

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** HAINES, THOMAS Eakin Senator _____

Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 January 1831, Carroll Co., Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

- (A) Loretta J. Berridge (Ohio Oct. 1840 - 15 Feb 1895), Aug 1869, New London, Ohio
(B) Samantha Achey (Ohio 15 Oct. 1847 - 2 Dec. 1935); Oct. 1899

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business farmer, grain dealer, brick and tile

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Christian

5. Sessions served 9th GA, 1882-83; House, Polk Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor, treasurer & council, Altoona; township trustee; school board

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 9 May 1908, at home, Altoona, pneumonia; bur. Altoona Cem.
3 adopted children; last two were niece & nephew.

8. Children (1) Minnie Van Wey Eshelman (c. 1871 -); (2) Guy Berridge (c. 1881 -)
Martinsburg; (3) Nellie Berridge Haines Cheney (Sept. 1886 -) Central Park, Mont.

9. Names of parents Joseph Haines (Md 1799 - Ohio 1849); farmer
Hannah Shriver (Oh. 1803 - Oh. 1874)

10. Education common schools, Carroll Co, Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information ~~managed family farm after father's death,~~
from 1849 to 1863. With partner shipped 1000 sheep to Chicago by rail, and drove them to Mahaska Co, with acquisitions had 4,000 when they got there. Tended sheep 4 years. Had grocery at Oskaloosa one year. Then moved to Altoona 1869 where at first he was grain buyer for Keokuk firm which soon folded. He started buying and selling grain on his own, built two elevators at Altoona, in 1883 began brick and tile manufacturing which operated only in summers, and closed in 1896. He was head of state brick and tile association several years. AT one time owned 50 acres in Altoona, on which there was a creamery and a coal mine.

He was one of incorporators of Altoona, 1876; on first council and several others, mayor 1877, and treasurer 1889-1902 and 1904-1908. First trustee of Clay township. Incorporator of Altoona Cemetery Assn, and pres. when it was turned over to Clay Twp.

Mason, organized first lodge there and first worshipful master. Master 1881-1883, 1893.

Active in Church of Christ. Elder, Bible School supt.; and teacher. President Polk Co. Assn of Christian Churches. Life Director of Iowa Christian Convention and American Christian Missionary Assn. Helped endow Drake University, and supported building of Bible College building; Trustee of Drake for a number of years.

Gave land to Altoona for Haines Park. Helped maintain it. Encouraged teachers and children to plant trees in Park on Arbor Days.

Altoona, Thomas Catlin

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Altoona Herald, Thurs. 14 May 1908		x	death; obit
Des Moines Capital, Sat. 9 May 1908		x	"
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	session served
History Polk Co. 1880		x	bio
History Polk Co. 1890		x	bio
Hist DM & Polk Co. 1915	x		
Hist SE Polk Co. 1981		x	bio and many refs
1870 Census	x		
1880 Census 249-3-42		x	self, wife, Minnie
1900 Census 63-3-22		s	self, 2d wife, Nellie
Altoona Cemetery		x	T, and both wives

ALTOONA HERALD

ALTOONA, IOWA, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1908.

A PIONEER CITIZEN DIES

HON. T. E. HAINES PASSED AWAY SATURDAY, MAY 9.

Came to Iowa in 1863 and Located in Altoona in 1868 and Has Lived Here Since, Being a Strong Factor in Building Altoona and in State War.

In the death of Hon. Thomas E. Haines which occurred at the family residence on last Saturday morning, May 9, 1908. One of the pioneers of Iowa, has passed from our midst. A man who has been a power in the building of Altoona and a worker for the county and state. His death cast a gloom of sorrow over the entire community, where he was known to every man, woman and child as a friend and brother. He was taken sick on Saturday evening May 2, and continued to grow worse, although all was done that human hands and medical skill could do to stay the life of this man so honored and loved by all. On Friday night he lapsed into unconsciousness and the end came at six o'clock Saturday morning May 9, 1908. During the hour of the funeral, Tuesday afternoon, school was dismissed, business and stores closed, to pay tribute to this honored man who has done so much for our town. His death was caused by pneumonia.

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When a young man of twenty-two he joined the Masonic fraternity in his native county in Ohio and was made a Master Mason. In 1880 he assisted in the organization of King David's Lodge, No. 407 A. F. & A. M. at Altoona and became the first Worshipful Master, which position he occupied for three successive years, during which time he was a representative to the Grand Lodge.

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ved as Bible School Superintendent and Teacher, and Elder of the congregation, and in other capacities from the beginning until the day of his death, at which time he was both teacher of the Bible class and an Elder of the church. Not only in his active service and liberal giving but above all in his consistent Christian living has he been a power in the congregation and community. The breadth of his sympathies did not permit him to confine his usefulness to Altoona and vicinity. He was actively identified with the Polk County Association of Christian Churches and served as president for several years. He was a Life Director of the Iowa Christian Convention, which is the Missionary organization of the church for this state. He was a Life Director in the American Christian Missionary Association and a liberal giver to the work of the Foreign Board. He was a liberal giver to education and helped to endow Drake University, to erect the new Bible building there, and was a Trustee of that institution for a number of years. On the subscription lists for the erection of new churches not only in Polk county but far and wide over the United States could be found the name of T. E. Haines. The Orphanages in Des Moines and Ottumwa have received regular contributions from him, and every department of his church - State, American, Foreign, Church Extensions, Education, Ministerial Relief, Woman's work, and all has been cared for in his regular offerings from year to year. Among the certificates which show his liberality may be found one from the Guilford Monument Association and the Lincoln Farm Association. While he was helping in these ways he did not forget the people of Altoona. Never a worthy call was unanswered, and many a man can tell how, by the help of T. E. Haines, he has been put on his feet in business, or when hard pressed has been relieved by his kindly help or liberal dealings. In no place has this trait been shown more strongly than in his own family, for while he has never been blessed with any children of his own, his home has seldom been without an occupant whose orphanage it was his to care for, or whose

