

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Struthers Robert Senator _____

Represented Iowa, Pds Atto, Probation and Gilman Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 26 Dec 1829 Glasgow, Scotland

2. Marriage (s) date place

Susan McEwen 19 Mar 1853 Quebec, Canada

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Master, Odd Fellow

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 14th General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace; mayor of Rolfe; Iowa county surveyor; county recorder; Ald. Monroe; Iowa State legislator; school board director

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 18 Sept 1898 Rolfe, Iowa, buried Clinton Cemetery, Rolfe, Iowa

8. Children William E.; Andrew Jackson; Ellen H. (Mrs. Richard L. Mathers); Susan (Mrs. Col. J. B. Kent); Grace (Mrs. James McClure); Margaret J.; Robert Alexander

9. Names of parents Andrew and Ellen (Watson) Struthers

Struthers, Robert

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- In April 1831 he came with his parents to Chateaugay County, Quebec County, Iowa
- After his marriage in 1853 he was employed for 3 years in building railroad bridges in Ontario, Canada
- In Jan 1857 he and his family moved to the United States and after a long, long trip they came to Fort Dodge, Iowa on 14th May 1857. That day they bought a quarter section of land in Brigham Township, Hancock, Iowa
- He built a log home in de Moines Township, Pocahontas County, Iowa where 7 children were born. In later years they moved to Reddy, Iowa.
- He received a certificate of naturalization on 3 Jan 1869.

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ROBT. STRUTHERS GONE

Died in Rolfe Last Sunday Evening at About Six O'clock

Was a Pioneer of Northwest Iowa— Came to Pocahontas County in 1857—Sketch of His Life

Robert Struthers died at his residence in Rolfe, Iowa, Sunday, September, 18, at about 6 p. m., of a complication of diseases.

Mr. Struthers had been ill about six weeks and all this time excepting the last two weeks in extreme pain. All that medical science and careful nursing by patient and devoted relatives and friends could do was done to relieve the sufferer, but the final end could be put off but for a few days. Soon after his illness began it became apparent that death was near. At times early in his sickness it was thought that death would come in a week, then in a day, but he continued to live on day after day, demonstrating that his was a strong constitution not impaired by intemperance along any line. But as the strongest of castles must crumble and end in time, so with the life of Mr. Struthers.

Robert Struthers was born in Scotland, December 26, 1829. When 3 years of age he came with his parents to Quebec, Canada and there grew to manhood. It was there he formed an attachment for Miss Susan McEwen and was married to her at Montreal, Canada March 19, 1853. Together they came west to Illinois in 1857 and the same year came on to Fort Dodge, Iowa. In May, 1857 Mr. Struthers, in company with W. H. Hait, A. H. Malcolm and Guernsey Smith, came from Fort Dodge up into Pocahontas

office of justice of the peace and pronouncing the ceremony that united the first residents of the county in marriage. These were W. S. Pegles and Miss Elizabeth Harris.

The first election in the county after its organization was on March 15, 1859, and at this time Mr. Struthers was elected justice of the peace.

In 1860 the county was organized as a school district and Mr. Struthers was elected one of the three directors. Thus he was the father of Pocahontas county's school system. It has become a worthy monument to the memory of its founder.

In 1864, when the office of treasurer and recorder was divided, Mr. Struthers was elected recorder. He was elected county surveyor in 1859, 1863 and 1865. In 1871 he was sent by this district to the legislature, where he served with distinction. In Des Moines township he repeatedly filled the offices of justice of the peace and assessor. Since coming to Clinton township he has been justice of the peace and last spring was elected mayor of the town of Rolfe, Iowa. He was an alternate delegate from this district to the republican national convention in 1892.

Personally Mr. Struthers was a pleasant gentleman to meet. He was a ready conversationalist and a well read man. He had a remarkably good memory and could recall many incidents in the early history of the county with freshness. He alone retained many of the first historical facts of the county until they became a matter of record. He was always kind and considerate. One of the greater regrets of his last days was that he could not live to repay the many acts of kindness shown him.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was high in the councils of this organization. He also was a Royal Arch Mason and an Odd Fellow.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, September 20, Rev. McCaslin delivering the funeral sermon. The funeral many brethren being present from West Bend, Plover, Havelock, Poca-

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To the Struthers household on January 1, 1859, soon after their location here, came the first white child born in the northern part of the county. This was Ellen, now Mrs. R. S. Mathers. To this union were also born W. E. Struthers, Miss Maggie, Susan, now Mrs. J. B. Kent, Andrew, Grace, now Mrs. J. M. McClure, and Robert Jr.—four daughters and three sons—all of whom now reside in this locality.

