

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Charles Edwin - Represented Woodbury, Monona and Crawford Counties, Iowa Senator Whiting

1. Birthday and place 17 Jan 1821 Oneida County, New York at Butternuts, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Nancy Criner 7 Sept 1848 New Market, Alabama

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Member of Board of Regents of Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa;
member of Board of Regents of University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; teacher; merchant of dry goods and the
manufacture of cotton; Monona County judge

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 20th, 21st General Assemblies 1884, 1886

6. Public Offices

A. Local Monona County judge 1857; Monona County Board of Supervisors 1864-1870

B. State Nominated as candidate for Governor of Iowa in summer 1885, but defeated;
member of the State Revenue Commission

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Dec 1897 West York Township, Monona County, Iowa; buried Whiting Cemetery
Whiting, Monona County, Iowa

8. Children Julia (Mrs. M. B. Collier); Ida (Mrs. J. M. Casady); Ella (Mrs. Charles
D. Adams); Howard (Mrs. Charles & Corina); Edwin M.; William C.

9. Names of parents Charles East Griggs (Evelth) Whiting

Whiting, Charles Edwin

10. Education

He had a public school course of study supplemented by study in the Western Reserve Seminary

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- At age 3 he moved with his parents to Wayne County, New York and in spring 1837 they moved to Lake County, Ohio where they lived on a farm.
- On 13 Apr 1843 he moved to Madison County, Alabama where he engaged in the dry goods and cotton business. They lived here until 1850 when the gold rush in California induced him to go there remaining until spring 1853.
- He later came to Iowa, locating in Iowa County where he purchased a large tract of land.
- On 4 Jul 1855 he sold the farm to the Amana Society, a colony of German socialists and invested his money in land warrants in Alabama.
- He then moved to Monona County, Iowa and with his brother, Newell A., purchased 7500 acres.
- His wife, Nancy, born 21 Apr 1820 Des Moines, Madison County, Alabama, died 12 Aug 1900, Whiting, Iowa, also buried in Whiting Cemetery, Whiting, Iowa.

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HON. C. E. WHITING LAID TO REST.

It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of another Monona county pioneer, Hon. C. E. Whiting, which occurred last Wednesday night after a long and painful illness, at his home in West Fork township. Judge Whiting, as he is so familiarly known in Monona county and also throughout the state, will be missed both in public and private life. He was ambitious, generous, and ever on the alert for the welfare and good of his friends and citizens. No man in Monona county deserved more the wide-spread reputation than the Judge, has gained during his forty years residence in Iowa. He came to this county in the year 1855 and watched it grow from a barren field of rank Missouri bottom grass to one of the most fertile valleys in the state, inhabited by a prosperous and numerous people. Doing more than his share in making it such as his home place will verify.

Judge Whiting was born in Oswego county New York, January 17, 1821. When about three years of age he was taken by his parents to Wayne county, New York, and in the spring of 1837 to Lake county, Ohio, where upon a farm and pursuing the daily avocation of agriculture, as he has all his life, he remained with his parents until April 13, 1843. Having enjoyed excellent facilities for acquiring an education, of which he freely availed himself, he took up the burdens of life and leaving the parental roof, he removed to Madison county, in the northern part of Alabama, where he engaged in the dry goods and cotton business. September 7, 1848 he was married to Miss Nancy Criner, of Madison County, Alabama, who now survives him with their six children: four daughters and two sons: Mrs. M. B. Pullen, of Onawa; Mrs. E. M. Cassady, Mrs. Chas. Holmes and W. C. Whiting, of Whiting; Edwin C. and Miss Woodson who are at home. They lived there until 1850, when reports from the gold lands of the west induced him to make the trip to California by the way of New Orleans and Isthmus of Panama, and in that "land of the summer sun" remained until the spring of 1853, returning via Panama and Aspinwall to New York, and thence to Ohio, to visit his parents. He returned to Alabama, closing up his affairs in that locality, and a few weeks later came to Iowa and located in Iowa county; purchased a large tract of land known as the Old Homestead place, formerly the reservation of the Musquakie Indians. Returning to Alabama for a short trip, he came back to this state, reaching Keokuk the morning of March 1, 1854. When he left his "sunny southern home" the air was balmy and sweet, and the grass and trees wore their summer color, but when he arrived at Keokuk he found everything covered with snow and ice, and the biting chill of winter's breath filled the air.

On July 4, 1855, he disposed of his farm to its present owners, the Amana Society, a colony of German socialists, and investing his money in land warrants in Alabama, to which he took a trip for that purpose; came to Monona county, and in company with his brother, Newell A., purchased some 7,500 acres of land. Here he had the usual experience of pioneer life, for there were then few settlers within the limits of what is now Monona county, and in common suffered all the hardships attendant upon frontier life. At the April election in 1857 he was elected to what was then the important office of county judge. In 1858 he was re-elected and took a prominent part in the controversies that arose in the Mormon colony at Prepa-tion under the leader of Thompson, in regard to a division of property.

In 1864 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and the following year chosen chairman of that body. For six years was found in his place. In 1874 receiving the nomination of the

Dr. Kerlin was at Sioux City on business Wednesday.

Chas. I. Whiting returned to Mapleton Monday morning.

I. N. Foster was down at the county-seat on business Monday.

Dr. Rust was a Sioux City visitor last week Thursday and Friday.

D. M. Steele shipped four carloads of hogs to Sioux City last week.

Marvin Kerlin went to Castana to attend the dance Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed Copple, of Onawa, visited with Mrs. D. T. Millett the past week.

Jennie Crawford has been quite sick the past ten days but is much better now.

Anna Reily, of Salix, came down Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ivan Lane.

Jap. Walworth and John Brown of Maple Landing, sold a fine lot of porkers to Dan Steele last week.

B. F. Morris left for River Sioux Wednesday morning. He took his order book with him this time.

Mrs. John Lundberg and son Harry, left Wednesday morning for Avoa, Ill., to visit relatives for a month.

C. H. Holbrook, an old pioneer friend of Judge Whiting, came up from Onawa Saturday to attend the funeral.

Wm. Watson disposed of his counters, show cases and other fixtures Monday to Roland Austin the Castana Jeweler.

Herman Irish and Olive Haakinson were down from Sloan Saturday to be present at the funeral of Judge Whiting.

Mrs. Nettie Brown and daughter Ida, and Mrs. Maryette Brown are here for a visit with Mrs. Daniel Kilbourn, their sister.

Myrtle and Lola Polly returned to their home in Alton Sunday, after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Polly.

Rev. Lyman, of Alden, preached Sunday morning in the Congregational church, to a large and appreciative audience.

Mr. Carnahan, of Dubuque has accepted the position of clerk in Lyman

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In 1874 receiving the nomination of the democratic party for the position of member of congress he made the race with Hon. Addison Olive; although suffering defeat in the district, carried his home county, where they both lived, by sixty-three majority. In 1883 the Judge again met his old opponent, Judge Oliver, in the political field and from him this time captured the office of state senator and served the district in that capacity four years.