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The home was completely filled with many large and elegant floral offerings. The Church, Sunday School, C. W. B. M., The Bible Class, which he has taught for years, Helping Hand Society, Masonic Lodge, O. E. S. Chapter, Town Council, and School Board sent large floral designs while many elegant pieces were received from relatives and friends both far and near. Many letters and telegrams were received by the family bearing messages of sympathy from distant relatives and friends. The out-of-town relatives and friends were: Mrs. Harold H. Cheney, a daughter of Central Park, Montana; his two sisters Mrs. Elizabeth Cheney, of Central Park, Montana; and Mrs. J. D. Thompson with her son Robert of Malvern, Ohio; Mr. C. H. Akeley, of New Philadelphia, Ohio a brother of Mrs. Haines; a nephew, Guy Berridge, of Martinsburg, Iowa; Mrs. Joetta Combs, a niece of Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carter and Mrs. Mary Leighton, cousins of Grinnell, Iowa, and his old time friend and partner Mr. Reuben Redman, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

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For two years he has been "settling his house in order," preparatory to his departure for another and a better world. So well had his preparation been made, that during his last illness there were no matters of this kind to arrange—no death bed confessions, no amends to make for wrongs done, no unfinished business to transact, and so, his whole strength was given, except as his heart went out in sympathy and love to his family and friends, to his fight against the disease.

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G. W. Mueckley, Cor. Sec., Board of Church Extension, Kansas City, Mo.—I consider your address, "Black Africa Brightening," one of the most instructive and inspiring I ever heard or read. It was clear, convincing, and so vivid in description that one felt himself a missionary for the time at work on the soil of that dark country. At the Christian church Friday evening.

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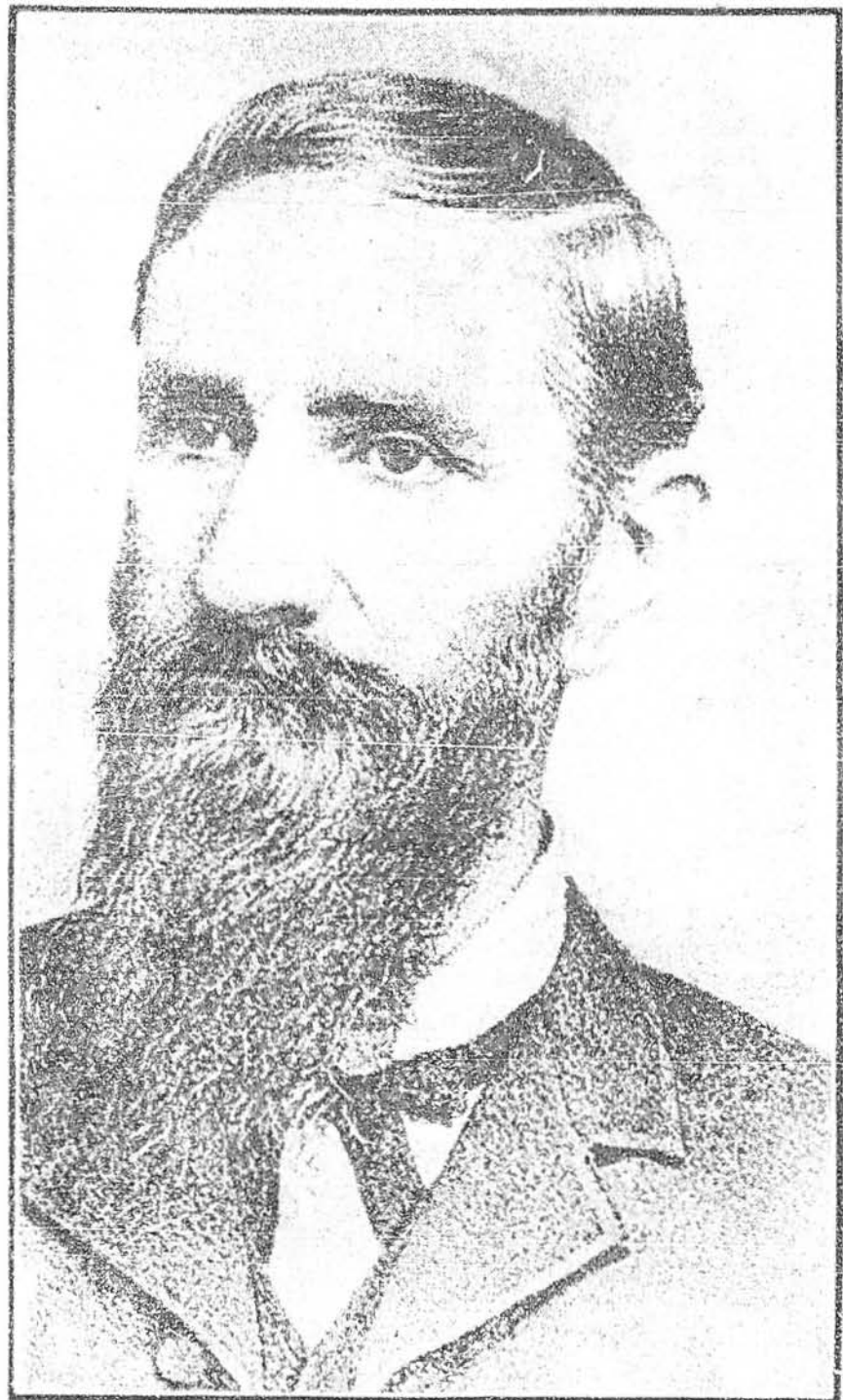
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UNDERSTOOD THAT HE ALTOONA CAPITALIST AND WILL RESIGN. LEGISLATOR.

