

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Walters, Charles Ernest Senator _____

Represented Jama County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Sept 1867 Toledo, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Pearl L. Reedy 30 June 1898 Toledo, Iowa

② Clara Burkhart Watson 25 May 1917

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was appointed judge of the district court in 1936. He was special assistant attorney general in the highway department 1932-1936

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; IOOF; Shriner

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 29th General Assembly 1902

6. Public Offices

A. Local Jama County attorney; Toledo school board; Iowa County defense council in WWI; attorney for the Toledo Savings Bank

B. State Helped draw up a bill which created the State Juvenile Home at Toledo, Iowa

C. National _____

7. Death 6 Jan 1939 Marshalltown, Iowa; Laurel Woodlawn Cemetery, Toledo, Iowa

8. Children Charles E. Jr. (died 23 Nov 1925 at Toledo, Ohio)

9. Names of parents William Charles and Mary Harriett (Reynolds) Walters

10. Education Educated in the Ioloto, Iowa schools
graduating from Ioloto, Iowa High School

11. Degrees Graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa
in 1891, graduate of University of Michigan Law
school in 1893

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He practiced law continuously from 1893 with the
exception of the years that he was special assistant
attorney general and judge

- First wife, Pearl, died in 1911

- He worked in a store in 1883, worked in bank 1885-1886

- His first wife, Pearl, born 1877, died 1911, buried in
Woodlawn Cemetery, Iola, Iowa

- He was a member of both the Iowa and American Bar Associations

- Military - World War I

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Obituary			The Toledo Chronicle, Toledo, Iowa, Thurs. Jan. 12, 1939, p.1, col. 1 and p.10, col 6, 7
Historical Department of Iowa Personal History			from clipping file
Iowa County Graveyard			WPA
The People of Iowa			1931, pp 284-285
Home Journal			1939 p. 1883-1884
Portrait			- original of the portrait can be obtained at the State of Iowa Historical Library Archives, 600 E. Locust.

Portrait
#5563



WALTERS, C. E.

C. E. Walters
Toledo Iowa

C. E. Walters Claimed Friday In Marshalltown

Lifelong Resident Toledo Had Received Many Honors

C. E. Walters, 71, lifelong resident of Toledo, assistant attorney general and counsel for the Iowa State highway commission for more than three years, and former judge of the Seventeenth judicial district, died Friday evening at a Marshalltown hospital, where he was taken early Sunday morning, January 1. Death resulted from pneumonia.

Service at Methodist Church

The funeral service was held at the Toledo Methodist church Monday afternoon, being conducted by the Rev. William J. Macaulay, minister of the church. Among the many in attendance were numerous persons who had been associated with Mr. Walters in various phases of public life.

Music was furnished by a quartet composed of R. W. Adair, Ben Jones, Tama, and D. M. Shively and H. P. Giger, Toledo, with Mrs. Giger playing the accompaniment and additional organ selections. The quartet sang, "Lead Kindly Light," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Selections used by Mrs. Giger were Adagio Religioso, by Scarlatti, a hymn transcription, "Sweet By and By," Traumerel, by Schumann, "Largo" by Dvorak, and Marche Funerare by Chopin.

Active casket bearers were Thomas R. Parry and William E. Jones, Ames, associated with the Iowa state highway commission; Edward L. O'Connor, Iowa City, and Clair E. Hamilton, Winterset, Iowa attorney general and assistant attorney general during the time Mr. Walters was connected with the attorney general's office; W. N. Townsend, Garwin, president of the Farmers' Savings bank; and R. J. Brown, Vinton, court reporter for Mr. Walters while he was judge of the district court.

Honorary Casket Bearers

The honorary casket bearers were B. O. Tankersley, Marshalltown, and L. J. Kirkland, Vinton, present judges of the Seventeenth judicial district; C. H. E. Boardman, Marshalltown lawyer; James W. Willett, Tama, and Clarence Nichols, Vinton, former judges of the Seventeenth district; and B. Frank Thomas, Traer lawyer.