In the summer of 1885, at the democratic state convention he received the nomination of candidate for governor and willing accepted the unthankful, unremunerative and almost desperate duty of acting as standard bearer of a large party in the minority in Iowa. Notwithstanding this or his defeat he could proudly point to the fact that, although his own county was largely republican, still his majority herein was almost one hundred over his more fortunate opponent, and that he reduced the majority against the party from 79,000 in 1880, to 5,349, coming the nearest to success of any of the candidates that preceded him. His opponent was Governor Larabee, a man whom Senator Whiting much admired and in whom he had great confidence. The friendship of the two men was not broken by the bitterness of the campaign. Mr. Whiting served a number of years as a member of the body of trustees of the Iowa Agricultural College and was appointed by Governor Boies a member of the board of Regents of the State University and remained a member for six years. He declined further to serve and P. K. Holbrook became his successor. His last public position was his appointment as a member of the revenue commission.

For twenty-two years we have been personal friends with the deceased and family and in all that time, though opposite in our political views, we always enjoyed a visit with him. In his beautiful home only the last of August we had the pleasure of a few hours talk which we will always remember. His home life was one of love and affection and earnest solicitations for his family's welfare.

Their beautiful home is the work of his thought and industry. He was a great lover of fruits and flowers, his large orchard of apples, small fruit and flower garden testify to this. He had thorough knowledge of horticulture and did the best part of the work himself. The large groves of black walnut trees, which he has seen grow from the seed, will go down to posterity a monument solid as granite showing what every farmer might do if he so willed. Mr. Whiting was liberal and charitable in an unostentatious way, and many homes of the poor have been made glad by his gifts of the necessities of life. His honest unassuming but genial manner made him a counsellor on weighty matters of importance both in public and private. He will be long mourned by many friends throughout the state and country whose sympathy will be extended to his aged wife and six children who will miss a loving husband and father more than words can express.

The funeral services were held at the home Saturday at two p. m., conducted by Rev. Lyman, of Alden, who was once pastor of the Congregational church at Onawa and Whiting, and a dear personal friend of the family. The room and casket were beautiful with the flowers he loved so well in life. The remains were laid to rest in the Whiting cemetery, there to await the summons to come up higher.

WHITING.

Polly.
Rev. Lyman, of Alden, preached Sunday morning in the Congregational church, to a large and appreciative audience.

Mr. Carnahan, of Dubuque has accepted the position of clerk in Lyman Whittier's store. He came last week and began work.

Whiting has direct telephone communication now with Council Bluffs and Sioux City, the line having been completed south from Onawa recently.

Charles Smith who has been ill so long with consumption, died Wednesday morning. Arrangements for the funeral services have not been arranged for as yet.

Miss Auta Mitchell, of Sioux City, came down Friday to be with her friends. Mrs. Ed and Miss Woodson Whiting during the last sad rites of their beloved father.

Dr. Robbins, Bert Elliott, Marvin Kerlin, Chas. Kennedy, Harry Whittier and Walter Peterson; Grace Allison, Mary and Edith Whittier and Dora Crawford enjoyed a pleasant sleighride last Saturday evening in the old fashioned way in a bobsled.

Al Thorp and wife entertained the following friends Wednesday evening with cards and an oyster supper: Misses Edith and Mary Whittier, and Dora Crawford; Messrs Harry Whittier, Walter Peterson, Chas. Kennedy and Dr. Robbins. A delightful time is reported

BLENCOE NEWS.

James Bruen was in Onawa Monday on business.

Cunningham and Grey got in a carload of lumber Saturday.

Mrs. E. L. Hogue and Miss Nelson were Onawa visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Jeffrey's was in Onawa Wednesday doing some shopping.

The band boys will give a masquerade ball Friday evening at Cook's hall.


E. L. Hogue and W. H. Peake each received a carload of soft coal this week.

Fred Crane began school Monday in the new school house in district No. 1.

Henry Bessette rides in a fine new cutter which he purchased of Cook & Son.

Person Sheet



Name Charles Edwin Whiting 
 Birth 17 Jan 1821, Sodus, Otsego Co., New York
 Death 1 Dec 1897, Whiting, Monona Co., Iowa
 Burial Whiting, Iowa
 Father [Charles Edwin Whiting \(1797-1867\)](#)
 Mother [Laurinda Eveleth \(1799-1894\)](#)

Misc. Notes


He is listed in the 1850 census (Alabama > Madison > District 34) as living with his wife Nancy. He is listed as being 28, a school teacher, and born in NY. They were living with his brother and their daughter Julia.

Rumor:

It was "common knowledge" throughout the community that the Whiting family had "black blood." If true, this would explain the sickle cell in the Jules Holmes family (it was confirmed that this does not come from Lucy's side so the line for Jules must have it somewhere). According to Jim Whiting it was a rite of passage for Whiting kids to be taken aside at school and told they had "black blood" and that they should keep this in mind while at school. He also said that this "black blood" came from the Criner sisters but did not know much more than that.

Spouses



1 Nancy Criner 
 Birth 21 Apr 1829, New Market, Madison Co., Alabama
 Death 12 Aug 1900, Whiting, Monona Co., Iowa
 Burial Whiting, Iowa
 Father [Isaac Criner \(1783-1876\)](#)
 Mother [Nancy McCain \(1791-1842\)](#)

Marriage 7 Sep 1848, New Market, Madison Co., Ala

Children [Ella May \(1860-1953\)](#)
[Julia E. \(1850-1949\)](#)
[Ida Nancy \(1854-1937\)](#)
[Will Criner \(1857-1936\)](#)

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Edwin Mack (1860-1934)

Woodson (Woody) (1867-1958)

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rural free delivery is again urged but not vigorously. Experiments have been tried at fifty places in the United States, but with varying results. In some places it is said to be popular, and the people want it. In other places the people say they do not wish their mail brought to them; they are busy; it is a bother; they will not stop their work to receive it; and some of the merchants in small villages protest loudly against it, as it keeps farmers from coming to town and loses trade. Besides, some farmers do not wish it, as it deprives them of the excuse used from time immemorial of going to town on Saturday afternoons for mail and trade.

One thing is quite certain, very many farmers are not sure they want it, and many are sure they do not. It is quite doubtful if a majority of the farmers of the country would vote for it. Is it, therefore, advisable to force upon an unwilling people a favor they do not want? But the experiment has not been tried yet to a sufficient extent to furnish an answer to all the questions that may be raised relative to its expediency. It will be better to continue the experiments for a year or two more, and congress can then determine better what to do. The chief argument for it is that the farmer is as much entitled to the free delivery of his mail as is the man who lives in town. This is certainly true; and he is equally entitled to electric and gas lights, police protection, telephones and telegraph facilities, water mains, and many other city things; but the conditions are not favorable to his procuring and engaging them. It is possible that rural free delivery will come in time, but there is little demand for it now, and the prospect for its establishment at present is not flattering.

AN AMERICAN SERMON.

The sermon of Bishop Perry, of Iowa, preached at St. Paul's, London, by request of the dean and chapter, on the 4th of July last, has been given to the public, and shows that the bishop although suffering from ill health has as strong and vigorous a mind as ever, for he gave a sturdy American sermon on the occasion at the very center of the Anglican power and before the great dignitaries of the church. The bishop was, as he always is, the height of courtesy; and yet he dealt as sturdy blows for American independence as would do honor to any 4th of July speech. Among other things he said: "The Americans of '76 were reminded that they were freeborn Englishmen, parting with nothing of their birth-right, and losing nothing of their heritage of faith, fellowship and freedom by sailing to the western world." and again: "In the judgment of the students of English liberty, and constitutional law, it is fully, frankly, freely admitted that the American colonies in their claim that resistance to tyrants was obedience to God, were right." And once more: "The fathers and founders of the great republic were loyal supporters of the English constitution and of English liberty." The bishop's whole contention was that American love of liberty was a heritage from their Anglo-Saxon fathers, and he made bold to do what probably was never done before, proclaimed it from the very altar of St. Paul's cathedral.

