

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Norris, William Henry Senator _____
Represented Delaware County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Feb 1857 Stoneham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place

Martha C. Trogood 15 Mar 1886 Polk County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

- A. Business President of the Security State Bank of Manchester, the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Ryan, the Dundee Service Bank and the Delaware Savings Bank; also president of banking at Greeley and Oneida, Iowa
- B. Civic responsibilities Mason; LOOF; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 24th General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Aug 1922 Manchester, Iowa; buried FINDAGRAVE.COM
Oakland Cemetery, Manchester, Delaware County, Iowa

8. Children Carl Howard; Laura; Thomas

9. Names of parents Thomas Norris

10. Education He attended schools in the neighborhood in
Linn County, Iowa

11. Degrees Entered Orned College at Mt. Vernon at age 17;
graduate of Commercial College, Davenport Iowa; graduate of
State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa Law School in 1882

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Linn County, Iowa in 1861
where he grew to manhood. His time was spent helping
on the farm and attending school
- He alternately taught in the district schools and attended
college as his means would allow
- He was elected class president of his law school in 1881.
- He moved to Manchester, Iowa in 1882 and began practicing law
forming a partnership with A. S. Blair for 4 years
- In 1888 the firm of Blair, Buchanan and Norris was formed until
the senior member elected to the bench as district court judge
- The remaining 2 were joined by a Mr. Stiles until 1912
- During the more recent years he turned his attention to banking,
organizing a number of banks in the Manchester vicinity

Norris, William Henry

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			<u>The Manchester Democrat</u> , Manchester, Iowa, <u>Wed. Aug. 23, 1922</u> , p. 1, col. 1, 2, 3
			<u>The Bancroft and the Rand</u> 1901, p. 399-400
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DAY, AUGUST 20TH.

FUNERAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Services To Be Held in Congregational
Church at 2:30 In Afternoon. In-
terment in Oakland.

William H. Norris, president of the Security State Bank of Manchester and one of the most widely known Masons in Iowa, and United States, passed away at his home on West Howard Street Sunday evening, August 20th, 1922, at 5:45. Funeral services will be held in the First Congregational church on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. S. R. Beatty, an intimate friend of Mr. Norris, and former pastor of the Methodist church of this city, will have charge of the services. The services at the grave in Oakland cemetery will be in charge of Manchester Lodge, No. 165, A. F. & A. M. The body of Mr. Norris will lie in state at the church from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m.

William H. Norris was born in Stoneham, Middlesex County, Mass., February 3rd, 1857, being the youngest of a family of six children. His parents came to Iowa in 1861, locating in Linn County, where Mr. Norris grew to manhood. As a boy his time was partly spent on the farm as a farm hand and attending the public schools. At the age of seventeen he entered Cornell College at Mt. Vernon. Alternately teaching in the district schools of Linn County and attending college as his means would allow, he mastered the greater part of the curriculum of Cornell College, graduated from the Commercial college of Davenport, and entered the law department of the State University at Iowa City in 1881. A year later he graduated from the law school at Iowa City with a class of one hundred and thirty students. Mr. Norris took high standing in the university, not only with his fellow students but with the teachers and regents, and in the fall of 1881 he was elected president of his class.

In 1882 Mr. Norris moved to Manchester and began the practice of his profession. The following year he formed a partnership with A. S. Blair.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

PRESBYTERIAN

Morning worship at 11:00. This a union service with the Methodist Church as usual. Sunday School 12 o'clock.

UNITED BRETHREN

Services for Sunday: Preaching the pastor at 10:30, Sunday School immediately after. Christian Endeavor at 7:00. Preaching at 8:00. A cordial invitation to all.

A. PYNER, Pastor

BAPTIST

Sermon by the pastor Sunday morning at 10:30. Bible school at 11 o'clock. Union service in this church at 7 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. W. W. Carlton.

The midweek service this week Thursday evening has as its theme "The Sunday School and Its Work." The Womans Missionary Society held Wednesday afternoon on the 1st at the parsonage. The meeting in charge of the young women. An interesting program was given and refreshments were served.

METHODIST

Bible School at 10:00 A. M. in Presbyterian church and the parsonage of the Methodist church.

The Presbyterian church has cordially invited to worship with them. The pastor of this church will preach at 11:00 o'clock. Epworth League 6:30 in church parlors.

Union worship in the Baptist church at 8:00. Rev. W. W. Carlton will preach.

We will continue our Sabbath worship with the Presbyterian church until our own auditorium is completed.

DUBUQUE MAY LOSE MILWAUKEE SHOPS.

The business men of Dubuque are very much wrought up over the persistent reports that the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company is seriously considering the removal of its shops to Cedar Rapids. Should the company remove its shops from Dubuque it would mean that more than 500,000, paid in wages annually would find its way into business channels in another city. Some twenty-five years ago the Chicago Great Western moved its shops from Dubuque to Cedar Rapids. This move, it is said, was due to radical leaders of the various unions, is said to be the cause for

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On March 15th, 1886, Mr. Norris was united in marriage with Miss Martha B. Toogood of Manchester, a daughter of a pioneer, Thomas Toogood. To Mr. and Mrs. Norris were born three children—Carl Howard Norris, a successful attorney at Boise, Idaho; Miss Laura Norris, a successful teacher; and Thomas Norris, who graduated from the State University with the class of 1922, and who has been assisting his father in the banking business during the summer months.

