

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bowditch Irving P. Senator _____

Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Nov 1838 Dutchess County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah H. Harrison 19 Apr 1858 Maine Township

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 17th, 19th General Assemblies 1878, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local School Board president and secretary; township clerk

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 11 May 1927 Hawbrook, Iowa; buried Jordan Grove Cemetery, Maine Township

8. Children Edward H.; George P.; John S.; Charles B. Linn County, Iowa

9. Names of parents Bailey and Sarah (Paine) Bowditch

10. Education He was educated in common schools in his
locality in his neighborhood; he attended law
academy at Litchfield Academy.

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Amesbury

- He came with his family to Iowa in spring 1856
- He was the senior member of the Bowditch family who were
engaged in agriculture and raised livestock.
- In 1907 he was appointed state inspector of county houses and
other institutions for 2 years.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Portrait and Biographical Almanac of Lincoln County, Iowa 1887, p. 741-742
-			Obituary - The Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Thurs. May 12, 1927, p. 13, col. 2, 3
-			Lincoln County, Iowa Gene Records WPA, p. 31

Scott County Loses Its Fight

JUDGE SCOTT DENIES SUPERVISORS' PLEA

Court Also Dismisses Petition For Accounting From The State Treasurer For About \$62,000.

DES MOINES, May 12.—(AP) — State officials today were advised that District Judge Scott at Davenport had denied the application of the Scott county board of supervisors for a receiver for the county's share of the diverted interest in the state sinking fund of public deposits.

The ruling was in a case brought against State Treasurer R. E. Johnson and Frank Redey, Scott county treasurer, and a number of Scott county banks. The court also dismissed part two of the plaintiff's petition, which sought an accounting and personal judgment against Treasurer Johnson for about \$62,000 of diverted interest.

Charges Pile Up Against Young Man Sought At Oxford

IOWA CITY, May 12.—Searchers, solicitous for the whereabouts of Ben Davis, until May 6 an insurance agent at Oxford, have been piling up evidence for a series of charges against the young business man, who left that town quietly and suddenly on the date mentioned.

The German hotel in Oxford has a bill of between \$50 and \$70 which Davis neglected to pay, a Cedar Rapids insurance firm is desirous of getting several hundred dollars which, it is said, he collected in the form of premiums but did not turn over to the company.

Further, the missing insurance man is alleged to have borrowed sums from several of his friends, whom he also overlooked in leaving the scene of his labors.

Davis had also overdrawn his account at an Oxford bank, it was said yesterday at the office of Sheriff Frank L. Smith.

I. P. Bowdish, Resident Of Linn County For Seventy-One Years, Dies At Waubeek At Age Of 88

Special to The Gazette-Republican. WAUBEK, May 12.—I. P. Bowdish, 88, prominent in Linn county for seventy-one years, died at his home here at 9 p.m. yesterday after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Bowdish was the senior member of the firm Bowdish brothers, engaged in agriculture on 960 acres of land in Maine township for many years. As a leader in modern farming methods and as a stock-raiser, he was known over the entire state.

Prominent in other work than agriculture, Mr. Bowdish served in the Seventeenth general assembly in 1877-78, and also in the Nineteenth assembly of 1881-82. His interest in educational problems was keen and he had served as president and secretary of the school board here. He also formerly held the offices of township clerk and assessor.

Mr. Bowdish was born Nov. 19, 1838, in Dutchess county, N. Y. His common school education was augmented by a complete course at an academy at Litchfield, Conn. He came to Iowa with his father and four brothers in the spring of 1856. Two years later Mary Harrison became his wife. They were married by Elder Rowley, pastor of the Jordan's Grove Baptist church.

On April 19 Mr. and Mrs. Bowdish quietly celebrated their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary at their home here. For several days preceding the anniversary Mr. Bowdish had been in ill health, suffering from kidney trouble and anemia, from which he never recovered.

In 1907 Mr. Bowdish was appointed state inspector of county homes and other institutions, in which office he served two years. He was one of the charter members of the Linn County Old Settlers' association which held its first meeting in 1891. Other affiliations were with Springville lodge No. 133, A. F. and A. M., Royal Arch chapter No. 10, of Marion, and Patmos Commandery No. 27, K. T., at Marion. He was a member of the democratic party.



