

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Whitney, Frank Albert Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Calhoun County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Sept 1878 Fonda, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Bessie A. Moore 6 June 1909 Des Moines, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In the 7 years before his death his name was on the roster of "50 Year or More Iowa Bankers" of the Iowa Bankers Association.

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF; Mason

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1937

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the Calhoun County school board

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

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

7. Death 4 Aug 1959 Fort Dodge Iowa; Buried Cedar Cemetery in Somers, Iowa

8. Children Mary Frances (Mrs W. S. Davis)

9. Names of parents Charles R. and Louisa (Blakeslee) Whitney

10. Education Educated in schools of Iowa, Iowa, graduating  
from Iowa High School in 1895

11. Degrees Business college in Valparaiso, Indiana in 1898

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He grew to manhood at Iowa, Iowa; 1898-1900, gray star club in  
Somerset, Iowa
- He entered the Banking business in 1902 in Somerset, Iowa
- He served as a bank cashier at the Somerset Savings Bank, Somerset, Iowa
- When he retired he moved into Somerset, Iowa.
- Military service - World War I.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary-			<u>The Rockwell City Advocate, Rockwell City, Iowa,</u>
			<u>Thurs. Aug. 6, 1959, p. 1, col. 7</u>
- Iowa Official Register			<u>1937-1938 p. 173-174</u>
- Iowa Press Association of			<u>Ohio Iowa Iowa 1948, p. 182</u>
- Past and Present of			<u>Cedar County 1915, p. 320-321</u>
- House Journal			<u>1961, p.</u>
- ancestry.com			<u>(account 8 May 2009)</u>

clubs selected one or two demonstration teams for the county show. Mrs. Dennis Lindberg, Odebolt, will serve as the official county judge assisted by 4-H girls and county committee members.

In addition will be the 14 local club booths each depicting a special feature of 4-H club work. Following is the announced schedule:

Thursday, Aug. 13, 8 a.m.-12 noon Entry day, 1-5 p.m. Judging.

Friday, Aug. 14, 8 a.m.-12 noon Judging, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Judging.

Saturday, Aug. 15, 8:15 a.m.-12 noon Demonstrations, 12 noon-9:30 p.m. Exhibits.

4-H girls invite the public to visit their show in the Community Building in the Rockwell City park.

\$1,000, largest ever offered in northwest Iowa, is expected to

which full-modified cars will compete on one of the fastest half-mile tracks in Iowa.

Norman Wiemers, local driver, will be in the competition and several other entries are expected from Ft. Dodge and Jackson, Minn., Gidel added.

Time trials are scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. and present conditions are that racing cars will have to come early to get good seats, he concluded.

## F. A. Whitney Died Tuesday



Frank A. Whitney, 82, Somers banker for more than 50 years, died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Dodge, where he was hospitalized July 27 for treatment of a heart condition.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Bruce's Memorial Chapel in Ft. Dodge, with Rev. M. A. Gun, pastor of the Somers Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Cemetery at Somers.

Mr. Whitney was born Sept. 8, 1878 in Fonda, where he grew to manhood. He attended a business college at Valparaiso, Ind. and on June 5, 1909 married Bessie A. Moore in Des Moines.

During all his years in Somers, Mr. Whitney was extremely active in church, school and municipal affairs and at one time served Calhoun county as a representative in the Iowa general assembly.

He was a member of the Somers Methodist Church, the I.O.O.F. Lodge in Somers and the Masonic Lodge in Lohrville.

In every sense of the word, Mr. Whitney was the dean of Calhoun county bankers. He entered the banking business in September of 1902 and for the past 7 years has been on the roster of "50 Years Of More", Iowa Bankers of the Iowa Bankers Association.

Mr. Whitney is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. W. G. Davis of Des Moines; and two grandchildren.

## Lytton To Get Natural Gas

Lytton now is assured of getting natural gas sometime within the next 3 years, according to R. J. Reideler, district manager of Iowa Public Service Co.

Lytton was among the 342 communities in six midwestern states for which Northern Natural Gas Co. of Omaha, Neb. received permission from the federal power commission to include in its transmission system.

The gas company has announced a 3-year plan of bringing gas lines to the communities approved by the commission, in which Lytton is included, Reideler added.

## July Here Was Very Dry Month

Precipitation during the month of July was considerably below normal, according to Rockwell City's weatherman, F. C. Beitelspacher. A mere .74 of an inch fell while the normal amount for the month is 3.78 inches.

Since Jan. 1 to date we are actually .91 of an inch above normal so the situation is not as serious as it might appear, only the distribution was abnormal, Beitelspacher said. We received 19.90 inches during the first seven months and normal for this period is 18.99 inches.

Temperatures for the month of July, with the exception of the last week when it was quite humid, have been almost ideal. In fact, statistics show that average temperatures for the month were below normal. The average for the month was 72.6 degrees, whereas 74.6 degrees is considered normal.

The low, 49 degrees, was recorded on the 1st day of the month and the mercury high of 95 degrees came on July 29. The temperature was 90 degrees

## Fire Destroys H. Heide Home

POMEROY — Fire Thursday night completely destroyed the home and furnishings of the Herbert Heide family on the farm they operate about two miles west of Pomeroy. The farm is owned by Mrs. Don Heide.

Mr. and Mrs. Heide and family were away for the evening when the blaze was discovered about 10 p.m. Nothing in the house could be saved as the fire was beyond control when firemen arrived.

