

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cook, Robert Eugene Senator _____

Represented Montgomery County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 June 1846 Kewanee, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Eleanor S. Morey 1869

② Isabel Mallory 6 Dec 1876

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Brick and tile manufacturer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 26th, 27th General Assembly 1896, 1898

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clerk of the District Court; Red Oak Board of Education; City Councilman; Red Oak Township trustee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 30 Jan 1916 Red Oak, Iowa; buried Red Oak Cemetery, Red Oak, Iowa

8. Children Martha (Mrs. Hallett); Ella; George; Robert

9. Names of parents _____

Cook, Robert Eugene

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He lived for a short time in Creston, Iowa, but then he returned to Hannibal, Missouri and later moved to Red Oak Iowa in 1882.

COUNTY OFFICIAL DEAD.

R. E. Cook Who Has Served Montgomery County and The City of Red Oak Numerous Terms Passed Away Early Sunday Morning.

He Was a Member of the Legislature for Two Terms—Also on City Council and Board of Education—For 25 Years Conducted Brick and Tile Factory here—Services Monday at Congregational Church.

R. E. Cook, for 36 years a resident of Red Oak, and numerous times the choice of the people for city and county officers, passed away at his home, 502-A Fifth-st., shortly before



R. E. COOK

4 o'clock Sunday morning, Jan. 30, after illness of two or three weeks. He had suffered from stomach trouble and anemia for several years, and had experienced several severe attacks, the latest of which seemed more severe than the previous ones, but until the day before his death he was not thought to be in immediate danger. At the time of his death Mr. Cook was clerk of the district court for this county, and he continued with his duties in that office even after his health demanded that he take a rest.

Mr. Cook was a Republican and had been the choice of his party, and of the county, for various offices. He served as a member of the lower house of the 26th and 27th general assemblies, being elected in 1895 and re-elected in 1897. He was for nine years a member of the Red Oak board of education, retiring in 1904. He also served for two years as a member of the city council, and for seven years as a trustee of Red Oak township. He was first elected clerk of district court in 1912, and was re-elected in 1914. He had announced his candidacy for another term. In 1906 Mr. Cook was a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative, but was not

were here to attend the funeral.

Mr. Cook was widely acquainted in Montgomery county, and was highly respected. He was a kindly man, an ardent member of the Knights of Pythias lodge for many years, and also held membership in the Knights of Maccabees. He was a conscientious public servant, in whom honesty was an outstanding characteristic. He leaves a host of friends all over the county who feel his death keenly and who extend sincerest sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Will Re-Incorporate.

The Red Oak Building & Savings association has been doing business so long since its last incorporation that it is now necessary to re-incorporate, and at the meeting of stockholders held in the office of Secretary O. F. Remmers last Monday night the board of directors were authorized to attend to that matter, making any changes which may be deemed advisable. F. E. Loomis, T. H. Dearborn and A. R. Tracy were re-elected directors to succeed themselves. The reports show the earnings for the past year to have been up to their usual satisfactory figure.

Autos on a Sled.

A local automobile concern unloaded a carload of autos Wednesday, and on account of the snow and severe cold did not like to drive the cars uptown by means of their own power. They employed Wm. Breeding to tow them up behind a wagon, but they made a big load on account of the snow. Mr. Breeding solved the problem by hitching his team to a bob sled and the cars were loaded one at a time on the sled. They were easily moved in this way. It was an unusual sight to see automobiles riding a bob sled.

More Land Sales.

Real estate sales closed the past week by O. J. Gibson & Son are as follows: The C. F. Cardiff farm of 320 acres in West township to Joel Lungren for \$52,800.00. Also the S. H. Patterson modern residence at No. 400 Joy-st., to M. P. Giles for \$6000.00 each. Their total sales from Jan. 1, 1916, as shown by their books aggregated a fair showing for what was con-

AMSTEAD MILNER DEAD.

He Had Been Identified with Affairs in Montgomery County Since Earliest Pioneer Days.

Armstead Milner, one of the earliest pioneers of Montgomery county, and a man who was active in affairs of the county for many years until failing health prevented, died at his home three miles east of Red Oak at 9 o'clock Monday evening, Jan. 31, from complications following an attack of grippe. He had been sick for five weeks, but prior to that time had not been in robust health.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 3, at 2 o'clock at the home, services being entirely in charge of the Masonic fraternity, of which Mr. Milner had been an active member since the early days of the order in this county. Rev. W. H. Whear, of the Red Oak M. E. circuit, delivered a short address at the home and offered prayer at the grave. Singing was by Prof. Neilson, and the pallbearers chosen from the Masonic lodge were Thos. Rea, J. T. Keckley, Jacob Wolfe, R. C. Hiatt, Chas. Wolfe and J. H. Raftery. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery. All of Mr. Milner's children were here for the funeral, except one son, Harvey, whose home is in Idaho, and who could not come.

