

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Anderson, John E. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Wright, Winneshiek, Hancock and Scott Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 24 Mar 1846 Sweden

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Martha A Johnson 3 Sept 1875 Decorah, Iowa

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

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Odd Fellows; Modern Workmen of America; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Skinner; Yeoman

C. Profession Attorney; loan, land and abstract business; editor of the Forest City Independent newspaper; farmer; teacher; author; lecturer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices  
A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Death 28 Nov 1921 Mason City, Iowa; buried Oakwood Cemetery, Forest City, Iowa

8. Children Randolph M.; Horace E.; Irving B.; Mary E. (Mrs. Edwin Foster); William P.

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Anderson, John E.

10. Education He was educated in common schools.

11. Degrees He attended Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa for 3 years; he graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1872 and then from law school, also at the University in 1876

12. Other applicable information Republican, later Democrat

- He moved with his parents to America from Sweden in 1852. They lived for 3 years in New York City and then moved to Whiteside County, Illinois where they settled on a farm.
- In 1855 they moved to Lyons, Iowa and in 1860 to Winnebago County, Iowa.
- He distinguished himself as the author of a work on calculations and traveled extensively lecturing on the subject.
- He was chairman of the first Peoples Party State Convention of Iowa in June 1891 and was a delegate to the Peoples National Convention, Omaha, Nebraska 4 Jul 1892.
- He opened his law office in Forest City, Iowa in 1876
- His wife, Martha, born 28 June 1848, died 15 Apr 1920, Forest City, Iowa



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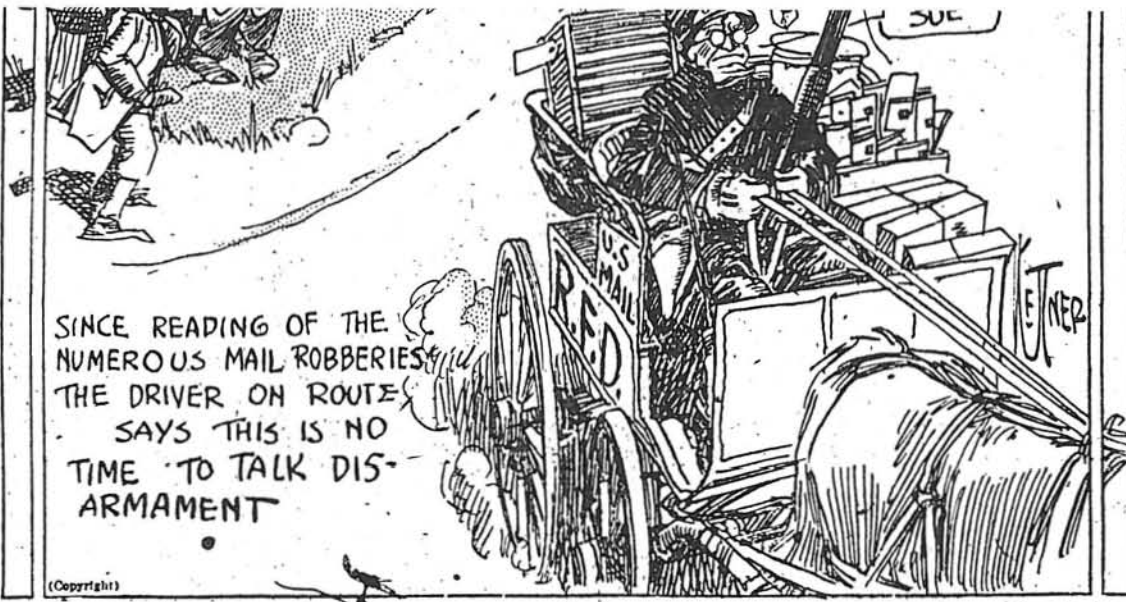
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**JOHN E. ANDERSON, DEAN OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY NEWSPAPER MEN, PASSES AWAY AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AS AN EDITOR.**

After a short illness, J. E. Anderson, editor of the Independent, passed away at a hospital in Mason City, Monday morning, November 28th, at 4 o'clock. His illness, which was kidney trouble, was of about two weeks duration, during most of which time he was confined to his bed at his home in the south part of town, being taken to the hospital only a few days before he passed away. His illness was of such nature that nothing more than making his last days comfortable, was possible, and old friends vied with each other in the attention bestowed on him. He has been living alone since his wife died, and the Masonic and Oddfellow organizations exemplified the fellowship tenets of those great orders in the care bestowed upon a brother.

