

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Helch, James P. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented New Moines County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Apr 1855 Barton Township, New  
Moines County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Margaret A. McDonald 22 Jan 1879

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1892

6. Public Offices  
A. Local Board of supervisors for New Moines County, Iowa

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 25 Dec 1917 Mediapolis, Iowa; St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kingston, Iowa

8. Children Ala (died at age 4); Mrs Robert Elard; Mrs M. C. Helch;  
Mrs J. E. Helch; Mrs. Carl Howe

9. Names of parents James H. and Sarah J. (Carner) Helch

Welch, James P.

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

*Democrat*

*For many years he lived on a farm in the Kington, Iowa  
neighborhood moving to Mediapolis, Iowa about 8 years  
before his death*



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## JAMES P. WELCH PASSED AWAY HERE ON CHRISTMAS.

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### FALLS ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE PAPERS OF JULY, 1881.

July 2nd the news flashed over wires that President Garfield had been shot by Charles Giffen.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Dill moved here and was installed as pastor of the Lind Grove Reformed Presbyterian church.

H. Ross sold his interest in the Winfield mill.

Mac Carmean had the contract for carrying the mail on the Star route.

Four horses died in one day from heat on neighboring farms in Flint River township.

A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall, July 7th, at Northfield.

Miss Frankie Belknap, who had been teaching music at Salem, had returned to her home.

C. S. Rice, the station agent here, closed his work here after six years of service, and was to go to Burlington to become a train dispatcher for the B. & N. W.

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Mrs. Joshua McCoy died July 25th in the 67th year of her age.

Married.

At the home of the bride's father,

### DECEASED HAD LIVED IN THIS COUNTY ALL OF HIS LIFE.

James P. Welch passed away at his home in Mediapolis, Iowa, December 25, 1917, after an illness of two years, during which time he was a great sufferer.

Mr. Welch was born in Benton township, April 20, 1855, so at the time of his death had reached the age of 62 years, 8 months and five days.

On January 22nd, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. McDonald, and to this union five children were born, one daughter. His preceding time in death at the age of four years.

Those who are left with the mother to mourn the death of the husband and father, are Mrs. Robert Eland, of Mediapolis, Mrs. M. C. Walker, of near Morning Sun, Mrs. J. E. Walker of near Northfield, and Mrs. Carl Howe, of near Kingston. There are also 15 grandchildren. Besides these he leaves two brothers and one sister, Frank Welch of near Kingston, J. W. Welch, of Aledo, Illinois, and Mrs. J. C. Walker, of Grandview.

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Mr. Welch was one of the best known men in the county and was a staunch Democrat. In 1892 he was elected to the Legislature and in 1897 was chosen as a member of the Board of Supervisors of this county, filling both offices in a most acceptable manner. He had a pleak-

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### FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD HERE.

In our last issue we mentioned the death of Robert H. Earnest of this place, which occurred in hospital in Burlington at 1 o'clock on Monday morning December 24, 1917.

Mr. Earnest was born near Northfield, Illinois, October 26, 1850, son of William and Jane. In the spring of 1850, he, with his parents, came to Iowa, located on a farm in Louisa County, Northfield, which was his greater part of his life. A few years ago he moved to a farm near Mediapolis, and then after that, moved to a farm near Northfield, which was his home for several months ago, when they moved to Mediapolis and came to Mediapolis to make their home.

On November 2nd, 1871, he was united in marriage with Margaret Telfer, of Northfield. Eight children were born, five of whom are now living. Those left to mourn the death of the husband and father are William H. of near Oklaoma, A. L., J. B., L. H., Robert Frank, of this neighborhood, Mrs. Nellie Brown, of near Northfield, Iowa. The first and last of the children were not permitted to be present at the funeral. Besides the deceased there are twenty grandchildren, one son, one daughter, three sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

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At the home of the bride's father, C. M. Lundeen, of Kossuth, on Tuesday evening, December 25, 1917, at 5 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss Ellen Lundeen and John C. Stephens, of Burlington. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Stark in the presence of the family of the bride. The bride has been employed in Burlington for some time and has many friends who wish she and her husband much happiness in their married life.

Tablets at this office.

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During his long illness Mr. Welch bore his suffering with patience and had a smile for those who called.

