

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ayers, Franklin Egbert Senator _____
Represented Chickasaw County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Apr 1859 Chickasaw County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Alice J. Sheldon 31 Dec 1884 New Hampton, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was vice president and director of the Citizens
Loan and Trust Bank in Iowa City; president of the Southern
Iowa Lumberman's Association

B. Civic responsibilities Commercial Club, Elks, Mason;

Knights of Pythias; Modern Woodmen of America

C. Profession Lumber business; implement business; owner
of J. E. Ayers and Company Lumber Company; associated
with George B. Randall Implement Horse

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 28th General Assembly 1900

6. Public Offices

A. Local Deputy treasurer of Chickasaw County 1885-1887; City
Councilman at Laurel, Iowa; mayor of Hawley

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 13 June 1918 Iowa City, Iowa; burad, Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City, Iowa

8. Children Roseae B.; Lucille V. (Mrs. Dr. R. E. Russell)

9. Names of parents David Judson and Malissa J. (Gray) Ayers

10. Education He was educated in the schools of Acworth,
Iowa; he also attended Breckenridge Institute

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He left home at age 14 to begin a business career
- He moved to Lawler, Iowa in 1887 where he entered the
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FLOUR IS \$1.40 PER POUND AND BUTTER \$4 PER POUND—REDUCE BREAD RATION.

(Advices from Austria through Rome yesterday stated that practically all of the dual monarchy has been declared in a state of siege, only a few regions being excepted. The reported conditions which have lead up to this serious situation are set forth in the words of an Austrian newspaper are described in the following dispatch.)

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"The situation in Austria Hungary is, again very serious," he told me. "The food situation is always worse here than it is in Germany. The Austrian government under pressure of the January strikes gave the workmen many food promises. None have been fulfilled. They were promised food would be secured from Ukraine which in view of the increased revolt against the central empire is now problematical.

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WELL-KNOWN IOWA CITY BUSINESS MAN PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Frank E. Ayers, one of Iowa City's most prominent and prosperous business men, passed away at the family home at 430 South Summit this morning at 7:20 after a long illness. Mr. Ayers had been ill for the past year or two from a nervous breakdown, but it was not until two months ago that he began to show signs of falling gradually.

Born in Chickasaw County Mr. Ayers was born in a small town in Chickasaw county April 13, 1859. His parents were David Judson Ayers of New York and Mrs. Hessa P. Gray of Pennsylvania. He received his education at Decorah, Iowa and at the Breckenridge Institute. He left home at the age of fourteen to begin a business career that ended in one of Iowa City's most prominent business men.

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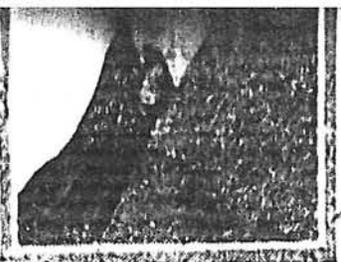
Wounded, degree unknown, Private Herbert G. Groves, Des Moines; Owen B. Shawhan, Des Moines; Sergeant R. Peterson, Vinson; Corporal C. Polon, Nevada; Private Frank Harrison, Woodburn; Ray E. Labertow, Milo; Private R. R. Reese, Webster City; Earl Sutton, Nora Springs; T. M. Ziddons, Centerville.

Severely wounded, Corporal Will Gordon, Winterset and Judson E. Steel, Edgewood.

PAROLE BOARD DISCHARGES TWO

Sam D. Woods, secretary of the Board of Parole, has discharged two Johnson county men, and has restored their rights as citizens to them. Both have been on parole for some time. Now both are free men.

The source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.



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This registration is absolutely compulsory upon all individuals coming under the order and violation of the order is subject to a heavy penalty.

GLARING HEADLIGHTS NOW UNDER THE BAN

Here is a little story that should be of interest to the motorist with the glaring headlight.

The police department is now equipped with an instrument to be used for ascertaining whether or not your lights come within the law or are contrary to the law.

It may be set up in front of the car and if the lights do not comply it is easily ascertained. It may be that the department invested in this apparatus just to have it around to look at but the inference is that they are going to use it.

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He was at the time of his death, the head of the F. E. Ayers and Co. Lumber company of this city and a lumber concern at Lawler, Iowa. He is also connected with the Geo. S. Randall implement house and had extensive interests in southern lands.

Wife and Two Children Survive
 Mr. Ayers is survived by a wife and two children, Roscoe of Iowa City and Mrs. Dr. R. E. Russell of Waterloo, Iowa.

