

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bishop, Charles A. Senator _____

Represented Black Hawk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 May 1854 Waukesha, Wisconsin

2. Marriage (s) date place

(1) Ellen Mary Dow Nov 1873

(2) Alice S. Lyman

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1875

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 19th General Assembly 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of La Porte City for one term; appointed Judge of the Ninth District of La Porte City, Attorneys

B. State Assistant Attorney General of Iowa for 3 years.

C. National _____

7. Death 9 Jul 1908 Waterloo, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Alward; Lurand (Mrs. George B. Ryan); Josephine - by 2nd wife - a daughter

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Educated in common schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- During his early years he worked on a farm
- He started studying law at home at age 19
- He taught school for 2 years.
- After being admitted to the bar in the circuit he came to La Porte City, Iowa and started his law practice with his uncle, Charles Bishop
- He lived in La Porte City for 8 years.
- He edited a La Porte City newspaper, The La Porte City Review which later consolidated with The La Porte City Progress.
- After serving in the legislature he practiced law in Minneapolis, Minnesota with Judge Bagg, but the firm lasted only a short time.
- In 1886 he moved to Des Moines, Iowa
- He practiced law in Des Moines until 1897 when he was again appointed a district judge and continued on the bench until April 1902 when he resigned to resume active law practice.
- In July 1902 he was appointed to a seat on the Iowa Supreme Court to fill a vacancy
- His first wife, Mary, buried in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa on 14 Jan 1900.



CHARLES A. BISHOP DEAD.

DIED SUDDENLY AT WATERLOO LAST THURSDAY EVENING

Was Noted Iowa Jurist—Resident
of La Porte City for Several
Years—Dropped Dead in Hotel—Home in Des Moines.

Judge Charles A. Bishop, a former well known resident of this city, dropped dead in Waterloo Thursday evening of last week. Mr. Bishop was a resident of Des Moines and at the time of his death was a judge of the Supreme court of Iowa. The following account of the sudden death of Judge Bishop was given in the Waterloo Reporter:—

"While joking and laughing with friends in the lobby of the Ellis hotel Thursday evening, Charles A. Bishop, of Des Moines, judge of the supreme court of Iowa, was stricken with apoplexy.

The summons came as sudden as it was unexpected and for some time his brother members of the State Bar association could not realize that the jovial Judge Bishop was no more. The tragic end came just as the Ellis management was ready to serve the banquet and while the victim was within sight of one hundred of the prominent lawyers of Iowa and other states who were in attendance at the annual session which opened Thursday morning. His death cast a gloom over the assemblage and the elaborate banquet and program of toasts was cancelled.

A more sudden end cannot be imagined. It came without an instant's warning while the victim was apparently enjoying the best of health. Judge Bishop was an interested auditor Thursday at the proceedings of the State Bar Association and at the conclusion of the afternoon program took an auto ride about the city with Scott M. Ladd, judge of the Supreme court, and C. W. Mullan, of Waterloo, ex-attorney general of Iowa. To them Mr. Bishop remarked about his physical condition, claiming that he had never felt better nor stronger. Following the pleasure trip, he went to the Ellis where he conversed with members of the bar association. A few minutes after 8 o'clock Judge Bishop secured the key to his room from Earl Swindell, the night clerk.

Mr. Bishop made his way to the middle of the Fifth street lobby and entered into conversation with Judge Bollinger, of Davenport, Fred Faville, of Storm Lake, United States district attorney and other friends. He was



JUDGE CHARLES A. BISHOP

Who Dropped Dead at Waterloo Last Thursday Evening

Iowa which office he held for three years. In March, 1889, he was appointed judge of the ninth district by Governor Larrabee to succeed Judge Given, who had been appointed to the supreme bench. As a candidate of the Bar Association he was defeated for reelection in 1891. He then engaged in practice and so continued until 1897, when he was again appointed to the district judgeship by Governor Drake to succeed Judge Spurrier, resigned. He continued on the bench until April, 1902, when he resigned in order to resume the active practice of his profession. In July, 1902, he was appointed by

A PIONEER TEACHER.

A La Porte City Visitor Who Taught School Here Forty- seven Years Ago.

Mrs. W. F. Knowles of Hinton, Iowa, is visiting in the city this week at the home of her son, Dr. C. B. Knowles, and family. Mrs. Knowles was one of the early settlers of this section and was one of the pioneer school teachers of this county. Mrs. Knowles, then Miss Hattie F. Frost, came from Kent, Ohio, to Blackhawk county in 1839.

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Not until Judge Bishop sank to the floor and the smile faded from his features did his companions realize he was ill. His eyes were open and assumed a glassy stare while friends made a hurried examination. His heart and pulse were still beating, but he did not breathe. Heart action rapidly grew weaker and a moment later life was extinct.

