

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brooks, Alfred Leroy Senator _____

Served from Audubon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 June 1858 Vinton, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
① May Langworth 1887

② Edison Young 20 June 1901

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Several member of the Audubon County, Iowa and American Medical Associations, International Association of Railway Surgeons

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias; Shriners

C. Profession Physician

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 24th General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local Audubon County coroner

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 Jan 1927 Des Moines, Iowa;

8. Children By 1st wife - Lucille (Mrs. Dr. H. E. Kimbell); By 2nd wife - Emmett J.; Jane C.

9. Names of parents Lorenzo and Jane (Peace) Brooks

Brooks, Alfred Leroy

10. Education His early education was received in common schools in neighborhood near Vinton; attended Blairtown Academy, Blairtown, Iowa

11. Degrees He graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois in 1883

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He taught schools in winter, worked on farms in summer.
- Later he attended medical school
- After finishing medical school he began practicing medicine at Gray, Iowa for 5 years. In 1888 he moved to Audubon and continued practicing medicine there.
- He was appointed as a surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad
- His first wife, May, died in 1898.
- He was a physician in Audubon County for 43 years

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			<u>The Advocate Republican, Audubon, Iowa,</u> Thurs. Jan. 6, 1927, p. 1, col. 1
- History of			Audubon County, Iowa 1915, Vol. 1, p.
- Obituary			<u>The Audubon Advocate Republican, Audubon,</u> Iowa, Thurs. Jan. 13, 1927, p. 6, col. 2-3
- Article			<u>The Audubon Advocate Republican, Audubon, Iowa,</u> Thurs. Mar 3, 1927, p. 10, col. 1, 2



ALFRED L. BROOKS, M. D.

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DR. BROOKS DIED LAST EVENING AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Pioneer Audubon Physician is Claimed by Death Following Long Period of Illness

Dr. A. L. Brooks, pioneer Audubon physician, died last evening at 10 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Kimball in Des Moines. His death followed a lingering illness, but came most unexpectedly when a relapse followed a period of marked improvement. Dr. Brooks went to his daughter's home in Des Moines about four months ago with the intention of enjoying a long rest in an effort to fully recover his health. Shortly thereafter, the change seeming to benefit him, he announced his retirement from the medical field here and disposed of his interests in the firm of Brooks & Jensen to his partner, Dr. L. E. Jensen, who was associated with him during the last few years of his practice here.

Seemed to Improve.

During the time he has been at his daughter's home, varying reports of Dr. Brooks' progress have been received by anxious friends in Audubon. For the most part these reports have been satisfactory, and to the effect that he was making slow but steady progress, and apparently waging a successful fight against illness as he had done twice before.

Dr. Carrie Wood of this city, a niece of Dr. Brooks, had been at his bedside for one or two days the latter part of last week. At that time his condition was declared to be better than had been the case at any time during the past two months. At about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, however, he suffered a relapse. Peritonitis developed and he failed to regain consciousness.

Here for 43 Years.

No eulogy of Dr. Brooks is necessary. For more than 43 years he ministered to the ills of the people of Audubon county, practicing both at Gray and Audubon. He came to the county in 1883, following his graduation from Rush Medical college, Chicago, and established a practice at Gray. Three years later he moved to Audubon, remained here for one year, then returned to his first location. He located in Audubon again in 1889 and practiced here continuously until a few months ago, when failing health at last forbade him to continue to practice. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Kimball and Miss Jane Brooks, and one son, Emmert.

Dr. Brooks was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights Templar, the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines and the Knights of Pythias.

Funeral Here Sunday.

According to funeral arrangements tentatively made the services will be held Sunday afternoon at the Audubon Methodist church, Rev. G. G. Parker officiating.

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Named Monday to Succeed W. G. Wilson. Date of Sale Will be

Malady Claims Many Horses in County

Report of Last Week Incorrect, Since 23 Horses are Known to Have Been Claimed by Strange Disease.

The malady, which as yet no one has been able to fully explain or diagnose, but which has resulted in the wholesale loss of horses all over Iowa, has not struck Audubon county as lightly as reported in this paper last week. A talk with Dr. George N. Weighton, Audubon veterinarian, who has treated 23 cases of the strange disease in various parts of the county during the past two weeks, puts an entirely new face on the situation here.