DEATH OF JUDGE WHITING.

The death of a man like Judge Chas. E. Whiting, of Monona, is a serious loss to the whole state. He was prominent in agricultural matters, in public improvements, and in all that goes to make a good citizen. Politics with him was only a recreation, and was only a change from serious affairs. His farm, spread out in many broad acres on the great Missouri bottom, was one of the model ones of the state.

Judge Whiting has served in the capacity of county judge, member of the board of supervisors, and member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School.

was a great instance, for the result was only momentary and am so thankful to be relieved of my sufferings, for the pains thing terrible. I am, indeed, very grateful for the good Mrs. dies have done me."

and leader of his party in the gubernatorial campaign of 1885. He was nominated by the democratic party in 1885 as its candidate against William Lartabee, and was defeated by 5,349 votes. That lowered the republican plurality of 70,000 in 1880. He was nominated for congress by his party in 1874 and made the race against Addison Oliver, but was defeated. Nine years later he defeated Oliver for the office of state senator and this office he held for four years. He was county judge of Monona county for ten years. He leaves eight children.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette estimates that an average of 300 votes per county were disfranchised by the circle at the head of the Australian ballot. The circle should certainly go. With only one way of voting, and that stuck to, we would no longer have confusion and the multitude of present mistakes.—Des Moines Leader.

Go easy, there. We predict that the change to abolish the circle will lose more votes than are now lost. If a man has to put a cross before each name, it will take so much time that many voters will in disgust refuse to vote at all. Besides what will become of the vote of foreign born citizens and those who cannot read—how can they mark their ticket? It is not the circle that disfranchises votes, but the absurd law that says votes shall not be counted that have a mark in both circle and square. The ballot is already too cumbersome.

Cedar Rapids has experienced trouble with the offer made by Mr. Slimmer of Waverly, as well as Des Moines. Mr. Slimmer offered to give \$25,000 for a home for aged women, if the people there would raise a like amount. They got their subscription up to \$18,000, and there it stuck. Mr. Slimmer has now modified his offer, and will give \$18,000, on a like amount from the citizens. Dubuque is the only city that complied fully with Mr. Slimmer's generous offer. It was enabled to raise the full \$50,000, because of the generosity of H. L. Stout, who alone gave one-half of the sum.

Nashville American: The antagonism between the Platt faction and those who supported Low in the recent New York city campaign is very bitter, and is almost certain to be carried into future elections. In view of the prospective republican division it behooves the New York democrats to preserve that same unity that won them victory in the last state election. It behooves them, further, to present good men for the offices to be filled.

Any gentleman who feels that he has a call to be a peacemaker, can now find an opportunity for the exercise of his good intentions by proceeding at once to Kentucky and effect a reconciliation between Gen. Cassius M. Clay and his runaway 15-year-old wife and her brother, Gen. Clay is at present sitting in his house with three rifles, two revolvers and several bowie knives, waiting for a peacemaker to show up.

The Midland Monthly for December has several articles of interest, among them Kentucky in Recent Literature; Yukon Gold Fields, Oliver Optic, and Retired Farmers of the Middle West. Grant's Life in the West is continued, and is by far the fullest account of his life before the war ever published. All the departments are well maintained, and the illustrations are profuse.

It is claimed that an organized effort will be made in congress to repeal the civil service law, and it is claimed the Iowa delegation is unanimous for repeal. The law was enacted in 1883. It is more than doubtful if it will be disturbed. The cry comes mostly from congressmen who cannot find enough places for the office seekers.

Judge Whiting's farm in Monona county contained 2500 acres.

CHARITY

Another Milestone Local Org.

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At the annual meeting of the Charity Organization, held in city hall, the following of the secretary was

The Charity Organization, another milestone in now about to begin its Our membership at present low the average but about twenty-five new members by removing Mrs. Henri Van Duzee the charter member organization owes much. As our methods of all are quite familiar agent is found in the city except Sunday, between 8 and 3 p. m., where all must be made.

Last Christmas it goes to supply 118 families with good things, who not have had merry Christmas. The wood yard, which last year in connection was a partial success, something that will be employment.

The industrial school day morning is an interesting work. The average almost forty-five. It is spent in singing and remainder of the time the little girls to sew.

Last winter as added, consisting of 11 citizens, to whom we solicitation.

The funds used in or are solicited from our wish to thank them donations. It is certain us to know that the of our work. We wish the gentlemen who used by us last year expect to do the same.

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MRS. J. V. C
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Vice President—Mr.
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Treasurer—Miss M.
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iding names of being complete. Every possible effort has been made to secure the necessary number and the fight has been a bitter one. The work of the temperance people won the contest.

He home Judge Whiting died Thursday at the town which bears his name. He was the enter 76 years of age. He has been very ill for a long time and it was known several days ago that he could not live.

The num- Judge C. E. Whiting was an ex-senator rown and one of the pioneers of Iowa. He e but was for fifty years a resident of Monona county. He was born in New ed up York state in 1821, and in 1837 his family removed to Ohio. Then he went to

iving Alabama, but was caught by the gold it to fever in 1849 and went to California by toxi-eling way of Panama. He removed to Iowa went in 1853 and located in Iowa City. In hica- 1855 he removed to Monona county, and ince. there with his brother he bought 7,500 chil- acres of land. In 1857 he was elected icted county judge and held the office for ten kind years. In 1874 Judge Whiting received labor, the democratic nomination for con- been gress and made the race against Addi- quor against son Oliver, but was defeated. In 1883 ll be he defeated Oliver for the office of law. state senator and held that office for

reed 1885 and made the race again William each Larrabee. Although beaten, he re- the duced the republican plurality. This the closed his political career. Since then Miss Judge Whiting has spent his time look- el at ing after his large property interests. note Eight children survive the deceased. ago The funeral will be held Saturday d at and a number of prominent men from here all sections of Iowa will attend.

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The state has passed almost un-
noticed the death of Hon. Chas. E.
Whiting of Monona county, which sad
event took place Wednesday evening.
The deceased was 76 years old and had
resided in Monona county thirty-two
years. He was a large land owner and
resided on one of the most magnificent
farms in the state. He was famous
for his success in timber culture, in
which he was an enthusiast. He plant-
ed extensive tracts to walnut trees,
and these have now grown to mer-
chantable size and become a source
of large revenue. Mr. Whiting was a
public spirited man and took an inter-
est in all important movements for
the development of this part of the
west. He was an ardent democrat. He
served a term in the state senate and
was several times the candidate of his
party for important positions, having
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Joe McGarraugh is a pretty well ad-
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pect much good to result from the in-
vestigations of the state institutions
now in progress. The Opinion quotes
Representative John Parker as holding
practically similar views.

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Four thousand barrels of apples were
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Passenger Train Wrecked.

LIMA, Ohio, Dec. 3.—[Special Telegram.]—The passenger train on the Chicago and Erie railroad was wrecked seven miles east of here last night. It is reported the engine blew up and three persons killed.

Getting Ready for Business.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—[Special Telegram.] The naval department will send instructions to Kiel and dispatch two hundred artillerymen with field guns and a thousand marines to China.

The New Jury.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—[Special Telegram.]—Four more jurors were accepted in the Luetgert case today, leaving four yet to be chosen.

