Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative CLARKE, GEORGE W. Senator CLARKE, GEO. W.

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1	Birthday and place 24 October 1852, on farm in Shelby Co., Ind.
	2. Marriage (s) date place etta Greene (June 1957 - 31 Dec. 1948), 20June 1878, Dallas Co.
3	3. Significant events for example:
	A. Business lawyer, farmer, teacher, law school dean
	B. Civic responsibilities
	C. Profession
	. Church membership Christian
	5. Sessions served 28/31 GA, 1900-1908; Dallas Co. Speaker, 30 & 31 GA
6	5. Public Offices
	A. Local J.P., Adel, 1878-1882
	B. State Lt. Gov. 1908-1912; Gov. 1913-1917
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Short Illness Ends Life of Gov. G. W. Clarke

Man Honored By Entire State Is Called at Age of 84 Years

Hon. George W. Clarke former governor of 10wa, and for 56 years a resident of Agel, died at his home Saturday atternoon 9 o'clock.

Death came as the result of an attack of u.emic poisoning. He had been in rather poor nealth for many months, spending most of his time at home, but the serious illness covered a period of only a week.

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News of his death, while not unexpected by memoers of the family and close friends, came as a shock to the entire community because of nis acquaintance, his prominence in the county and state and because of the high regard in which he was held by all.

He had suffered from the same trouble on other occasions, but it had always yielded to treatment until a few days before his death. Arrangements had been made for an operation at a Des Moines hospital operation at a des Moines nospitation in Friday, but his condition at that time was such as to make the trip inadvisable. Fred G. Clarke, a son at Seattle, was immediately notified and left for Adel at once, arriving here yesterday morning. Other members of the family wars. er members of the family were with him when the end came.

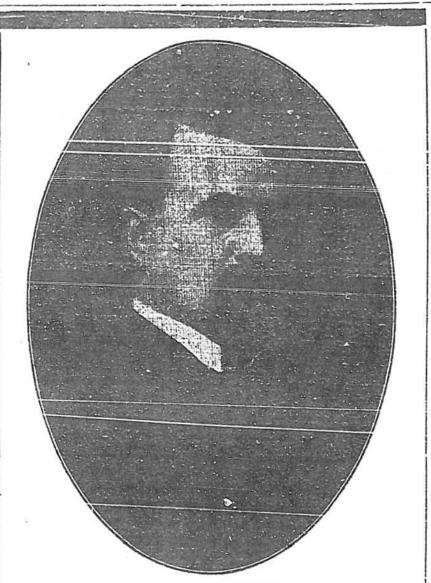
Funeral Held Tuesday

Funeral services were held yesterday afte noon at the Christian church, the sermon being given by Rev. H. M. Sippel, the pastor. 'Lead Kindly Light, a favorite hymn of Mr. Clarke's was sung by a male quartet composed of Curtis Gregory, Rev. W. G. Warren, Dr. E. A. Witmer and Ray Rainwater, with Mrs. Maria Simcoka acting as pionist. Marie Simcoke acting as planist. The service was a simple one, with the speaker paying a high tribute to the life of Mr. Clarke. Casket bearers were L. V. Russell, H. R. Straight C. E. Russell, Scott Snyder, G. C. Mitchell and Lowell Fowler Inter-

ment was at Oakdale cemetery.
Acting upon a proclamation issued by Mayor W. D. Valentine, who sought to show the esteem in which Mr. Clarke was held in Adel, all business houses and professional of-fices in town were closed for two hours during the funeral services. Members of the Dallas County Bar

Association attended the services in a body, as did the board of super-

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GEORGE W. CLARKE

Adel's foremost citizen, George W. Clarke, passed away at his home Satu.day evening.

His death brought to a close a long life of honorable endeavor. It ended a career which has been an example to many an Adel boy and it took from the community a man loved and respected by all.

It was not because of the fact that he had been accorded the highest honor an Iowan could be given that Adel people loved him; it was not because he was one of the test governors the state ever had; it was not because his work as governor will be outstanding for all time.