The funeral services were conducted Thursday forenoon, a short service at the home at 9:30 and the remains were then taken to the St. Mary's Catholic church near Kingston, where services were held, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Father Pfeifer, of West Burlington, assisted by Rev. Father Shoenigh, of Davenport, a former pastor and a close friend, who preached the sermon. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the church. The pall bearers were six nephews: Mart, Frank, Hugh, Scott, and Will Welch and James Walker.

**Card of Thanks.**

We desire to thank the neighbors and friend for acts of kindness rendered during the illness and at the time of the death and funeral of our husband and father. Also for the floral offerings and the Dodgeville choir for their assistance.

Mrs. J. P. Welch and children.  
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The remains were bro home here Monday Wednesday forenoon fu ices were conducted at diet church by his pastor A. Swickard, assisted by ip Palmer, of the P church. A very large friends gathered at the pay their last respects ceased. Interment took the cemetery at Kossuth

**Card of Thank**

We wish to express our thanks to our kind neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness shown at the time of the death and funeral of our husband and father; also to the singers for the beautiful floral offerings.  
Mrs. R. H. Earnest.

**Men Being Classified**

The local exemption board in this county is now busy going over the questionnaires that have been returned and deciding on the classification of the men.



**NEW YEAR'S WISH**

New Year bring you

A decorative border with ornate, symmetrical scrollwork and floral motifs surrounds the text.

*Kingston-  
Yesterday  
and  
Today*

By  
Harold Linder



**St. Mary's Catholic Church - organized and built in 1875.**

affiliated with Sperry or Mediapolis. Whether there were Baptist church services held in Kingston is not clear.

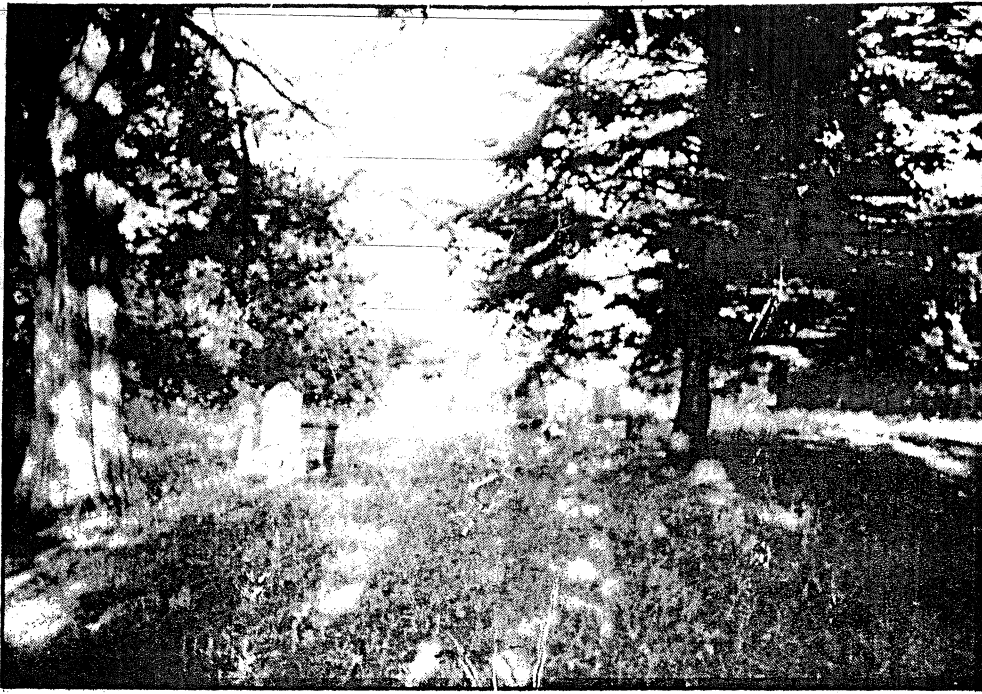
From all indications the Methodist Church and the Catholic Church were the most active in the Kingston area.

St. Mary's Catholic Church west of Kingston was organized and built in 1875. St. Mary's Church was affiliated with St. Mary's Church at Dodgeville with the same priest serving both churches. A more complete history of St. Mary's Church can be found in the Benton Township History by Dan Dustman. The Kingston St. Mary's Catholic Church is a beautiful country church situated in a peaceful setting waiting for someone to unlock the door and get ready for services, but the church has been silent since 1981.

