

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Everson,  
Norman - Represented Louisiana and Washington Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Dec 1815 Onida County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ellen E. Pierce 1865

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Lawyer; builder

4. Church membership \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sessions served 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1850, 1852

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster of Washington

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 15 May 1896 Washington, Iowa; buried Eldon Grove Cemetery, Washington, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Other applicable information *Whig, later Republican*

- *He came to Washington Iowa in 1841*
- *He was an extensive builder. He built many of the businesses in Washington as well as the opera houses, electric and gas works and the academy.*
- *He started the first bank in Washington in 1857*
- *He was a lawyer by profession, but did not stay in his chosen career long because of his many other interests.*

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## Sources Log For Legislation Entries

### Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary -			<i>The Washington Democrat, Washington Iowa. Ikt. May 20, 1896, p. 7, col. 2</i>

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Goods that don't suit you, return them. Quality always the best. We open this week 100 new, shimmering, shining, glistening Silk Waist Patterns. No argument necessary to sell them at

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This week we open 30 pieces new spring Dress Goods. These were bought for February delivery, but the jobber could not ship as agreed, hence they are to take a loss of several cents a yard, which makes them the cheapest lot of Dress Goods ever sold. Handsome plaids and mixtures, 34 in wide, regular 15c and 18c stuff—

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12 1/2 and 29c.

## Men's Corner.

Rockford Socks..... 4c  
Suspenders..... 10c  
Underwear..... 21c  
Seamless Socks, black or tan,..... 9c

# NORMAN EVERSON

One of Washington's First Settlers Passes Away.

LIVED IN IOWA SINCE 1841.

A Noted Character, and Probably the Best Known Man in Washington County.

Norman Everson is dead. Although his death had been expected for quite a while, his death was no less a shock to the community. He had been confined to his room since the fall of 1895, but began going down rapidly only a few weeks ago. His death occurred a little before midnight, Friday evening, May 15. He had been semi-unconscious for two or three days.

Mr. Everson has been one of the most active men this town ever had, and did much to build it up. He was an extensive builder, having built a number of business houses around the square, besides Everson's opera house block, the first decent opera house Washington ever had. This was built in 1868 at a cost of \$24,000. About two years ago, it was purchased by Wallace & Son and the Masonic bodies, and it is now known as The Temple building. Mr. Everson also started the first bank here in 1857. He built and operated the gas and electric light works, and was one of the most active builders of our Academy; and besides, he has been interested in many other enterprises.

He was a lawyer by profession and practised when he first came to Washington, but it wasn't long until his interests required all his time. For a good many years he had not done any legal business, whatever.

He was postmaster of Washington in an early day, and we have heard him tell many times how he carried the mail in his hat and delivered it as he was making the rounds looking after his buildings. Thus Washington had free delivery years ago, being ahead of the present day mail service, even.

Mr. Everson was a noted character. He was a man of very decided opinions and strong likes and dislikes. He knew no such thing as deceit, and if he had anything to say he said it without any beating about the bush. He had a keen sense of humor, and "got off" many a good and witty remark, a saying that will be remembered and quoted for years to come. He understood

look funnier than a dude with monocle and gold-headed cane. They seem to be great explorers, constantly trying to get away, seeking greener pastures and evidently weeping for more worlds to conquer, though they shed no visible tears.

Young Farris, south of town, caught them, probably after they had been out for a lark with the boys, and were way-laid and cut short in their mad career. Little did they think, that evening, when they started out to make a night of it, that they would fetch up in some show window as advertising agents. But they are a success in drawing crowds, daily.

People who wish to go to Buffalo to attend the N. E. A. convention, who want fast time, the most excellent train service and superior accommodations, will do well to consider the Nickel Plate Road before purchasing tickets. A fare of \$12 for the round trip will apply, with \$2 added for membership fee. Tickets will be on sale July 5 and 6, with liberal return limits, and with privilege of side trip tickets to Chautauqua Lake. Additional information cheerfully given on application to J. Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Thomas Jefferson Essley died Thursday, May 14, at the home of his brother, C. N. Essley. He was born in this county, March 7, 1861. He was the son of Philip and Drasilla Essley. Tom was a mighty good man; honest, industrious, and had many friends. For more than a year, he had been failing, his trouble originating, we think, in la grippe. It developed into consumption and there was no relief for him. He was never married. His funeral occurred Saturday at ten o'clock, conducted by Rev. Clifford Stewart of this city, the interment taking place at Shrock cemetery. He was a brother to Mrs. Nettie Bain of this city, and also to Prof. E. L. Essley of Glidden, Iowa, and Jack Essley of Montana.