Farmers of six townships have lost horses as a result of the disease, which, Dr. Weighton says, is a form of poisoning which may result from the feeding of any of this year's crop. The infection may result from corn stalks, which was originally thought to be the only cause, or from the feeding of corn, oats, straw or hay.

Loses Four in Day.

Jim Durbin of Viola township has lost six horses within the past fortnight, four of them in a single day. George Coulter, who lost one horse, is the only Viola township man whose horses have been visited by the poisoning, according to Dr. Weighton.

Three horses belonging to Hans Johnson of Douglas township have died. Others who have lost horses are Fred McCrystal, Cameron township, one horse; Sam White, Ted Petersen and Ray McLaughlin, Leroy township, one each; Amos Borkowski, Lincoln township, five; Allen Briggs, Lincoln township, 3 and Earl Turner, Melville township, one.

The Briggs horses have been fed corn and straw, which further explodes the original theory of several weeks ago, that corn stalks alone were responsible for the infection.

Live But Short Time.

Seldom does an infected animal live for a day after once becoming poisoned, according to Dr. Weighton. Usually they die in from eight to eighteen hours. They are affected differently, but in general become uncontrollable and insane several hours before death.

CAR CRASHES FROM BRIDGE AT EXIRA

Coach Harold McCarthy of Mason City Steps from Machine as it Falls.

Harold McCarthy, former Exira high school coach, now assistant grid coach at Mason City, narrowly escaped death last Thursday night when the car which he was driving skidded off the approach to a bridge across a stream two miles south of Exira and crashed into the creek bed. McCarthy, who visited friends in the Exira vicinity last week, stepped out of the car as it fell. The approach was icy and when

GIRLS TEAM LOSE GAME TO SAC CITY ON NEW YEARS

Red and White Acquire Lead but Are Nosed Out During Final Stages of Game.

Shortly before the year 1917 officially ushered out, the final game ended the basket ball season for the Audubon school girls. The defeat, which was 21 to 19, was suffered by the Sac City sextet staged a remarkable comeback during the trick and secure two trimmings at the hand of local cagers last year.

The Audubon girls appeared to have a safe lead during the first half. With a revised lineup which included Captain Knudsen from the jumping center, Vera Barentsen jumping center to side center, Crocker and Johnson at guard, left only the forward position. Stemsen and Veda Barentsen they outplayed the visitors and had gained a lead of 10.

Visitors Come Back.

Sac City looked like a winner in the final half and during the period not only held the White scoreless but annexed field baskets and two free throws which gave them a lead of 10. The inexperienced local team up with a bang during the second half and were unable to find their way until the last few minutes. Sac increased this lead early in the final quarter and with but a few minutes to play were out in front 16. Audubon rallied, scored a field goal before the end.

Coach McIntire's team could not hold the visitors throughout the game. Led by Capt. Knudsen they were ball in play from the tip off and also broke up many visitors' attacks in midcourt. Credit is due the local guard, Crocker and Johnson for their defensive play during the game until the former's rebounds, to Vera Barentsen, who the side center assignment was ably during the first half, Audubon's midget forwards, up an apparently substantial lead during the first two periods of the capable guarding of the court defenders. Knudsen great basket ball every time the game.

A Complete Collapse.

The collapse of the Red and White machine was apparently precipitated by two field goals scored by opponents early in the third quarter which reduced the Audubon three point lead. Continuing to ball in play from the tip off, local players passed wildly, ball to the visitors, then being through ever earnestness Sac City's defense. Two free throws resulted, then field goal gave Sac City which they had.

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- F. Isen, Hamlin township, \$125;
- Schade, Lincoln township, \$125;
- Oliver, Leroy township, \$125;
- Law, Melville township, \$125;
- Esbeck, Oakfield township, \$125;
- Bertel Christensen, Sharps township, \$135;
- Dalton Miller, Viola township, \$125;
- C. V. Christensen, Audubon city, \$175;
- A. M. Lauritzen, Audubon township, \$125;
- B. A. Swart, Audubon township, \$35;
- A. T. Rasmussen, Audubon township, \$35;
- M. N. Esbeck, Audubon township, \$45

Dr. Alfred LeRoy Brooks 1858-1927



The passing of Dr. Alfred LeRoy Brooks, Audubon, as well as Audubon county and the state, loses one of its stalwart citizens. He was the son of Lorenzo and Jane Brooks; his birth occurred at Vinton, Iowa, June 6th, 1858.