Mr. Struthers was a man of sterling character, at all times holding the confidence of the people. He has repeatedly been called by them to hold office, in fact has almost continually been called upon to perform some public duty. As far back as July 18, 1861, we find him holding the

county with freshness. He retained many of the first historical facts of the county until they became a matter of record. He was always kind and considerate. One of the greater regrets of his last days was that he could not live to repay the many acts of kindness shown him.

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To My Patrons

Those needing treatment for diseases of the eye, ear, nose or throat may call at my office on Wednesday forenoon, September 28. I will then have benefit of consultation with Dr. Woodburn, specialist, of Des Moines.

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eldest son, is at present and for several years has been deputy Treasurer, and Fred A. Malcolm, the second, was County Surveyor during the four years, 1894 to 1897.

During his absence in the army his wife went to his friends in New York state, and after his discharge they spent one year in Ohio. Making the journey from Ohio to Old Rolfe by team in the fall of 1865, they located on their present farm on section 1, Clinton township. They have raised a family of seven children, all of whom but two, have gone forth from the parental roof to found comfortable homes of their own. Mr. Malcolm has rendered honorable and faithful service to his country, both in the time of war and peace; and he has lived to see the desolate wilderness traversed by him and others with unspeakable hardships in the spring of 1857, transformed into a beautiful Eden, with fruitful fields conveniently connected with a network of magnificent rail-ways and dotted with numerous rapidly growing towns and cities, and thousands of comfortable homes.

"What hath he seen of change—this aged one—
As days unfolded and the years swept on?"

First the prairie schooners
On emigration's trail,
Then rough-hewn huts of settlers
Besprinkling hill and dale;
The felling and the clearing,
The stretch of smiling farms;
The tilling and the sowing,
The gathering into barns;
The schooling of the children,
The rising of church spires,
And the smoke of many fires."

Robert Struthers, who in May, 1857, selected a pre-emption claim on Sec. 12, 93-31, (Des Moines township) was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he was born, Dec. 26, 1829. In April, 1831, he came with his parents to Chat eaugay' (Shat-o-gay') county, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, where on March 19, 1853, he married Susan

McEwen, a sister of Wm. D. McEwen, Esq. Their home at this time was in a timber country, fifty miles south-west of Montreal. Here his mother, Ellen Watson, died when he was seven years of age, and his father, Andrew Struthers, in June, 1858; their family having consisted of four sons—Robert, who was the eldest; James, who located near West Bend, after seven years spent in Australia; Andrew, who went to Nebraska, and William, who also became a resident of Des Moines township, this county.

Robert Struthers, during the first three years after his marriage was engaged in building railroad bridges in the Province of Ontario. At this period, which was but a few years before the outbreak of the war of the rebellion, and about as many subsequent to the transition from a territorial to a state government in Iowa, the attention of those seeking new homes was directed to the rich and fertile but unoccupied prairies of this newly organized state. When the tide of emigration had reached the north central part of the state, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers decided to leave the associations of home and kindred and seek their fortunes as pioneers of this new and as they verily believed "better country." Accordingly, in January, 1857, they came to the United States and began the journey to their frontier home in the West, intending to proceed direct to Fort Dodge; but owing to the severity of the winter and unusual drifts of snow, they stopped at Aurora, Ill., until the month of April, and then leaving there his wife and one child—William E.—Mr. Struthers passed to Dubuque (the terminus of the Illinois Central) by rail, and from thence to Fort Dodge by stage, paying for the latter form of transportation at the rate of seven cents a mile for the first 100 miles and nine cents for the second 100 miles. The amount of baggage carried free

of charge was limited to forty pounds and all excess of that amount was charged at the regular passenger rate on an estimate of 150 pounds to the passenger. On this occasion there were nine passengers in the stage and they arrived at Fort Dodge on the 4th day of May. The day of their arrival was one of public sale of government lands in Hancock and Winnebago counties. There were only a few buildings on the site of the present city of Fort Dodge and they were already filled to their utmost capacity, so that Mr. Struthers had to go a half-mile out of town to find a lodging place. On that day he bought a quarter-section of land in Bingham township, Hancock county, that he continued to own as long as he lived. The sale on that day was called from an open window and the street was filled with a dense crowd of people for a considerable distance around it.