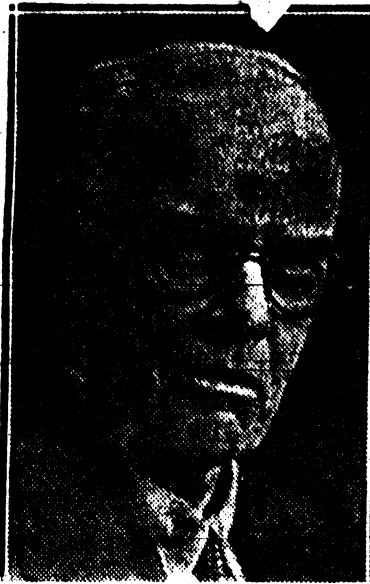
Among the groups attending the service were Toledo Lodge No. 118, A. F. & A. M., St. Bernard Commandery, Knights Templars, Belle Plaine, and the Seventeenth Judicial District Bar association, comprising Marshall, Benton and Tama counties.

The grave service in Woodlawn cemetery was conducted by St. Bernard Commandery, Knights Templars, Belle Plaine, with members of the Toledo Masonic lodge in attendance.

In charge of the floral offerings were Mrs. H. A. Runkle, Mrs. N. S. Peterman and Mrs. Merle F. Kensing.

Toledo stores and offices were closed Monday afternoon from 2:15 to 3:30 while the funeral service was being

Buried In Tama



C. E. Walters

Funeral service for C. E. Walters, former special assistant attorney general of Iowa and judge of the Seventeenth judicial district, was held in Toledo Monday, with burial in Woodlawn cemetery. Mr. Walters had been a lifelong resident of Toledo.

Chelsea Man Arrested

A. J. Anderle, of Chelsea, was arrested Saturday night by federal officers on a charge of possessing untaxed alcohol. Ed Miller, one of the investigators, said a waterbucket full of untaxed alcohol was seized in the raid at the Anderle establishment in Chelsea.

Announce Results Corn Guess Contest Held on Field Day

Results of the corn varieties guessing contest, held on the test plot field day at the Henry Fehr farm, Dysart, in November, were announced Wednesday by Burns M. Byram, county agent. Fred E. Dvorak and Milo Zmolek, both of Clutier, tied for first place. There were 26 varieties of corn used in the contest, and these two men guessed four of them correctly. All of the other top 10 guessers were below that number.

The others in the top 10 contestants were: Ted Ehlers, Tama, third; H. W. Schmutte, Tama, fourth; Ellis Staveley, Traer, fifth; Charles Dvorak, Elberon, sixth; L. W. Clough, Dysart, seventh; Charles Gary, Montour, eighth; Harold Speer, Dysart, ninth; Fred Chizek, Clutier, tenth.

Hybrid corn companies have offered premiums of a bushel of corn to each of the first 10 contestants.

Attend Insurance Meeting

John M. Winn, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Carl L. Semotan, of Traer, will attend a meeting of the Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance association in Des Moines this Thursday. During the afternoon there will be entertainment for the women, and a banquet will be held at Younker's tea room in the evening.

Coe Dancers Will Entertain Saturday

Poultry Group Votes Continue In This Coun

Patronage of Association Has Dropped to Low Point

Continuation of the Tama county unit of the Iowa Poultry Product Marketing association was the decision of the committee in charge of operations of the Tama county branch of the association.

Tama county members of the IPMA met in Gladbrook, Traer and Traer the past week and discussed the advisability of continuing the local 144 Vote for Continuation.

Patronage of the association dropped to such a low point that it was questionable whether it would be profitable to continue the local A committee consisting of Fred Hu, chairman, J. D. Hayes, Charles A. (of Montour); William A. Garretson, Verne Dau Schmidt, of Reinbeck, previously decided that 150 patrons would be necessary to operate nominally. At the meetings 44 patrons to continue marketing, in addition to the 100 patrons who have been marketing continuously since the opening of the plant in April, 1936.

At a meeting Saturday in the Bureau office here, the committee viewed the names of those marketing with 144 patrons. The committee decided that, although this short of what they had hoped to do, the station would be continued. Urged the other patrons to support as much as possible.