Dr. Brooks secured his early training in Blairtown Academy, Blairtown, Iowa. His medical course was taken in Rush Medical college, Chicago, where he graduated in 1883. He then came to Gray, Iowa, where he followed his profession for a few years; then came to Audubon where he labored continuously until about September 1st of last year, giving in all nearly 44 years of splendid service in ministering to suffering humanity.

On November 11, 1887, he was united in marriage with May Belle Langworthy of Atlantic, Iowa, the ceremony taking place in that city. To this union were born three children, two of whom died in infancy. One daughter, Mrs. Lucile Kimbell of Des Moines, survives. The wife and mother passed to her reward December 26, 1898.

On June 26th, 1901, he was united in holy wedlock with Caldonia Young of Jefferson, Iowa. To this union were born a son and daughter, namely, Emmert of California and Jane of Audubon. The wife and mother passed to her reward in June, 1924. Dr. Brooks leaves a brother, Chester Brooks of this city; also one grand-

ones and cherish with them, also, the joyous thought that at last the gentle self-sacrificing spirit of Dr. Brooks has found surcease from the tenement of clay to be "clothed upon with that house which is from above."

Dr. Brooks was a public spirited man. He ever stood for civic righteousness and for all those movements that he believed would make for the public weal. In 1890 he was elected to represent Audubon county in the Iowa general assembly, serving in a very creditable manner during the 24th session.

Dr. Brooks was a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and was a 22nd degree Mason. He was a member of the M. E. church, where for many years he gave generous support and attended services as strength of body and his busy life would permit.

Dr. Brooks was a man who understood the meaning of physical suffering. There is an old axiom which tells us that experience is the best of teachers. The fact that the doctor underwent two major operations and was scarcely ever free from pain, will, we believe, account in part for his self-forgetful spirit in ministering to suffering humanity. This too, oftentimes, when it was tragically obvious that the giving of such service meant the pouring out of his very life while on their part it meant the receiving of the same "without money and without price." When our great Master had paid the last full measure of devotion upon the cross, someone cried in terms of derision, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." That man unconsciously expressed a truth which is as old and vital as human need, namely, no man can live a worth-while life, who doesn't offer the same in sacrificial service to humanity. Indeed, our Lord's own pronouncement (Matt. 20:27) "he that will be chief among you, let him be your servant," confirms us in this.

About September 1st of last year, Dr. Brooks by reason of increasing ill health, discontinued his practice. A little later he decided to go to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was tenderly cared for by the home of his daughter Mrs. Kimbell.

On New Year's day he seemed greatly improved and enjoyed three meals with his loved ones and friends gathered about the family board. But early on Tuesday of the following week he passed into a state of unconsciousness and passed peacefully away the following evening.

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Dr. A. L. Brooks

Although several articles have appeared in the Advocate-Republican about the late departed pioneer citizen and doctor of Audubon, A. L. Brooks, I had rather expected to see one or more by some of the old time citizens and friends of his in his home town. Since none seems to be forthcoming, I can't refrain from penning a few lines in memoriam of that, to me, dear departed soul. I think it was the editor of the Advocate-Republican who remarked in an article that Dr. Brooks needed no eulogy, and in a measure that is true, provided you understand the underlying meaning, for I think Dr. Brooks pronounced his own eulogy with his life work, and that is really the very best and most potent way of pronouncing one's eulogy. It is so much more concrete and real than when others, in high sounding phrases and with fine flowing pen have to do it after you are gone.

That Dr. Brooks did that while he lived among us, I think very few will dispute. But it may not be entirely out of the way, as already has been done in the article taken from the Council Bluffs paper, to sing him another small hymn of praise, especially with reference and in regard to the younger generation of Audubon, who perhaps knew him but slightly, and during his declining years.

There were several traits in that noble man's character that are worthy of emulation by our "fast and furious" generation of today, if they could but pause long enough to ponder on it. Chief among these traits was his unselfishness, as has been alluded to as probably the one that made him near and dear to so many of those with whom he came in contact.

He knew the meaning of the now so much used and abused word "service," or, I might perhaps more fittingly say, he did not know the meaning of it at all in its present aspect, for he simply gave out of the fullness of the heart when required, without any sordid afterthought of the almighty dollar. I know some will say that that was Dr. Brooks' great and unhappy fault, or he might have owned half the town of Audubon. But oh! How dear that "unhappy fault" of his has made him to many a citizen of Audubon county.