BANKS ADVANCE FUNDS TO STATE DURING YEAR

True History of the State's Difficulties in Meeting Claims Told by Auditor Carroll at Grand Junction.

WARRANTS WITHHELD BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

A Business Administration on Business Principles Is Contention of This Popular Candidate

Special to The Capital.
GRAND JUNCTION, Ia., May 16.—State Auditor Carroll addressed one of the largest political gatherings in Grand Junction last evening at this place. He told in a matter of fact, convincing way the exact condition of the state treasury regarding the failure which is preventing the government from carrying out its financial campaign throughout the state and declaring that a business administration is a business proposition.
The speaker declared that appropriations had been made through the agency of the former assembly over which his opponent, as a member of the senate committee of appropriations, had exercised his power without first providing revenue to meet the demands on the treasury. He also declared himself as a friend of the state institutions, and insisted that should he be elected, no demand that revenues be provided where appropriations were made.

Banks Furnish Funds.

He also explained that in spite of demands by others the executive council was forced to withhold claims and not allow them, and that banks advanced money to the state to meet its current expenses. He insisted that so far as this is challenged by anyone was willing to show the records of the executive council to that effect, notwithstanding the auditor's reports which have been circulated by misreading press statements sent out all over the state.

Mr. Carroll said in part:
"In my recent speech at Cambridge I gave out a statement as to the condition of the state treasury at various dates. The figures quoted were taken from the records of the office of the treasurer and would be of state and were furnished by Mr. Ward, chief clerk of the revenue department of the executive council, and by Mr. Morgan, business clerk of the treasurer's office and were compiled by Mr. Carroll."

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ALTOONA CAPITALIST AND LEGISLATOR.

Lived There for Forty Years— Was Prominent in Town and County Affairs—Made His Own Way.

Thomas E. Haines, public man and capitalist, died at 1 o'clock this morning at his home in Altoona, Ia. Pneumonia, developing from a severe cold, in a week's time caused death. With his family gathered about him, he gave his final messages last night, and at 10 o'clock sank into unconsciousness. He died without again awaking.

He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1831. One of ten children, he had his own way to make in the world. At the end of his long life he had accumulated a large fortune, doing good with it while piling up his store, and ever ready in philanthropy.

With only a common school education young Haines came west in 1863. For fourteen years he had managed the family homestead since his father's death, and he had acquired that thrift and business sagacity that made him strong in life.

In company with Reuben Redmar, Haines left home. Twelve hundred sheep were taken by rail to Chicago, and then driven to Mahaska county in this state.

For four years Haines continued his operations in sheep and then he moved to Altoona, where he remained until his death.

Grain buying then became his chief business activity. For forty years he continued until he had built up one of the largest enterprises in this part of the state. He prospered in his affairs, and twenty-five years ago he began the manufacture of brick and tile.

Miss Loretta Berridge of New London, C., became the wife of Mr. Haines in August, 1869. They had no children, but two adopted daughters and an adopted son have been educated and fostered by them. Guy entered the family in 1887 and the two girls are both married, one being Mrs. Nellie Cheeny of Central Park, Mont., and the other, Mrs. John Eselman of Altoona. A sister, Mrs. Jaggars, has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Haines.

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"No one, so far as I am aware, has offered to dispute any of the figures, but some newspaper reporters have attempted to discredit them by comparing the figures quoted by me, which represented the general revenue in the treasury after deducting the outstanding warrants, with other figures representing not only the general revenue without deducting outstanding warrants, but also the special funds belonging to the State university, the agricultural college, the State normal school, the cash in the agricultural college endowment fund, together with interest on the same.

Statements Misleading.

"It is manifestly unfair and misleading to include the above-named institution funds in the available revenues of the state, so not one farthing of such funds could be checked upon by the state to meet its obligation, or could be used for any other purpose than for the institutions themselves. Such funds can no more be used for the general expenses of the state than the permanent school funds can be used for general expenses of the counties.

"Not only have they quoted figures including the institution funds, but they have compared the amount of money in the treasury, all funds included, and without deducting outstanding warrants during the latter part of April and the first part of May, when most of the March collection of taxes had been received, and when the amount of money in the treasury is larger than at any other time of the year, with the general revenue alone on the first of January, when the amount of money in the treasury is approaching the lowest point.