Ex-Senator Whiting Dead.

* SIOUX CITY, Dec. 2.—C. E. Whiting, ex-state senator and one of the pioneers of the Hawkeye state and Wisconsin, is dead, aged 76, of bright's disease. In 1885 he was nominated for governor by the democrats and made the race against Larrabee. He was a member of the state senate in the twentieth and twenty-first general assemblies, and also a member of the commission to revise the revenue laws.

Did you ever try Hazle's Headache Capsules? For sale by all druggists.

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NOTABLE DEATHS.

CHARLES EDWIN WHITING was born in Otsego county, New York, January 7, 1821; he died at Onawa, Iowa, December 2, 1897. In the year 1837, when he had reached the age of sixteen, his parents removed to Lake county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm. The son remained at home until he was twenty-two, when he went to Alabama and engaged in merchandising, in which he was quite successful. But in 1850 he went to California, returning in 1853. He engaged in various business enterprises with a good degree of success, until 1855, when he settled in Monona county, purchasing over 7,000 acres of land, from which he developed one of the best farms in the State. This farm, from its great size, as well as from his thorough modes of agriculture, has had nothing to surpass it in Iowa. It is a princely estate. Mr. Whiting was a democrat and always considered one of the representative men of his party. He was a candidate on several occasions—for the most part against his own inclinations—and was elected to the State Senate in 1883. His record there was that of a strong, independent legislator, who seemed actuated by the largest sense of justice. In the year 1885 his party nominated him for governor against Gov. Larabee. In this contest he was defeated. Gov. Boies appointed him a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, where he served six years. In his own town and county Mr. Whiting enjoyed a large degree of popularity, and had he been more aggressive in his nature, with an ambition for political preferment, there is no doubt that he would have filled many distinguished positions. As it was, his political honors came to him unsought. His aspirations seemed rather for a quiet life, in which he became one of the model farmers of the West. His death brought forth the highest encomiums from the press of the State regardless of party affiliations.

GEORGE SHIPP was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1815; he died at Webster City, Iowa, November 18, 1897. His parents removed to Ohio during his boyhood, where they were also early settlers. The subject of this notice entered a store in Millersburg, Ohio, in 1833, where he was employed as a clerk. After a service of four years he returned to Wayne county, where he engaged for some years in business on his own account. He went overland to California in 1852, taking with him a herd of cattle and horses. Returning to Ohio two years later, he lived there until 1857, when he removed to Iowa and settled in Webster City. Here he engaged in merchandising, becoming an important factor in the early business and social interests of the town. He was one of three or four citizens who organized the first Congregational church, and the second man in the county to be elected recorder and treasurer—the two offices being then united in one. He was one of the founders of the Farmers' National Bank, and for many years its vice-president. During his early years in Iowa he devoted much time and attention to the public schools of Webster City. In short, he was a well-known and most useful pioneer citizen of Hamilton county—honest and always reliable in his dealings, genial and kindly in his manners, a model husband and father, and a pillar of the church of which he was a life-long member.

JOEL BAILEY, the oldest and most venerated pioneer of Delaware county, died November 8, 1897, at the age of eighty-three. Judge Bailey was born in Otsego, New York, in 1814. He was left an orphan at the age of nine years. In youth he learned the trade of making gun barrels, and later the

Elected To Office

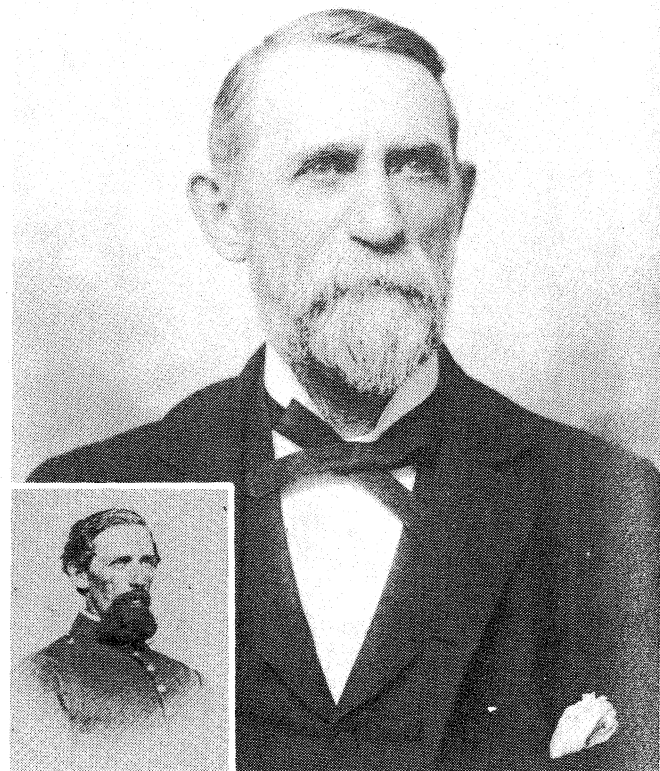
Judge Charles Edwin Whiting (1821-1887) was probably the most active politician the town ever had though he had an aversion to having his picture taken. The only one we have of him is with his family, and is included in the family section. His title originates from his election as county judge of Monona County in 1857, where he presided as head of the county government for two years. From 1864 to 1870 he served on the county board of supervisors.

Because of his reputation as an agriculturalist, he was appointed to the state board of regents which governed the university and the agricultural college. His sons, Will and Edwin, attended the university.

In 1874 he ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by Addison Oliver, another resident of Onawa. In 1883 he defeated Judge Oliver for the office of state senator. In 1885 he was the Democratic party's candidate for governor, but was defeated by William Larrabee.

Judge Whiting had lived in Alabama, married there, and affiliated with the Democrats, which was the dominant party in the South. However, the post-Civil War period was an inopportune time to be a Democrat in Iowa, because the country was divided largely along party lines, and strong feelings persisted as long as veterans of the war were active in politics.

No doubt, their Yankee background made it increasingly difficult for Charles and Newell Whiting to stay in Alabama during the controversy over slavery before the Civil War. This may have been the incentive for emigrating to Iowa. In the bitter election campaign against Judge Oliver in 1874, Judge Whiting was accused of being a southern sympathizer.



Lyman Whittier (1841-1922) in 1895 when he was elected Monona County representative to the state legislature. Insert shows him as a Union soldier during the Civil War

At left, Will C. Whiting (1857-1936) was elected to the House of Representative in 1902, and to the state senate in 1905.

E. M. Cassady, Whiting's brother-in-law, replaced him as state representative. In politics these two business partners hedged their influence. Cassady was a Republican and Whiting was a Democrat like his father, C. E. Whiting, who served in the state senate in 1883.

For many years the Will C. Whiting silver trophy was awarded to the best ten ears in the Iowa State Corn Show. In 1902, he was on the Iowa Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, and had charge of the prize-winning agricultural exhibit from Iowa.

Will Whiting married Mary Elliott (1859-1927) of Onawa in 1883. Their children were Charles Elliott and Woodson (Mrs. Dean Peisen). Elliott's wife, Harriett Ropes Whiting, still resides in the family home on Bertram Street.

After retirement from active business in the 1920's, "Uncle Will" is best remembered by the youngsters of that day as the proprietor of the silent movies in the Opera House above the bank.