Decensed was born in Sweden March 24, 1846, and came to America when six years of age. In 1860, when 14 years old he came to Winnebago county, and was among the first set-

lers of the county. He later attended the Iowa state university, graduated with a B. A. degree in 1876, and the law department. He was admitted to the bar and practiced law for some years and very naturally drifted into politics. He was state legislature from the district of Worth, Winnebago, Hancock and Wright counties, in the 21st general assembly, having been elected as a republican. After affiliating with the republican party for many years, during which time he was prominent as a speaker, he became a democrat. It was as a democrat that he received the nomination as Lieutenant-governor of Iowa. He established the Independent in 1887, and has been its editor and publisher for the most of the thirty-four years of its existence.

He has four children, Rudolph, William P. and Horace Anderson and a daughter, Mrs. Edwin Foster. His wife died in April, 1920. Mrs. Foster who lives at Mankato, Minn., was un-

able to come on account of poor health. Mr. Foster, Rudolph and William, were here to attend the funeral which was held today. Mrs. Anita Anderson and son are in California and could not come; Rudolph and William were with him when he died.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the Masonic Order, the Oddfellows, the Woodmen, the Yeoman and the United Workmen. In the two former orders he had received most of the higher degrees, and was well informed of their modes and usages. The funeral services are being held today, are under the auspices of the Masonic order, conducted by Rev. Wiggins of Garner, and held from the M. E. church at 2 p. m., interment being made in Oakwood cemetery.

Thus passes one of the early settlers of the county and northern Iowa, and a man who was perhaps best known of all those who came here in an early day.

**An Open Letter.**  
 To the Council and Citizens of Forest City:  
 On the evening of November 17, Rev. J. E. Anderson, Rev. J. D. Wolcott, P. Lovene, Professor Neveln and President Helgen appeared before the City council, asking that the theater be closed on Sundays. After all had been given a chance to speak, the manager of the theater, whom some one had asked to be present, arose and in a long rambling talk, tried to defend himself. I shall not now take up his points of defense; but it was perfectly clear to every one that he knew he violated the law and intended to do so.

The Ordinance No. 49, page 172, Section 20, reads: "If any one holding a license under the provision of the

it your duty to stop it. If the law is wrong, work to repeal it but obey it as long as it is a law. But who dares to say, that the law is wrong? Does not every part of our government recognize this law? Our postal department must be of as much importance for the country as the motion pictures, but the mail is not delivered on Sundays.

Do not our courts act upon the same principle? It is not the province of the law to control all kinds of business? Or is the movie business a law to itself? If it is above or outside of the law, then it has no protection from the law. I have good authority for the statement, that the Motion Picture Interests have during the last year made the most wicked propaganda against what they choose to call the "Blue Laws" so as to break

officers of the law are in league with lawbreakers."

There is yet more to say about the motion pictures as a whole—not simply Sunday shows. You, who attend the theaters, know, if the pictures are clean, pure, instructive, uplifting or the opposite. Do they picture lawlessness and crime, suggest impurity and ridicule what should be honored and respected? As the fountain so must the stream be. Are the actors, who figure on the screen of good moral character? How is it? The last week's Literary Digest has a very informing article on this point. We speak of 100 per cent Americanism. As an American citizen, I appeal to you that the law be enforced and that the highest limit of the fine be imposed for every time the law has been violated. And as God in his providence

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when a child. Mr. Nelson has been identified with the county for many years, and has seen its many changes.