Managed by Committee

Since November 15 the local station has been under the operation of a committee and this plan of operation continues. All finances will be handled by the local committee and the and poultry purchased will be for in Tama county and the manager sufficient finances can be raised by try and eggs will be purchased on current receipt basis as well as on pool basis.

"B" Squad Practice Starts

Millard Lundt started "B" basketball practice at the high school Tuesday afternoon. About 20 reports for practice.

County Operates Under Regional Farm Program

Robert Lyon, Chairman Explains Allotment Of Plan

With the ending of the AAA experimental plan in Tama county, the regional farm program will be in effect.

In charge of the floral offerings were Mrs. H. A. Runkle, Mrs. N. S. Peterman and Mrs. Merle F. Kensinger.

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Born in 1867

Mr. Walters was born in Toledo, September 20, 1867, the son of William C. and Mary Reynolds Walters. He received his early education in the Toledo public schools, was graduated from Cornell college, Mount Vernon, in 1891, and from the University of Michigan law school in 1893. He practiced law in Toledo continuously from that year, with the exception of the years he was special assistant attorney general and judge.

Membership by Mr. Walters was held in the Toledo Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, Scottish Rite Masonic and Shrine orders and the Methodist church.

He was Tama county representative in the Twenty-ninth general assembly, had served as county attorney of Tama county, was member of the Toledo school board for six years, chairman of the Tama county defense council during the World war, and had been active in the promotion of good roads.

Surviving Relatives

Mr. Walters was married June 30, 1898, to Miss Pearl Reedy, of Toledo. To them was born one son, Charles. Mrs. Walters died in 1911, and the son on November 23, 1925, at Talache, Idaho. On May 25, 1917, Mr. Walters married Clara Burkhart Watson, who, with her son, Ellsworth Watson, of Milwaukee, survives. Other survivors in the immediate family are two grandsons, Donald and Dudley Walters, Amboy, Illinois, and a brother, J. P. Walters of Toledo.

An important part was taken by Mr. Walters in drawing up the bill which created the State Juvenile home, and he had a prominent part in the location of this institution in Toledo, an institution which has done much in the conservation of Iowa's dependent and neglected children.

The funeral sermon of the Rev. Mr. Macaulay was a fitting tribute to Mr. Walters. Paragraphs from the personal tribute are printed below.

Tribute by Minister

"C. E. Walters sprung from a family of strong Protestant faith. His parents, William C. and Mary H. Walters, were Methodists, and his grandfather Reynolds, was a Methodist minister. His grandfather Walters was a master of the Masonic lodge of Brooklyn for a good many years. Mr. Walters himself was a Commandery Mason, and he fully believed the tenets of that order to which he clung all his life.

"I would say Mr. Walters moved splendidly in the field of his chosen profession. He was an idealist and he thought of the standards of the bar in preference to his own individual gain. While he was an ardent advocate for his clients, his procedure was always within the bounds of ethical jurisprudence."

"Many well earned and well deserved honors came to him in life. He was appointed judge of the district court in 1922. He was special assistant attorney general in the Highway department from 1922 to 1923. He also served as partner attorney and as a member of the state legislature. He held

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entertainment for the women, and a banquet will be held at Younker's tea room in the evening.

Coe Dancers Will Entertain Saturday Evening at Wieting

Miss Maxine McAnulty, Toledo, and Miss. Bette Jean Miller, of Clinton, students at Coe college, Cedar Rapids, will give several dances at the Wieting theater Saturday evening of this week. The girls are known at Coe as the "Co-Eds" and have entertained on several occasions recently in Cedar Rapids. Miss McAnulty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. McAnulty.

County Activities Group to Meet at Dysart January 19

The Tama County Activities association will meet at Dysart Thursday, January 19. Dinner will be served at the Busy Bee cafe at 6:30. A program is being arranged by J. K. Haehlen. Drawings will be made for the county basketball tournament which is to be held February 9, 10 and 11 at Dysart.

Eighth Grade Exams February 2, 3

Eighth grade examinations will be given February 2 and 3, according to H. B. Heitland, county superintendent, at the following centers: Buckingham, Lincoln independent, Gladbrook, Traer, Clutier, Garwin, Montour, Toledo, Vining, Chelsea and Tama.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Turbett and son, Paul, were visitors Sunday at the home of their son and brother, Clyde Turbett and family at LeGrand.