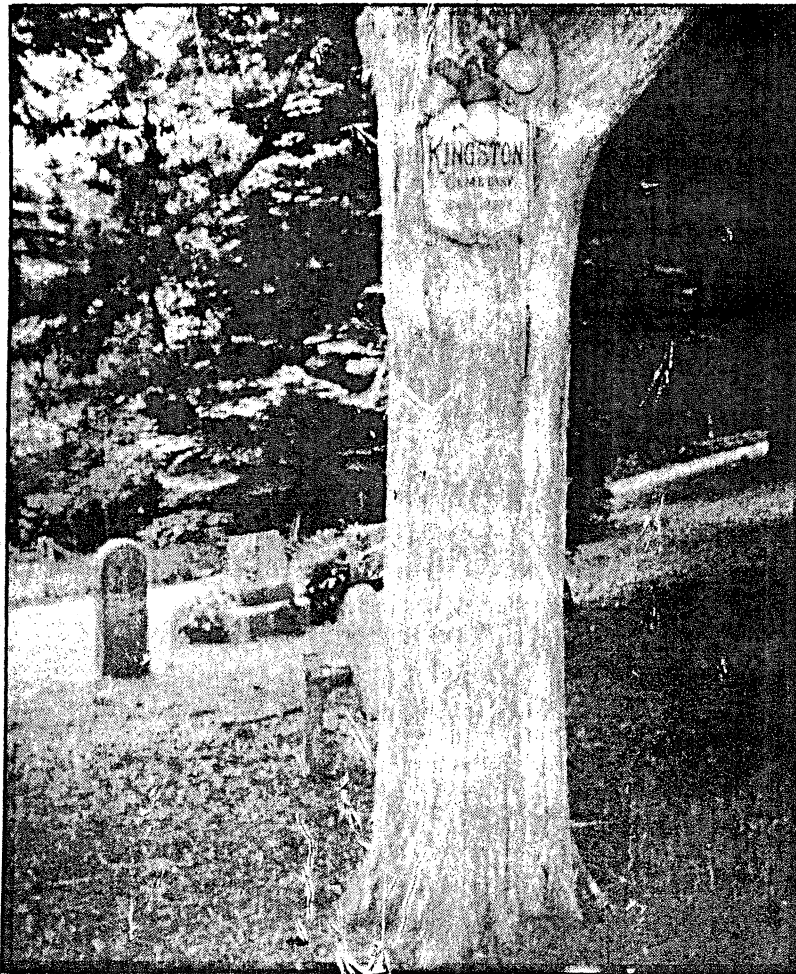
St. Mary's served the Catholic community for more than 100 years; perhaps it is another outmoded institution in our changing times.

In 1894, the Methodists in the Kingston area decided there was a need for a church in the Kingston area. James Martin Eggers and his wife Kate Burkholder Eggers, who lived on the farm now owned by the Albert Heckenberg family near Pegtown, and others first instigated the formation of a neighborhood church as the condition of the roads and the distance to Sperry or Kossuth was inconvenient and too far to travel. The first meetings were held in their log cabin or in the homes of the others. They would bring basket dinners and spend the day worshipping and socializing.

At that time, the Methodist Church at Dodgeville closed and the members there went to Sperry or Bethel (Kline) southwest of Dodgeville. Then in 1894, Mr. Eggers and other members bought the small church building at Dodgeville and moved it with the aid of horses and mules to a plot of ground furnished by Sherman Howe on the Pegtown road west of the present Delbert Dean farm. This is about one and a half miles west of Kingston on top of the bluff, a short distance west of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Moving a building



**The peaceful beauty of Kingston Cemetery, located on the bluff west of Kingston.**





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CEMETERIES OF DES MOINES COUNTY, IOWA

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## AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

AUGUSTA CEMETERY Sec. 24

This cemetery is in the north part of Augusta, on the east side of the road which leads to the Assumption Plant. The name is above the gate.

OLD GOODE PARK CEMETERY Sec. 1 W

Located off the road leading to the dam in Goode Park. It is in heavy brush outside the area of the park proper but on State property north of the Skunk River. Six headstones were found, some as early as 1843 and 1846. Arrows indicate how to reach the cemetery.