Right, Gus Olson (1879-1962) was born on a farm in the Albaton community, married Pearl West in 1913 and farmed until 1920 when he moved to Whiting and operated a hardware store in the Ed Smith building on Blair Street. He was elected to the Monona County board of supervisors in 1932, just 40 years after his father was elected to the same office, where he served five years until appointed to the State Highway Commission. As a memorial to his wife, who passed away in 1952, and his parents, he built a new church building for Skien Lutheran Church at Albaton, which was dedicated in 1959. The Olsons had no children.

THE WHITING FAMILY

Six of the nine children of Charles E. and Laurinda Eveleth Whiting were pioneer settlers in Monona County. The parents were natives of Massachusetts, married in 1818, lived at Sodus, New York, then Kirtland, Ohio.

BAXTER (1819-1886) the eldest, ran a grist mill in Onawa, then a hardware in Mapleton and finally organized a bank there with his nephew, Charles Isaac Whiting. Two daughters died in infancy.

CHARLES EDWIN (1821-1887) was the best known of the siblings. After moving from Ohio to Alabama and marrying the daughter of a southern planter, he spent three years as a prospector in the California gold rush, then bought land in Iowa county in 1854, which he sold to the Amana Colony and moved west to Monona County in 1855. Like other early settlers, he lived temporarily in the sod house on Silver Lake.

He built the old house (recently demolished) on what is now the Pike farm, where he brought his wife, Nancy Criner Whiting (1829-1900) and two daughters, Julia and Ida, in 1856. His son, Will Criner, the first white child born in West Fork Township, was born in this house in 1857. The family moved to Onawa the same year so the children could attend school there.

Whiting was president of the Monona Land Company which platted and incorporated Onawa. As county judge, he was involved in a dispute over moving the county seat from Ashton's Grove to Onawa. It was he who decreed that an election should be held to decide the matter, and Onawa won.

At this time John I. Blair was building the Northwestern Railroad west from Marshalltown, Iowa. Judge Whiting and other Onawa citizens tried to induce the railroad to build straight west through Onawa and across a proposed bridge at Decatur, but the final route went southwest from Denison down the Boyer valley to Missouri Valley, then to Council Bluffs and Omaha.

It was this acquaintanceship that caused Blair to name our town after Judge Whiting when it was platted by railroad surveyors in 1873. Possibly it was a consolation prize for not bringing the new transcontinental railroad through Onawa.

Judge Whiting later moved back to his Woodlawn farm in the Whiting Settlement, where he was one of the agricultural innovators of his day, planting many trees and developing land.

It was the Judge's son, Will (1857-1936), and his son-in-law E. M. Cassady, who lived in Whiting and became active businessmen there. Cassady married Ida Whiting (1854-1937), the second daughter.

Julia, the oldest, married Malden B. Pullen, a pioneer builder, wagonmaker and undertaker in Onawa. Pullen drew the plans for the old brick school in Whiting in 1885. As the minister said at Mrs. Pullen's funeral, "Too bad Aunt Julia couldn't make it to a hundred." She was born in 1850, died in 1949.

Edwin (1860-1934) managed his father's holdings, lived on the farm along the West Fork known as Edgewater, later farmed his inheritance in the Whiting Settlement. He married Ella May (Helen) Waldron (1862-1947) of Iowa City in 1887. A daughter-in-law, Mrs.

(more)



Picture of Judge C. E. Whiting family in front of first home on Woodlawn farm after moving from the house on Pike farm. Seated, left to right: Ella, Ida, Charles Edwin, Nancy Criner Whiting, Julia, Woodson; standing: Will and Edwin.

Julia was born at New Market, Alabama. Ida was born at Homestead, Iowa, before Whiting sold his holdings to the Amana Colony and moved to Monona County.

Judge Whiting had an aversion to having his picture taken. This is the only photo of him we can find. Upon completion of his new home this house was moved to the Holmes Farm, one mile east, and occupied by Judge Whiting's daughter, Ella, and son-in-law, Charles Holmes, who developed Wayside Dairy Farm.

Clyde (Ruth Rains) Whiting, still lives in Whiting, recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Edwin was the only man among the 14 charter members of the Congregational church in 1888, was chairman of the building committee for the new church in 1913, a director of the old brick school in the Whiting Settlement and later a director of the new consolidated school in Whiting.

Ella (1860-1946) was Edwin's twin sister, married Charles Holmes (1862-1946) in 1889, were parents of Edwin (1890-1959), Russell (1893-1959), Whiting (1898-) and Margaret Holmes Anderson (1900-), Wayside Farm, in the Whiting Settlement, was operated by the elder Holmes, later by Edwin and his wife, Leone D'Orsay Holmes. John Holmes, present Whiting publisher, is the son of Whiting and Gladys Jennewein Holmes.

Woodson (1867-1958), the youngest of Judge Whiting's children, married Chalmer Cozine (1877-1941) in 1900, and inherited the family homestead, Woodlawn, which they operated. They had no children.

NEWELL ARTEMUS (1823-1891) in 1850 married Eliza Criner, a sister of his brother's wife, Nancy. They came to Monona County in 1857, having stayed behind in New Market, Alabama, to liquidate family investments which were transferred to land in this area. Their children were Eva Whiting Pike (1852-1927), Charles I. (1854-1944) and Stella Whiting Colby (1857-1945).

Newell was a wagonmaker and hardware merchant in Onawa. Though he owned land in the Whiting Settlement, it was his daughter, Eva, and her husband, Lewis Pike (1843-1896) who developed the land after their marriage in 1875. Charles founded the Mapleton Trust and Savings Bank with his uncle, Baxter Whiting. The bank is still owned by his son Charles, and a grandson, James Whiting. Stella married Frank Colby, one of the first engineering graduates at Iowa State College in 1872. He was an early railroad surveyor, Monona County surveyor, operated the Whiting hardware in Onawa, and then was an architect in Sioux City.

Newell Whiting did not like what he had heard about the cold winters in Iowa. While still in Alabama in 1856, he wrote to his brothers, Charles Edwin, in Iowa:

You may build two sawmills and buy 500 sheep so that we can have double-walled houses and 3 or 4 coats a piece to keep that zero cold off us. . .The more I study about bringing the darkies out to that cold country the less I think of it. I think we had better send them to Liberia or sell them where they can keep warm and be with their own color.

WILLIAM BEMIS (1824-1916) came to Iowa in 1856. He first married Lucy Cutler in 1854. She died ten years later, and he married her sister, Emma Cutler, in 1867. She died in 1869, shortly after their two sons, Cutler and Frank, were born. Cutler (1867-83) died while a student at Knox College. Frank was a Methodist minister

in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, farmed at Whiting in later years, married Edith Kesterson.

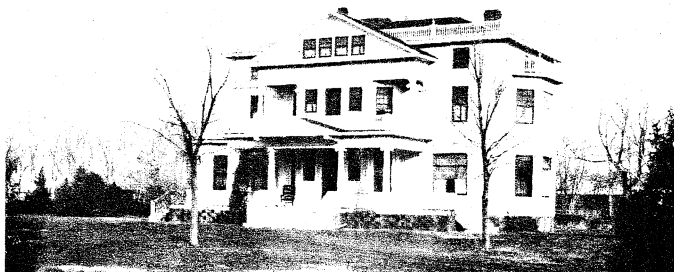
In 1872 William married Elizabeth Morley Whiting, widow of his brother, Myrick. They were the parents of Willard Baxter Whiting (1874-1942), grandparents of Elizabeth Whiting Schwartz, Norman Whiting, Louise Whiting Gillespie and Frances Whiting Allen.

