1875, since which time he has carried on the dairy business; furnishes milk to the citizens of Decorah. He keeps from thirty to thirty-five cows. Mr. R. was married to Miss Almira L. Gibbs, also a native of Essex Co., N. Y.; their children are Clara M., Minnie C., Charles H., Albert M., William E., Frank A. and John P.

C. D. Roome, M. D., was born in Canada in 1843, and is a son of W. F. and Catherine Roome. He came to the U. S. in 1865, his first location being Oregon, Dane Co., Wis. He received his medical education at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Rush Medical Col-

# CALMAR . . .

*. . . Cradled by the Gods!*

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1850-1950

A history of Calmar, Iowa, issued  
on the 100th anniversary of the  
first pioneer, Thore P. Skotland,  
a Norseman.

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Written for the

Calmar Commercial Club

June 1, 1950

by

John Clifford Eichorn, Ph.D.

Minister, pro tem, to

Waucoma Federated Church

Owner - Exhibitor - Calmar Theater

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Reading Time: 1 hour and 47 minutes

## CHAPTER VI

### "Bet You 25,000 Dollars"

Nearly a half century of history has now been sketched, but many political and social details must be painted on the Calmar canvas.

#### POLITICAL CALMAR

Politically Calmar has been traditionally a Democratic stronghold in a Republican county. This is due in part to the influx of railroad workers from 1865. In the year of 1867, under provisions of the Municipal Incorporation Act, Chapter 51, Rev. of 1860, Calmar was officially adopted as the name and became an incorporate town.

#### THE MAYORS

The first election was in March of 1870, and John Scott, a general store operator, was elected mayor and also re-elected in 1870. John W. Tower wore the mantle in 1872, and was followed in 1873-74 by S. V. Potter. In 1875 A. E. Manchester was elected, and was dethroned by E. Pennington.

Since that time the following men have held the mayor's office: John Scott, 1877; V. E. Strayer, 1878; Tim Ahern, 1879; V. E. Strayer, 1880; A. Dostal, 1881; C. W. Giesen, 1882; A. L. Kittlesby, 1883; T. Ahern, 1884; John B. Kaye, 1885-6; John Scott, 1887; A. McRobert, 1888, 1889 and 1890; J. S. Roome, 1891-2; H. Miller, Jr., 1893-4; E. M. Heflen, 1895-6; Geo. H. Belding, 1897-8-9; S. R. Yager, 1900-1; Jacob Meyer, 1902-3-4-5-6, resigned in 1907. Dr. J. F. Conover elected to fill the vacancy and re-elected in 1908, serving until April 1, 1910. Jacob Meyer again elected in 1910 and re-elected in 1912.

#### LIST OF MAYORS FROM 1912

1912.....	Jacob Meyer	1936.....	H. M. Coleman
1914.....	J. F. Conover	1937..	W. D. Yager (acting Mayor)
1916.....	J. F. Conover	1938.....	W. D. Yager
1918.....	R. J. Becker	1939..	K. J. Meyer (acting Mayor)
1920.....	R. J. Becker	1940.....	K. J. Meyer
1922.....	R. J. Becker	1942.....	K. J. Meyer
1924.....	R. J. Becker	1943..	E. J. Meyer (acting Mayor)
1926.....	Henry Weselmann		K. J. Meyer to Armed Forces
1928.....	J. F. Conover	1944.....	E. J. Hackett
1930.....	J. F. Conover	1946.....	E. J. Hackett
1932.....	J. F. Conover	1948.....	E. J. Hackett
1934.....	J. F. Conover	1950.....	E. J. Hackett

### EARLY LEADERS PAVE WAY FOR TODAY

Business places also showed signs of strength. Even four hotels were not enough, and a constant plea was made for someone with capital to invest; a new hotel would return big dividends, providing the person "had talent to run a hotel". The leading merchants were, John Scott, dry goods; P. Olson, dry goods and general merchandise; A. Anderson, dry goods and groceries; V. E. Strayer, hardware; F. A. Towns, drugs, medicine and stationery; J. Ridgeway, jewelry; and boots and shoes were made to order by C. C. Winger; C. W. Giesen furnished lumber. Jim Morris was also a jeweler for many years.

Dr. Abbott was turning out complete sets of masticators in his dental workshop; and Dr. J. S. Roome was beginning in 1868 to examine the heart and mouths of his patients to the satisfaction of all.

A. Dostal was one of the early justices of the peace, and John B. Kaye, attorney, who for a consideration, listened to the troubles and difficulties of those applying to him for comfort. Kaye was at his work until after the turn of the century and was followed by our present day legalists, the very capable trio, Judge T. Goheen, J. W. Neuzil and Carl Nystrom (not to slight our own Mrs. Goheen).

The grain dealers were A. Anderson and Co., P. Olson and Co., E. Jacobson, and John Ellinger. They helped to make Calmar a town of keen competition and the best grain market in northeast Iowa. They were followed by Meyer and Co., which, at that time, was one of the largest and finest in the state.



Inside of Grundeland's old shop

### DOC'S COLLEAGUES

Dr. Hennessy recalls clearly every doctor who has practiced here and most of those in the state. Some doctors, completely unknown to them, have been admitted into medical societies because of Doc's ability to pull strings, tactfully force issues, and satisfactorily arbitrate the most difficult of the individualistic followers of Hippocrates.

In thinking back over his near half century of practice, Dr. Hennessy recalls Calmar's first physician, Dr. J. S. Roome. Originally from London, Ontario, Dr. Roome graduated from the University of Michigan. He arrived by railroad in 1866. His practice extended well into the turn of the century, and his name was prominently associated with Calmar events.

Roome welcomed Hennessy, and both worked in a friendly spirit. At the time Hennessy arrived, there were other doctors; but they did not stay long. They were, namely: Dr. Grist and two brothers, Philip and Alphonse Mac Laughlin.