"Since they choose to make figures representing all funds in the treasury I desire to make some comparisons upon that basis, but before doing so permit me to again call your attention to the figures representing the general revenue after deducting outstanding warrants Jan. 1, as follows: Net cash in general revenue Jan. 1, 1903, \$896,938.66; Jan. 1, 1904, \$1,171,411.88; Jan. 1, 1905, \$1,043,457.18; Jan. 1, 1906, \$780,005.84; Jan. 1, 1907, \$665,223.77; Jan. 1, 1908, \$106,599.59; Feb. 1, 1908, overdrawn, \$104,202.51.

"The above figures show a decrease in the available resources of the state for general expenses between Jan. 1, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1908, of \$1,062,874.29.

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When Mr. Haines was seized with his
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of Altoona was called in conjunction with
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Rev. J. H. Bryant, pastor of the Al-
toona Christian church, will preach the
funeral sermon. The services will prob-
ably be held at the Haines' home in Al-
toona Tuesday, dependent upon the ar-
rival of relatives from Montana and from
Carroll county, the Ohio home of the
family.

including the institution funds, but they
have compared the amount of money in
the treasury, all funds included, and
without deducting outstanding warrants
during the latter part of April and the
first part of May, when most of the
March collection of taxes had been re-
ceived, and when the amount of money
in the treasury is larger than at any
other time of the year, with the general
revenue alone on the first of January,
when the amount of money in the treas-
ury is approaching the lowest point.

"Since they choose to make figures rep-
resenting all funds in the treasury I de-
sire to make some comparisons upon that
basis, but before doing so permit me to
again call your attention to the figures
representing the general revenue after
deducting outstanding warrants Jan. 1,
as follows: Net cash in general revenue
Jan. 1, 1905, \$896,938.66; Jan. 1, 1904, \$1,171,-
413.88; Jan. 1, 1903, \$1,043,457.38; Jan. 1, 1902,
\$790,065.84; Jan. 1, 1901, \$663,223.77; Jan. 1,
1900, \$108,599.59; Feb. 1, 1908, overdrawn,
\$104,202.51.

"The above figures show a decrease in
the available resources of the state for
general expenses between Jan. 1, 1904, and
Jan. 1, 1905, of \$1,062,814.28.

May Always Greater.

The amount of money in the treasury
is always greater during the month of
May than at any other time of the year,
and instead of comparing May of this
year with January of former years as has
been done by those who are endeavoring
to deceive the public, let us compare May
of this year with May of other years,
including all funds as they have done.
The largest amount of money found in
the treasury any day this calendar year
was on May 4 when the treasury con-
tained, all funds included, \$1,023,425.23. It
is now less than \$1,000,000 as we give them
the advantage of the high date, May 4,
and the comparison is as follows: Total
of all moneys in treasury May 4, 1905,
\$1,773,401.07; May 4, 1904, \$1,776,459.23; May
4, 1903, \$1,757,870.55; May 4, 1902, \$1,379,095.20;
May 4, 1901, \$1,256,270.33; May 4, 1900, \$1,-
023,425.23.

"It will be observed that the amount
of money in the treasury May 4 of the
present year is \$25,951.84 less than the
amount on the same date five years ago,
and \$22,835.19 less than upon the same
date one year ago.

Funds Are Dissipated.

"As stated above, it is misleading and
unfair to present the above figures as
representing the available funds of the
state, since they include the educational
institution funds, and I do not wish to
be understood as so representing them,
but it is necessary to present them to
show what unfair means have been re-
sorted to by those who are trying to
conceal the real facts.

"Let me give you the figures represent-
ing the general revenue of the state for
the same period, and which is all the
source that the state has from which to

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ways taken an active interest in the politics of the day, and is one of the solid men of the township.

HAINES, T. E.—Grain-dealer, Altoona. Was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on the 21st of January, 1831, there being educated and raised. He spent his youth in the cultivation of the soil, and thus the great principle of industry has followed him through life. In 1863 he came to Iowa and located in Mahaska county, bringing a herd of sheep numbering about 3,000 head. In 1867 he sold them and opened an extensive grocery store in Oskaloosa, which he kept for one year. In the spring of 1869 he came to this town and built the steam elevator which he now owns, it being the first one in that place. This he has continued to keep, devoting almost his entire time to the grain business, in which he has been very successful. He has been town trustee for the past eight years, and held the office of city councilman, and has also been mayor of the city. He was married August 24, 1869, to Miss Loretta J. Berridge, a native of Ohio, and daughter of William Berridge, of Martinsburgh, Keokuk county. They have no family.

HAWKINS, W. S.—Farmer, section 25, P. O. Altoona. Was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, August 14, 1840, and at the age of nine years he came with his parents to this State and located in Four Mile township. Here he has been raised on a farm and educated. Has followed farming all his life and has made nearly all of his large estate by his hard work and strict attention to business. In September, 1869, he moved upon his present place and has since resided here, owning a farm of 252 acres. Was married January 1, 1867, to Miss Anna M. Hick, a native of Yorkshire, England. She emigrated to the United States when fourteen years of age. They have no children.

HEMSTREET, NICHOLAS—Retired farmer, Altoona. Was born in the State of New York, October 13, 1815, where he was raised, obtaining his education from the common schools. In 1845 he came to Wisconsin while it was yet a Territory and located in Green county, there engaging in farming. This he followed until September 14, 1868, when he sold the most of his property and came to this State, settling in Altoona. He built one of the first store rooms and opened a general store and sold the first dry goods, boots and shoes, etc., in the place. He continued in the business about three years and then retired from business to live a more quiet life. He owns farms to the extent of about 300 acres, all under improvements, besides his fine residence and other property in the city. Although more than three-score years have passed him he is still full of vigor and bids fair to live many years and enjoy his hard-earned competency. His family were the first to settle in Altoona and he was the first justice of the peace elected in that city. On the 16th of June, 1839, he was married to Miss Ellen Wessel, a native of New York. They have four children: Herman S. C. and Melvina C., living, and two deceased.