### Notice.

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Some funny things happen in everybody's business. A few days ago, a woman from the country came to town with two crocks of butter. They were unloaded at Alberson's grocery. The butter was taken in, opened and, holy smoke! it was sausage. Now, Al-

## Men's Corner.

Rockford Socks.....4c  
 Suspenders.....10c  
 Working Shirts.....21c  
 Underwear.....21c  
 Seamless Socks, black or tan,  
 good ones, 2 pair for.....25c

## Umbrellas.

Another lot of those Gloria Umbrellas, worth and sold for \$1.00 everywhere.

65c.

## Mercer & Chilcote.

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he had anything to say he said it without any beating about the bush. He had a keen sense of humor, and "got off" many a quaint and witty expression that will be remembered and quoted for years to come. He understood human nature in many ways, thoroughly, as indicated by this incident: The boys got in the habit of playing marbles, and the like, back of the opera house block. They annoyed him a good deal, and he remarked that he intended to start a Sunday-school back there. Some one asked him why. "To keep the boys out" was the reply. "If there were a Sunday-school running back there, you couldn't get a boy within a mile." What could be wittier and yet so true to human nature?

One day he was building a stone walk and a bystander criticised something about the work, and Everson heard the critic until he was tired, whereupon he tersely remarked, "Well, if I were you when this is done and it doesn't suit you, I wouldn't pay 'em a cent." The fault finder subsided. If a man was accused of lying, Everson would say, "Well, he has a right to lie; this is a free country." He was always ready witted and prepared with an answer.

He was not a member of any organization, but in many ways, he was full of the milk of human kindness. One day some old veteran with an empty sleeve, bought a watermelon and was carrying it to his wagon. He dropped it and it was dashed in pieces. Everson saw it and, unbeknown to the old soldier, bought a melon and placed it in his wagon. Thus, with all his rugged, gruff disposition, he was tender hearted as a woman.

In politics, he was a Whig, and served two terms in the Iowa senate. In 1858 when the Republican party was formed, he joined that party and was an active worker for many years.

Mr. Everson was born in Oneida county, New York, December 29, 1815, and came to Washington in 1841. In 1865, he was married to Miss Ellen E. Pierce, who survives him. They had no children.

The funeral was held Sunday, and was very largely attended. The bar of Washington attended in full. The honorary pall bearers were old friends of the deceased. They were, James Dawson, Dr. McClelland; Wm. Moore, J. C. Conger, George Reister and P. Shradler. The active pall bearers were, John Alex Young, A. H. Wallace, Harry Shradler, R. T. Wilson, Ab. Anderson and Wm. Blair. The services were conducted by Revs. Logue and Stark. The interment took place in Elm Grove cemetery.

A Groundhog Case.

Some funny things happen in everybody's business. A few days ago, a woman from the country came to town with two crocks of butter. They were unloaded at Alberson's grocery. The butter was taken in, opened and, holy smoke! it was sausage. Now, Alberson is not in the sausage business, neither bologna, Vienna wurst, stuffed or otherwise. What was the lady's chagrin when she found that somebody in going to the cellar had loaded up two crocks of sausage instead of the dairy product. The exchange was made, and now all is lovely, but it isn't safe to say "sausage" around that farmhouse.

Roy Davis and his force of men are putting in the park reservoir. They are building a brick basin within the old one, the intervening space to be filled with dirt and posies and things. It will be a beauty spot yet, if no evil betides it. The DEMOCRAT suggests Charley Hebenner and Henry Parkinson as chief landscape gardeners. They would do a rattling good job of tending posies.

"The Queen of Fashion" is an excellent home and fashion magazine. The publishers are anxious to get an active club-raiser in Washington county. A letter or postal card will bring full particulars. Many ladies are getting good pay by taking subscriptions. Their address is "Queen of Fashion," 142, 144 and 146 West 14th St., New York City. 403

Mrs. Norton's musicales are always delightful, but the one she gave Monday evening at her rooms, was a red letter affair among all of them. The performers were Charley Howe, Miss Nellie Ferguson, Miss Bessie Eichelberger, Miss Eva Hunt, Miss Ollie Campbell, Miss Ethel Winter and Miss Jessie Smouse. All did so well and showed such excellent training that to individualize would be invidious. Mrs. Norton is a thorough and very conscientious worker, hence she deserves the success everybody knows she is having.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh, being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the local source of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in