MARIA M. (1828-1894) came to Iowa with her brothers, lived on the Crow's Nest farm, probably long enough to prove up on a homestead, later taught at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, where a residence hall was named in her memory. She married a man named Thomson, whom she divorced. They had two children, Wayland and William.

MYRICK EPHRIAM (1835-1869) also came to Iowa in 1856, married Elizabeth Morley (1839-81) in 1861. Their children were Glen Whiting (1866-1944) and Kittie Whiting Croker (1869-1937). Grandchildren: Maria Whiting Marcue, Park, Myrick and Bruce Whiting; William, Cutler and Frederick Croker.

Myrick was postmaster in West Fork (1865-59) lived on farm now owned by wife of grandson, Mrs. Myrick (Marjorie Willits) Whiting.

Below, Nancy Criner Whiting (1829-1900), wife of Judge C. E. Whiting.

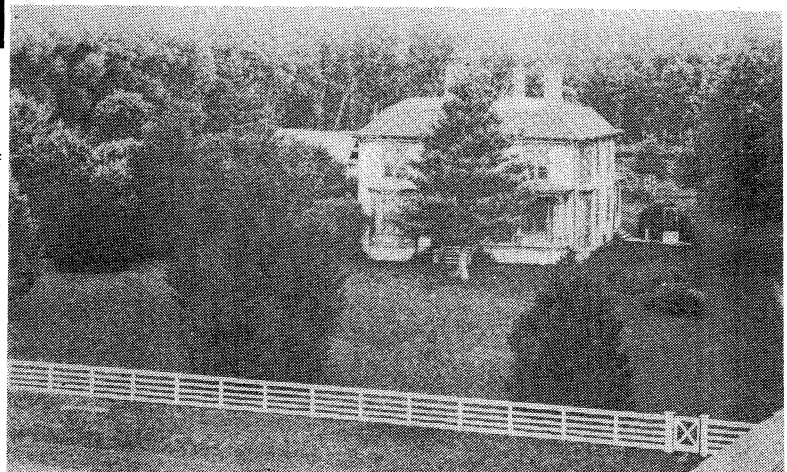


Home of Ed Whiting, above, son of Judge Whiting. This house burned in 1934 and was replaced by the house now occupied by the Aage Neldeberg family.

Below, house built by Elliot Whiting. Note hollow-tile silo, typical of several built in the community about 1910. This silo had a water supply tank over the silo.



Woodlawn, country home of Judge Charles Edwin Whiting, in the Whiting Settlement. The earliest photo we have of this house, now owned by the John Neldebe family. Note oaken-bucket well at right of house, ricks of firewood behind. Trees were of a good size then, indicating this photo may have been taken about 1900.



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Whiting in Monona County

Population: 802

Founded: 1868

**How it was
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**Top
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Alliance

Production of Iowa, John
Holmes Publishing

Claim to fame: Annual Fourth
of July Parade and Rodeo



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America with part of his family in 1852, and settled at Newburgh, Orange County, N. Y., where he died of paralysis about 1872. The mother died in 1836. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and excellent Christian people.

James Graham grew to manhood in his native county, and received his early education in its excellent schools, and completed his classic course in the Dublin University, one of the most noted institutions of learning in the world, and there remained for four years. Previous to graduation from that institution he was elected by Archbishop Whatley as one of the three candidates from the University, at the special request of an old friend, John Stuart Mill, the noted English writer and statesman, then chairman of the board of directors of the Honorable East India Company, Leadenall Street, London, to fill an educational appointment in the Bombay Presidency of the British Government in Hindoostan. On reaching the city of Bombay, in 1848, he entered the Elphinstane Institute, where he remained about two years until he could pass the requisite interpretership examination in the two provincial dialects of the Presidency, viz.: Marrattic and Gujerati. Thence he was transferred to Surat to take charge of the head school at that place, and in addition to his other duties made translator of scientific works for use in the vernacular, or native schools, and was made Superintendent of both English and native schools in the province. Failing health, the curse of those who sought in that country "to shake the pagoda tree," caused him to send in his resignation and return to England, and thence, in 1857, to come to the United States. He purchased a farm in New York State, and entered upon its cultivation, and there resided until coming to this county. He had been out here a short time previous to look after land, and purchased the place upon which he now lives. In politics he was a stanch Republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, for President, in 1860, and for every Republican since. Although there was no church within the county of the faith in which he was raised, he still clung warmly to the tenets that were instilled into him in his youth. He was married, and was one of the most unassuming men, and held a very high place in the estimation

of the entire community. January 31, 1890, he was found dead in his bed. He had been suffering from the disease known as la grippe, and the day before was in Onawa, and it supposed caught cold and died from a congestive chill.

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HON. CHARLES E. WHITING. No man in Monona County enjoys a more wide spread and merited reputation than the old pioneer of Monona County whose name heads this sketch, and a condensed epitome of whose life it is our honor to present for the perusal of the rising generation. Coming to this county in its infancy in 1855, Judge Whiting has seen this county progress from an absolute wilderness to a prosperous and fertile land, covered with a numerous population, and has been a very important factor in its growth and development. After holding some of the more important offices in the gift of the people of the county, at the convention held by the State delegates in the summer of 1885, he received the nomination of Democratic candidate for Governor of the State, and willingly accepted the unthankful, unremunerative and almost desperate duty of acting as standard bearer of a party largely in the minority in Iowa. Notwithstanding this or his defeat, he can proudly point to the fact that although his own county was largely Republican, still his majority herein was almost one hundred over his more fortunate opponent, and that he reduced the majority against the party from 79,000 in 1880 to 5,349, coming the nearest to success of any of the candidates who preceded him.

Judge Whiting, as he is familiarly called, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., January 17, 1821, and is the son of Charles and Lorinda (Eveleth) Whiting, natives of Princeton, Worcester County, Mass., who had settled at the town of Butternuts, in the Empire State, in about 1815. When about three years of age, he was taken by his parents to Wayne County, N. Y., and in the spring of 1837 to Lake County, Ohio, where, upon a farm and pursuing the daily avocations of agricultural and

buccolic life, as he has all his life, he remained with his parents until April 13, 1813. Having enjoyed excellent facilities for acquiring an education, of which he freely availed himself, he took up the burdens of life, and leaving the parental roof tree, removed to Madison County, in the Northern part of Alabama, where, engaged in the dry goods and cotton trade, he remained until 1850. Reports from the golden lands of the West induced him to make the trip to California, by way of New Orleans and the Isthmus of Panama, and in that "land of the summer sun," remained until the spring of 1853. Returning, via Panama and Aspinwall to New York, and thence to Ohio, to visit his parents, he returned to Alabama, but closing up his affairs in that locality, a few weeks later came to Iowa, and locating in Iowa County, purchased a large tract of land known as the Old Homestead Place, formerly the reservation of the Musquakie Indians. Returning to Alabama for a short trip, he came back to this State, reaching Keokuk the morning of March 1, 1854. When he left his "sunny southern home" the air was balmy and sweet, and the grass and trees wore their summer colors, but when he arrived at Keokuk, he found everything covered with snow and ice, and the biting chill of winter's breath filled the air. On July 4, 1855, Mr. Whiting disposed of his place in Iowa County to its present owners, the Amana Society, a colony of German socialists, and investing his money in land warrants in Alabama, to which he took a trip for the purpose, came to Monona County, and with them, in company with his brother, Newell A., purchased some 7500 acres of land. Here he had the usual experience of pioneer life, for there were then but few settlers within the limits of what is now Monona County, and in common with them suffered all the hardships attendant upon frontier life.