HENRY, B. W.—Proprietor of livery and feed stable, Altoona. Was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1834, where he was raised and educated in the old log school-house with its "slab benches and puncheon floors." In 1856 he moved to Hardin county, Ohio, and there followed farming until 1862, when he came to Iowa and located in this county near Mitchellville, living there for one year and then moved into the old town of Mitchellville. In 1865 he moved to his farm on section 7, of this township, where he owns 240 acres of well-improved land. In 1874

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years, in the responsible position of local agent. testifies in no uncertain manner as to his executive ability, integrity and high standing in the estimation of the management of that important corporation.



HON. THOMAS E. HAINES, a prominent citizen and leading business man of Altoona, is widely known throughout Central Iowa.

In many ways he has been identified with the interests of Polk County, and has never failed in his support to all worthy enterprises calculated for the advancement of the people's interests. He was born in Carroll County, Ohio, on the 21st of January, 1831, and is of English and German lineage. The family to which he belongs numbered ten children, he being the youngest of the four sons. The parents were Joseph and Hannah (Shriener) Haines, both natives of Frederick County, Va. The father was born in 1799, and when a youth emigrated to Pennsylvania, where he spent his boyhood days and received his early training in the common schools. When a young man he removed to Carroll County, Ohio, where his marriage took place. He then began life in earnest, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. He purchased one hundred and fifteen acres of land near Minerva and there led a quiet, yet useful life until 1849, when he was called to his final rest. His wife, who was born in the year 1803, and for more than a quarter of a century went hand in hand with him, sharing equally his joys and sorrows, his diversity and prosperity, died in Carroll County, Ohio, in 1874. She was a devoted Christian woman, having been a member of the Christian Church during the greater part of her life. Politically, Mr. Haines was a true type of the original Jeffersonian Democrat. In his youth he became a member of the Christian Church and for many years served as Elder in the congregation to which he belonged. He gave liberally to the support of the ministry and did all in his power to advance the cause.

The children of this worthy couple are Hon. J. R., a resident of Carroll County, Ohio, who

for many years engaged in merchandising, and one term represented his district in the State Senate; John E., who died in Carroll County, at the age of thirty-three years; Thomas E., of this sketch; Catherine, who died at the age of fifteen years; Rebecca, wife of Graves Jagggers, of Ouray, Col.; Matilda, wife of J. D. Thompson, a farmer of Carroll County, Ohio; Joetta, who died at the age of fifteen in Carroll County; Henry, who died aged two years; and Elizabeth, wife of D. A. Cheney, a resident of Creamery, Mont.

We now come to the personal history of our subject who is ranked among the prominent citizens of Polk County, Iowa. The days of his boyhood and youth were passed in the county of his nativity, during which time he was engaged mainly in assisting his father on the farm and attending the common schools, where he received a good education in the English branches. After his father's death he managed the homestead and provided for the family from 1849 until 1863, when in company with Reuben Redman, he came to Iowa. They left home in June of that year with a flock of twelve hundred sheep, which they shipped by rail to Chicago and thence drove to Mahaska County. By the time they had reached their destination, their purchases along the way had increased their flock to four thousand. For four years they engaged in sheep herding, when Mr. Haines sold out and in 1868 embarked in the grocery business in Oskaloosa, which he continued for a year. He then disposed of his stock and moved to Altoona, where he has since made his home. The first enterprise in which he here engaged, the buying and selling of grain, still engrosses the greater part of his attention he having built up a splendid trade in that line. He also has a steam elevator and is engaged in other pursuits. In 1883, he began the manufacture of tile and in 1885, the manufacture of brick. He now turns out two hundred thousand tile per annum and the same amount of brick of a superior building quality.

In the month of August, 1869, Mr. Haines was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Loretta Berridge, a native of New London, Ohio, and a daughter of William and Mary (Swasey) Berridge, the former a native of England, the lat-

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ter of Ohio. Their union has been blessed with no children of their own, but they have two adopted daughters and a son. They took to their home Minnie Van Wey, now a young lady of eighteen, when eight years of age. Their son, Guy, a lad of eight years, has been with them since 1887. Nellie Berridge has been with them since a babe of a year, and is now three years old. The last two are a nephew and niece of Mrs. Haines, but Minnie is a relative only by adoption.

Mr. Haines may well be cited as an example of a self-made man. He received no special advantages in his youth and for fourteen years labored only for the interests of the family, receiving little benefit himself. When he left his native county he had but \$600 which he could call his own as the result of those many years of labor. That amount he invested in sheep in connection with what he had borrowed from a friend, but after four years spent in herding, he had paid off all indebtedness and acquired a capital of \$1,500, which he judiciously invested and has since accumulated considerable property. Besides his business interests he owns fifty acres of land within the corporation limits of Altoona. Any young man of average ability might attain the same success if they would exercise the same judgment and foresight, labor incessantly and watch every opportunity as he has done.