A medical examination was made and the doctor pronounced death due to apoplexy which paralyzed the system. O'Keefe & Towne took charge of the remains and conveyed them to their undertaking rooms, where they remained until Friday, when the body was taken to the family home in Des Moines.

Judge Bishop passed several years of his early career as a resident of La Porte City. He was born in Waukesha, Wis., on May 27, 1854. During the early years of his life he was employed on a farm and attended the common schools. His law studies were commenced at home when he was 10 years of age. At Clintonville, Wis., he taught school for two years and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 1875. In the same year that he was admitted to the bar he came to La Porte City and commenced the practice of his profession, being associated with Charles Bishop, an uncle. He resided in this city for about 8 years and was prominent in the affairs of the town. Beside practicing law he edited a newspaper, the Review, afterward consolidated with the Progress. He was mayor of the city for one term. In 1881 was elected to the nineteenth general assembly as representative from Black Hawk county. Later he went to Minneapolis to practice with Judge Bagg, but the firm was not long lived.

In 1886 he removed to Des Moines and then began his rise on the ladder of success. During the same year he served as assistant attorney general of

Association he was defeated for reelection in 1891. He then engaged in practice and so continued until 1897, when he was again appointed to the district judgeship by Governor Drake to succeed Judge Spurrier, resigned. He continued on the bench until April, 1902, when he resigned in order to resume the active practice of his profession.

In July, 1902, he was appointed by Governor Cummins to a seat in the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Waterman. He served the unexpired term and at the general election in 1903, was re-elected. His term would have expired December 31, 1910. In politics, Judge Bishop was a staunch republican.

The Des Moines Register and Leader gave the following concerning the family of Judge Bishop:—

"Mr. Bishop and the little six-year old daughter and Mrs. Matthew Smith—Mr. Smith is a brother of the wife of Judge Bishop's son—are visiting at the summer home of Mrs. Bishop's parents, the Lymans at a village north of Los Angeles and which is off a railroad and difficult of access. Judge Bishop's son, Alvord Bishop, resides in Cleveland. He is claim agent for the Iowa Central and other Hawley railroads. A daughter, Lura, now Mrs. George B. Ryan, lives in Almagurda, New Mexico. Another daughter, Josephine, is in Red Oak. Judge Bishop's first wife died about eight years ago in this city and he was remarried to Miss Alice S. Lyman of 1191 West Ninth street in Des Moines. Their only child is the little girl who is with her mother in California."

Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting word to Mrs. Bishop telling her of the death of her husband. She was finally reached and left on the first train for Des Moines. The funeral was held on Tuesday of this week and was in charge of the Masonic fraternity of which he was a prominent member.

As I now have Bert Betts do my delivering, please order according to his hours. Mrs. Nellie M. Frank.

Needles, shuttles and bobbins for all makes of sewing machines, I have them. McCoy.

Mrs. J. F. Camp went to Parkersburg last Friday evening for a visit in the home of her son, Attorney R. F. Camp and wife.

Until farther notice there will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church. It has been decided to omit the securing of a supply for the present and to have the usual summer vacation period begin with next Sabbath. The other services of the church will be continued as usual.

Mrs. W. F. Knowles of Hinton, Iowa, is visiting in the city this week at the home of her son, Dr. C. B. Knowles, and family. Mrs. Knowles was one of the early settlers of this section and was one of the pioneer school teachers of this county. Mrs. Knowles, then Miss Hattie F. Frost, came from Kent, Ohio, to Blackhawk county in 1860 and in '61 taught school in Waterloo in a little school house on the west bank of the river just across from the mill. Here she had over 100 pupils under her care a part of the time and many of the future business men of Waterloo were then pupils in her school. The next year Waterloo did not have school all the year on account of the building of a new school house and Miss Frost came to La Porte City where she taught in the old Advent church, this being one of the first schools in the township. Later she taught in a remodeled blacksmith shop which stood on the corner where the Progress-Review is now located. A sister of Mrs. Knowles also taught here, the sister getting \$18 per month and Mrs. Knowles \$20, these sums being considered exceedingly good wages for school teachers. The young ladies "boarded round" and many are the interesting experiences they had especially when it came their turn to board with families two miles out from town who sent their children to the La Porte school.

Among the pupils of this school of 47 years ago are many who will be remembered, Byron Chapin was among the "little tads" and Frank Barnes, Al Turner, the Fox children, the Dodson family and many more whose names are familiar in the early history of the town.

Like many another school teacher, Miss Frost became entangled in Cupid's snares while teaching here, and was married to W. F. Knowles. Mrs. Knowles is an intelligent woman, a good conversationalist and can talk very interestingly of the early days of the town and county. She has taught in Waterloo and La Porte City, and saw or her sister taught in every school then organized between the two places, and many are the interesting reminiscences she can relate of a teacher's life in the early sixties.

Big Oats.

A sample of oats was brought to this office this week from the Ed Haring fields. The oats were grown from seed brought from England and the stalks and heads measured five and one-half feet. The berry was well filled and betokened a good crop.