A typical case among the many, many that occurred during his long and arduous service for his fellow men, I'll here recite. I know a lady who now lives in a different part of our state, to whose husband Dr. Brooks was called and tried to save,

was unable to recognize. She stopped suddenly, with the question: "I beg your pardon, but isn't this Dr. Brooks from Audubon?" And he replied, with a smile, "Yes, madam, what's left of him." Nobody but Dr. Brooks could have given that answer. Among the most treasured things that young lady received upon graduation was a letter from Dr. Brooks.

When I last met him a little over a year ago, I was crossing over at the familiar corner up there at Audubon, near the park, and spied him standing outside his door leaning on his cane, presumably meditating and looking for some one to stop and chat with him. They all passed by. I changed my course and went across. I knew and remembered that there were not so many of the present day citizens who knew and valued a talk with that versatile and keen mind that lived and worked within the frail and sick body.

We had talked but a couple of minutes before he went off on the diagnosis of a case, and having described and outlined a set of symptoms, he suddenly turned the question on me: "If such and such was found, what would you say was the matter with that person (mentioning my name). I mentioned one or two possibilities when he quietly answered back: "Yes, or that." (mentioning a malignant disease.) I then and there understood that it was his own case, and that he knew the end could not be far off.

In misfortune and need Dr. Brooks was a friend indeed, which many gladly and happily remember him for, and among many not the least is the writer of this article. Some time before Christmas last, when away from home, I happened to pick up the Advocate-Republican, and looking over the front page I noticed an article about Dr. Brooks having "fold down arms" and discontinued his practice at Audubon. A true soldier, having battled bravely with life both in his fellow men and in himself, I'll confide to his home paper that I missed something in that article; a paragraph or two about a surprise party, farewell party or something in that line.

I kept on musing about his departure. I thought I saw "Old Glory" go up there around the park. He had deserved it, for to me Dr. Brooks was the living personification and complete embodiment of the much used slogan: 100 per cent American. He did not prate so much about patriotism as some of us do, but he lived it, and that is now, and always will be, the best stock in trade of that class. I thought I ever a citizen of Audubon, after as long, faithful and unselfish service as he had given.

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A typical case among the many, many that occurred during his long and arduous service for his fellow men, I'll here recite. I know a lady, who now lives in a different part of our state, to whose husband Dr. Brooks was called and tried to save, but came too late, who, on learning of his demise, will quietly bow her head in thanks and reverence of his memory, for the comfort he gave her, when he came the 15 long miles in his buggy through a blinding snowstorm, to save the one who was dearest to her on earth. It was impossible for the doctor to get back to Audubon that night, so he stayed and gave what comfort he could to the widow. That was "service" for you. Yes, and even in those days before the advent of "professional etiquette," worth its \$25 and \$20, did Dr. Brooks take it? Not a penny could he be made to accept for his almost superhuman effort to get there. A widow, just started in life with a two months old baby—that was enough for Doctor Brooks. No accepting here of the widow's mite.

But now listen to the "irony of fate." Somebody, somewhere in or around Audubon, had started a rumor that he had gone on a rabbit hunt instead of attending to business, and "somebody" was going to make trouble for him for not being able to be omnipresent. Present day readers of this article will perhaps find it hard to believe when I tell them that Dr. Brooks had that same lady sign an affidavit to the effect that that night had been at their place and nowhere else, but such was the case, and such is this world and some of the people who live therein.

Dr. Brooks was a brave and a true man; nothing peevish or whimpering about him. Of that many characteristic and true stories could be told. He faced life (and death also) with a brave heart, and that trait stood him well in hand in his life work. It comforted his patients and inspired hope. Going back to the baby girl of the lady mentioned above. Twenty two years later the young lady became a trained nurse in one of the big hospitals of our capital city. One

der, having battled bravely with life both in his fellow men and in himself, I'll confide to his home paper that I missed something in that article—a paragraph or two about a surprise party, farewell party or something in that line.

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I thought it over a citizen of Audubon, after as long, faithful and unselfish service as he served deserved a little send off, he did. For surely Audubon, the country and the world was a little bit better for his having lived in it, because, as one of Audubon's prominent citizens once very fittingly remarked to me. He lived, and he died, as a prince among his fellow men.

John G. Thomsen,
Hazelhurst Garvey Farm, Extra.

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Order of services of the Calvary Evangelical church:

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Senior and Junior League at 7:30 p. m.
Evening worship at 8 p. m.