I. P. BOWDISH.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowdish lived in the same home here for sixty-nine years. He is survived by his widow, and three sons: Ed, who lives on a farm near the old home, John at Springville, and Platt, at Ames.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Jordan's Grove church, with the Rev. Mr. Potter officiating. The body will be taken from the home at 2 p.m.

ORGANIZE BOY SCOUT COUNCIL AT ANAMOSA

District Work To Be Carried On In Connection With Cedar Rapids Unit; Niles Serves As Chairman.

Special to The Gazette-Republican. ANAMOSA, May 12.—Howard Cherry, president of the Linn county council, Boy Scouts of America, together with Henry M. Files, chairman of the finance committee, F. Poyneer, chairman of the camp committee, Carroll C. Thomas, executive, and Walter W. Blea of Cedar Rapids, met with a delegation of Anamosa men in the city here Tuesday evening. The men decided to organize themselves as a district of the Linn council better conduct scout work in Anamosa and neighboring towns. They will be represented on the Linn council by Clifford L. Niles, who is district chairman and H. F. Hathaway elected district commissioner.

To perform the work necessary the betterment of scouting the following committees were appointed: Court of honor committee, Judge Niles, chairman, George Beman, Alfred Remley; board of review, F. Hathaway, chairman, Glenn Laughlin, George Beman, J. E. Tuley and William Lamb; finance committee, George B. Frazier, chairman, Dr. A. G. Hejninian, Lawrence Miller; and camping committee, Jamieson Musser, chairman, Ament and John Rhody.

The officers elected Tuesday night will meet later this week to formulate a program to be carried out in the coming year. This program will include training for leadership as well as a camp program. The camp program includes building of a log cabin in the park for the use of scouts. District work will be carried on in connection with the Cedar Rapids council. Anamosa is the first district to be so organized and plan of the organization is to give its share of the expense of the council. There are at present two troops in Anamosa. Troop 31, sponsored by the Congregational church, Dr. J. Rawson, scoutmaster, and Troop 32, sponsored by the Methodist church, Stanley J. Clarke, scoutmaster. Troop 31 recently won the state cup for gaining the highest score in an achievement contest which ran through the months of January and February. Troop 31 has a membership of thirty-four scouts. Troop 32 has a membership of sixteen.

Orchestra And Violin Recital At Manches

Special to The Gazette-Republican. ANAMOSA, May 12.—Dr. Di Tella, instructor of Manches bands and orchestras, has announced an orchestra concert and violin recital at Manches.

NEW BANK TO OPEN AT TOLEDO MAY 18

Special to The Gazette-Republican. TOLEDO, May 12.—The National Bank of Toledo, successor of the First National bank, closed since last fall, will be opened for business May 18, it was announced here yesterday. Charles Benesh, president of the new institution, made the announcement following receipt of information from Sioux City that the application of F. R. Jones, receiver of the First National bank, for the sale of assets of the insolvent bank had been approved by the federal court. The court named W. P. Crossman, trustee in conjunction with the purchasing bank in liquidating and distributing the proceeds of the unaccrued assets of the First National.

Benton County Sunday School Council To Meet

Special to The Gazette-Republican. VINTON, May 12.—The jubilee convention of the Benton county Sunday School Council of Religious Education will be held May 19 at the Methodist church here. This convention will mark the fiftieth anniversary since the organization was perfected in 1877. The program is as follows: Registration; devotional, the Rev. R. L. Smith; address, "The Problem of Neglected Territory," D. L. Whitmore; song, "Nearer My God to Thee," Louise Dowell; address, "Greater Building," state worker; county president's report, C. E. Riddington; address, "Further Thoughts on the Banker's Secretary," J. H. Usher; recess for dinner, 12 to 1:30; devotional, Fred Clark; state convention echoes, Roy Scott; music; ad-

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CHAPMAN BROTHERS,

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Charles A. Huston and Miss Abby Wiggin were united in marriage at Waubeek, Aug. 3, 1873. Mrs. Huston is the daughter of George W. and Harriett (Giddings) Wiggin, and was born in Tamworth, N. H. By this marriage there was only one child born, of whom they were bereft in infancy.