It was because he was a good man, a good neighbor and a good friend.

From the day he came to Adel 56 years ago he had been identified with everything pertaining to the welfare or the growth of the community. He made a success of his profession, he was accorded local and political leadership and there has never been a whisper of anything pertaining to his political life.

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Ed. M. Smith of Winterset; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McColl of Woodward: Representative Harry Copeland of Waukee; Charles Rhinehart of Dallas Center; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. French and Mrs. Myrtle Brown of Perry; Judge Norman R. Hays, Knoxville; Judge Vander Ploeg, of Knoxville: Judge W. S. Cooper, of Winterset; Carl Knox and H. C. Newton of Stuart; D. W. Hall of Perry; W. C. Southwick of Guthrie Center; L. M. Teeter of Knoxville; Mrs. Charles Rundall, of Chicago; Mrs. Mae Thompson of DeSoto; Mr. and Mrs. Don Bice of Red Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Moss of Cedar Falls; W. J. Kent of Dallas Cenier; C. C. Cook of Booneville.

Among those from Des Moines were J. Locke Macomber, Mrs. Al-

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He loved his home and his family; he loved his neighbors and acquaintances and whether they knew it or not he shared their troubles and problems. The smile and gratitude of a child meant more to him than the plaudits of his state. His friendly counsel and well wishes have been a help and an inspiration to hundreds. Today they are bowing their heads in sorrow that is deep, but in gratefulness because they were accorded his friendship.

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High Standing As a Lawyer

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During the years he was in public service. Mr. Clarke was a leader in the movement for good roads, the same vision which prompted the capitol extension project giving him an incentive to fight for what the people of Iowa are now enjoying. He lived to see Iowa's highway system one of the greatest in the nation. He also advocated the passage of workmen's compensation laws and laws for the better management of county and municipal affairs, was an earnest supporter of everything concerning educational advancement, of the temperance movement, and of legislation seeking to put out of business all 'blue companies or individuals preying upon the people.

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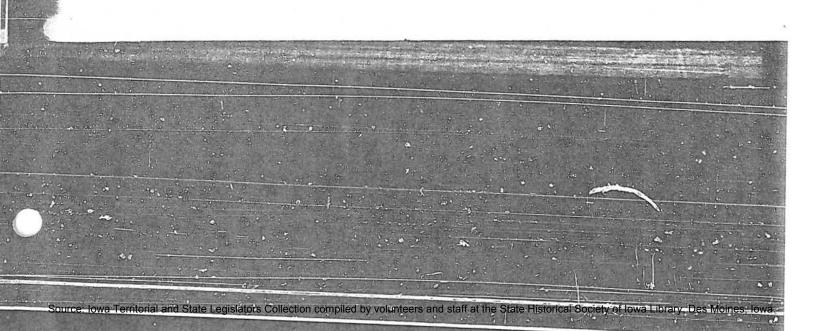
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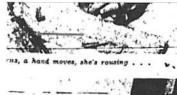
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By J. S. Russell. (Farm Editor.)

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Many other honors were won by phatically: Wires are running from the bat-teries in each bottle through two Iowa feeders in the cariot contest, neatly bored holes in each cork to while Iowa 4-H boys shared in a wooden lid that fits tightly on the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 the upper end of the cylinder. On this wooden end is a trigger artistic property of the preserve championalip in the property of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the agricultural honors of the day volunteers of the original 110 members of Company D of the months of the original 110 members of the or rangement with spring tension.

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Rippey Boy Wins.

Russell Holz of Rippey, Is., also showed the first champion fat barrow in the club show.

the top of the 417 loads entered climaxed his efforts of the last

In 1932 he won the grand contest and in 1984 and 1985 he

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Younkin Says Too ST Many Women Made Him Sick of 'Em.

By George Shane. Staff Writer.

RIVERSIDE, IA.—His cynicism Precaut toward women always has been good-natured and now as he grows older it is less pronounced. just ask John Younkin,

Civil War veteran who is 96 years UNION STOCK YARDS, CHI-old today and still a bachelor, will under whether he would marry if he had ity to me

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fat cattle contest at the 1936 In- steady hand, lean back in his old-ternational Live Stock Exposition. fashloned rocker, and reply em-

John Younkin was one of three hundred skirmishes in the south without a scratch from sword or

Glamorous Picture.