When he arrived at Cedar Falls he received his first intelligence of the Spirit Lake massacre that had occurred two months before. At this place he encountered a number of covered wagons moving east, that were filled with frightened people who expected the Indians would soon raid the entire northwest part of the state.

After locating his claim in Des Moines township and doing some work of improvement upon it, Mr. Struthers bought a lot in Fort Dodge and erected a small house on it. Then, about the latter part of June, with a mule team he returned to Dubuque where he awaited the arrival of his family and household effects and loading them in his wagon brought them thus to Fort Dodge. About two weeks were occupied in this trip across the country and they were fortunate in having beautiful weather and good roads. After a residence of one year in Fort Dodge, in the fall of 1858, they moved to the log shanty

built that year on their claim in Des Moines township. This shanty, 16x16 feet, which was one of the first half-dozen in the settlement, and served as the family residence for fifteen years, in 1873 was replaced by a fine, large dwelling house that now stands, not upon the wild, open prairie, but upon one of the most beautiful, highly improved and best cultivated farms in the country. Here a sturdy family of three sons and four daughters grew up around them, or went forth from the parental roof to found new homes of their own. They continued to reside here until 1893, when the venerable patriarch, accompanied by his wife and two members of the family, moved to Rolfe to spend the remainder of his days. The decease of his faithful wife occurred in her 70th year, June 9, 1897, and his own noble career was ended in his 69th year, Sabbath evening, September 18, 1898.

Mr. Struthers bought more land as he was able but did not sell an acre, and at the time of his decease in addition to the home in Rolfe, was the owner of 1240 acres of land most of which was located in Des Moines township, where two of his sons still reside; William E. married to Alice Price, on section 3, and Andrew J. married to Etta Parkins, at the old home on section 12. The entry for the 120 acres on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of this section which he claimed as a home by right of pre-emption in May, 1857, seems not to have been made until Nov. 16, 1866, and the patent for it was issued Nov. 20, 1883. His daughter Ellen, wife of Richard S. Mathers, who lives one mile east of Rolfe, was the first white child born (January 1, 1859) in the north part of the county. Susan, married to Col. J. B. Kent; Grace, married to James McClure; Maggie J. and Robert A. all reside at Rolfe.

During the first forty years of this county's history this noble-minded

man was a conspicuous and influential factor. He was a man whom neither Indians, blizzards, grasshoppers nor even hard times could frighten from his purpose "to found a home in the west and grow up with the country." He was a man of public spirit and rendered service in his own township and county in an official capacity, for a longer period of years than any other man in the county except possibly W. H. Hait. In 1859, at the time of the county's organization, he was chosen one of the justices of the peace for the township which then embraced the county, and at the time of his decease in 1898, he was mayor of the city of Rolfe and a justice of the peace for Clinton township; and there was not an intervening year he did not have some official duties to perform.

In the fall of 1859 he was elected county surveyor; for this office he was the first one to qualify and was the only incumbent of it during the next ten years. In 1865 and '66 he served two years as County Recorder.

In 1872-3 he had the honor to serve as the first representative from this county in the legislature of Iowa. The district then embraced Kossuth, Palo Alto, Pocahontas and Calhoun counties, and his election was secured without any opposition from an opposing candidate. This legislature was distinguished by the fact it held two sessions. At the first session in 1872, there was adopted the present mode in Iowa of assessing and taxing the property of the railroads and Wm. B. Allison was elected to the U. S. senate. At the special session held in 1873, the Code of Iowa was arranged and prepared for publication later that same year.