The mid-week service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lacy last Wednesday evening.

The Senior Evangelical League of the Calvary Evangelical church gave a George Washington birthday party at the church parlors on Tuesday evening of last week. The church was beautifully decorated in the patriotic colors and flags. The costumes worn by the young people were in keeping with the occasion. Walter Wiederstein and Mildred Bauer represented George and Martha Washington and served as a reception committee. The entertainment under the direction of the social committee was very much appreciated. Refreshments were served at the close.

Two large birthday cakes and a beautiful bouquet of pink roses decorated the tables, the one cake was in honor of George Washington and the other in honor of the pastor, Rev

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HISTORY
OF
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ITS PEOPLE, INDUSTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS

H. F. ANDREWS
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With Biographical Sketches of Representative Citizens and
Genealogical Records of Many of the Old Families

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To Evans and Christine (Nelson) Marpuesen four children have been born, namely: LaRue, born on November 15, 1907; LaVonne, November 4, 1910; Thelma, June 22, 1912, and Dale, September 13, 1913.

Although a comparatively young man, Mr. Marquesen has made a splendid start in life. He has attended strictly to his own business and has never found time for activity in politics, although he is identified with the Democratic party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are earnestly interested in all good works hereabout, being held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

ALFRED BROOKS, M. D.

The life of the physician and public-spirited man of affairs, whose name appears above, affords a striking example of well-defined purpose. Dr. Alfred Brooks is also possessed of a purpose to make his ability serve not only his own ends, but the ends of his fellow men as well. He has built up for himself a distinct position in the medical profession, a vocation which requires for its basis sound mentality and intellectual discipline of a high order.

Alfred L. Brooks was born on June 6, 1858, at Vinton, Iowa, the son of Lorenzo and Jane (Peace) Brooks, natives of New York state. Lorenzo Brooks was born in 1821 and died in 1901. He was a farmer by vocation, who came to Iowa in 1854 and settled in Benton county, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife was born in 1823 and died in 1903. They had five children, two of whom are living, Dr. Alfred L., the subject of this sketch, and C. B., who lives in Iowa City.

Dr. Alfred L. Brooks is self-made and self-educated and deserves a great deal of credit for his achievements in the world. He received his elementary education in the common schools and subsequently, attended the Blairstown Academy. After this he taught school and worked on the farm during vacations, later taking up the study of medicine, and was graduated from Rush Medical College, at Chicago, with the class of 1883. Upon receiving his diploma, Doctor Brooks commenced to practice his profession at Gray, in Audubon county, and was there for five years, at the end of which time, in 1888, he moved to Audubon and has there built up an excellent practice. Doctor Brooks is a member of the Audubon County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Associa-

tion, and is active in all of these bodies. He is also a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons, having been appointed some years ago as surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad.

Dr. Alfred L. Brooks was married in 1887 to May Langworth, who died in 1898, leaving one child, Lucile, who married Dr. W. E. Kimbell, of Des Moines, Iowa, to which union has been born one son, William Brooks. On June 20, 1901, Doctor Brooks married, secondly, Caldona Young, of Grand Junction, Iowa, to which union two children have been born, Emmett F. and Jane C.

Doctor Brooks is identified with the Republican party and has served as coroner of Audubon county for three terms, his first service in this capacity having begun in the eighties. In 1890, Doctor Brooks was elected to the twenty-fourth Iowa General Assembly and served during the session of 1891, filling places on many important committees and assisting materially in passing much important legislation. Fraternally, Doctor Brooks is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and is a member of the Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Doctor Brooks and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN KIRKWOOD DONALDSON, D. D. S.

Success in what are popularly termed the learned professions, is a legitimate result of merit and painstaking endeavor. In commercial life, one may come into possession of a lucrative business through inheritance or gift, but professional advancement is gained only by critical study and consecutive research, long continued. Proper intellectual discipline, thorough professional knowledge and the possession and utilization of those qualities and attributes essential to success have made Dr. John Kirkwood Donaldson one of the leading dentists of Audubon county. Though Doctor Donaldson is a comparatively young man, he is widely known for the high standard of his professional attainments and since establishing himself at Audubon has built up an extensive and lucrative practice in his profession.

John Kirkwood Donaldson was born on July 28, 1885, on a farm in Audubon township, Audubon county, Iowa, the son of Orlando Chester and Iantha (Rutan) Donaldson, natives of Johnson county, Iowa. Orlando