

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Coomes, Oliver Senator _____

Represented Cass County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Aug 1845 Licking County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Addie Kellogg 10 Oct 1867 Prairie City, Iowa

② Adda Johnson 1913

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.; Mason; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock; author

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 17th, 18th General Assemblies 1878, 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster; school board member; township trustee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 June 1921 near Storm Lake, Iowa (buried Atlantic Cemetery, Atlantic, Iowa)

8. Children Arthur L.; Isaac; Royston (preceded his father in death)
Maurice E.

9. Names of parents Isiah and Mary Ann (Slaughter) Coomes

10. Education He was educated in district schools

11. Degrees Attended Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa (now Grinnell College)
for a few months

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 11 he came to Iowa with his parents, settling on a farm
in Jasper County, Iowa near Coffey.
- He attended school in the winter and in summer worked on his
father's farm and his father's pottery.
- Conditions caused him to quit college and he returned to the farm.
- He came to Cass County, Iowa in fall 1870 locating on a farm in
Franklin Township. He lived there many years before moving
to Atlantic, Iowa.

Applicability

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Oil Coomes of Atlantic Meets
Instant Death Monday

SKULL CRUSHED BY CAR

Accident Occurs About Three Miles
North of This City When Try-
ing to Pass Ford Car

A tragic automobile accident occurred about three miles north of Storm Lake Monday morning at about eleven o'clock when Oil Coomes, of Atlantic, Iowa, aged seventy-six years was killed instantly, and his wife had one or more ribs broken, and was otherwise badly injured.

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The two other occupants of the car were Mr. Coomes' son, I. S. Coomes, of Webster, S. D., of the firm of Woodworth & Coomes, state's attorney for Day county, S. D., and cousin, Miss Lizzie Kempley of Rock Rapids, Iowa, both of whom were uninjured.

The car belonged to I. S. Coomes who was driving at the time the accident occurred. The party were on their way from Rock Rapids where Mr. and Mrs. Coomes, Sr., had been visiting at the Kempley home, to Atlantic. Mr. Coomes, Jr., had motored to Rock Rapids from Webster, S. D., and was continuing the trip with his parents to Atlantic to join his wife and daughter who were there for a visit with relatives. They had expected to stop at Storm Lake for dinner.

Both cars were preceding at a leisurely rate of speed, and the accident happened so suddenly and unexpectedly that neither of the drivers had time to react before the car was in the ditch. The remains were brought to the

do a rediscount business and the supplement in a large way the resources afforded the Iowa far by the federal reserve system.

It was this which was in the mind of the farm bureau leaders during last session of the legislature, when they secured the enactment of a special enabling act, fixing Iowa's laws so that such a corporation might exist.

It is the dream of the farm bureau leaders that through the operation of this corporation Iowa will become a nationally recognized center of a cultural financing and that it will render the farmers of this state free as human ingenuity can dream from the embarrassment of losing money during periods of low prices for farm products.

The corporation plans to be available to the tenant farmer, to open channels that never have existed for him before. He will be able to borrow money on his grain and his stock, according to a well-ordered state-wide system, and his local bank can rediscount his warehouse receipts and chattel mortgages with the central corporation at Des Moines.

JOHNSON TO CHEROKEE

Y. M. C. A. Man to Take Over
County Work There.

N. H. Johnson, who has been acting as general secretary of county Y. M. C. A. work in Iowa, and who prior to that time was the local secretary of Cherokee county, accepted the Cherokee county secretaryship, to take effect at once. Johnson leaves the general work in order that he may be at home with his family, the state work taking away from home a greater part of his time. He rendered excellent service while in this county and is earnestly commended to the people of Cherokee. He and his family continued to live in Storm Lake until they will move to Cherokee shortly, much to the regret of many friends.

Thought Car Was Stolen

Bartel Hanson was an excited man for a short time the day of the Y. M. C. A. Bureau picnic. He parked his car down near Sunset park on one of the side streets and of course he thought it was stolen. He went away from the car, and when he returned he found it was still there. Hanson went to get it, he could

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Both cars were preceding at a leisurely rate of speed, and the accident happened so suddenly and unexpectedly that neither of the drivers had time to realize the force of the tragedy before the car was in the ditch. The remains were brought to the Hughes undertaking parlors in this city to await the coming of the other son, Mayor A. K. Coomes, of Atlantic, who arrived at Storm Lake Tuesday morning to assist in making arrangement for removal of the remains to Atlantic where the funeral will be held.