For fifteen years in succession, 1878-1892, he was Assessor of Des Moines township; and from its organization in 1859 to 1893, the year of his removal to Rolfe, he held the office of Justice of the Peace almost continu-

ously. While serving in this capacity he performed the first marriage ceremony in the north part of the county. This wedding occurred July 18, 1861, at the home of Samuel N. Harris, and the contracting parties were his daughter Elizabeth Harris and W. S. Feagels, a trapper, who later homesteaded the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13, Des Moines township.

Robert Struthers was the first person to receive a certificate of naturalization in this county and it was issued to him Jan. 3, 1860, at Highland City, (later Old Rolfe) by Samuel N. Harris, Clerk of the District Court. This certificate was recorded and reads as follows:

"Robert Struthers, a native of Scotland, having resided five full years in the United States and one full year in the state of Iowa, immediately preceding this date, and having made proof of being a man of good moral character and well disposed towards the institutions of this country, and having declared on oath that he has absolutely and entirely sundered and abjured all allegiance to any foreign king, prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to the Queen of Great Britain, of whom he was late a subject, and on oath declares that he will support the constitution and laws of the United States and the constitution of the State of Iowa, it was ordered that the said Robert Struthers be admitted a citizen of the United States of America."

In the spring of 1860, when the first school election was held, Mr. Struthers was chosen one of the three members of the first board of directors of the Des Moines district, which then embraced all of the county except what was included in the Lizard district. His intelligence and energy as a member of this board, enabled him to exert such an influence that there has been accorded to him the honor of being "The father of Pocahontas county's school system, and that it has become a worthy monument to the memory of its founder."

He had the honor to serve as chairman of the first republican convention held in this county; was chairman of the county central committee many years in succession in the early days and, with a single exception, attended every republican county convention held previous to 1881.

When the Pocahontas County Bible Society was organized at Old Rolfe in 1867, he became a loyal supporter of it and served as president of that organization from that year until the time of his decease, a period of thirty-one years.

Hon. James F. Wilson, late U. S. senator from Iowa, addressing a public meeting held in this county, at which he was presiding, paid him the compliment that like others of his countrymen, "Robert Struthers was a hardy son of toil, raised on oatmeal and the Shorter Catechism."

Dr. Johnson, the well-known English writer, referring to this plain diet of his neighbors once rather wittily described oats as, "In Scotland food for Scotchmen, but in England food for horses." He was well answered however, by the indignant Scotchman who replied, "Yes, and where can you find such men as in Scotland or such horses as in England."

Mr. Struthers was a man of very positive convictions in matters relating to religion, morality and politics. He was a firm believer in the inspiration and authority of the Bible as the Word of God, and both in business and politics, forced the question, "Is this right or is it wrong?" He was a total abstainer from the use of all intoxicating liquors, (the first it has been said, in the county) and believing it to be the duty of the state to prohibit the traffic in them wherever it was possible, he was always ready both to defend and advocate the cause of legal suasion. He was a man of practical ideas and methods. According to his own statement he became a

republican in politics while he resided in Ontario in 1855, when that party was organized in Philadelphia and framed a platform in regard to slavery and the protection of American industries that received his hearty endorsement. His political principles were subordinated to and made to harmonize as nearly as possible with the teachings of divine revelation, and when he cast his ballot it was for the support of the principles of truth, justice, honor and righteousness. Such a man resents with scorn the idea that he can be swayed like unstable reeds by the political winds that blow from one direction today and from another tomorrow.

Few such men are to be found in any country. He was an uncut diamond without the polish of a finished education or skill in the conventionalities of this life, yet he was a man of marked intelligence, affable, hospitable, had a good memory that retained with distinctness the incidents of early days and no one stood as his superior in honesty of purpose and integrity of character. When called upon to decide matters between neighbors, a circumstance of frequent occurrence, his decisions were always tempered with justice. And as a friend to the young he has left his memory indelibly stamped on all who came in contact with him in their struggle for a start in life.

His estimable wife, who shared with him the privations and trials of frontier life, shared also with him the noble sentiments that animated his life and to which he gave the more public utterance, "She was a true wife to true husband, clothing herself afresh to his heart as her beauty faded, with a new beauty that was to be appreciated rather than seen."