In '65, with the other Boys in Blue, this eligible young bachelor marched home. First it seemed a glamorous picture of heroic ro-

But John Younkin soon thought otherwise.

"The fact is, there were so many girls around that I got sick of them," Mr. Younkin said.

That is the only explanation he cares to give for his celibacy.

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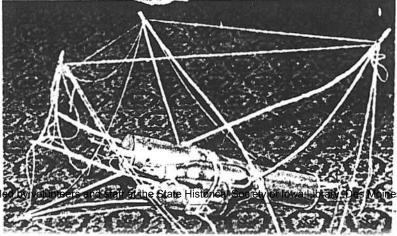
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ON OUTSIDERS

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General Haynes, warden of the ort Madison penifentiary, was svated from the rank of colonel on his retirement. He has been numanding officer of the 168th fantry. "All Outside."

"Those objecting to the appoint-ent of Lieut. Col. -George F. rerest are not in the guard, but taide," General Haynes said. "I # understand how they feel. But do not believe this should be inrpreted as meaning there is de among the present officers the Iows national guard," he

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LAUES BLAME . 168th Infantry Officers Honor Retiring Commander



Maj. Gen. Mathew A. Tinley (right), of Council Bluffs, In., and Brig. Gen. Glenn C. Haynes, warden of the Fort Madison penitentiary, shown at dinner at Hotel Fort Des Moines honoring General Haynes, retiring Monday from active duty in the Iowa national guard. General Haynes was commanding officer of the 168th Infantry.

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was runnerup. This year with six loads entered in the show was not only the owner of the largest number of entries by any one man but placed on five of his six loads.

His son, Waldo, who assisted with the feeding won on his.4-H club calf in the open class in 1929.

Carefully Picked Herd.

veral other farmers and cal tle feeders from Clinton county shared in the prizes in the carlot contest along with some of the Crawford county, Iowa, feeders and several from other sections of

Mommsen related Saturday afternoon how just about a year ago he bought 130 head of Angus calves averaging 439 pounds, in weight from farmers and breeders

in Mercer county, Illinois. He picked them up here and there buying only a few from any one farmer.

He fed them liberally on oats to begin with, shifting to corn and Raises Best Cattle in United States. cob meal for part of the ration county won first on their big stem and later to ground shelled corn as he got them on full feed.

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POLICE SEIZE 10 IN LIQUOR RAIDS

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Haynes Denies Strife in Militia CLARKE, TWICE War

Ill Several Days at Home in Adel.

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governor for two terms, 1909 to 1913, and then served two terms as chief executive, 1913 to 1917.

After leaving the governor's chair, Mr. Clarke became dean of the Drake university law college holding that chair for one year He kept in close touch with Re-publican affairs throughout the state, occasionally taking part in the state organization's work and once entering into a strenuous éampaign in the role of manager the late Senator Albert B. Cummins.

Mr. Clarke established his hom on a farm near Adel in 1895. was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Rotary club.

Saw Stand Vindicated

There is no monument to George W. Clarke on the statehouse grounds—but the grounds as they appear today are his memorial

He sponsored the capitol extendon project; staked his political life upon carrying it through, and the \$2,285,000 the project cost in direct taxes turned out, as he pre-dieted—"a matter of the very best business policy; an investment which surely would pay."

Defeated Dunn.

Clarke was the Republican nominee for governor in the Bull Moose year of 1912, when his own party was split, and the Democratic party had an sple candidate in Ed Dunn of Mason City, Ia., now United States dis-City, Ia., now United States district attorney for northern Iowa. at the statehouse,

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Lambs Selected.

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Choked by Assailant, Nelson Reports.

