

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Epperson, Marcus Morris Senator _____

Represents Wapella County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Nov 1841 Pulaski County, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Louise O'Hara 1876

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Identified with Eddyville's business and civic enterprises for more than 50 years

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shriner; Knight of Pythias

C. Profession Merchant; banker

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 18th, 19th General Assembly 1880, 1882

6. Public Offices 31st General Assembly 1906

A. Local Mayor of Eddyville; city councilman

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 19 May 1921 Eddyville, Iowa; buried Highland Cemetery, Eddyville, Iowa

8. Children Frank; Albert M.; Arthur B.

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Educated in public and select schools of Mill Spring Kentucky

11. Degrees _____

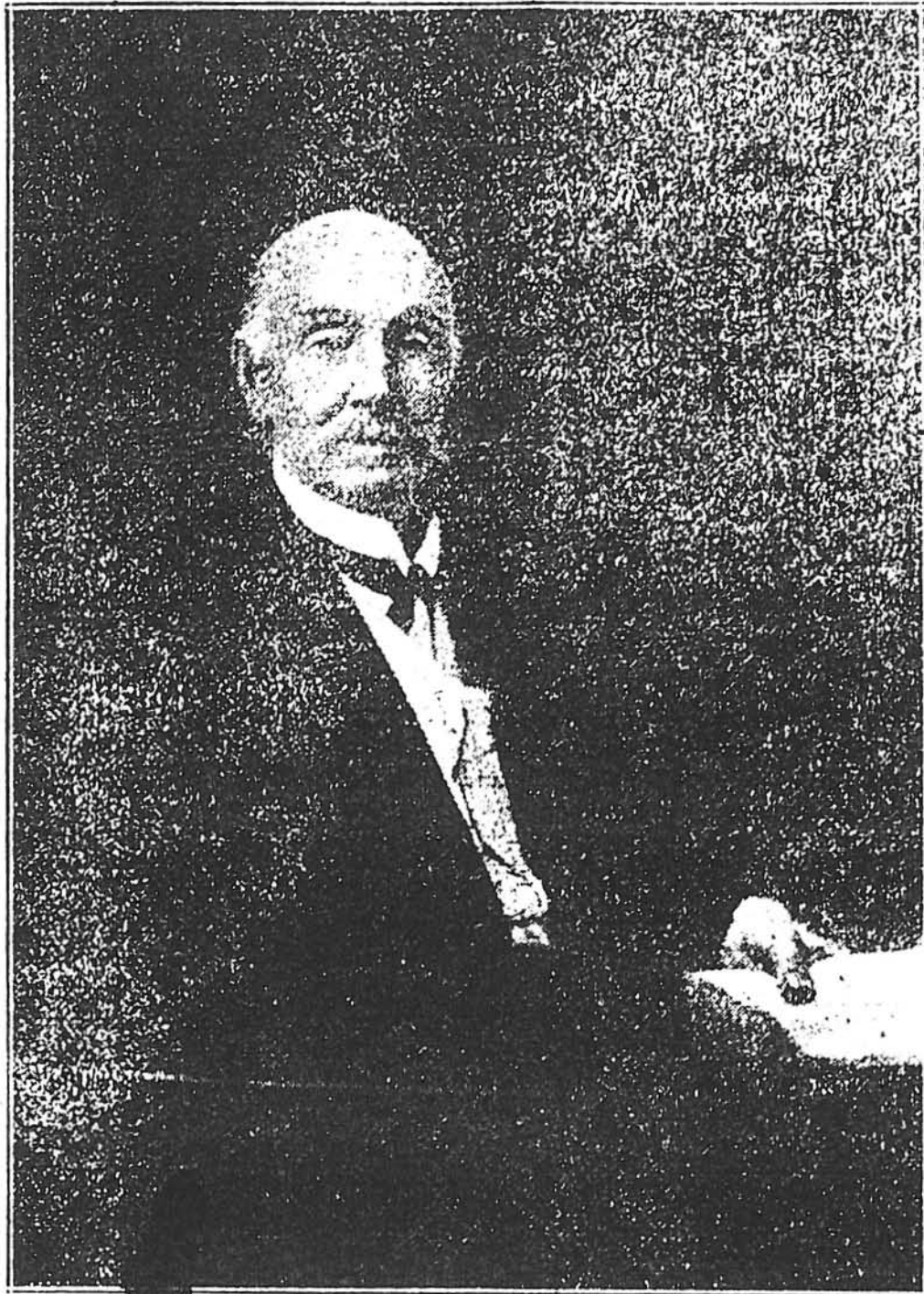
12. Other applicable information Republican

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- Military service - Civil War - Co. D. 36th Iowa Volunteer Infantry
- After the war he returned to Edgerville, Iowa and entered a wholesale grocery house at Edgerville.
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- In 1902 the banking firm's department was incorporated under the name of the Manning and Epperson State Bank.