Fearless they lived, fearless they died, Battling always for truth and righteousness;

Building monuments of worthy deeds,
Fortune upon them graciously smiled,
And domestic bliss was also vouchsafed.

1858 AND 1859.

During the two years 1858 and 1859, a number of new families located in the Des Moines settlement, among whom were David Slosson, John A. James, Perry Nowlen, Henry and William Jarvis, Ora Harvey, O. F. Avery, James Edelman, Hank Brown and John Straight.

David Slosson, in May, 1858, came to Pocahontas county, with a family consisting of his wife, Esther Vaughan, who died in 1875, three sons—Oscar, Orlando and Edmond—all of whom were young men, and one daughter, Ann, who became the wife of Romeyn B. Fish and is still a resident of the county. On his arrival, David Slosson located on section 26, and on September 28, 1858, entered his pre-emption claim for lots 1 and 2 and the W½ NE¼ of that section, containing 158 acres. His eldest son, Oscar Slosson, December 8, 1860, entered as a pre-emption the SE¼ Sec. 24, 160 acres, same township, and received the patent for it June 1, 1861; and Orlando, the second son, on January 18, 1868, entered as a homestead the NW¼ Sec. 26, 160 acres, same township and received the patent for it September 1, 1869.

David Slosson was the son of David and Esther (Vaughan) Slosson, his father being of Welsh and his mother of English descent. He was a native of Vermont, where he was born March 11, 1811, near Grand Isle. He received a good common school education, and when quite young moved to New York state, where he learned the shoemakers' trade.

At twenty he married Rachel Vaughan, a cousin, and during the next five years worked at his trade during the winter and on the farm during the summer. He then moved

to Summit county, Ohio—later to Clinton county, N. Y., and in 1846 returned to Summit county, Ohio. The next move was to Michigan, and in 1852 he came to Clinton county, Iowa, where he remained until the time of settlement in this county in 1858.

His next move was to Washington Territory, where his three sons—Oscar married to Julia Towslee, Orlando married to Harriet Halstead and Edmond married to Ellen Savage—still reside. He died there June 30, 1884. His daughter, Mrs. R. B. Fish, resides at Rolfe.

At the time of the organization of this county, David Slosson had the honor to be chosen the first County Judge and served in that capacity from March 21st, the day he qualified, to Dec. 31, 1859. The duties devolving upon this officer were those that are now performed by the Board of County Supervisors. As there was no public building in the county his cabin, which was somewhat central in the Des Moines settlement, became the seat of government for the county, and the public records were kept there until the erection of the first court house, in the fall of 1860.

His administration of the affairs of this county, though limited to a period less than one year, was unusually eventful and has been rendered memorable by three important contracts that were concluded by him in behalf of the county. These contracts related to the erection of the first court house at Old Rolfe, the construction of the first bridge over the Des Moines river and the special survey of the swamp lands of the county that they might be given in payment for the public building and bridge.

The following item from the record is of interest as showing the salary of the Judge and his systematic method of keeping the record:

been justice of the peace and secretary of the school board during the last two years.

Struthers Robert, (see page 172), the first representative from this county in the legislature of Iowa, was a resident of Des Moines township from 1857 to 1893, when he moved to Rolfe where he died Sept. 18, 1898, and his wife June 9, 1897. He was one of the very first pioneers to locate in the northeast part of this county and his wife joined him a few months later. By their sterling integrity and noble lives this worthy couple, during the first forty years of the history of this county, exerted a potent influence for good that was felt not merely in their own neighborhood but throughout this county and in the legislative halls of this commonwealth. The good are a mighty power and they exert an influence long after their departure from earth. They are gratefully remembered in the home, the social circle and the church.

"That man exists but never lives,
Who much receives but nothing gives,
But he, who marks his devious way
By generous acts from day to day,
Treads the same path his Saviour trod,
The path to glory and to God."

His family consisted of three sons and four daughters

1. William E. (b. Mar. 19, 1857) is a native of Aurora, Ill., where his parents tarried a few months while on the way to the frontier. He is the owner and occupant of a farm of 160 acres on section 3, Des Moines township. He has been secretary of the school board in this township since 1889. On April 6, 1882 he married Alice Price of Lizard township and has three children, William, Alec and Ernest.