At the April election in 1857, Mr. Whiting was elected to fill the then very important office of County Judge of Monona County, and for two years presided at the head of its government. In 1864 he was elected member of the board of supervisors, and the next year chosen Chairman of that body. From that period until the close of 1870, he was found in his place upon the board, and most

of the time in the chair. In 1874, receiving the nomination of the Democratic party for the position of Member of Congress, he made the race with Hon. Addison Oliver, and although suffering defeat in the district, carried his home county, where they both lived, by some sixty-three majority. In 1883 the Judge again met his old opponent, Judge Oliver, in the political field, and from him, this time, captured the office of State Senator, and served the district in that capacity for four years. Of his candidacy for Governor, we have already spoken.

Judge Whiting, September 7, 1848, was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Criner, a native of Madison County, Ala., and daughter of Isaac and Nancy (McCain) Criner. They have been the parents of six children: Julia C., the wife of M. B. Pullen, of Onawa; Ida, (Mrs. E. M. Cassady) of Whiting; Will C., who married Miss Mamie Elliot, and lives in Whiting; Ella and Woodson, at home; and Edwin C., who married Miss Helen Waldron, and still makes his home with his parents.



MRS. MARY A. MAPLE, one of the pioneers of Monona County, is engaged with her two sons in general farming and stock-raising, on section 34, Kennebec Township. She came to this section of the State in May, 1856, among the earliest settlers, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land where she now lives, and where she has now some two hundred acres. While she has never graduated from any college, she has had great success in the practice of medicine, and receives many calls in that profession from both Polk and Monona Counties.

Mrs. Maple, *nee* Goodhue, first saw the light in Groton, Grafton County, N. H., October 8, 1837, and is the daughter of Joseph W. and Mary (Ordway) Goodhue. Of her ancestry we have the following account: William Goodhue, a member of the church at Assington, Suffolk, England, came to this country in 1636, and settled at Ipswich, Mass. He was a deacon in the church, and died in 1699 or 1700, much respected and lamented. He was mar-

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the period of his residence in Iowa Mr. Depue engaged in farming near Ute, where he owned a large stock farm, keeping thereon many herd of cattle and other stock. He came to be an expert judge of cattle and a large cattle feeder, so that his investments were judiciously made and his sales brought him a substantial financial return. Year after year he added to his income until, the possessor of a handsome competence, he retired to Morningside, Sioux City, eleven years prior to his demise, there spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned and richly deserved rest. The last few months, however, were spent at Pasadena, California, whither he had gone on account of ill health, and there he departed this life May 12, 1913.

Mr. Depue was married twice. In 1866 he wedded Rebecca McLanahan, who died in 1870, and on the 2d of April, 1874, he wedded Miss Nancy A. Smith. By the second marriage there were two children: Edith L., the wife of Arthur J. Adams, of Wall Lake, Iowa; and Grace Ethelyn, now deceased. Mrs. Depue still survives her husband and makes her home in Sioux City.

In politics Mr. Depue was a republican but never an office seeker. He was a very genial and hospitable gentleman and loved companionship. He was held in high esteem and his life was ever in harmony with his professions as a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of Morningside. He never deviated from a course which he believed to be right, was conscientious in the performance of duty and observant to all those laws which affect man in his relations to his fellowmen and to his country. His life purpose was honorable, his principles high, and thus he left behind him a memory that is a source of pride and inspiration to all who knew him.

JUDGE CHARLES E. WHITING.

An important chapter in the annals of western Iowa is that which takes into account the life and work of Charles E. Whiting. He was a man of ideals and bent every energy toward their accomplishment. Moreover, his ideals were attended by the most practical and beneficial results and there stands today not only a splendid modern town, but also an equally splendid farming community as the result of his labors and his progressive spirit. Investigation into such a career as that of Judge Whiting is a verification of the words of George Washington that farming is the most useful, as well as the most honorable, occupation of man. A native of New York, Judge Whiting was born at Butternuts, Otsego county, January 17, 1821, a son of Charles and Lorinda (Eveleth) Whiting, both of whom were natives of Princeton, Worcester county, Massachusetts. They became residents of Otsego county, New York, in 1815, and in 1824 removed to Wayne county, New York, while in 1837 they became residents of Kirtland, Lake county, Ohio.

Judge Whiting, who was reared upon the home farm near Kirtland, acquired an excellent education, supplementing his public-school course by study in the Western Reserve Seminary. On the 13th of April, 1843, he left home and became a resident of Madison county, Alabama, being at that time but twenty-two years of age. There he engaged first in teaching school, but soon afterward established a business for the sale of dry goods and the purchase of cotton. It was at that period that the Mississippi was the great highway of trade between the north and the south. In Alabama, Judge Whiting was joined by his brother, Newell A., who became his

partner in business; but there were various reasons which tended to prove to him that it was wiser for him not to continue a resident of the south and in 1850 he went to California by way of New Orleans and the Isthmus route. He staked out a claim in that state and remained there for three years. He was a man of determined purpose—men knew that what he said he would do. In an age when crime of all kinds was rife and when it seemed that might made right, he had no trouble in retaining possession of his claim and did this without having to use a gun. The party to whom he sold his claim, however, was unable to hold it long against the claim jumpers.

After three years spent upon the Pacific coast, Judge Whiting returned to Alabama and closed out his affairs there, after which he made a visit to his parents in Ohio and then came to Iowa and established his home in Iowa county, a little west of Iowa City. There by purchase and preemption he secured a large tract of land, but in 1855, two years after his arrival in Iowa, German socialists representing the Amana colony began buying land all around him and he felt that it was only a question of time when he would be forced to move. Receiving an advantageous offer for his property, he sold out. All through the years he was entertaining high ideals concerning farm life, but up to this time he had not found the opportunity to bring his ideals into play. He wished to find an extensive tract of fertile land which he could obtain cheap and upon which he and his brothers might work out for themselves and their descendants their idea of rural civilization. He remembered the tales of an old trapper, whom he had met in Iowa county, that between the Missouri river and the hills was a great valley in which two kinds of grass were growing. The one was the bluestem, which is an indication that the land is well drained, and the other the slough grass, indicating the need of drainage. Feeling that he might have a chance to work out his idea if he could get several thousand acres of that well-drained Missouri valley land, Mr. Whiting started out in search of it, following the wagon trail which is now the main line of the Northwestern Railroad. He chanced to come across John I. Blair, then president of the Northwestern, who was following the same trail and, broad-minded men as both were, they found much of common interest between them. At length Mr. Whiting left the wagon road and made his way northward into Woodbury county. Still he was not thoroughly satisfied and turned south again until he reached West Fork township in Monona county, where the ground stretched away level, covered with the tall bluestem grass, indicating little need of artificial drainage. He started for Council Bluffs, determined to preempt and buy for himself and his brothers as much of the land as he could get. In the evening he ran across another party and incidentally learned that they were bent on the same errand. This party had a light rig, while Mr. Whiting and his friends were driving a heavy one. He knew that if they started at the same time in the morning the other party would outdistance him, so in the night he drove on, reaching Council Bluffs first and securing for himself and his brothers seven thousand acres, some of which he preempted, while the remainder he secured at the government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre.