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Passing of An Honored Citizen

MEMORIAL PROGRAM



James T. Johnson

SERVICES TO THE LEGION SPEAKER

Memorial day will be held at 2:30 p. m. The speaker will be in active charge of the G. A. R. and S. O. S.

The speaker is Captain Robert J. Johnson, who has upon a number of occasions addressed the citizens of Eddyville. He has won many friends among the Ex-servicemen and is a member of the Legion of Honor.

On Sunday, there will be a service for all members of the general public. Rev. T. Johnson will be in charge. Ex-servicemen are invited to appear in uniform.

The service will be held at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday at the A. W. Veterans' Home.

OBITUARY

James T. Johnson, of Eddyville, died on April 27, 1941, at the age of 89 years, 4 months and 10 days.

In 1852 he came to Iowa and thence to what is known as the Johnson farm. He has been a member of the community and settlers now living in the neighborhood. He was married to Elizabeth Cowan.

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Mr. Epperson has been a patient sufferer during the past year and realizing that the end was near has borne all bravely. He has not been in active business during the past year and a half but has been able to be down town most of the time until the last two months.

Mr. Epperson has been active in all affairs of the community both in a

business and social way. Although he was one of Eddyville's oldest business men he has held the utmost confidence and esteem of everyone whom he has met in a business way.

The funeral services will be held at the First Congregational church at 1 p. m. Friday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. S. Kilbourn, assisted by Rev. P. A. Johnson of Grinnell and Wm. McNett of Ottumwa. The Knight Templars will act as an escort and the Masonic fraternity will conduct the services at the cemetery.

All business houses of the city will be closed Friday afternoon during the funeral.

GRANGE HOLDS OPEN MEETING

The Eddyville Grange held an open meeting on Tuesday evening. A large number of visitors were present who assisted in the evening's entertainment. The following program was given.

Community Singing lead by Rev. E. S. Hehner.

Vocal solo—Miss Gaston, lecturer of White Oak Grange near Oskaloosa.

Talk—I. N. Taylor, lecturer of the State Grange.

Talk—A. F. Beek, County Agent of Wapello county.

Cornet solo—Chas. Phillips, Miss Catherine Phillips accompanist.

Talk—Ed Beam of Oskaloosa.
Song—Grange.

The talks were very interesting and they gave many helpful suggestions. The evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all. White Mountain ice cream made by the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery in Oskaloosa was served to over 125 persons present.

SERVICE STAR LEGION BAKE SALE

The Service Star Legion bake sale which was held on May 7th was well patronized. From the sale and donations \$85.00 was received. The money will be used for the Linderman Post of the

CONGREGATIONALISTS OF IOWA TO MEET AT SIOUX CITY

The Congregational churches of the state will meet for their eighty-second conference at Sioux City May 17, 18 and 19. Rev. J. P. Burling of Des Moines is moderator, presiding officer of the conference.

The general theme of the conference will be "The Challenge of the New Day." The Congregational world movement, the international situation, the laymen's interest in the church work, are problems which will also concern the representatives present.

Rev. D. Brewer Eddy of Boston Mrs. L. O. Lee of Chicago and Dr. G. L. Cady of New York City are among those on the program.

At the same time the Iowa Women's Home Missionary will meet.

STREETS GRADED

Phillip Briggs of Harrison township has been grading the streets of Eddyville the past week and putting them in first-class condition. Phillip is an expert in the use of a grader and when the job is completed the streets of Eddyville will be in the best shape that they have been for years. The city council is deserving of much credit in securing the services of so

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LARGE CROWD PAYS RESPECTS TO HONORED CITIZEN AND TRUSTED FRIEND

The funeral services for the late F. M. Epperson, veteran business man and honored citizen, who died Thursday morning from cancer of the throat, were held at the family home on Friday afternoon at one o'clock. In order that the hundreds of friends and neighbors might pay their last respects to one of our earliest residents, the services were held on the lawn.

The service was in charge of Rev. S. Kilbourn, pastor of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Epperson was a member for so many years. Mr. Kilbourn delivered the funeral sermon and Rev. W. G. Ramsey of Ottumwa, pastor of the Congregational church there, spoke briefly of Mr. Epperson's work for the church in the state. Rev. P. A. Johnson of Grinnell and William McNett of Ottumwa who had been invited to take part in the service were prevented from being present.

The Masons had charge of the burial service, the Knights Templar being an escort. In the funeral procession marched a color guard from the American Legion post of Eddyville. Hundreds followed the casket to its last resting place in Highland cemetery.