Sebetkas Will Hold a Formal Opening Saturday

"Get Acquainted" Day Announced by New Company

Announcement and invitation of the Tama County Oil Service, owned by Joseph F. Sebetka and Sons, successors to the Tama County Oil Co., of a formal opening to be held Saturday of this week appears in this issue of the Chronicle.

Desire Personal Contacts

The opening has been arranged by these new Tama county business men as an opportunity for personal contact with their patrons and prospective patrons. "We hope to become personally acquainted with every person in Tama county who uses gasoline, oil and fuel oil," the senior Mr. Sebetka told a Chronicle reporter Wednesday.

A special on gasoline and oil is announced in the advertisement.

Free Treats for All

Free candy, gum and cigars will be presented Saturday to persons visiting the Tama County Oil Service station, either during the day or in the evening.

Of Plan

With the ending of the AAA experimental plan in Tama county, the regional farm program will be in effect in this county, as announced in week's Toledo Chronicle. How Robert Lyon, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee, says there has been some understanding, some persons think that there will now be no AAA program in 1939. Regarding this, Mr. Lyon

"Tama county will operate under regular regional program in 1939, as many of the farmers in this county are unfamiliar with the provisions of the regional program, the county committee has asked the cooperation of local newspapers in publicizing requirements for compliance under regional program in 1939. No attempt will be made to publish all of the details in one issue but the various features will be discussed each week.

Must Hold to Corn Allotment

Under the 1939 regional program the following allotments, according to Mr. Lyon, will be established for farm as was done in the Tama county program in 1938:

Corn allotment: Each farm operator must stay within his corn acreage allotment or a penalty of 40 cent bushel times the yield assigned to the farm for each acre planted in excess of the corn allotment will be made if the corn allotment is not exceeded will be eligible for sealing if the farm has a corn loan available.

Wheat allotment: A wheat allotment will be assigned to each farm, which has been producing wheat in the past. If this allotment is exceeded, 50 cent per bushel times the normal yield assigned to the farm for wheat will be deducted.

General soil depleting crops: A general soil depleting allotment will be assigned to each farm and if general soil depleting crops on the farm in excess of the general soil depleting allotment established for the farm, a deduction of \$8.00 for each acre in excess of the allotment adjusted for soil ductivity will be made.

Soil Depleting Crops Classified

Soil depleting crop classification: Corn (field, sweet and pop corn) used for grain, silage, fodder, hay ture or failure; oats, barley, rye, spelts, small grain mixtures when used for grain or left standing to rot as grain or for hay except when used as a nurse crop for legumes or for which a good stand is established or when grown in a mixture containing at least 25 per cent of weight of other legumes; flax for seed except used as a nurse crop for legume grasses of which a good stand is established; buckwheat, sudan millet, when used for grain or

soybeans when harvested for seed, matured as grain; all sweet sorghum grain sorghums, potatoes, canning commercial vegetables and field crops when used for any purpose.

The county committee is working on listing sheets and hopes to have a range allotment available early in February so that the township trustees will be able to call on farmers, help them to execute their listing sheets, and assist them in arranging their cropping system so that they can participate in the 1939 program.

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the important position as chairman of the Tama County Defense Council during the period of the World war. He was interested in community and civic life, and though his influence was state wide, it was also felt in all schemes for local community betterment.

Good Roads Enthusiast

"He was one of the advocates for better roads, and as President of the Tama County Road association during a number of years of its activity was responsible for the location and construction of many of the highways now in Tama county. He was also largely instrumental in securing the location of the State Juvenile Home in Toledo.

"He was a leader among men. He blazed the trail for himself and others followed. One might say he was a rugged individualist. In his college life and the activities of, later years, he displayed his true character and ability as a leader. While at Cornell college, he was the leader of the independent groups, and acted in the same capacity while at the University of Michigan. He was interested in all causes of humanity, and was a cheerful supporter of the work of the church.