William H. Fisher, attorney at law, of Forest City, was born in W. Va., July 24, 1850. When a small boy his parents emigrated to Kane Co., Ill., where they remained a short time, removing to Fayette Co., Iowa, where he grew to manhood. He located in Winnebago county in June, 1869. In 1877 he entered the office of Ransom & Olmstead, and was admitted to the bar, in May, 1878, since which time he has followed his profession in Forest City. He was married in 1870 to Martha J. Howard, who died in 1876. In 1879 he was again married to Florence A. Steward, a native of Maine. This union was blessed with three children—Raymond E., Robert S. and Bessie. Mr. Fisher is a Master Mason, and a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. He is a young man who has lived in the county for a number of years, and by close attention to practice has gained a position of which he can well be proud.

J. F. Thompson, banker, was born in Hancock county, Sept. 3, 1848. He is the son of Matthew and Martha (Spaulding) Thompson, his father a native of Ireland, and his mother of Vermont. They were married in Ohio, and were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. In October, 1857, Mr. Thompson located in Clayton Co., Iowa. The subject of this sketch was reared as a farm boy, receiving his early education in the common schools. In July, 1863, he entered the service, enlisting in the 4th Iowa Battery, serving until the close of the war. In 1865 he was wounded in the

leg at Thibodeaux City, La. At the close of the war he returned to Clayton county, and attended school at McGregor. In the fall of 1873 he entered the Iowa State University, graduating in the law department in 1875. In the fall of the same year he was appointed deputy register of the State land office, which position he held about two years. On May 1, 1877, he established the Winnebago County Bank, and Jan. 1, 1880, sold a half interest to James H. Easton, and continued under the firm name of Easton & Thompson. In the fall of 1883 his brother, J. Thompson, purchased the interest of Mr. Easton and the firm is now Thompson Bros., the bank having been re-organized with a paid up capital of \$25,000. Mr. Thompson was married Dec. 22, 1875, to Julia Clark, a daughter of Judge Clark, the founder of Forest City. She was born in this city Sept. 19, 1857. Four children bless this union, three of whom are living—J. Clark, Clyde C. and Merle M. Mr. Thompson is, in politics, a staunch republican, and is now the mayor of Forest City, having been elected by a large majority on the temperance ticket. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, being passed to a Knight Templar.

Hon. J. E. Anderson is a native of Sweden, born in 1846. In 1852 his parents emigrated to America, and after remaining three years in the city of New York, removed to Whiteside Co., Ill., and settled on a farm. In 1855 they removed to Lyons, Iowa. In 1860, they settled on a farm in Winnebago county, where Mr. Anderson has since resided. He received a common school education, where he resided up to 1866, when he entered the Up-

per Iowa University, where he spent three years. He then entered the State University, where he took a full course of scientific and classical studies, and graduated with the class of 1872, and in 1876 graduated in the law department of the same institution. Mr. Anderson is honorably distinguished as the author of a work on "calculations," and in having from 1872 to 1875 visited some 300 colleges situated in nearly every State in the Union, and delivering lectures on the subject before those institutions. In the fall of 1881, Mr. Anderson was elected to the State Assembly from the 77th legislative district, composed of the counties of Worth, Winnebago, Hancock and Wright, receiving a majority of 3,000 votes, being the largest majority by which any member of the House was elected. This may be accepted by our readers as an evidence of his personal popularity, or of the intelligence of his constituency, or both, or neither, according to their individual political bias. Mr. Anderson is nearly six feet in height, of fine figure and presence, wears a full beard, and is in a word if not the best looking—at least among the few best looking men in the House. Every work of true reform has had him among its unflinching advocates. He speaks with great ease and energy, and his arguments are always to the point and uniformly enlist marked attention. He is chairman of the Library committee and member of those on Judiciary, Schools, Claims, Compensation of Public Officers, State University, Constitutional Amendments, and Senatorial and Representative Districts. He was married in 1875 to Martha A., daughter of Nelson and Anna