The next year four of his brothers joined him, leaving one son in Ohio to care for their mother. The five men started to make homes on the wild prairie. All the hardships and privations of pioneer life confronted them. There was no market for farm products. There were no railroads, mosquitoes and flies were a great pest in the low lands and when they planted corn the harvest proved poor

quality; but every fall Mr. Whiting picked out the best raised and used it for seed in the spring. There was no improved stock and he sent to the east for pure bred shorthorn cattle and Berkshire hogs. It was the common opinion that the tame grasses would not grow in that region, but during the period of his early residence there Mr. Whiting sent east for blue grass and clover seed and with the building of the railroad in 1867 he brought in a carload of blue grass seed. From the time of his arrival he continuously carried forward the work of development along all lines leading to the improvement of a model farm. He cared little for the towns and cities, but made the most of his opportunity for farm development. However, when it was proposed to build the Northwestern from Sioux City to Council Bluffs, Mr. Blair learned that Mr. Whiting and his brothers were settled on land across which the railroad must pass and established the town which he called Whiting in compliment to his acquaintance of former years.

Judge Whiting was a great lover of flowers, fruit and trees. In the early days his garden and orchard were noted throughout the country around. He had to experiment with fruit before he could find the qualities which would do the best. The rich prairie soil would cause very rapid growth, but the hard freeze of winter would kill the stock. At length he learned from the Iowa Agricultural College to use the Russian varieties of apples, which proved hardy, and by experiment he found that if he planted grapes at more than the ordinary depth they would survive the winter. He experimented with other fruits until he found what could be produced upon his land and he had every reason to feel justifiable pride in his orchards and vineyards. He also set out hundreds of walnut trees and many acres were planted to cottonwoods and maples. In some places where they have been planted on both sides of the road their branches now interlace.

Judge Whiting was also largely interested in live stock and became one of the big cattle feeders of western Iowa, feeding as many as eight hundred head of cattle at a time. These he would buy in Minnesota, the Dakotas and northern Iowa. The improvements which he placed upon his farm, too, were of the best. He used the best machinery which he could secure, erected substantial buildings and at the time he built his residence it was probably one of the ten finest homes in the state and was the first in Monona county to be equipped with water, gas light and furnace heat. The interior finishing is black walnut, which gives to the house a most handsome appearance. Of the seven thousand acres of land which Judge Whiting secured practically all is still in possession of the family at the present time and the ideas which dominated his work are still in force in the Whiting community.

On the 7th of September, 1848, in Madison county, Alabama, Judge Whiting was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Criner, a native of that county and a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (McCain) Criner. She passed away in Whiting, Iowa, and was the mother of the following children: Julia, who is the wife of M. B. Pullen, of Onawa, Iowa; Ida, who gave her hand in marriage to E. M. Cassady, of Whiting; Hon. Will C. Whiting, a sketch of whom appears on the pages following; Ella, the wife of Charles G. Holmes, a record of whom also appears on another page of this work; Woodson, who gave her hand in marriage to Chalmer S. Cozine, of Whiting; and Edwin M., a resident of Whiting, Iowa.

While never a lawyer, Mr. Whiting was elected the first judge of Monona county, being called to the office in 1857. He filled the office of supervisor from

1864 until 1870, and in 1874 he was the democratic nominee for congress. In 1883 he was elected a member of the state senate and in 1885 he was a candidate for governor. Although the state gave a large normal republican majority, he succeeded in reducing this from seventy-nine thousand to five thousand three hundred and forty-nine—a defeat amounting almost to a victory and one which indicated his wide personal popularity and the high regard entertained for him. Judge Whiting was ever deeply interested in the welfare of county and state and cooperated in many plans for the public good, yet his chief interest was in the farm and the high standards which he established and inculcated in Monona county have had a most far-reaching influence in keeping high the standards of farm labor and methods in his part of the state. His life was indeed an element for good. He pushed forward the wheels of progress and it will be long ere the influence of the impetus which he gave will cease to be felt.

HON. WILL C. WHITING.

Hon. Will C. Whiting, merchant, banker, lumberman, landowner and stock breeder of Whiting and former state senator, belongs to that class of men who have been the builders of the empire of the west. He was born on the old Whiting homestead in Monona county, August 13, 1857, and is the eldest son of Hon. Charles E. Whiting, of whom mention is made on the preceding pages. Upon the home farm he was reared and in the district schools acquired his preliminary education. He also pursued a preparatory course in the State University of Iowa, which he attended in the winter of 1876-7. In 1880, in connection with E. M. Cassady, a brother-in-law, he organized the firm of Cassady & Whiting and established a general mercantile store. In 1882 they extended the scope of their activities to include the lumber trade, their lumberyard being conducted under the firm style of Will C. Whiting & Company. This business was incorporated in 1908 with a capital of fifty thousand dollars as the W. C. Whiting Lumber Company and remains one of the important commercial enterprises of the county. Later, with Mr. Cassady, he formed the firm of E. M. Cassady & Company, grain dealers, and thus the breadth of their activities has constantly been extended, placing them among the most active business men of their part of the state. Mr. Whiting is also a director in the Bank of Whiting, founded by Mr. Cassady and an uncle, William B. Whiting, and regarded as one of the strongest, best managed and most successful private banks in the state.

In addition to all his other interests Mr. Whiting of this review is the owner of two valuable farm properties, one of these being the Whiting Farm, comprising six hundred acres, of which four hundred acres is a part of the old family homestead. The other is the Crows Nest Farm of five hundred and sixty acres, including two hundred and forty acres which was the Maria Whiting farm and which he purchased from her heirs. These farm properties cannot be surpassed for productiveness by any land in the state. Many thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements on the farms and each has upon it a residence equal to the best city homes. Every modern convenience for home life and for farm work has been installed. As a stock breeder Mr. Whiting is well known to the farmers of Iowa.

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WifeNancy Criner[Pedigree](#)**Birth:****Christening:****Marriage:****Death:****Burial:**

Children1. Ida Nancy Whiting[Pedigree](#)

Female

Birth: 04 JUL 1854 Homestead, Iowa, Iowa**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**2. Will Criner Whiting[Pedigree](#)

Male

Birth: 1857 Homestead, Iowa, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 10 DEC 1936**Burial:**3. Eva Whiting[Pedigree](#)

Female

Birth: About 1859 Homestead, Iowa, Iowa**Christening:****Death:****Burial:**4. Ella May Whiting[Pedigree](#)

Female

Birth: 10 JAN 1860 Onawa, Monona, Iowa**Christening:****Death:** 19 MAR 1953**Burial:**5. Woodson Whiting[Pedigree](#)

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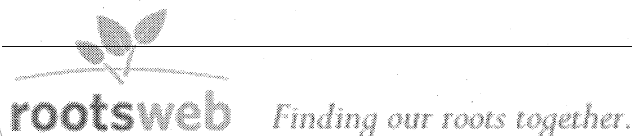
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- **Note:** Ran for Governor of Iowa

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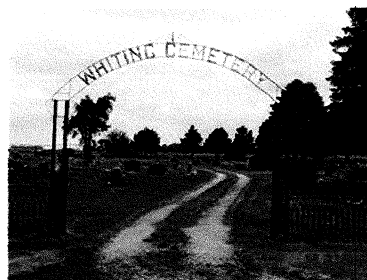
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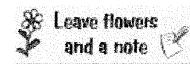
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