"He also moved splendidly in his home. He was a true husband and devoted father, and was loved and revered by his own household. He did everything humanly possible in the care and affection of his first wife, Pearl Reedy, who passed away in 1911, and lavished the same love and care on his son, Charles, who passed away in 1925. For his grandsons, Donald and Dudley, he manifested a tender solicitude. He retained the same love and affection for his surviving wife, and to her son, Ellsworth Watson, to whom he was kindly affectioned and attached."

Attended Funeral

Among those who attended the funeral from out of town were: Mrs. Helen Lehman, Chicago; Mrs. Elinor Nash, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Burkart, Miss Zelda

Wahler and Ellsworth Watson, Milwaukee; Miss Clara Gloff, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clement, Ames.

Mrs. Hazel Walters and sons, Donald and Dudley, Amboy, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Morley Clark, Mount Vernon; James Parsons, Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. John Stapleton, Marengo; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, Dubuque; Mrs. Arthur Heath, Montezuma; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brown, Vinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. O'Connor, Dr. and Mrs. George Finch, John Walters, Des Moines; Harold J. Rowe and Ray Ingham, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Harry Foster, Gladbrook; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Townsend, Mrs. A. F. Agena, Garwin.

Tama Lions Will Be Guests Toledo Club

The regular meeting of the Lions club was held Wednesday evening following 6:30 dinner.

At the meeting January 25, members of the Tama club will be guests of the local organization.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ward spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Ward at Garwin.

Lowell's Food Mkt.

PHONE 96 — FREE DELIVERY

Full No. 2 Can
 Sugar Corn 5 1/2 c
 Per Doz. 65c

SODA Full Lb. Box
 Crackers 9 1/2 c

OMAR Best Loaf
 Flour, 49 lbs. \$1.37

YELLOW 5 LB. BAG
 Corn Meal . . . 12 1/2 c

FRESH COUNTRY DOZ.
 Eggs 19c

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Outline of Personal History of

C. E. Walters,

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Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. Name in full (all names) Charles Ernest Walters
2. Chief occupation or profession Lawyer
3. Former occupation or profession Worked in store & Bank when a boy.
4. Date and place of beginning each In store until 1883. In Bank 1885-1886. Began practice of law in Toledo Iowa in 1894.
5. Present residence address Toledo Iowa
6. Present business address Toledo Iowa
7. Date of birth September 20th 1867
8. Place of birth Toledo, Iowa
9. If born abroad, where
10. Emigrated to America, when
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county
13. Further emigration, if any
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university High school of Toledo Iowa, Graduated at Cornell College Mt Vernon Ia 1891. Graduated from Law Department of University of Michigan at Ann Arbor 1893.
15. Date of graduation and degree if any Ph B. of Cornell. B. L. from Michigan.

16. Place of death _____
17. Date of death _____
18. Place of burial _____
19. Name of father in full (all names) William Charles Walters
20. Occupation of father Banker & Electric Ry & Light-Inst
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) Mary Hannah Reynolds Walters
22. Residence when married Brooklyn Iowa Potoshek Co.
23. Military service, if any (exact dates) I was born since the Civil war, was not in the Spanish-Am.
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) County attorney for Tama County 1899+1900 one term. Member 29th General Assembly for Tama Co. 5th Dist. 1902-1903.
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions Director of the Tama Hotel Electric Ry & Light Co, and Tama Co Fair Association
26. Politics Democrat
27. Religious denomination if any Methodist
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination Methodist
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning _____
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates A F & A M. R. A. M. & Mystic Shrine, A O U W. of which I was Master and ~~High~~ M. N. A.
31. Member of what clubs if any none
32. Belonged to what firms (give names if full and dates if possible) Caldwell Walters dissolved in Feb. 1905 since which time I have been engaged in the practice alone.
33. Officer or director in any corporation Was Gen Counsel of T. R. Ry & L. Co.
34. Enclose business card if possible C. C. Walters
35. Enclose photograph and autograph _____

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication *None*

37. Miscellaneous



FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Pearl S. Reedy*
2. Date of marriage *June 30th 1899*
3. Place of marriage *Toledo Iowa*
4. Date of his or her birth *January 24th*
5. Place of his or her birth *North of Toledo Iowa on a farm*
6. Religious denomination *Methodist*
7. Date of his or her death *living*
8. Place of his or her death *—*
9. Place of his or her burial *—*
10. Father's full name *Abraham F. Reedy*
11. Born where and when *—*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Farmer*
13. His or her mother's full name *Almira F. Reedy*
14. Born when and where *—*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *near Toledo Iowa*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