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CHARLES A. BISHOP

Served on the Iowa Supreme Court from July 2, 1902, when he was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Justice Charles M. Waterman, until his death July 9, 1908. For one year he was Chief Justice.

Born near Waukesha, Wisconsin, May 22, 1854. He studied law in law offices in Wisconsin and was admitted to the bar in 1875. In the same year he migrated to Iowa, locating at La Porte in Black Hawk County. In 1882 he served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Nineteenth General Assembly. Shortly thereafter he moved to Minneapolis where he remained three years. In 1885 he returned to Iowa, locating at Des Moines where in 1889 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the District Court. He failed to be elected the next year, but in 1897 he was again appointed to the District Bench, continuing there until early in 1902.

Justice Bishop died at Waterloo while attending a meeting of the State Bar Association.

THE
HISTORY
OF
BLACK HAWK COUNTY,

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CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Black Hawk County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

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BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP.

(P. O. LA PORTE CITY.)

ABBOTT, W. H., farmer.

Adams, J. C. liveryman.

Allen, Smiley, blacksmith.

Amburn, Amos, carpenter.

Anthony, C. W., minister.

Armstrong, S. E., farmer, Sec. 21.

BAHR, BENJ., farmer, Sec. 12.

BALLHEIM, JACOB, farmer, Sec. 30; born in Washington Co., Wis., in 1845. Married Eva Fisher in 1868; she was born in Germany in 1845; they have two children—Lizzie and Annie. Came to this county in March, 1871, and settled on his present place consisting of eighty acres, valued at \$50 per acre. Enlisted in Co. A, 51st Wisconsin Infantry, in 1865, and served six months, when he was honorably discharged.

Bahr, Levi, farmer, Sec. 12.

Baldwin, J. C., farmer, Sec. 25.

Ballou, Frank, harness maker.

Banman, James C., carpenter.

Barnes, B. F., mason.

Barnes, Ezra, farmer, Sec. 33.

Beedenbender, H., farmer, Sec. 30.

Belenger, F., farmer, Sec. 9.

Belzer, L., Sr., farmer, Sec. 34.

Benorton, R., farmer, Sec. 9.

Benson, I., farmer, Sec. 6.

BEREND, PETER, merchant tailor, Main street; was born in Germany May 11, 1840; emigrated to this country Dec. 18, 1865, first settling in Wood Co., Ohio, and came to this county March 18, 1869, settling in Waterloo, and working at his trade. He married Catherine Tont in April, 1866; she was born in Germany Sept. 18, 1848. Came and opened his present business in this city Feb. 22, 1878; owns farm of eighty acres in Cedar Tp., where his family reside. Nettie, Nicholas, Phrona and Ann are his children.

BERRY, DANIEL, farmer, Sec. 30; born in Canada East in 1827, and emigrated to Stephenson Co., Ill., in 1847, where he married Adaline Allard in 1850; she was born in the same place in 1833. George F., Wm. H. and Cora A. are their children. Mr. B.

was one of the earliest settlers in Stephenson Co., where, by his industry and earnest perseverance, he has gained his present position in life. The estate he now occupies, and upon which he settled, and purchased in April, 1870, consists of 1,300 acres of land, valued at \$50,000.

BISHOP, CHARLES A., attorney, Main st.; born in Waukesha Co., Wis., in 1853. Married Mary D. Dow in Nov., 1873; she was born in the same county in 1856; have one child—Alvord L. Commenced his studies with Bingham & Weed, at Palmyra, with whom he remained until 1873, when he moved to New London, Waupaca Co., Wis., where he first opened his office, and where he continued until 1875, when he came to this county, and occupied his present place. Was elected Mayor in the Spring of 1877, and filled that office one term; upon retiring from that position, was elected City Attorney, and still holds that office.

BISHOP, GEORGE S., attorney at law; born in Livingston Co., N. Y., May 9, 1850. Married Mariah Seaman May 13, 1877; she was born in Grant Co., Ind., June 11, 1855. Graduated at the Iowa State University at Iowa City, and was admitted to the bar June 25, 1872. Came to this county with his parents in April, 1856, where he has since made his home.

Bitterly, S., farmer, S. 8.

BOYNTON, F. S., druggist; born in Worcester Co., Mass., Oct. 19, 1824; settled with his parents in Essex Co., N. Y., in 1832; emigrated to Francis Co., Mo., in 1849; returned to Troy, N. Y., in 1853, and moved to Poweshiek Co., Iowa, in 1856, and settled in this city in 1866, where he opened business in the Fall of that year. Married Mariah Tomlinson July 6, 1848; they have three children—Lettie L., Florence M. and Mary M.; lost one child. In 1863, he enlisted in 44th Iowa V. I., Company E, and served about six months.

Bradfield, W. R., farmer, S. 20.

Brainard, S. P., attorney.