Later Dr. Fred Amkrum came, but he stayed only a year. Dr. E. M. Heflin also stayed a short time.

Dr. C. D. Horton, uncle of V. J. Horton, who practiced in Fort Atkinson, moved here and was well received.

Dr. E. A. Ellingson, an eclectic physician, was a Calmar servant for more than forty years. He was well known and well liked in the community and served it faithfully. Mrs. Ellingson, energetic and likeable, helped put her husband through medical school. Also, she assisted several other doctors. She is a real credit to all.

### DR. V. J. HORTON, MOURNED

Dr. V. J. Horton, who had practiced at Preston, Minnesota, moved here. He literally worked himself to death, giving so freely and unselfishly of his time and talent. After his untimely death, the community realized the stature of this splendid personality. His family still reside here. Who can explain life's great mystery? A good man like Dr. Horton goes so soon, while ne'er do wells can live on and on.

Dr. Galen Boller had a large practice here for four years before going to California for research work. He is well remembered.

Following Dr. Boller, Dr. Paul Neagle arrived on the scene. Capable and an indefatigable worker, he is earning an enviable reputation as a "patient's doctor". Calmar heartily welcomes him.

In the field of dentistry, Dr. J. C. Conover looms large. He and Dr. Hennessy converted the stage of the old opera house into the present offices. Dr. Conover was one of the most outstanding civic minded men ever to live in Calmar.



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"Dr. John S. Roome, the gentleman whose name heads this mention, received his primary education in the common schools of Canada, and began the study of medicine in 1862, under the preceptorship of Dr. W. Henderson of Morneth, Ontario. In 1864 he entered the medical department at Ann Arbor, and took his degree two years later. He came at once to Calmar, Iowa, reaching this point October 4, 1866, and immediately opened an office. This practice has continued uninterrupted to the present, barring the year 1869-70, which he spent at Hewbury, Canada. Dr. Roome has been twice married. His first marriage, to Miss Gertrude Hilliard, of Ossian, occurred January 26, 1875. She was a native of Madison, Wisconsin, born November 12, 1856. To them was born one child, Goldie Gertrude, born November 14, 1877, and now attending school at St. Peter, Minnesota. Our subject married his present wife September 7, 1882. She was originally Miss Blanche Cora Bigelow, and was born March 17, 1863, at Marshall, Wisconsin. Their children are: Kathie Blanche, born November 15, 1883; and John Sydney, born April 17, 1888. Politically, our subject is a Republican. He has never allowed politics to take him away from his profession, and hence has declined all honors offered him by the party. He has served for two terms as Mayor of Calmar, and for fifteen years as a member of the City Council. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and Master of Copestone Lodge, No. 316; he also belongs to the King Solomon chapter, No. 35, and to the Beasant Commandary, No. 12. He is a charter member of the Calmar Lodge, No. 139, A. O. U. W., and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. As remarked above, Dr. Roome has always devoted his time to his profession, and the standing which he has among his fellow practitioners is well illustrated in the medical societies in which he holds membership. For twenty years he has been a member of the Iowa State Medical Society, and for eighteen years a member of the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons; of the Northeastern Iowa Medical Association, and of the Austin Flint Medical Society. He has acted as surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad for the past fifteen years. At the same time he is not negligent of his duty to the town in which he lives, as will be seen by the time he has devoted to local offices, more as a matter of duty than for any other reason. He was one of the prime movers in securing the sash and door factory for Calmar, and is a stockholder in that concern. Our subject lives in his fine residence at Calmar, and is known throughout northeastern Iowa as a gentleman of refined tastes and as a leader in his profession."

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John S Roome**  
 Home in 1900: **Calmar, Winneshiek, Iowa**  
 [Winneshiek, Iowa]  
 Age: **60**  
 Birth Date: **Nov 1839**  
 Birthplace: **English Canada**  
 [England;Canada]  
 Race: **White**  
 Gender: **Male**  
 Immigration Year: **1866**  
 Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**  
 Father's Birthplace: **England**  
 Mother's Birthplace: **Canada**  
 Spouse's Name: **Blanche B Roome**  
 Marriage Year: **1882**  
 Marital Status: **Married**  
 Years Married: **18**

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Household Name	Age
Members: <a href="#">John S Roome</a>	<b>60</b>
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<a href="#">Chaterino Roome</a>	<b>16</b>
<a href="#">John S Roome</a>	<b>12</b>

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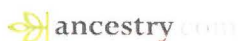
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Name:	<b>John S Roome</b>										
Age in 1910:	69										
Estimated Birth Year:	1841										
Birthplace:	Canada English [Canada]										
Relation to Head of House:	Head [Self (Head)]										
Father's Birth Place:	Canada English [Canada]										
Mother's Birth Place:	Scotland										
Spouse's Name:	Cora Blanche Roome										
Home in 1910:	Calmar, Winneshiek, Iowa										
Marital Status:	Married										
Race:	White										
Gender:	Male										
Year of Immigration:	1868 [1866]										
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1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

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2 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence, Arrival, Marriage**

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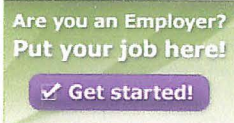
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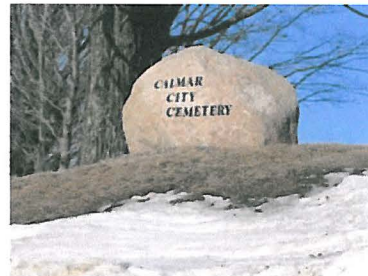
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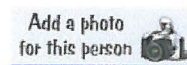
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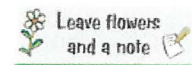


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