Mr. Norris is survived by the wife, two sons and one daughter; two brothers, Thomas Norris, of Dennison, Iowa, and Ben Norris of Cedar Rapids; and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Swindle, of Manchester.

Honored by Masonic Order.

Being of a social disposition and having a deep sense of his obligation to his fellow men, Mr. Norris has from time to time connected himself with benevolent orders, and took an active part in the affairs of the various orders, and in all of which he stood deservedly high. He was a zealous Mason and had taken all of the degrees in both York and Scottish rite Masonry, and at the time of his death was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand United States of America.

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FORMAL OPENING OF NEW STORE

D. J. Meggenburg announces formal opening of the new store this week. The event will take place on Friday and Saturday of this week. Inviting all of his friends and customers to visit the handsome new store on these dates. Special values in merchandise are offered on these days. On Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 and 7, Mr. Meggenburg put on a live model style show in large display windows. This was a feature never before undertaken by any Manchester merchant. He has more to say about the style in future issues of the Democrat. Readers should be sure and read announcement on page 8 of this issue.

POULTRY SHOW AT FAIR.

In order to correct an error of impression among farmers and poultry breeders it has been deemed advisable to state that two or more birds in any one class will constitute competition regardless of ownership.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE FOR NORRIS FUNERAL.

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Mr. Norris was also a member of Manchester Lodge No. 149, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Hyperion Lodge, No. 186, Knights of Pythias, serving the latter order as its first Chancellor Commander.

In the passing of Mr. Norris the community suffers a distinct loss. For many years he had been actively associated with the business interests, legal profession and fraternal orders of the city, and will be greatly missed by those who have been associated with him all these years. The sympathy of these life-long friends goes out to the wife and children in this time

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good morals and strictly temperate in his habits." He adds that during the four years he has been on the bench of the district in which Mr. Hinkson resides he has "never heard any complaints against him either as a man or an attorney." What more, or better, could be said of any man?

HON. AMOS S. BLAIR,
MANCHESTER.

Amos S. Blair was born in Livingston county, N. Y., August 20, 1831, and was educated in the public schools, and afterwards at Oberlin College, Ohio, where he graduated. He studied law in the office of John R. Osborne, Norwalk, same state, and was admitted to practice law in 1854. He was clerk in the office of Probate Court for one year. He then removed to McGregor, Iowa, in 1855, and commenced the practice of his profession. He soon formed a partnership with his brother, which continued for two years. In 1858 he removed to Manchester and became associated with C. E. Bronson, which partnership continued for five years. He then entered into business relations with William H. Norris, and later Mr. Dunham entered the firm, the name of the firm being Blair, Dunham & Norris. In 1895 he was elected district judge, and re-elected in 1898.

Mr. Blair has been very successful in his law practice, being engaged in a great many celebrated cases.

WILLIAM H. NORRIS,
MANCHESTER.

William H. Norris was born at Stoneham, Mass., February 3, 1857. His father, Thomas Norris, was a farmer, and removed to the west in 1861, and followed the occupation of farming until he died, in 1896. William H. was educated in the public schools, and later in the Business College at Davenport, and at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. He read law for two years and then entered the law department of State University in 1881. He graduated in 1882 and commenced to practice at Manchester. In June, 1883, he formed partnership with A. S. Blair, now district judge, the name of firm being Blair & Norris. This part-

nership lasted until 1888, when it was dissolved. One year and a half later he again entered into partnership with Mr. Blair, which lasted until Mr. Blair was elected district judge, in 1895. Mr. Dunham became a member of the firm when Judge Blair withdrew from it, the name being changed to Norris & Dunham. In 1898 E. H. Styles entered the firm. Their practice has been general, and they have been engaged in a large number of important cases. Mr. Norris is a Republican, and was a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. Mr. Norris was lieutenant-colonel on Governor Jackson's staff.

HON. SILAS M. WEAVER,

IOWA FALLS.

Silas M. Weaver, judge of the District Court of the eleventh judicial district of Iowa, is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he was born on the 18th of December, 1845. His parents, Caleb and Matilda Weaver, were both natives of the state of New York.

Our subject received an academic education in Fredonia, N. Y., where he taught school for a time, and in 1868 was admitted to the bar at Buffalo, N. Y. In the latter year he came to Iowa, locating at Iowa Falls, and here he has since remained and won for himself a high place among the honored men of his city and state.

Judge Weaver has always been affiliated with the Republican party. He served as mayor of Iowa Falls; for three years was editor of the Iowa Falls Sentinel, and later, associate editor of The Citizen. He was a member of the state house of representatives in the twentieth and twenty-first general assemblies; in the former session he served as chairman of the judiciary committee and in the latter session as chairman of the board of managers in the impeachment trial of State Auditor John L. Brown. In 1886 he was elected judge of the eleventh judicial district, being re-elected in 1890, 1894 and 1898. He was the Republican nominee for judge of the Supreme Court in 1891, but, with the balance of the ticket, was defeated at the polls.

The following, from one of the prominent attorneys of the district over which Judge Weaver has so long presided, is but a summary of the high esteem in which he is held:

"While a member of the State Legislature Judge Weaver's letters to



You searched for **William H. Norris** in **Iowa**

Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: **William H. Norris**
Spouse: **Martha B. Toogoud**
Marriage Date: **15 Mar 1886**
County: **Polk**
State: **IA**

Source Information:
Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc. 2000.
Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

Description:
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