His fellow citizens have frequently called upon him to serve in official positions. He has been Township Trustee for six years, for several years was a member of the School Board, and in the fall of 1881, was elected to the State Legislature, serving during the term of 1882-3. During that time the resolution was introduced to annex to the constitution an amendment, authorizing the enactment of the present prohibitory law and to it he gave his hearty support, using his greatest influence for its passage. His first Presidential ballot was cast for John C. Fremont in 1856, and since that time he has never failed to deposit a ballot in support of the Republican party. When a young man of twenty-two years, Mr. Haines joined the Masonic fraternity in his native county and was made a Master Mason. In 1880, he assisted in the organization of King David's Lodge, No. 407, A. F. &

A. M., and became the first Worshipful Master which position he occupied for three successive years, during which time he was a representative of the Grand Lodge by virtue of his office. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian Church and are earnest workers in the Master's vineyard. They contributed liberally to the endowment of Drake University and have also aided in the support of other worthy enterprises.

TACITUS HUSSEY, of the firm of Carter & Hussey, printers, book binders, and manufacturers of blank books, of Des Moines, is a native of Indiana, having been born in Terre Haute, on the 19th of October, 1834. His parents, George and Mary (Brookway) Hussey, had a family of seven children, six sons and a daughter, Tacitus being the fourth in order of birth. His father was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1771, and enjoyed his childish sports during the historic days of the Revolution. He was a tanner by trade, but later made farming his vocation. When the War of 1812 broke out, he offered his services to the Government, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the volunteer service, participating in the siege and capture of Ft. McHenry. He enjoyed the honor of a personal acquaintance with Francis S. Key, the author of the Star Spangled Banner. His life was a long and useful one, he being called to his final rest at the extreme old age of ninety-five years, his death occurring in 1866. He was permitted to witness the successful termination of the war for the preservation of the Union, in which he was deeply interested. His wife, who was twenty years his junior, passed away the year previous, at the age of seventy-five years. She was born in Schenectady, N. Y., but went to Indiana during her girlhood.

Tacitus or "Tac" Hussey, as he is familiarly called, received his education in Lost Creek Township, near Terre Haute, Ind. A few winter terms of three months each, comprised the length of his school life, and his advantages were such as were afforded in a log schoolhouse with puncheon floor.

People and Businesses

IT IS A very difficult task determining which men's lives should be recorded in connection with the history of Altoona; even compiling a list of those who have contributed substantially during the town's first one hundred years is an awesome task. Those who are mentioned here are men who lived in Altoona in its infant years, contributed much and left records of their activities.

Thomas E. Haines was one of Altoona's earliest settlers, coming here in 1868 and living here until his death in 1908. He was very generous with his talents and money and was worthy enough to be addressed as "Honorable."

Haines, one of nine children, was born in Ohio in 1831. From the time of his father's death in 1849 until 1863 he managed the family homestead when he and Reuben Redman came to Iowa. They left Ohio with a flock of twelve hundred sheep, which they shipped to Chicago. From there they drove them to Oskaloosa and by the time they arrived had acquired four thousand.

The men herded sheep together for four years before Haines sold his interest and entered the grocery business at Oskaloosa. In 1868 he sold that business and came to Altoona as a grain buyer for a Keokuk firm. It soon failed and he began buying grain on his own. At first he walked into the sparsely settled country soliciting business, and it was even necessary for him to secure board and room outside the town. He soon built an eight by twelve foot office, using boxes for seats and his bed served as a desk. He shared these accommodations with the Des Moines Valley Rail Road agent.

Haines furnished sacks for the farmers to use in hauling the grain to town. They would drive alongside the railroad cars, throw the sacks of grain in and he would dump them by hand. He was able to buy the grain without the use of outside capital and soon built a ten-thousand bushel elevator directly across from the present Rock Island depot. It was powered by steam and when the elevator was torn down in 1940 its bins were incor-

porated in the present Co-op elevator. The accompanying drawing of the original elevator appeared in Andreas Atlas of 1875, and with a few changes is remembered by many.

Besides the elevator, Haines built and operated a tile and brick plant and owned land on which the coal mine was situated. At one time he owned fifty acres of land within the corporate limits of the town.

Haines was active in the Sabbath School organized in 1868 and had a lifetime interest in the Christian Church. He was Sunday School superintendent for a number of years, active in the National Missionary Society of the church and helped endow the Bible College at Drake University and was a trustee there. It has been said that he would tell new ministers of the local church that if they would concern themselves with preaching he would be responsible for the finances of the church.

During his lifetime he held all the local public offices, being one of the first trustees when Clay Township was created in 1876. In 1882-83 he served in the State Legislature and voted for woman suffrage and the constitutional amendment of prohibition. While serving as town treasurer in the 1890's the local editor mentioned that Haines had one fault: "He will handle any outstanding warrants from his personal finances at no additional cost to the town." On another occasion the editor said: "Excepting Hon. T. E. Haines, we know of few assessments made against our business-men that are just to the balance of the taxpayers. . . ."

Haines joined the Masonic lodge while living in Ohio and was one of those instrumental in forming King David Lodge in 1880. He served as its first master for three years. Another organization he helped to organize was the Altoona Cemetery Association and he was its president in 1904 when ownership was transferred to Clay Township.