Johnson, by whom he has had three children, two of which are living—Randolph M. and Horace E. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are members of the M. E. Church of Forest City, at which place he now resides, engaged in the practice of law, together with loaning of money and sale of lands. "True and upright in all his duties, he has a name truly honorable, and a character worthy of emulation." A local writer thus speaks of him in reference to his labors in the General Assembly: "Hon. J. E. Anderson, although he made no attempts at oratory, made for himself a very excellent record. He was a thorough worker, and, during the entire session, did not, I believe, miss a single roll call. He was always to be found in his seat, and gave the strictest and closest attention to business. As many committee meetings as he could find time to attend, he attended, and shirked no duty imposed upon him. His genial and social disposition gained for him hosts of friends, and to illustrate this I will only mention one instance of which I took particular notice. I think it was the day immediately preceding the last of the session, when the regular order of business was being strictly followed, and the House, for some cause or other was in an exceedingly bad humor, and had refused several members to take up measures out of their order; it was on this day, and while this feeling was upon the House that Mr. Anderson asked leave to take up out of its order the bill for funding county indebtedness, and his request was granted without a dissenting voice, and this, alone, speaks better of his standing among the members than if I devoted a whole column to him. The

district he represented has no cause to regret having elected him, for I assure you their interests were in safe and good hands."

George A. Franklin, of the firm of Lattimore & Co., attorneys and real estate agents, Forest City, was born in Rockford, Ill., April 2, 1855. He is a graduate of the State Normal, of Illinois, in the class of 1877. In 1878 and 1879 he was employed as principal in the Butler schools, Montgomery Co., Ill. In the spring of 1881 he came to Winnebago county, where he engaged in stock growing. In the spring of 1883, he purchased an interest in his present business. They make the collections of slow and doubtful claims, and the foreclosures of mortgages a specialty.

W. A. Chapman, a prominent attorney of Lake Mills, was born in Kalamazoo Co., Mich., in November, 1842, his parents being Willard and Polly (Weller) Chapman. His father was a native of Massachusetts; his mother of Vermont. While W. A. was quite young his parents removed to Canada, where he was reared on a farm. His widowed mother is now living in Brooklin, province of Ontario. Mr. Chapman left home when he attained his majority and for a number of years engaged in teaching. He spent one year in Buffalo, N. Y., also about two years in and about Chicago, teaching school, and in 1873 came to Iowa locating at Lake Mills. For two or three years he was engaged in teaching school and in studying law, and in 1876 was admitted to the bar by Judge George W. Ruddick. Since that time Mr. Chapman has applied himself wholly to the practice of his profession and has built up a lucrative

practice. He held the office of county superintendent of schools for four years, and proved a very efficient officer. He was married, in 1875, to Mary E. Clark, a native of Canada, who has borne him two children—Mina L. and Clara M.

E. F. Thompson came to Lake Mills from Minneapolis, in 1876. He had been in practice in the latter city for some time, in partnership with a law firm, and had met with very good success.

In 1869 J. E. Howard came with his parents to Forest City. Early in 1876 he commenced the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1878, by Judge C. T. Granger, at a term of the circuit court. Mr. Howard was born in Fayette Co., Iowa, Aug. 31, 1855, his parents being Samuel and Jane (Alcorn) Howard, natives of Pennsylvania. He is not in actual practice at present, but is engaged in land and collection business. Mr. Howard is one of the rising young men of Forest City.

J. T. Lattimore came to Forest City in the spring of 1877 and opened a law office. Mr. Lattimore is a native of Pennsylvania. He studied law in Mason City with Judge Wilbur, and on being admitted to the bar he came to Forest City. He is now connected with the Forest City Bank, and his time is chiefly occupied in attending to land sales and collections.

The law and real estate firm of Pickering, Hartley & Harwood, of Northwood, established a branch business at Lake Mills, in 1879, and W. C. Harwood took charge of the business. Messrs. Pickering and Hartley are the lawyers of the firm, Mr. Harwood, attending to the other business of the firm.