Seized by a man who had agreed The library movement in Iowa to drive his ear home for him, received a healthy impetus dur-Joseph Nelson, S. W. Ninth and ing his tenure in office, the legis- As Wade streets, was robbed of be lature at the governor's sugges-

Negro, downtown and that they The oldtime saloons which were were driving to Nelson's residence closed at the end of his second when the man began to choke him, term for the duration of the pro-Nelson said the robber fied hibition era met a death blow after taking the money. Police during Governor Clarke's term in later arrested Parker Weston, 70, office. Negro, of 619 E. Second st., whom they said Nelson identified as the one who robbed him.

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Saloons Curtailed.

In tightening up on the evils of the saloon, the legislature ahortthe saloon, the regularity ened the saloon day's operating time three hours, and passed the Baxter, Creston "Five Mile Law," a bill which pro-hibited the sale of liquor within five miles of any state educational institution.

"blue sky bill" which provided for licensing and state su-pervision of investment companies, was another step of progressive legislation passed during the Clarke regime. This bill had many narrow escapes during legislative action but finally was passed and signed by the governor.

Mr. Clarke in late years spent

much of his time in reading from his extensive library. He made occasional trips to the law office he shared with his son.

Mr. Clarke kept replenishing his library until bookstacks ran to the ceiling in his old-fashioned home.

Collected Classics,

He collected the old classics of literature, of history, of economics, together with many modern works. Thegraphy he found cape cially interesting.

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were so many books he frad; want-ed to read all his life but had not had time for until his retirement.

Mr. Clarke attended Christian

church here where it is expected that funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon. Burial is ex-pected to be in Adel cemetery. The body was resting in the

The body was resting in the DeFord mortuary Saturday night Resides his wife and three children, there are 11 grandchildren surviving.

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d from his trip to the International Livestock exposition in Chicago, Irwin Moss, 16, of Wright county, Iowa, falls saleep clutching halter of fits prize bovine entry, "Sammy." The stock show opened Saturday with a record entry of 14,653 head of farm animals.

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TOGETHER WITH

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF MANY OF ITS PROMINENT AND LEADING CITIZENS AND ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

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las county, a position which he filled with much credit.

On the 9th of November, 1869, Mr. Ellis was married to Miss Arvilla A. Sweet. was born in Bureau county, Illinois, in 1848, and was the daughter of J. L. and Florandia T. Sweet. Mr. and Mrs. Sweet came to Illinois at an early date and located near Buda, where their deaths occurred and where they were laid to rest in Buda cemetery. They had accumulated considerable wealth and had several fine farms in Bureau county at the time of their demise. The father was married twice. the first union there were born five children, of whom two are now living: J. B. Sweet, a lawyer at Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Mrs. A. A. Ellis. To the second union five children were born, of whom three survive: Aura, Effie and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were the parents of ten children, of whom five sons are now living, four of whom are married. The record is as follows: E. L., born September 10, 1870, living in Perry, Iowa; F. R., born April 15, 1877, conducting a livery barn at Minburn, Iowa; H. L., born July 4, 1879, living on one of his mother's farms; J. P., born November 18, 1881, a farmer living near the old homestead; and Roy J., who was born May 26, 1887, and operates the home farm for his mother.

From boyhood Mr. Ellis' life was a very active one but he always had time to extend a helping hand and to say a kind word to his friends. His motto through life was "do unto others as you would have others do unto you" and this he most conscientiously followed, as his many friends can attest. Through such memorials as this the individual and the character of his service are kept in remembrance and the importance of those services acknowl-His example, in whatever field his work may have been done, stands as an object lesson to those who come after. Up to the time that he was taken sick, at the age of sixty-one, he had never been in bed a day from illness but pneumonia developed very rapidly and at his age no hope was felt for his recovery. He passed away at his country home, surrounded by his wife and his five sons. Mr. Ellis was a republican and was identified with the Odd Fellows in Adel. He also belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and lived a life of uprightness and honor, entitling him to high regard.

Mrs. Ellis, after her husband's death, was appointed administratrix of his estate and bought her sons' interests in the property, owning at present three hundred and twenty acres known as the Prairie Lawn Stock Farm on section 15, Washington township. She is a highly esteemed woman and a kind and loving mother and a faithful friend to all who know her.