In May of 1869 he bought Lot 3 of Block 4 (the east half of the Herb Stuart [Dr. Carpenter] property at 202 Second Street S.E.) for \$30.00. In August of that year he married Loretta Berridge of Ohio. The accompanying drawing, also from Andreas Atlas, is the house he built for his new bride. In the background of the drawing can be seen the steeple of the Christian church which was one block south and two blocks east. In 1872 he bought the corner lot, which had a value of \$140, and enclosed the property with a fence, as it is today. Several years later, as he prospered, he remodeled the original house and built the west half of the present residence. Doctor William Carpenter bought the property from Haines' widow in 1919 and several years later sold the original portion to C. J. Becker, who moved it to 505 First Street East. Carpenter then built the east portion of the house as it is today and used it for his home and



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office. Some years later Martin Blesz bought the property from Becker and in remodeling removed the original decorative wood trim. By that time the house had been enlarged and a bay window added in place of the porch.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines were active in the church and many of the social organizations of the town and did much entertaining. There are those who remember the Haineses as elegant hosts in their home, the finest in town. Haines was a very progressive man and when he built the addition to the original house, he had Altoona's first "modern" home. In 1891 he erected a windmill on land he owned north of the Masonic lodge and piped water to the house. There was also a "dug" well seventy feet deep on the home property. He had his own elevated storage tank next to the barn and built additional tanks in the house. For sewage disposal he owned a lot east of Poffenberger Well Company (A. Q. Duensing's Altoona Manufacturing Co.).

Mr. and Mrs. Haines had no children of their own but were very interested in the young people of the community. They raised Minnie Van Wey (Mrs. John Eshelman) and Guy and Nellie Berridge, who were a nephew and niece. They adopted Nellie and in 1908 she married Harold H. Cheney of Central Park, Mont.

Mrs. Haines died in 1895. In 1899 Haines married Samantha Achey, who died in 1932.

Haines' most lasting and useful gift to the community has been the park bearing his name. He owned land from Fourth Street S.E. to Highway 6

and in the 1880's donated approximately four acres to the town for a park. He always had fine driving horses and needed a place other than the streets to exercise them. The park was donated as two separate parcels—the center portion and a park road sixty-six feet wide, around three sides. He did this so there would be a road on which to exercise his horses. The road was laid out with sweeping curves so he could drive them at a fast clip. When he discovered they had to be held in check while rounding the corners, it was suggested that the curves be banked. This he declined to do as the park was for public use. The few residents still living who knew Haines, recall him driving his horses at a fast clip with his beard flowing over his shoulders.

The deed to the park contains a forfeiture clause to protect the land from being used for anything other than park purposes. This has proven valuable on several occasions. The first improvement to the park was that of dredging the swamp and creating an island. Then a bridge was built connecting the island with the rest of the park. The townspeople planted trees and the school children observed Arbor Day for several years by planting in the park. A map was drawn showing each individual's contribution and he was held responsible for its care. A well and windmill helped supply water in dry years and Haines kept a boat on the lake. It was also popular for swimming and there are several residents of the community who were baptized there.

Haines was park commissioner for a number of years and at times would announce that the townspeople could graze their cattle in the park. Besides the Fourth of July celebrations, there were fraternal picnics, coal miners' meetings, Early Settlers of Polk County meetings, family reunions, Buckeye State annual gatherings and church basket dinners, to name a few.

After Haines' death the park was neglected somewhat and most of the maintenance was provided by Frank Thornton, Fourth District Supervisor for twenty-one years. He had the county maintenance shed in the northeast corner of the park and much machinery was parked around the edges. Thornton enjoyed shooting a few sticks of dynamite in the park early of a Fourth of July morning to start the day's activities. This was not as risky as it seems as there were no houses nearby. One year Howard (Sam) Kellis attempted to wrest the honors from Thornton by shooting dynamite in his own back yard. The result: many broken windows in his home plus those of his neighbors.

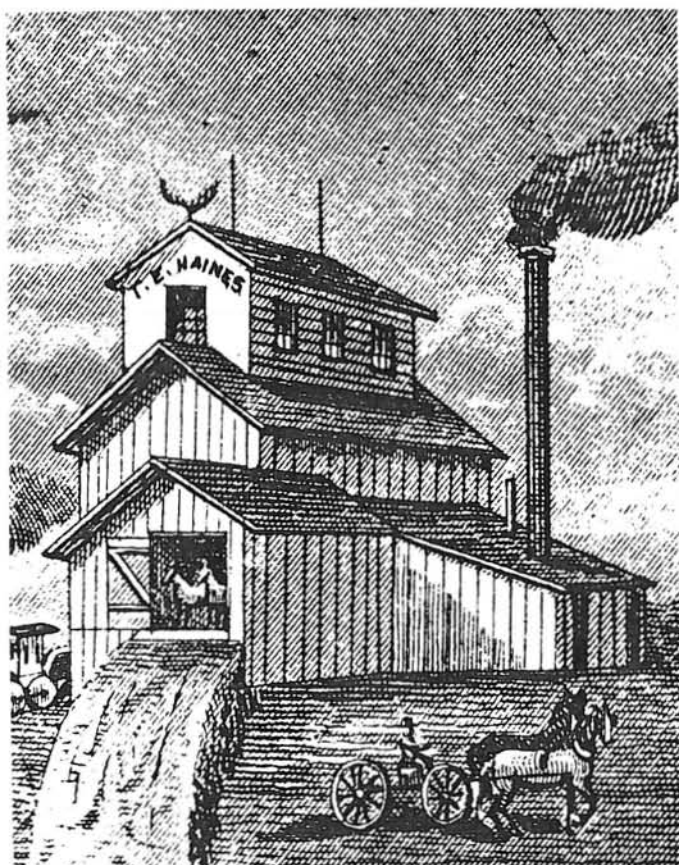
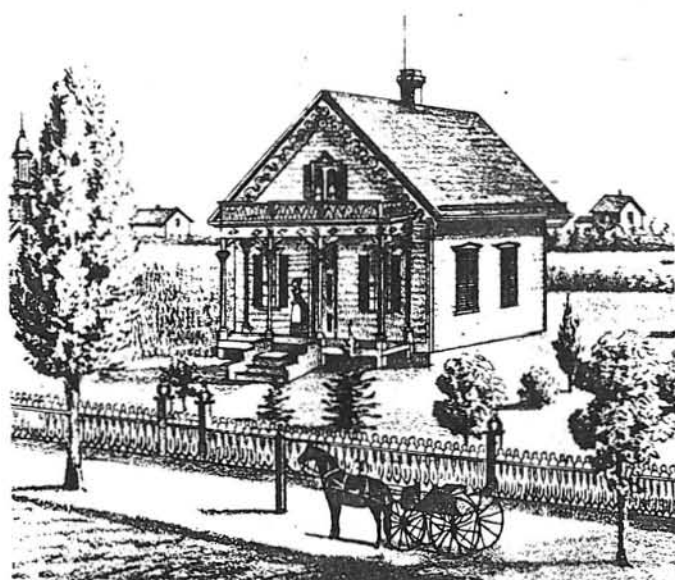
The other landmark that Haines left is the Elizabeth Nursing Home. After the Mackin House burned in 1899, the townspeople were quite concerned about the lack of a hotel. When several attempts failed to interest out-of-town parties in