2. Ellen (b. Jan. 1, 1859) on March 19, 1878 married Richard S. Mathers owner and occupant of a farm of 320 acres on Sec. 3, Clinton township. Her family consists of seven children, William, Susie, Mary, Robert, Archie,

Maggie and Nellie.

3. Susan married Col. John B. Kent. (See Kent.)

4. Maggie J. lives at Rolfe.

5. Andrew J. (b. Aug. 22, 1865) occupies a farm of 220 acres, Sec. 11, Des Moines township. April 26, 1893 he married Etta Parkin of Humboldt county and has one daughter, Mary.

6. Grace, Sept. 12, 1887 married James McClure, a mechanic, lives at West Bend and has a family of two children, Gilbert G. and Walton M.

7. Robert A. (b. Feb. 1, 1871), farmer, lives at Rolfe.

Spence George Francis, (b. Aug. 23, 1842.) Rolfe P. O., is a native of Kenosha county, Wisconsin. In 1869 he located in Hamilton county Iowa, and remained fourteen years. In 1883 he located on his present farm of 200 acres on section 11, Center township, two and one-half miles southwest of Rolfe. He has erected good improvements on this farm and made it a delightful home. He has been identified with the history of Center township, having served as a trustee five years, 1885-89, and as a justice of the peace and president of the school board in 1888. It is, however, by reason of the long continued and efficient public service rendered as postmaster at Rolfe that he became most widely and favorably known. He had charge of the Rolfe postoffice seven years and three months from April 1, 1890. He has been an elder in the Presbyterian church of Rolfe since 1889 and superintendent of the Sunday school during the past five years. He is a veteran of the civil war, having enlisted in May, 1864, at Kenosha, as a member of the 39th Wis. Volunteers and continued in the service in the western department of the army until the fall of that year.

In 1872 he married Etta Gould, of Grundy county, and his family consists of two children, Clara Beil, who married Ora P. Malcolm. (See Mal-

State of Iowa

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

Des Moines, Nov. 8th, 1871.

Hon. _____

Iowa.

DEAR SIR:

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Name..... *Robert Stutter*
P. O. Address..... *Roske*
County..... *Keosauqua*
Occupation..... *Farmer*
Nativity..... *Indiana*
Married or Single..... *Married*
Religion..... *Presbyterian*
If in the Service; regiment and rank.....
Years in Iowa..... *15*
Age..... *42*
Weight..... *190*

I send herewith a copy of the rules of last Session of the General Assembly, in which you will see the table above referred to.

Yours truly,

ED. WRIGHT,

SECRETARY OF STATE.



You searched for **Robert Struthers** in Iowa

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Robert Struthers	
Birth Year:	abt 1830	
Birth Place:	Scotland	
Gender:	Male	
Census Date:	1860	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Wright	
Locality:	OBrien	
Roll:	IA_68	
Line:	1	
Family Number:	158	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Robert Struthers	30
	Susanah Struthers	33
	William M Struthers	2
	Ellen W Struthers	1
Source Information:		
Ancestry.com. <i>Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925</i> [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.		
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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Robert Struthers	
Birth Year:	abt 1830	
Age in 1870:	40	
Birthplace:	Scotland	
Home in 1870:	Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Rolfe	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Robert Struthers	40
	Susannah Struthers	41
	William Struthers	13
	Ellen Struthers	11
	Margaret Struthers	9
	Susan Struthers	7
	Andrew Struthers	5
	Grace Struthers	3
	Robert Struthers	4/12
	Milton Randall	22
	Rhuhema Metcalfe	57

Source Citation: Year: 1870; Census Place: Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa; Roll M593_415; Page: 50B; Image: 104; Family History Library Film: 545914.