GEORGE W. CLARKE.

George W. Clarke was born in Shelby county, Indiana, October 24, 1852. His father, John Clarke, was born in Warren county, Ohio, and his mother, Eliza J. Akers, was born in Floyd county, Indiana. They removed from Shelby county, Indiana, to Davis county, Iowa, in 1856, and settled on a farm near Drakeville, where they still live. Here also lived with them and worked on the farm their son until he was twenty-two years of age. In the winter he had taught school in the country and in Drakeville and later he taught in Bloomfield. He acquired his education at Oskaloosa College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, from which institution he was graduated in 1877. Immediately after, he entered the law office of Lafferty & Johnson, at Oskaloosa. studying there for a time he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa and was graduated in 1878. In the same year he came to Adel, in Dallas county, Iowa, was married to Miss Arletta Greene and opened an office for the practice of law. A few years after he formed a partnership with J. B. White, under the firm name of White & Clarke. The firm is still in existence and is yet engaged in the practice of the law, as it always has been, at Adel.



GEORGE W. CLARKE

During his first four years at Adel Mr. Clarke held the office of justice of the peace. He held no other office until he was elected to represent Dallas county in the legislature in the twenty-eighth general assembly, meeting in January, 1900. He was re-elected to the twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies and in the last two was chosen speaker of the house, both times without opposition, republicans and democrats alike voting for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have four children. The oldest is married and is practicing law at Perry, Iowa. The others are still at home.

DON A. BLANCHARD.

In the industrial and commercial circles of Adel, wherein the welfare and upbuilding of the city are largely promoted, Don A. Blanchard has been an important factor for forty years. Though no land is richer in opportunities or offers greater advantages than America success is not to be obtained through desire but must be persistently sought. In America "labor is king" and the man who resolutely sets to work to accomplish a purpose is certain of success if he has the qualities of perseverance, untiring energy and practical common sense. Mr. Blanchard is one whose career excites the admiration and gains the respect of all, for through his diligence and persistent purpose he has won a leading place in business circles in Adel and has also gained that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Mr. Blanchard was born in Centerville, New York, November 30, 1841. His parents were Abel and Harriet (Trall) Blanchard, the former a native of Peacham, Vermont, and the latter of Tolland, Connecticut. They were pioneers in the settlement of western New York, opening up a farm in the wilderness of Allegany county, that state, in 1820. The ancestry of the family can be traced back through eight

generations to the year 1630, when Samuel Blanchard, of Lincoln, England, emigrated to America, settling in Charlestown, Massachusetts. The mother was a sister of Judge Trall, of Attica, New York, and Dr. Russell Trall, of New York city, and an aunt of Governor Higgins.

Don A. Blanchard lived upon his father's farm until fourteen years of age, when upon the death of his mother the large family of children became scattered and for the next few years we find him irregularly attending school at Rushford Academy, but he never had the assistance during his school days accorded his older brothers and sisters. In 1858, at the age of seventeen years, and during the troublous times in Kansas, he made his way into that territory and during the succeeding years he traveled in a half dozen different states. In 1862, aroused by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in the First New York Dragoon Regiment as a musician.

After his service at the front he was engaged for a short time in merchandising at Whitewater, Wisconsin, but, not being satisfied with the partnership into which he had entered, he took up the study of bookkeeping, etc., with Murray Blanchard, an attorney at Peru, Illinois. In 1866, intending to visit Omaha, Nebraska, he accidentally stopped over Sunday in Adel, but after looking over the location he was impressed with its natural beauty and business possibilities and became connected with the commercial life of the city in a modest way. For forty years, however, the business has been enlarged and expanded until as a hardware merchant he is controlling an extensive trade and his business is such as to enable him to become identified with nearly all of the improvements which have been made in and about Adel. When he cast in his lot with the embryo city he gave to it no half hearted allegiance. On the contrary he became deeply interested in everything pertaining to its welfare and development and his work has been most effective, beneficial and far-reaching. When at an early day Adel was