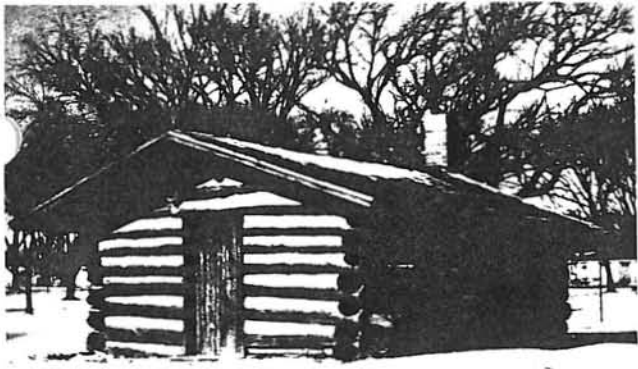
building a hotel, Haines stepped forward. In 1902 he built Haines Park Hotel on the site of the Langdon Porter residence at 403 Third Avenue S.E. Prior to that time the ground had been used as a ball diamond. The *Herald*, in announcing the plans, said the hotel would "accommodate pleasure seekers, roomers and boarders and in the part of town it is will furnish quietness and plenty of outdoor room." It was to have steam heat and cost no less than five hundred dollars.

When the hotel was opened in April of 1903, it boasted a gold leaf sign and that it was modern in every respect. The ladies of the Christian church served the first dinner and the hotel was advertised for rent. Haines never operated it. After his death O. J. Perdue bought the hotel for thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars and moved it to its present location. Eugene (Shake) Ford was in charge of the moving.

Perdue then renamed it the Maple Hotel because of a large maple tree in the parking. He disposed of the hotel soon after it was moved. It served as a hotel until 1951 when it was converted into a nursing home.

That Haines was held in high esteem was evidenced at his funeral when all the stores closed and school was dismissed. He died May 9, 1908, and the *Herald* reported that the funeral was one of the largest ever held in Altoona.





The log cabin was a park landmark from 1921 until 1967. □ The lagoon had plenty of water in 1914 and was a popular swimming place. □ The same view in 1968 has an entirely different look.



Patent Medicines

Patented medicines have always been with us and the most successful seem to be those that advertise the most. Early "medicines" were usually a refinement of a home remedy and in order to sell had to taste better, have less odor or produce faster results. Sometimes they were advertised as though they were the difference between life and death.

Today's commercials on TV are a little more refined although the results claimed are just as fantastic. Much thought and preparation are given to the commercials, and the one showing a lot of stomachs in motion has been hailed by the advertising industry as the ultimate in eye appeal.

In the early days many of the patented medicines were competing against foods as a means of keeping healthy. Why the food industry has failed to keep alive the good points of most foods amazes us. If the apple industry kept reminding us their product reduced the need for doctors, there might not be a shortage. If we were constantly reminded to eat more carrots, there might be fewer people wearing glasses.

Every issue of every newspaper around the turn of the century carried many reader type advertisements, and among the personals of the day could be found items such as this:

"One of the greatest blessings a modest man can ask for is a good reliable set of bowels. If you are not the possessor of such an outfit you can greatly improve the efficiency of those you have by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets. They are pleasant to take and agreeable in effect. Buy them at Shaffers."

This type of advertising didn't encourage reading at the breakfast table, but there was one advertiser that was different---his ads stood out like Burma Shave signs among the billboards. The Madison Medicine Company promoted its product with four-line jingles that were amusing and showed some originality. We quote several from the Altoona Herald of the early 1900's.

"Last night I went about, full of trouble and of doubt. Now I'm smiling and dance with delight, I had some Rocky Mountain Tea last night."

"She was sitting up with a sick man, no professional woman was she. Simply sitting up with her lovesick lover, giving him