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Original data:

- 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.
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1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Robert Struthers	
Home in 1880:	Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa	
Age:	50	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1830	
Birthplace:	Canada	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Susannah	
Father's birthplace:	Scotland	
Mother's birthplace:	Scotland	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Farmer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Robert Struthers	50
	Susannah Struthers	51
	William Struthers	23
	Maggie Struthers	17
	Susan Struthers	16
	Andrew Struthers	14
	Grace Struthers	12
	Robt. A. Struthers	10
Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: <i>Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa</i> ; Roll 359; Family History Film: 1254359; Page: 162C; Enumeration District: 179; Image: 0615.		
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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name:	Robert Struthers	
Birth Year:	abt 1830	
Birth Place:	Scotland	
Gender:	Male	
Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Pocahontas	
Locality:	Des Moines	
Roll:	IA1885_246	
Line:	1	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Robert Struthers	55

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Robert Struthers

Birth **26 Dec 1829** in Scotland
 Death **18 Sep 1898** in Iowa

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1829 26 Dec	Birth Scotland	10 source citations
1829	Baptism St Johns Glasgow Wm Brown	
1852 Age: 23	Residence Beauharnois County, Canada East (Quebec), Canada	1 source citation
1853 19 Mar Age: 23	Marriage Montréal (Presbyterian Saint Andrew), Québec	1 source citation
1858 Age: 29	Residence Will, Illinois, United States Land grant 97-26-28 80 acres Robert Struthers of Will County, Illinois	1 source citation
1859 Age: 30	Residence Will, Illinois, United States Land grant 97-26-28 80 acres Robert Struthers of Will County, Illinois	1 source citation
1860 Age: 31	Residence Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa Farmer	1 source citation
1860 Age: 31	Residence Obrien, Wright, Iowa	1 source citation
1870 Age: 41	Residence Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa	1 source citation
1875 Age: 46	Residence Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa, United States Land grant 93-31-12	1 source citation
1880 Age: 51	Residence Des Moines, Pocahontas, Iowa, United States	1 source citation
1885 Age: 56	Residence Des Moines, Pocahontas, IA	1 source citation

Family Members

Parents

- Andrew A Struthers**
1791 - 1858
- Helen Ellen Watson**
1802 - 1837

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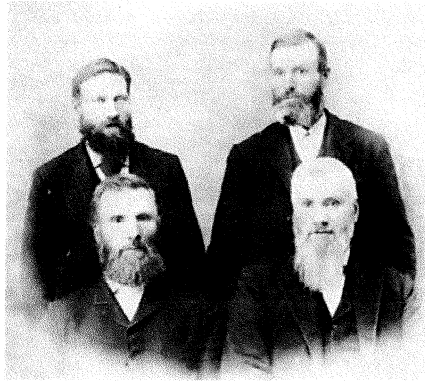
Spouse & Children

- Susannah McEwen**
1827 - 1897
- William E Struthers**
1858 - 1936
- Ellen W Struthers**
1859 - 1949
- Margaret J Struthers**
1860 - 1938
- Susan Struthers**
1863 - 1924
- Andrew Jackson Struthers**
1864 - 1948
- Grace Struthers**
1867 - 1929
- Robert Alexander Struthers**
1870 - 1927

Family group sheet

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Wm. (Will) Struthers
 Homesteaded in Des Moines Twp,
 Pocahontas County, Iowa
 Born June 13, 1836
 Died October 8, 1905
 Age - 69

Andrew Struthers
 Homesteaded south of Craig, Bert
 County, Nebraska
 Born February 14, 1834
 Died December 28, 1905
 Age - 71

James Struthers
 Homesteaded at McKnight's Point,
 Waconeta Twp, Humboldt County,
 Iowa
 Born December 14, 1831
 Died November 5, 1898
 Age - 67

Robert Struthers
 Homesteaded in Rolfe area,
 Pocahontas County, Iowa
 Born December 26, 1829
 Died September 18, 1898
 Age - 69

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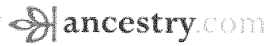
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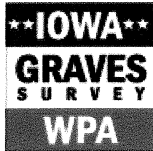
Name:	Hon. Robert Struthers
Death Date:	18 Sep 1898
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Cemetery:	Clinton & Garfield
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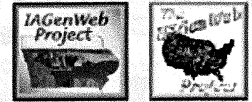
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STRUTHERS, Susan McEwan

Born: 25 AUG 1827
Died: 09 JUN 1897
Cemetery: CLINTON & GARFIELD
Location: GARFIELD TWP.
County: POCAHONTAS CO. - IOWA
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