Funeral Saturday
 The funeral will be held from the family home on 430th South Summit street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. Ira J. Houston of the Congregational church will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakland cemetery.

Daily Thought.
 The great guiding marks of a wise life are indeed few and simple; to do our duty, to avoid useless sorrow and to acquiesce patiently in the inevitable.
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ON AUSTRIAN SAILORS LOST

Commander of Italian Motor Ship That Sank Austrian Battleship, Reports Heavy Loss of Enemy.

(Associated Press.)
June 12 (Delayed)—Com. Rizzo, whose remarkable escape from the sinking of a large Austrian battleship in the Adriatic, tells a story of the encounter, during which another Austrian battleship was badly damaged or destroyed, and another motor boat. It is possible that 2,000 sailors were lost in the encounter.

A LABOR TO SUPPORT WAR

Resolution Unanimously Supports War Program; Iowa City Gets Federation's 1919 Meeting.

(Associated Press.)
Iowa City, June 13—Sioux City was cited as the convention city for the Federation of Labor next meeting over Fort Dodge by several resolutions passed at this morning session of the convention, which is in session in

Wallace, of Centerville, was elected a member of the executive committee. L. E. Hale, of Mason City, was elected as a delegate to the 1919 convention of the American Federation of Labor. The delegates unanimously passed a resolution declaring that the federation would support the government in its war program and endeavor to do everything possible in the war.

BOYS WIN BOLDER STRAP

Diversity boys and other Iowa boys are receiving recognition in the daily. The boys awarded shoulder straps, at

F. E. AYERS ANSWERS CALL

Death Claims Former President of Iowa City Commercial Club.

One of Iowa City's foremost citizens is dead—Frank E. Ayers, formerly president of the Iowa City Commercial club, and for years head of the lumber firm of F. E. Ayers & Co., at Iowa City.

He was also interested in the farming implements firm, George S. Randall & Co., of Iowa City.

Up to January, 1918, he was connected with the lumber firm of Ditmars & Ayers, and Ditmars, Kerr & Co., at West Liberty.

Mr. Ayers passed away at his home in Iowa City, this morning, at 7:20, after a long illness. His health had failed during the last three or four years, and he had been bed-ridden during the last six weeks.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, at 3, from his late home, 430 Summit street. Rev. Ira J. Houston will officiate.

Mr. Ayers was in his sixtieth year, having been born in Chickasaw county, Iowa, at a village now passed out of existence, on April 13, 1859. He was reared to young manhood there, and lived at Lawler in the same county, until he came to Iowa City 16 years ago, although he had established interests, as above indicated, at West Liberty prior to his removal to the University City.

Surviving are his widow and one son and one daughter, Roscoe B. Ayers, a leading young business man of Iowa City, assistant manager of the Ayers firm here; and Mrs. Lucile Russell, wife of Dr. R. E. Russell, of Waterloo.

A host of friends in the city and county, and elsewhere in Iowa where Mr. Ayers was well-known, will mourn deeply at his death. His Elk brothers will be among those who grieve.

He was a man of ability, enterprise, and public spirit.

His connection with the Commercial club, and with all other enterprises that have played a part in the growth and upbuilding of Iowa City, has been constant and steady, and, while health endured no man was more active.

Effective in laboring for the cause of the community Frank E. Ayers will long be missed in Iowa City.

M. ALEXANDER

S. E. KENDALL NAMED MANAGER

S. E. Kendall, of Galesburg, Ill., city salesman for the Mahon Company, the wholesale grocers, whose local manager was a victim of a tragic death last week, has been appointed to succeed the latter, W. M. Ramsell.

He will soon assume his new duties here and will be welcome and valued, as he comes highly recommended as a worthy citizen and good business man.

IOWA SOLDIER IS PROMOTED

Harold E. Corey, of Nashua, Ia., recently of S. U. I., has been honored at Camp Dodge by promotion from battalion sergeant to regimental sergeant major.

DR. HOFMANN WINS NEW HONOR

Dr. Wm. F. Hofmann, of Tiffin, Ia., an alumnus of the college of Medicine S. U. I., class of 1918, has been highly honored.

Because of his high standing in the college, and his excellent work during the last year, and preceding years, he was appointed to an internship in Montreal General Hospital, at Montreal, Canada.

The Johnson county boy will doubtless win success wherever he services.

BIG AUTO WAR SCHOOL TO OPEN

Iowa City's and Iowa University's new camp for auto mechanics, and other students preparing for work as mechanics, etc., for Uncle Sam will open here Saturday, June 15.

Two more men are needed for the student roster—or such candidates.