1. To whom married second time *now have been,* 9. Place of his or her burial *IIIIIIII*
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CHILDREN OF *Charles Ernest Walters* AND *Pearl Reedy Walters*

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>Charles Ernest Jr</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Jan 27, 1898</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>living</i>			

CHILDREN OF _____ AND _____

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SIGNATURE *Charles Ernest Walters*
 DATE *September 12, 1900*

STATE OF IOWA
1939

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Forty-eighth General Assembly

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JOHN R. IRWIN, Speaker of the House

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1, 1885, was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Bell at Wilton Junction, Iowa. Mr. Venard is survived by six children, Arthur, of Tracy, Minnesota; Guy of Hawarden; Mrs. Harold G. King of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Willard T. Greene of Sioux City; Harry of Des Moines, and Mrs. Earl V. Slife of Hawarden. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Venard died on August 22, 1936.

Mr. Venard has lived in and near Hawarden since 1901 and took an active part in church, social, civic and political affairs of the community, county and state. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church. He served for years as township clerk and later as assessor of the city of Hawarden and was an active member of the County Council of Defense and was active in Liberty Loan drives. In 1921 he was elected to represent Sioux county in the state legislature to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of D. O. Stone and was re-elected in 1922, 1924, 1926 and 1928, after which he declined to again be a candidate. He also served for a time as a cigaret tax inspector in the state treasurer's office.

Mr. Venard passed away at his home February 9, 1939. He was always held in the highest esteem by his friends and acquaintances. To every task upon which he entered, he devoted sincere, conscientious service.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That the state has lost a valued and beloved citizen, and the House of Representatives would tender, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

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

M. D. VAN OOSTERHOUT,
L. O. LAMPMAN,
F. O. HOCUM,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

HONORABLE C. E. WALTERS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late C. E. Walters, of Tama county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

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Membership by Mr. Walters was held in the Toledo Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, Scottish Rite Masonic and Shrine orders and the Methodist church.

Many earned and well deserved honors came to him in life. He was appointed judge of the district court in 1936. He was special assistant attorney general in the highway department from 1932 to 1936.

He was Tama county representative in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly, had served as county attorney of Tama county, was a member of the Toledo school board for six years chairman of the Tama county defense council during the World war, and had been active in the promotion of good roads.

An important part was taken by Mr. Walters in drawing up the bill which created the State Juvenile Home, and he had a prominent part in the location of this institution in Toledo, an institution which has done much in the conservation of Iowa's dependent and neglected children.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable C. E. Walters, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and that the House of Representatives would tender, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his widow and 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 directed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

RAPHAEL R. R. DVORAK,
HARRY E. WEICHMAN,
JOHN KNUDSON,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

HONORABLE ALFRED WENSTRAND

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Alfred Wenstrand of Page county, begs leave to submit the following report:

Alfred Wenstrand was born in Sweden May 13, 1855. He died at Essex, Iowa, on September 4, 1936, at the age of eighty-one years, three months and twenty-one days. He was survived by his wife, Christin Wenstrand, four sons, two daughters, and fourteen grandchildren.

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being Hazel, who married Shepperd Owens and they live at Omaha, Nebraska, and Lavan, who is a traveling salesman. Lamar J. Duke was graduated in the East Waterloo High School as a member of the class of 1912, and after clerking two years in a grocery store he engaged in the insurance business on a modest scale. From this inception he has developed the substantial and representative general insurance business now controlled by the Waterloo Insurance Agency, of which he is the executive head, this agency being local representative of fifteen leading insurance corporations.

Mr. Duke is a Republican in politics, he is an active member of the local Kiwanis Club, and he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was for two years president of the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce.

The year 1914 marked the marriage of Mr. Duke to Miss Beatrice Ricketts, who was born in Waterloo and who is a daughter of Albert B. and Lucy (Moore) Ricketts. Mr. and Mrs. Duke have one child, Virginia, born November 12, 1917.