Biographies and Portraits

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# Progressive Men of Iowa

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## A Western Commonwealth

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Dubuque on the first ballot, although he had two strong competitors; and at the election in November of that year he received 64,170 majority over the fusion candidate.

In the winter of 1900, while on a business trip in San Francisco, Mr. Merriam was taken sick with typhoid fever and narrowly escaped death. He was a very sick man for many months, though his determination not to shirk responsibility brought him back to his office long before he was well. He had no opposition for a second term, being re-nominated by acclamation by the republican state convention August 1, 1900, and re-elected by nearly 100,000 majority over the fusion nominee.

Mr. Merriam belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Masonic lodges and to the Grant Club; is secretary and member of the board of trustees of Lenox College of Hopkinton; and is a deacon in the Presbyterian church.

He was married July 10, 1889, to Elnora N. Hitchcock, who was born in the adjoining county of Jones, October 16, 1867. Mrs. Merriam was educated in the public schools and in Monmouth College, Illinois; and was a teacher for a number of years. They have had three children, two of whom died in infancy. The oldest, Frank Howard, born April 23, 1890, is a bright, healthy boy.

While Mr. Merriam now holds one of the most important of the offices of the state, secured by native ability and determination, and that at the early age of thirty-three, it is but reasonable to assume that he will attain still greater prominence in state and national affairs.

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ANDERSON, JOHN E., of Forest City, is in the best sense of the word a Western man. In his financial success, unblemished political record and steadily expanding field of usefulness in life's pursuits, Forest City and Iowa may well feel a personal interest.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." Mr. Anderson probably did not take his political and business cue in life from Brutus, but it is safe to say that he possessed so keen an intuitive sense, if not practical knowledge, of the ebb and flow of life's currents that he took them at the flood. He is a na-

tive of Sweden, where he was born March 24, 1846. In 1852 he came with his parents to America, and after spending three years in the cities of New York and Brooklyn, removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, where they spent two years on a farm, then resided three years in Lyons, Iowa. In 1860 they



located on a farm in Winnebago county, and it is there Mr. Anderson has grown to manhood. When he had finished the common schools, he entered the Upper Iowa University in 1866, and there pursued his studies persistently for three years. This was followed with a classical and scientific course in the Iowa State University, from which he graduated with high honors in 1872. His ambition still not satisfied, he matriculated in the law department of the last named institution, and in 1876 we find him a graduate in the profession of Blackstone. His wisdom in securing both a classical and law education is shown in the good use to which his knowledge in these directions has been put. In 1881 he was elected to represent Winnebago, Worth, Hancock and Wright counties in the legislature, and his professional knowledge of the law and the schools was given a fitting recognition by a chairman-

ship and a membership in the following important committees: Judiciary, schools, library, claims, State University, compensation of public officers, constitutional amendments and senatorial and representative districts. He is a parliamentarian of recognized ability, an able writer and a graceful and convincing speaker. In many struggles on the floor of the house, he was an active participant, and his words always commanded the marked attention of that body. Having been elected on the republican ticket he continued to affiliate with that party until the birth of the people's party in 1891, when he embraced the new faith and was made chairman of the first state convention, which met in Des Moines in that year. He was a delegate at large from the state of Iowa to the populist national convention held in Omaha in 1892, and in St. Louis in 1896, and in Sioux Falls in 1900. He was the populist party candidate for congress from the Tenth district in 1892, its candidate for lieutenant governor in 1893, its candidate for judge of the supreme court in 1894, chairman of the state central committee in 1895-6, and he is now a member of both state and national committees, and is on the roll of national campaign speakers. He was also the demo-populist candidate for judge of the Twelfth judicial district in 1898. Mr. Anderson has been a farmer, teacher, lawyer, author, editor and lecturer. In 1872-5 he visited nearly every state in the Union and delivered lectures to the students in more than three hundred colleges, on a work of which he is the author, entitled, "Common Sense Applied to Numbers, etc." Every work of true reform has had him among its most unflinching advocates. He was a strong, popular and useful member of the General Assembly of Iowa, and made for himself a worthy and honorable reputation. He is genial and sociable by nature, and has many friends who like him for his good and sterling qualities.