Mr. H., socially, is a member of the Marvin Mills Post, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican, and is decided in his views as well as fearless in the expression of them, and upholds by every means in his power the principles which he believes to be for the best interest and general good of the county and community. He has held numerous positions of trust, such as Postmaster of Waubeek, Assistant United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa, President of the Cedar Rapids Dairy Board of Trade, President of the Iowa Dairymen's Association, and is at present the President of the 6th Iowa Veteran Volunteer Association. He has ever performed all the duties entrusted to him with credit and fidelity, and has in no way tarnished the splendid record of the Huston family.

It is with pleasure that we present on an accompanying page the portraits of James B. and Charles A. Huston, father and son, who stand in the history of Linn County as excellent types of her best citizens; one a representative pioneer, the other a representative business man of to-day.

SAMUEL L. BOWDISH, a member of the firm of Bowdish Bros., is a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and was born March 3, 1844. He remained in his native county until a lad of twelve years old, and when his parents and brothers emigrated to Iowa he accompanied them. He remained under the parental roof until he attained to years of maturity, serving a fine apprenticeship with his father at agricultural pursuits, and was well fitted to become a member of the firm which has since become prominent in the Hawkeye State for its systematic methods and success. His marriage with Miss Laura Ette Jones was celebrated Jan. 8, 1878, and they have become the parents of three children—Irving P., Richard A. and Elbe P.

Samuel L. Bowdish is a member of the Masonic fraternity, of excellent standing in the brotherhood, being a member of all the orders of Masonry, and is an influential supporter of the Baptist Church. In politics he casts his vote with the Democracy. He is filling his place in the community with credit, and assisting to sustain the reputation of the firm, both in its social obligations and its business capacity.

IRVING P. BOWDISH, senior member of the well-known firm of Bowdish Bros., is carrying on agriculture in Maine Township. He was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1838. He received a good common-school education, and completed it at an academy at Litchfield, Conn. The father was a miller and owner of a mill property for a number of years in New York State. Not being quite satisfied with the result of his labors in the East, he concluded to turn his face westward, and, crossing the Mississippi, came into the State of Iowa in the spring of 1856, accompanied by his four sons. He died in this township Oct. 22, 1877.

Irving P. Bowdish was married in Maine Township, April 19, 1858, to Miss Sarah F. Harrison, daughter of W. R. and Sarah A. (Stover) Harrison. Mrs. Sarah F. Bowdish was born in Washington County, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1844. To this union have been born four children—Edward W., George P., John S. and Charles B.

Irving P. Bowdish has been a prominent man in his county, and was elected to the Seventeenth General Assembly in 1877-78, and also the Nineteenth General Assembly in 1881-82. He is greatly interested in educational matters, and has served as President and Secretary of the School Board. He has also held the offices of Township Clerk and Assessor.

Bowdish Bros. are the owners of 930 acres of land. They are energetic and enterprising men, and are carrying on agriculture after the most modern and improved plan. They are extensive farmers and stock-raisers, and are well known all over the State for the success with which they have carried on agricultural enterprises. They are also

engaged extensively in stock-raising, and exhibit some of the finest animals in this part of the State. Irving P. is a member of Springville Lodge No. 139, F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter No. 10, of Marion, and Patmos Commandery No. 27, K. T., at Marion. In politics he is a conscientious Democrat.



ALLEXANDER BRECHT, manufacturer of vinegar, mustard and pickles at Cedar Rapids, was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 27, 1826, and is a son of Francis and Barbara (Zimmerman) Brecht, natives of Germany. The father was a wealthy farmer of that country, and held the office of Mayor several times. He and his wife became the parents of ten children, of whom five, all sons, are still living: Valentine and Henry reside in Germany; Emanuel is living in Iowa County, this State; Florian lives in Germany, while the other is the subject of this notice. The father died Oct. 10, 1842, and his good wife in 1827.