CHARLES A. LAURANCE. Among the old-established and reliable business enterprises of Cedar Rapids, none is worthy of greater recognition than the Laurance Press Company. This concern was established under its present style in 1896, but really had its inception eight years before that time, when Charles A. Laurance, who had learned his trade at the case in a newspaper office, launched out into business on his own account with a partner. During his long career at Cedar Rapids Mr. Laurance has been identified with numerous public-spirited movements, and today is accounted one of his community's most valuable and valued citizens.

Charles A. Laurance was born October 28, 1855, in York County, New York, and is a son of Alexander and Eliza (Skinner) Laurance. His father was born in New Deer parish, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, September 30, 1821, and in his youth was apprenticed to a wagonmaker in his native land. On August 17, 1833, he arrived in Quebec, Canada, whence he removed five years later to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and in 1839 took up his residence in York County, New York, where he worked at his trade as a wagonmaker. From 1846 until 1860 Mr. Laurance was identified with public affairs as a county official, serving as sheriff, constable, collector of taxes and deputy United States marshal, and in October, 1860, came from New York to Cedar Rapids, where from 1862 until 1897 he was a public office holder. He was city marshal during the dark days of the war between the states, and held that office until 1871, served as coroner of Linn County from 1868 until 1890, was for twenty years a member of the board of township trustees, for four years was assessor, and for two years was deputy United States marshal, but in 1897, because of failing health, was compelled to retire from public life. Mr. Laurance married Miss

Eliza Skinner, a native of Washington County, New York, who died in 1867 at Cedar Rapids. Mr. Laurance was a member of Frazer Lodge, Strichan, Scotland, and Crescent Lodge No. 25, A. F. and A. M., at Cedar Rapids. His death occurred February 9, 1901.

Charles A. Laurance attended the public schools and after graduating from high school was apprenticed to the printer's trade, being for eighteen years identified with the old Cedar Rapids *Weekly Times*, during six years of which period he was superintendent of the composing room. In 1888 he embarked in the printing business on his own account, under the style of Laurance & Carr, which since 1896 has been known as the Laurance Press Company, Inc., of which Mr. Laurance is the president. This concern does all kinds of high-class job printing and bookbinding, and has a large business in office supplies, steel office equipment, etc. The company now occupies the four-story, fireproof W. F. Severa Building at the southeast corner of First Street and Fourth Avenue, having moved from the old building at 412-16 First Avenue, which it had occupied for nineteen years. The larger quarters and installation of new equipment will enable the company to double its business. As a result of occupying the new quarters all printing of the W. F. Severa Company will be done by the Laurance Press. Mr. Laurance is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a member of the official board for more than forty years, Mrs. Laurance also being very active in this church. Politically he is a Republican. He has been active in Scottish Rite Masonry since 1906, and has been musical director of the K. C. C. H. since that year, while Mrs. Laurance has been organist at the Scottish Rite Masonic reunions. Mr. Laurance is also a member of the Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Iowa Consistory, and of El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Mr. Laurance's hobby is travel, and he has made fifteen trips to Europe.

On October 18, 1883, Mr. Laurance was united in marriage with Miss Jennie C. Price, daughter of E. G. Price, a pioneer of Linn County, who spent many years in agricultural operations and became one of the substantial men of his community, and to this union there was born one son: Harry, who served as instructor at the Great Lakes Naval Training School during the World war, and is now engaged in business at Cedar Rapids as a member of the Laurance Electric Company.

CHARLES E. WALTERS. The Walters family were pioneers of Tama County, and the name has been a prominent one in Toledo for sixty-five years. The founder of the family was the late William C. Walters, business man, banker, leader in community affairs and politics. One of his sons, Charles E. Walters, has practiced law at Toledo for over thirty-five years, and in his social and civic relationship has exemplified many of the characteristics of his father.