Mr. Anderson was married on September 3, 1875, to Miss Martha A. Johnson, of Decorah, a daughter of Nelson and Anna Johnson and sister of Hon. M. N. Johnson of North Dakota. They have five children: Rudolph M., Irving B., Horace E., Mary S. and William P. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs.

Anderson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In secret society circles he is well known, being a member of nearly all the principal orders, viz.: A. F. & A. M., both chapter and commandery; Odd Fellows; A. O. U. W.; B. A. Y.; M. W. A., and the Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Anderson has for many years been engaged in the law, loan, land and abstract business. He is also the editor and proprietor of the Independent, a newspaper of large circulation and wide influence, which he established about fourteen years ago.

The democratic, populist, free silver republican allied parties of the state of Iowa, on August 16, 1900, nominated him as their candidate for the office of railroad commissioner.

BOPP, JACOB W., now engaged in the real estate and loan business in West Union, was for a number of years widely known in Iowa as a newspaper writer, and is to this day. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 28, 1853. His father, Michael, was a native of Darmstadt, Germany, born in 1822, and his mother, Margaret Smith, was born in the same German village in 1828. His grandfather on the paternal side was an officer under Napoleon for eight years, participated in the battles preceding the march to Moscow and was one of the few who survived the terrible retreat from Moscow. Mr. and Mrs. Bopp located on a farm in Windsor township, Fayette county, in 1854, and are still living there. Eleven of their fourteen children are yet living, an honor to themselves and their parents and valuable members of the community. They have contributed not a little to the development of north-eastern Iowa. Jacob worked on the farm until he was nineteen years old, when he went to town and fitted himself by two years' academic study to teach school. In this profession by the earnest energy that has characterized his life he won the fullest success. After two years of teaching he entered the collegiate department of the State University and two years later the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. In 1880 he went to Mason City, where he entered newspaper work. He was employed on a local paper and organized

# Centennial Sketches

A historical booklet marking the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Forest City, Winnebago County, Iowa, in 1855.

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# Pioneers

## J. E. Anderson

J. E. Anderson was born in Sweden in 1846. He came to America with his parents in 1852 and after being in New York and Illinois a few years came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Winnebago County in 1860. Mr. Anderson attended Upper Iowa University three years, then entered the State University of Iowa, graduating with the class of 1872. He took the law course at the University and was graduated in 1876. Mr. Anderson distinguished himself as the author of a work on calculations, traveling extensively lecturing on this subject. In 1881 he was elected to represent Worth, Winnebago, Hancock and Wright Counties in the State Assembly. He practiced law and dealt in loans and real estate. Later he was the editor of the *Forest City Independent*.

A son of J. E. Anderson, Rudolph M. Anderson, has distinguished himself in the field of science. After being graduated from the Forest City high school in 1893 Rudolph Anderson received his Ph.B. degree from the University of Iowa in 1903 and his Ph.D. in 1906. After serving as assistant curator at the University Museum he joined the staff of the American Museum of Natural History. Between 1908 and 1913 he explored the northern regions of Canada and the interior of Alaska travelling more than 10,000 miles by dog sled and boat. From 1913 to 1946 Anderson was in Canadian government service as zoologist and chief of the Division of Biology at the Natural Museum of Canada. During that time he carried on extensive explorations in the Canadian Arctic. He has published several works including *Birds of Iowa* (1903), and *Catalogue of Recent Mammals* (1947).

Dr. Anderson married Mae Belle Allstrand of Sioux City in 1913 and at present Mr. and Mrs. Anderson live in Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. Anderson has received many special honors in connection with his work. Among them was his election as a Knight officer of the International Order of St. Hubert. In 1913 he was given a recognition banquet in Forest City.