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John Lofson and daughters Mrs. Ole N. Anderson and Mrs. Otto Hanson autoed to Calmer Wednesday and spent the day at the Ole Neirson home.

Carl Landsverk spent Sunday with his friend Oscar Vikdal.

Mrs. Otto Ottleson and children visited her mother Mrs. Ottleson Tuesday evening.

J. H. Whalen went to Dubuque Friday to attend Laymans Retreat.

A. W. Oleson and Miss Beasle autoed to the county seat last Saturday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Synod church will meet with Mrs. Ned Borlaug next Wednesday.

G. E. Smith visited friends at Spillville Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Borlaug and daughter Clara visited their son and brother Ned Borlaug last Tuesday.

John Attleson drove to Lawler Saturday.

Rölof Haugen and family spent Friday at Calmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weigle and sons George and Erwin autoed to Oelwein Sunday and spent the day at the J. F. Weigle home.

COUNTY LINE

Monday, June 17, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reinhart and baby Ada were business callers in Cresco Saturday.

Miss Lydia Helmerdinger is visiting at the Lou Reinhart home in Alta Vista.

Miss Veronica Kéarney was an over Sunday visitor at the H. B. McBride home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brophy were in Cresco Friday.

Irene, James and Olivette McGinn were callers in this vicinity Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Murphy and family, and Mrs. Katherine Norton spent Sunday at High Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ralph and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jno Collins and family autoed to Oelwein Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reinhart were among the shoppers in Cresco Saturday.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the dance in Lawler Friday evening.

Little Marie and Margaret Murphy returned to their home in Cresco Saturday after an extended visit at High Prairie.

A surprise party was held at the

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Alert Landsverk and sister Mable, John Ellingson and Geneva Haugen were among those who attended the dance in Lawler Friday night.

Geo. Miller, P. J. Natvig and T. G. Vaala toog in the ball game at Protivin Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Heltna, of Jerico, conducted choir practice here Friday night.

D. O. Natvig, Henry Johnson and Orin Vaala were Saturday business callers in Lawler.

F. E. AYERS DEAD AT IOWA CITY.

Iowa City, Ia., June 14.—Special: F. E. Ayres one of this city's most prominent and most prosperous business men, died at his home yesterday morning.

Mr. Ayres was born in Chickasaw county in 1859 and started in the world for himself at the age of 14 years. He entered the lumber business in Lawler in 1887 and has continued in the same business ever since. At the of his death he was the owner of a lumber business at Lawler, also also one here. He was interested in an implement business here and had large holdings of southern pine timber.

While at Lawler he was constantly a member of the city council or its mayor. He was elected to the legislature from that county and on coming here was made president of the commercial club and in many other ways was identified with the best interests of the city.

He leaves one son, Roscoe, associated with him in the lumber business here and one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Russell, of Waterloo.

with its 400 artists, among famous of whom is Herr V. who slides down a slender his head from the summit pole; the Six Flying Ward tional aerialists; the Lind who fox trot on a tight w. Richard Ricardo, the world's wild animal trainer, and fifth headed by Art Adair and Arella.

Performances will be given 8 p. m. Doors to the zoological will be opened an hour. A three mile long street parade leave the show grounds at 10

POTATO BLIGHT FOU

Real war has been going local war gardens for the days. According to reports to the Farm Bureau office, the blight of potatoes, and the potato bug, are the invaders necessitate a strong resistance vicinity of New Hampton. the brave defenders who finished repelling the attacks tile weeds are loath to resort attacks, many are going to Paris Green.

Bordeaux mixture for somewhat new in this county made by dissolving one pound per sulphate in five gallons and one pound of quick lime other five gallons. After the dissolved and poured together gallons of Bordeaux results mixture used as a spray blight. Paris Green or lead may be added in the usual so that spraying for blight sects can be done in one opper

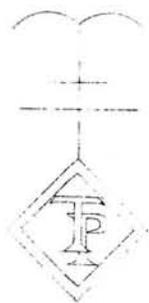
Thirty Richest Persons in United States

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. TIMES.

	Estimated Fortune	Yearly Income.	Chief Source
John D. Rockefeller	\$1,200,000,000	\$60,000,000	Oil
H. C. Frick	225,000,000	11,250,000	Coke, Steel
Andrew Carnegie	200,000,000	10,000,000	Steel
George F. Baker	150,000,000	7,500,000	Banking
William Rockefeller	150,000,000	7,500,000	Oil, Railroad
Edward S. Harkness	125,000,000	6,250,000	Oil
J. Ogden Armour	125,000,000	6,250,000	Packing
Henry Ford	100,000,000	5,000,000	Automobiles
W. K. Vanderbilt	100,000,000	5,000,000	Railroads
Ed. H. R. Green	100,000,000	5,000,000	Banking
Mrs. E. H. Harriman	80,000,000	4,000,000	Railroads
Vincent Astor	75,000,000	3,750,000	Real Estate

LEADING EVENTS IN
JOHNSON COUNTY
IOWA HISTORY

BIOGRAPHICAL



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CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA
WESTERN HISTORICAL PRESS
NINETEEN THIRTEEN

“distribution” is no more. Their “forms are closed” and the “last edition has gone to press.”