The late William C. Walters was born July 13, 1843, in Ohio and came to Iowa in 1864. During his early years at Toledo he was a merchant. Later he was president of the Toledo Savings Bank and president of the Tama and Toledo Electric Light and Railway Company. In 1912 the Iowa Railway & Light Company purchased the property of this bank, but Mr. Walters remained the active president of the Toledo Savings Bank until December 31, 1919, when he retired from active business, and died February 21, 1920. He was of German and Irish ancestry, the Walters family having come to America in Colonial times, first settling in Virginia. William C. Walters was a boy in Ohio during the Civil war, and he was called out as a home guard for an enlistment of ninety days during the Morgan raid through the southern part of that state. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was active in Republican politics and in 1908 was an Iowa elector on the Taft ticket.

William C. Walters married Mary H. Reynolds, whose ancestors were of Colonial and Revolutionary stock. Five of her ancestors were in the Revolutionary war and she has for a number of years been identified with the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is now eighty-six of age and a resident of Toledo. Her children are Charles E. and John P. John P. Walters is division manager of the Iowa Railway & Light Corporation at Toledo and is vice president and manager of the Central Iowa Telephone Company.

Charles E. Walters was born at Toledo, September 20, 1867. His home town gave him the advantages of a public school training, supplemented by a college course in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, where he took his Bachelor's degree. He then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1893, and since that year has been busied with a steadily growing and important general law practice at Toledo. He has handled considerable work for corporations, and among others acts as attorney for the Toledo Savings Bank. In politics he chose to espouse the allegiance of the Democratic party and in 1912 was Democratic nominee for attorney general of Iowa. He has been county attorney and was a member of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly in the Legislature. He has been and still is identified with most of the important litigation and probate matters in his section of the state and important legislation during and since his term in the Legislature. Mr. Walters is a member of the Iowa State and American Bar Associations, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married Miss Pearl Reedy, of Toledo, who died, leaving one child, Charles E., Jr., born January 20, 1898. This son passed away in 1926. On May 25, 1917, Mr. Walters married Clara Berkheart Watson. Her son, Ellsworth C. Wat-

son, is a student in Cornell College at Mount Vernon.

Mr. Walters takes particular and justifiable pride in the part he has played in two acts of the Legislature: The first effected the pardon of Wesley Elkins, a boy of eighteen who had been sentenced for life but had shown great possibilities in pursuing an education and has since fully justified the confidence of the Legislature in pardoning him. Mr. Walters made a speech in his behalf, which apparently changed the vote in his favor.

The other legislation he was particularly proud of was the bill which he drafted to establish the State Juvenile Home at Toledo, on the old Clark College campus. This institution will affect the children of over 300 families continually and thus have a large part in the conservation of Iowa's great asset as represented in its dependent and neglected children.

ARTHUR A. SOHNER is one of the influential executives in the field of insurance enterprise in Iowa, and holds the office of district manager for the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. His office headquarters are maintained in the building of the Russell-Lamson Hotel in the City of Waterloo, judicial center of Blackhawk County.

Mr. Sohner was born on a farm in East Waterloo Township, Blackhawk County, Iowa, December 3, 1888, and is a son of Albert A. and Susan (Chapman) Sohner, the former of whom was born in a log-cabin home near Rockford, Illinois, March 22, 1859, and the latter of whom was born in Clayton County, Iowa, a daughter of Ingle and Mary (Jellings) Chapman, who were pioneer settlers in that county, both having been born in England.

Albert A. Sohner was a son of Paul Sohner, who was born in Germany, April 6, 1827, and who was one of three brothers who came to the United States when young men. Paul Sohner continued to attend school in his native land until shortly before he became eligible for service in the German army, when he severed the home ties and came to the United States. He landed in the port of New York City, a stranger in a strange land and unable to speak the English language. He made his way to Rockford, Illinois, and there he was variously employed. There his marriage was solemnized and near Rockford he and his young wife established their home in the log cabin that figured as the birthplace of their son Albert A. In 1864 Paul Sohner came with his family to Iowa and obtained a tract of Government land in what is now East Waterloo Township, Blackhawk County, he having purchased this land at \$2.25 an acre. At that time Blackhawk County was in large part represented in unbroken prairie, with occasional tracts of timber land, and Waterloo was a village of about 1,000 population. Mr. Sohner reclaimed and developed one of the productive farms of the county, erected good buildings, and became