## Thomas Bearse

Thomas Bearse came to Winnebago County in the spring of 1855 with the purpose of making it his home. Others had been in the area to hunt and trap but it is believed Bearse was the first to make this area his home. Bearse was living at Rhodes Mill, Cerro Gordo County (now the town of Fertile) before coming to what was to

be Forest City. He built a log cabin on the east side of Lime Creek about three-fourths of a mile directly east of where Forest City now stands in 1855 and lived here twelve years before moving to Hancock County. In 1882 he returned to Winnebago County and became a resident of Norway township. Mr. Bearse was a genial, warm-hearted fellow and was well liked. He held the office of county coroner for one term and also other civic offices.

Tom Bearse was an excellent rough and tumble fighter. In the 60's he was about 40 years old, medium in size, compact and well-built. He was very active and had muscles of steel. In the opening chapter of this book the story of his fight with bears is recounted.

## A. Blennerhassett

A. Blennerhassett, who operated a drug store in Forest City for many years, was born in Ireland in 1830. After some time spent in Australia he married Elizabeth Haire in Ireland and following two years in London they came to America. In 1871 Blennerhassett came to Forest City and opened a drug store on Clark Street in the present location of the *Forest City Summit*. He expanded his holdings and at one time owned much of that block. Back of their property in the area now occupied by Eymann's Service Station the Blennerhassetts had a beautiful garden which was the pride of the city and the scene of many gala parties. Mrs. Blennerhassett taught a private school in her home for a time and also started a Sunday school which functioned for several years.

Blennerhassett was a prankster with fellow Irishman Mahoney and the two of them kept the town in interested suspense waiting for what they would do next. It has been reported that the Blennerhassett store dealt in liquor as many drug stores of the day did and that its accessibility to the court house did not discourage that business.

## Darius Bray

There were individuals in the early days who gave color and life to the scene. Darius Bray was such a man. He was sometimes called "Preacher Bray" and at least once was seen preaching to his wife near a haystack at their home while he kept her attention with a poised pitchfork.

Bray was a native of Maine and was famous



## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **John E Anderson**  
 Census Date: 1895  
 Residence County: Winnebago  
 Residence State: Iowa  
 Locality: Forest City  
 Birth Location: Sweden  
 Family Number: 172  
 Gender: Male  
 Birth Year: abt 1847  
 Race: White  
 Line: 17  
 Roll: IA1885\_412

## Neighbors:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>John E Anderson</u>	48
	<u>Martha A Anderson</u>	46
	<u>Rudolph M Anderson</u>	18
	<u>Horace E Anderson</u>	14
	<u>Mary S Anderson</u>	7
	<u>William P Anderson</u>	5

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## Description:

This database contains Iowa state censuses for the following years: 1856, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, and 1925. It also includes some head of household censuses and other special censuses from 1836-1897. Information available for an individual will vary according to the census year and the information requested on the census form. Some of the information contained in this database though includes name, age, gender, race, birthplace, marital status, place of enumeration. Learn more...

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John E Anderson**  
 Home in 1900: Forest City, Winnebago, Iowa  
 Age: 54  
 Estimated birth year: abt 1846  
 Birthplace: Sweden  
 Relationship to head-of-house: Head  
 Spouse's name: Martha A  
 Mother's name: Rudolph M  
 Race: White  
 Occupation:  
 Immigration Year: 1852  
 Neighbors:  
 Household Members:

Name	Age
<a href="#">John E Anderson</a>	54
<a href="#">Martha A Anderson</a>	57
<a href="#">Rudolph M Anderson</a>	23
<a href="#">Horace E Anderson</a>	19
<a href="#">Mary S Anderson</a>	12
<a href="#">William P Anderson</a>	11

**Source Citation:** Year: 1900; Census Place: Forest City, Winnebago, Iowa; Roll: T629 463; Page: 134; Enumeration District: 107.

**Source Information:**

Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2003. Original data: United States, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1901. T629, 1854 rolls.

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