Mr. Milner came to this county first in 1855, and with the exception of short periods spent in Ohio, had lived here ever since. He was elected the first auditor of this county (but did not conduct the office, the late J. B. Packard having acted as his deputy) and he also served as county surveyor. The following data concerning his early life is taken from a history of Montgomery county published in 1881:

"Mr. Milner was born in Highland county, Ohio, August 19, 1829; lived at home on the farm until he was twenty-one years old. Taught school four or five winters; then in the spring of 1853 came to Iowa; remained but a short time and returned to Ohio. In March, 1854, he went to Illinois, and from there to Kansas, and took a claim near Topeka. While there he voted at the first election ever held in the state. In the spring of 1855 he returned to Ohio and found his father at the point of death. After his father's death he returned in the fall of 1855 to Kansas; but the state of affairs there were so unsettled that he did not remain long. He rode on horseback from there to Pilot Grove, Montgomery county, Iowa; entered a piece of land and remained there until the spring of 1856; then went to Frankfort, and in May, 1856, he went back to Ohio, and returned to Iowa in August, 1856, and made his home with Dr. Bond, at Frankfort, until the winter of 1858-9. In January, 1859, he moved to his present location, where he has a large and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

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From shortly after his moving to Red Oak in 1883, and for 25 years thereafter, Mr. Cook engaged in the brick and tile business here, the factory in the east edge of the city being the outgrowth of his enterprise and labor. It was one of flourishing industries of the city for many years, and one which contributed to the prosperity of the community, up until the time when changing conditions made that business unprofitable.

Robert Eugene Cook was born at Kewanee, Ill., June 9, 1848, and was married there in 1869 to Miss Eleanor F. Morcy, who died a few years later. On Dec. 6, 1876, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Isabel Mallory, who survives him. For a short time Mr. Cook was a resident of Creston, but he returned to Kewanee, from which place he and Mrs. Cook moved to Red Oak in 1883. This has since been their home.

Surviving relatives of Mr. Cook are his wife and four children, as follows: Mrs. Martha Hullett and Miss Ella Cook, of Phoenix, N. Mex.; George Cook, of Creston, and Robert Cook, of Red Oak. Two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Wood and Miss Emma Cook, both of Edmond, Okla., also survive.

The funeral of Mr. Cook was held at the Congregational church a 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, Feb. 31, the sermon being by Rev. R. J. Montgomery. Singing was by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Foster, Mrs. R. D. Morris and F. E. Crandall, with Miss Phraraby Boileau at the organ. The court house was closed during the hour of the service, and the pallbearers were chosen from the county officials, as follows: Auditor Peter Ostrom, Attorney O. T. Gillett, Treasurer W. E. Draper, Sheriff C. E. Jackson, Recorder S. E. Fryce and Supervisor J. A. Floren. Burial was in Red Oak cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook, from Creston,

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Logan at Washington.

Dailies this week contained the following dispatch from Des Moines: "Adjutant General Guy E. Logan yesterday received a message from the house committee on military affairs at Washington, notifying him that the conditions of the Iowa National Guard would be discussed at a conference beginning Monday morning. He was invited to be present. General Logan will not be able to go until about the middle of the week, owing to the visit of President Wilson Tuesday evening, February 1."

F. M. Byrkit Dead.

F. M. Byrkit, for many years president of the First National bank of Red Oak, died Jan. 28, at San Diego, Cal., according to word received yesterday (Thursday) by D. A. Replogle. Relatives plan to bring the remains here for burial as soon as railroad traffic in the West will permit of their making their trip. Complete facts and sketch of Mr. Byrkit will be published later.

Remember the Date, Feb. 16.

A Japanese opera will be given by the Music department of the Monday club. Charming costumes, fascinating music. All home talent. At Beardsley opera house. Get your tickets early. Remember the date, Feb. 16.—adv.

Inspection March 16.

According to an order sent out from the adjutant general's office the annual inspection of Co. M, Third I. N. G., of Red Oak, will be held at the armory here on March 16.

A military drama in five acts, "The Buzzard's Shadow," at the Beardsley tonight, Friday. 1st show 7:15. 5 and 10c.—adv.

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Mr. Milner was the father of ten children, one of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Cornelia Vetter, Oliver A. Milner, Mrs. May Ogden, Mrs. John Oliver, and Miss Sadie Milner, of Red Oak; Mrs. Anne Emery, of Glenwood Springs, Col.; Mrs. Emma Lyon, of Carbondale, Col.; Mrs. Alice Stacey, of Omaha; Harvey Milner, of Burley, Idaho. Mrs. Milner passed away in January, 1914.

Although Mr. Milner originally came to Iowa on account of his health, he was a sturdy and energetic man who was vitally interested in all matters of public welfare. It can truly be said that he did his full duty in the development of this county from its raw prairie state to its present condition. He was always a prominent figure in the county, and through all the years of his residence was one of the community's most influential citizens. He was a well-posted, substantial man of unquestioned honesty and there are numerous instances where he lived up to the letter of an agreement, even at considerable loss to himself, when there was some question as to the extent of his obligation. Although not one of the charter members of the Red Oak Masonic lodge, Mr. Milner was probably the oldest in point of years of the living members of the lodge. Associated, as he was, with the active men of the county for over 60 years, he gained wide acquaintance, and many are the friends whose hearts are saddened by his death. Sympathy of the community is extended to the members of the bereaved family.

Electric starters and magnetos a specialty. Frank H. Jackson, Shield Garage.—Adv.

Evans & Woods' sow sale Saturday, Feb. 5.—adv.

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