FRANCIS MARION EPPERSON

Mr. Epperson is survived by his wife and three sons, all of whom were at his bedside when death came. His passing is cause for mourning in this community and by many friends throughout Iowa. For many years he was a leader in business and politics, and the value of his

of his death was chairman of its board of directors, having been actively identified with the business activity of Eddyville for more than fifty-six years.

In 1876 Mr. Epperson married Miss Louise O'Hara of Oskaloosa, who survives him, with her three sons, Frank Epperson of Eddyville, Elbert M. of Ottumwa, and Arthur B. of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Epperson have been prominent factors in the activities of their community for many years. Mr. Epperson was mayor of Eddyville several times and a member of the city council for a number of years. In 1879 he was elected to represent Wapello county in the state legislature, and in 1881 was re-elected. Again in 1904 he was elected a member of the Thirty-first General assembly. During his service as a member of the legislature he was chairman of several important committees and took an active part in shaping state legislation.

Ability Recognized

Mr. Epperson represented his state as a delegate to several national republican conventions, and never missed a state convention of his party. He was recognized as a man of sound judgment and a past master of political procedure.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was a member of the Congregational church of Eddyville and took an active interest in its affairs.

OBITUARY OF MARIETTA MORGAN

Marietta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morgan, was born February 26 1905, at Eddyville, Iowa, and departed this life May 17, 1921, aged 16 years, 3 months and 10 days. She had been ill for the past seven weeks, first being taken sick with diphtheria, which later developed into pneumonia. Everything was done that human hands could do, but it was of no avail.

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DR. R. AM SPOKE ON MORAL

The Commemoration was held in the Opera house last evening. The speaker was a large audience attracted by Rev. J. W. Baldwin introduced by Rev. J. W. Baldwin. Dr. R. A. Morgan, president of the Moral Leaders League, spoke on the subject "The Moral Crisis of America and the Leadership of Youth." It was a most timely and interesting address, and it is believed that it will save many lives which so often are sacrificed to raise crops, to build railroads, to build ships, to build cities, to build nations. It is greatly to be regretted that their feet are so often on the wrong path. The sense of ability and the sense of responsibility are the two greatest problems confronting our youth.

Japan is a nation that does not have statesmen and moral leadership. It should not shut its eyes to the need of the need of the hour and should realize that the only way to prevail in the present is to have an autocracy.

What is true in the past is also true in the present. It is true that we have had the recent world war, and the recent world war has shown us the value of our

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56 Years in Eddyville

No history of Wapello county could be written without extensive reference to F. M. Epperson and his many years of activity in the community and promotion of its welfare. For more than half a century he made his home at Eddyville, locating here after his discharge from the union army at the close of the civil war when Eddyville was a busy trading center for southeastern Iowa. He was identified with the community's business and civic enterprises for more than fifty-six years, was honored with public office on numerous occasions and always was recognized as a leader in every movement for the advancement of his community.

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Served in Civil War

In 1862, at Eddyville, he enlisted in the union army as a member of Company D, Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served his country until the end of the war. For ten months he was a military prisoner at Tyler, Texas.

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She leaves to mourn their loss her parents, four sisters, Hazel, Esther, Ruth and Anna, one brother Johnnie and a number of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday at the Methodist Episcopal church in Hamilton, Rev. Fitzsimmons officiating, with burial at that place. Members of her Sunday School class acted as pallbearers.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness during our bereavement; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morgan
and family.

ALUMNI RECEPTION

The Eddyville High School Alumni Association gave their annual reception in honor of the class of 1921 at the high school on Friday evening.

The first part of the evening was devoted to the reception and initiation of the class, after which the program was given in the auditorium as follows:

- Welcome Address—Marie Jager.
- Response—Jessie Miller.
- Piano solo, "Fairy Dance"—Mrs. F. E. Vance.
- Reading—Leta Worrall.
- Vocal duet—June and Lucy Laferty.
- Poem, "Boost Your School"—Lucile Cresson.
- Talk—Harley Dilliner.
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- Refreshments were served by the Pythian Sisters in the domestic science room.

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During his long experience as merchant and banker he formed an intimate friendship with the elder Marshall Field, when the firm of Field & Leiter was the foremost mercantile concern in Chicago. The friendship continued until Mr. Field's death.

Active in Business

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BELKNAP-WHITTICER

D. C. Belknap of Knoxville and Mrs. Ora Whitticer of Los Angeles, California, were united in marriage at the home of the former on Thursday evening, May 19, 1921, at 7:30, Rev. Chapman, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The ceremony was performed in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belknap and Mr. and Mrs. Oat Belknap and daughter Virginia of Eddyville. They went to housekeeping in the home which the groom had already prepared.

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