Theobald, Sr., was born in Philadelphia, the home of Franklin. His parents removed to Iowa in 1855, and he came with them. The family settled in Johnson county. There he learned the printer's trade, and there he met and married Mary Karetz, of Bohemian birth, in 1863. One of their four children died in infancy; three are now living: William, married, residing in Iowa City; Emma, now Mrs. George L. Farwell, residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and our subject. The elder Theobald always adhered to the democratic faith. Mother Theobald died in 1898.

John L. Theobald, Jr., was born in Iowa City, June 20, 1874, attended the public schools of Iowa City, subsequent to which he worked for the Pioneer Knitting Works for six years. Thereafter he took up the restaurant business, in which he has been engaged for sixteen years. For the past six years he has been proprietor of the Bon Ton Cafe, of Iowa City.

Our subject was married in 1902 to Miss Mary Ellen Burns, a native of Iowa City. They have five children, all living at home: Mary Helen, Marguerite, John, Lucille, and William. Politically Mr. Theobald has always been a democrat. The family are members of the St. Patrick's Catholic church.

FRANK E. AYERS

Much of the vim, intelligence, and practical usefulness for which the Commercial Club of Iowa City is noted is chargeable to the sterling common sense and direct business methods of its president, Frank E. Ayers, the subject of this sketch. During his eight years residence in the University City, Mr. Ayers has been a recognized factor in its business life, and his election to the chief executive office of its representative commercial organization was both timely and fitting. Under his able administration, coupled with the hearty coöperation of as thorough a set of boosters as ever got together for promotion and publicity in eastern Iowa, the Iowa City Commercial Club ranks with the best in the middle west, and is bringing to the attention of the business world far and near

the distinct advantages of this famous old city as a center for industrial and commercial enterprises and for home life of a high order.

Frank E. Ayers has been a business man and a quasi-public official from boyhood. At fourteen years of age he entered upon a commercial career in Chickasaw county, his native heath, and at twenty-six was made deputy treasurer of the county, an office which he filled for two years. Removing to Lawler in 1887, he entered the lumber business, and that has been his occupation continuously until the present time. He came to Iowa City in 1903. While a resident of Lawler he was continuously a member of the city council, part of the time be-



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As before stated, Mr. Ayers was born in Chickasaw county. His parents were David Judson Ayers and Malissa F. Grey. The former was a native of New York and the latter of Penn-

sylvania. The couple were married at the wife's old home in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and came to Iowa in 1857, settling in Chickasaw county, where the elder Ayers pursued the occupation of farming until his death. The mother died at the residence of her son in Iowa City. David Judson Ayers was of German and Irish descent, and his wife of English, her lineage being traceable to the Jennings family of England. She was a relative of Judge Grey, of Indiana.

The date of Frank E. Ayers's birth was April 13, 1859. He was educated at Decorah, Iowa, and at the Breckenridge Institute, and, as heretofore stated, left home at fourteen years of age to begin his business career. In 1887 he was married to Miss Alice F. Sheldon, and two children have blessed the union, Roscoe B., and Lucille V.

Mr. Ayers is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. His place of business is at 223 South Dubuque street, and his residence at 430 South Summit street, Iowa City.

JAMES McCOLLISTER

The "Old Philip Clark farm," situated one and one-half miles south of Iowa City, on the River Road, is famous as the scene of the first court house in Johnson county, wherein the early legal history of the county took form. This house was the residence of James McCollister for some time after his purchase of the farm in 1864, and therein his only daughter Mrs. A. G. Showers, of Iowa City, was born. The legends of court life in Johnson county recite that juries, after receiving the evidence, left the old building and made their deliberations on the open prairie on account of lack of room for privacy in the court house. James McCollister, soon after purchasing the farm in 1864, began the erection of a new brick residence, which he has added to from time to time until it has reached very large proportions, being one of the most stately mansions in Johnson county, with every modern improvement. The great farm of eight hundred acres has been improved until it is easily one of the finest estates in Iowa. In addition to the family mansion, the farm contains