Mrs. Coomes was brought to the Swallum hospital where she is now a patient and will probably be unable to be removed for some time. The niece, Miss Kempley, is remaining with her.

The deceased has resided at Atlantic for about sixteen years, and was at one time well known for his work as a novelist, writing a number of western stories for the publishing firm of Beadle & Adams. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and the Methodist Episcopal church.

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Pleasing Pageant

The Y. M. C. A. of Des Moines, Iowa, a missionary organization of the chu presented a very pleasing pageant



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Oliver Coomes was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 26th., 1845, and passed away June 27th., 1921, near Storm Lake, Iowa, at the age of seventy-five years, ten months and one day; death resulting from an auto accident, in which he was instantly killed.

At the age of eleven years, he came to Iowa with his parents, who settled on a farm in Jasper county, near the present town of Colfax.

He attended district school in winter and worked on the farm and in his father's pottery during the summer. The winter of 1866, he entered Iowa College, with the intention of taking a collegiate course, but after a few months, conditions compelled him to quit College and return to the farm.

In 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Addie Kellogg, and to this union three sons were born: Royston, (deceased), Arthur K., present Mayor of the City of Atlantic, and Isalah, a prominent attorney of South Dakota, who has served several terms as county Judge.

Mr. Coomes came to Cass county in the fall of 1870, locating on a farm in Franklin township, which was his home for many years, and until taking up his residence in Atlantic. The Coomes farm was one of the model, and most widely known hospitable homes of southwest Iowa, especially during the early pioneer days, where the neighbor, friend and stranger alike were extended the hearty welcome and kindly courtesy of this good man, whose friends were counted by the score as the years came and went.

In addition to making a success as a farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Coomes was a writer of recognized ability, and many of his articles and stories of fiction, based on western romance, were supplied The New York Weekly, The Saturday Journal of New York, and other publications, to which he was a regular contributor, receiving substantial remuneration for his productions.

During his long residence in Cass county, Mr. Coomes was closely identified with every movement for the upbuilding of his state, county, town and community, and his counsel was

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(MARY ELLEN BEASON.)

Mary Ellen Ragan, daughter of the late Geo. W. Ragan and wife, was born near Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois, July 22nd., 1844 and passed away at Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 13th., 1921, at the age of seventy-six years, eleven months and twenty-one days.

She came with her parents to Cass county in 1860, who located on a farm near Wiota. On December 29th., 1866, she was united in marriage to W. A. Beason, who passed away at Lamar, Missouri, May 16th., 1897. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Beason lived in Wiota, then on the W. W. Eller farm in Benton township, later becoming residents of Atlantic, and finally moved to Lamar, Missouri. Seven children were born to this union; two daughters and five sons, all of whom, except a baby boy, survive her. Three of the children, Mrs. Laura Williams, of Missouri, Arthur Beason, of Nebraska City, Nebraska, and Bert Beason, of Boulder, Colorado, attended the funeral services also her brother, Chas. Ragan, of this city. Other near relatives are two brothers and three sisters: Chas. Ragan, Anita, Iowa; James Ragan, Salida, Colorado; Mrs. Eller, of Custer, South Dakota; Mrs. Sarah Lyons of Rushville, Nebraska, and Mrs. Alice Glover, of Callahan, Colorado, and a number of grand-children and great-grand-children.

In early life, Mrs. Beason united with the M. E. Church, retaining her membership until the end. She was one of the first district school teachers who served in that capacity in Cass county, having taught in Benton township.

Suffering a stroke of paralysis last March, she had been in ill health since that time, and to her, the final summons came peacefully, and the loved one, whose trials and sorrows had been borne with the utmost patience, entered into that eternal reward, where the soul made perfect rests in sweet peace.

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great credit in the State Legislature,
from 1877 to 1880; having been elected
over his Democratic opponents, the
late James Byrd and R. G. Phelps.

Mr. Coomes was a charter member
of Anita Lodge, No. 262, I. O. O. F.,
and of Wiota Lodge, which was insti-
tuted a number of years later.

Funeral services were held at the M.
Church in Atlantic, conducted by the
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ANSWERING THE INQUIRY.

Here is one man's reason for the
wonderful increase in our gasoline
and oil sales:

A high grade of goods, and prompt
and courteous attention to orders are
conducive to increase in business.

Such, in my estimation, is the cause
of the increase in sales of gas and oils
of the Wagner & Shaffer Company.

— REV. W. R. RADLIFF.

The two banks at Elk Horn have
consolidated.

Cashier Ralph H. Miller, of The
Citizens' State Bank, has returned