Alexander Brecht remained with his parents in the old country until fourteen years of age, during which time he attended the common schools. He then for two years was engaged in working on his father's farm, when he was apprenticed to a merchant for three years to learn the business, his parents paying \$300 for the privilege. After serving three years he engaged in another store as an employe, and worked for two years, and then, in 1847, left his native country and set sail for the United States, landing in New York City June 14 of that year. He procured a position as clerk in a German book-store and held the position for five months, when he went to Buffalo and accepted an offer in a grocery and dry-goods establishment, where he remained until 1851. During the year he embarked in business for the first time on his own account. In 1856 he sold out his business and went to Waukegan, Ill., and was there engaged in mercantile business until 1869. During that year he came to this county and, locating at Cedar Rapids, embarked in his present business, which he has continued until the present time. His establish-

ment is at Nos. 69, 71 and 73 B avenue, and the capacity of the work is fourteen barrels per day.

In 1882 Mr. Brecht associated with himself, his son, Henry G., and in 1884 his other son, George A. The present business house was erected in 1886, and his present residence on B avenue and Fifth street, was built in 1883. He also has other property in the city and employs six men to aid him in his business.

Mr. Brecht was married in Buffalo, N. Y., April 28, 1851, to Miss Eutrophia Mackert, a native of Baden, Germany, and daughter of Ignatz Mackert, also a native of that country, and who, coming to the United States in 1846, died in Illinois in 1882. Five children have been born of the union of our subject: Louise, Mrs. Edwin O'Hara of Cedar Rapids, and who has become the mother of two children—Louisa and Caroline; Eutrophia, who married Mr. Snyder of Cedar Rapids, and has borne him two children—Eutrophia and Arthur E.; Henry G. married Annie M. Pettisch, and they have a daughter—Florence N.; George D. and Edward F. are residing at home. Mr. Brecht is a Democrat in politics, a self-made man in every respect the word implies, and one of the successful and enterprising business men of Cedar Rapids.



DC. FRICK, junior member of the firm of Cook & Frick, wholesale grocers of Cedar Rapids (see sketch of Mr. Cook), is a native of the Empire State, and was born Dec. 19, 1837. He is the son of John and Nancy (Baker) Frick, natives of Pennsylvania. They removed to New York, where the father was engaged in mercantile pursuits and in the foundry business. These he abandoned toward the latter years of his life to engage in farming. He departed this life in 1881, while on a visit West with his children.

The subject of this biography was reared at home and attended school until he was fifteen years old. The following three years he worked in his father's foundry during the summer seasons and attended school in the winters. He then entered Williams-ville School, which was conducted under the supervision of the Christian Church, from which he



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- **ID:** I591488577
- **Name:** Irving P. BOWDISH
- **Given Name:** Irving P.
- **Surname:** Bowdish
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** 19 Nov 1838 in New York
- **Death:** 11 May 1927 in Linn County, Iowa
- **Census:** 1860 Maine, Linn County, Iowa, visit 1255
- **Census:** 1895 Iowa State Census, Maine Twp, Linn County, Iowa - age 56
- **Census:** 1880 Linn County, Iowa, ED 269 page 12
- **Census:** 1910 Maine Twp, Linn County, Iowa, ED 90, sheet 6A
- **Census:** 1900 Maine Twp, Linn County, Iowa, ED 79, sheet 17B
- **Note:** Irving P. Bowdish 11 May 1927 1838 Jordan Grove (wife Sarah) Tombstone Records of Linn County, Iowa

Father: [Bailey BOWDISH](#) b: 1800 in New York

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Marriage 1 Sarah F. HARRISON b: 24 Jan 1844 in Washington County, Iowa

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Children

1. [Charles P. BOWDISH](#) b: 18 Jun 1882 in Iowa
2. [Edward W. BOWDISH](#) b: 1865 in Iowa
3. [George P. BOWDISH](#) b: 1872 in Iowa
4. [John BOWDISH](#) b: Dec 1876 in Iowa

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Description:

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