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

KINGSTON CEMETERY Sec. 1

High on a bluff overlooking the town of Kingston is a small old cemetery. It may be reached on foot through a gate in the town, or by driving overland from the west side of the bluff, although the latter route is much longer and harder. The cemetery is distinguished by its many beautiful evergreens, and the many quaint old wooden markers with only initials on them. The grave of John Rice, who died in 1915 at the age of 82, is in an enclosure. Tombstones date from 1856 to 1957 and there are several Civil War veterans buried here.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY Sec. 2

A frame church and nearby cemetery is located one mile west of Kingston on the bluff.

PEGTOWN Sec. 4

West of Kingston on a gravel road about 3 miles is the location of a non-existent town called Pegtown. A school and church once existed here, but both are gone. A small cemetery, said to contain 2 graves (but actually maybe more) are in a field south of the Heckenberg farm in the southern part of Sec. 4.

DRAVIS CEMETERY Sec. 15

A small burying ground, west of the Reeb farm, contains a few graves, 4 of them of the Dravis family. Most of the names are German. Burials were made 1879 to 1950.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY Sec. 22

A German Lutheran Church, St. John's, is still standing, with the cemetery adjoining, at the dead end of a gravel road, about 1 mile south of the Reeb farm. It is approximately 1 mile west and 1 mile south from # 99. There are many German inscriptions on the stones.

FRIDAY OR FREITAG CEMETERY Sec. 30

This small cemetery, with 7 visible stones, is found on the north side of a gravel road leading from Irish Ridge Road to # 61. It is just south of the former site of Latty. An old church once stood across the road.

LATTY CEMETERY Sec. 31

This is located on Irish Ridge Road beside Latty United Church, formerly known as the Latty E and R Church. There are numerous stones, most of them with German names or inscriptions.

WALKER CEMETERY Sec. 32

This is found in the southwest quarter of the section along a gravel road in the Walker Settlement. Most of the tombstones are of the Walker family. It is a rather large cemetery and can be seen from the road.



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- *ID:* I2675
- *Name:* James P. Welch
- *Sex:* M

*Father:* James W. Welch b: 1817 in Ireland

*Mother:* Sarah H. Carnes b: 1812 in Dungannon, Ireland

#### Suggested Next Step

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Name: **James P Welch**

Birth Year: **abt 1854**

Birth Place: **Kentucky**

Gender: **Male**

Race: **White**

Marital Status: **Widowed**

Census Date: **1915**

Residence State: **Iowa**

Residence County: **Allamakee**

Locality: **French Creek**

Mother's Birthplace: **Ireland**

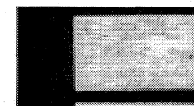
Father's Birthplace: **Ireland**

Roll: **IA1915\_16**

Line: **144**

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	James P Welch	61

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## 1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **James P Welch**

Age in 1910: 54

Estimated Birth: abt 1856

Year:

Birthplace: Iowa

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birth Place: Ireland

Mother's Birth Place: Ireland

Spouse's Name: Margaret A

Home in 1910: Yellow Springs, Des Moines, Iowa

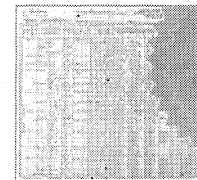
Marital Status: Married

Race: White

Gender: Male

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Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">James P Welch</a>	54
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	<a href="#">Jessie Welch</a>	19

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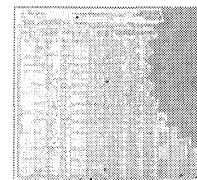
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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name:	<b>James P Welch</b>						
Home in 1900:	Benton, Des Moines, Iowa						
Age:	45						
Birth Date:	Apr 1855						
Birthplace:	Iowa						
Race:	White						
Ethnicity:	American						
Gender:	Male						
Relationship to head-of-house:	Head						
Father's Birthplace:	Ireland						
Mother's Birthplace:	Ireland						
Spouse's Name:	Marget A						
Marriage Year:	1879						
Marital Status:	Married						
Years Married:	21						
Residence :	Benton Township, Des Moines, Iowa						
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**JAMES P WELCH**

Male

[Pedigree](#)**Event(s):****Birth:** 20 APR 1855 <Benton Twp, Des Moines, Iowa>**Christening:****Death:** 25 DEC 1917**Burial:****Messages:**

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church. No additional information is available. Ancestral File may list the same family and the submitter.

**Source Information:**

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