Insurance on the house and furnishing will partially cover the loss. The Heide family is now at the home of his mother in Pomeroy.

## Ronald Cheever Cited As Riflery Marksman

Faribault, Minn. — Ronald Cheever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo D. Cheever of Rockwell City, received the riflery marksman award at closing exercises at Shattuck School here Saturday, Aug. 1.

Ronald attained the rank of sergeant in military drill at the 45th annual session of the summer school camp at the school.

Finance garage scene of in County Ex-Aerial Photo

## and Tuesday

non's Bootery, Rockwell City r Electric, Mc., Petted's Tire lock Motor Co., Hinton Motor Texaco, Hayes Super Market, "66" Service, nall's Motor & ine Clothing, urniture, Bill's Place, L & W el Style Shop-t - To - Coast, re, Whitver & wing Co., IGA ullerton Lum-niture.

## a Man Hurt In 1-Car Crash



## Little Leaguers Win First Round

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in organizing the church near his home. At the present time he is living retired from active business, and he and his wife occupy a pleasant home in Boone.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vontrees has been born one daughter, Erma. The family is well known in the community, Mr. and Mrs. Vontrees having many warm friends. He is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in the lodge at Somers, in which he has filled all of the offices. He is likewise an active member of the encampment. Other than this he concentrates his energies upon his business affairs and his diligence and determination have been the guiding forces in his life and constitute the secret of his success.

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#### FRANK A. WHITNEY.

Frank A. Whitney is the efficient cashier of the Somers Savings Bank. He was born at Fonda, Iowa, September 3, 1878, a son of Charles and Louisa (Blakeslee) Whitney, both of whom were natives of New York. The father devoted his life to the work of the farm and upon leaving the east established his home in Minnesota, whence he afterward removed to Iowa, settling in Sac county, where he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers. He took up his abode on Coon river, becoming a resident of Iowa in the early '60s. He afterward removed to the vicinity of Fonda, Pocahontas county, and took a helpful part in promoting the early development and upbuilding of that region. His aid and cooperation could always be counted upon to further plans and measures for the general good, and his name became associated with the material, intellectual and moral progress of his community. He was one of the organizers of the First Methodist Episcopal church of that locality, and his interest in church work proved a forceful element in its advancement.

Frank A. Whitney received good educational opportunities. He supplemented his early training by a high-school course in Fonda and afterward pursued a commercial course in Valparaiso, Indiana. His initial step in the business world was made as a clerk in a grocery store at Pomeroy, where he remained until 1901, when he came to Somers and was made assistant cashier of the Somers Security Bank. In 1911 this institution was incorporated under the name of the Somers Savings Bank, of which he became the cashier and also one of the stockholders and directors. His business ability, his spirit of enterprise and his determination have been strong elements

in advancing the growth of this institution and establishing its business upon a sure foundation.

Mr. Whitney was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Moore, who was born in Calhoun county, Iowa, a daughter of Thomas F. and Minnie (Chesellie) Moore. In 1875 the father arrived in Calhoun county and engaged in farming in this county until his retirement from active business life. He still owns land in this part of the state, but makes his home in Somers, and he is also a stockholder and director of the bank. He has long been an active worker and earnest supporter of the Odd Fellows society, being identified with the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the canton. He was quite active as one of the organizers of the lodge at Somers and has done much to further the interests of the order. Mrs. Whitney is an only child and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Mary Frances.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitney hold membership in the Methodist church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested, and in social circles she is likewise very prominent. Mr. Whitney has become a well-known leader in the local ranks of the republican party, his opinions carrying weight in its councils. He has served as one of the city aldermen and has done much in support of a progressive administration that will work not only for the immediate but for the future good of the town. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has been active in all three branches of that order. In a word, his influence is on the side of advancement and improvement and he indorses all those measures and principles which have to do with the material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress of the community.

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#### REUBEN AND CHARLES M. STENNETT.

The gentlemen whose names introduce this review are successful farmers of Jackson township, their holdings comprising two hundred and twenty acres on section 34. The former was born in Cass county, Michigan, December 23, 1859, while the birth of Charles M. Stennett occurred on a farm in Jackson township, Calhoun county, Iowa, March 9, 1862. Their father, John Stennett, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in February, 1831, and in the year 1852 made his way to Canada, where, on the 1st of May, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Wilson, of Thurl, Canada. In 1854 they removed to

State of Iowa

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## FIFTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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County, Iowa. He was the son of Amos and Anna Watts and died November 20, 1959.

He graduated from Birmingham High School in 1912. He attended Iowa Wesleyan College, Iowa State University, Iowa State Teachers College and Williams College of Embalming. He was a World War I veteran.

He married Fannie Eide of Des Moines to whom two children were born.

He was a senior partner in the Watts-Soll Furniture Business and Funeral Home of Murray.

He was a member of the Masons, Eastern Star, American Legion and the Methodist Church.

He served as a Representative in the Forty-fourth General Assembly from Van Buren County and the Fifty-seventh General Assembly as a Representative from Clarke County.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Rolland Miller of Waterloo, and a son, David Watts of New York City.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Stanley Stull Watts the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

CECIL V. LUTZ,  
FRANKLIN S. MAIN,  
SCOTT SWISHER,  
*Committee.*

#### FRANK A. WHITNEY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Frank A. Whitney, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Frank A. Whitney, former Democratic Representative from Calhoun County, in the Forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, died August 4, 1959. He was born in Pocahontas County, Iowa, on a farm near Fonda, in 1882. He received his early education in the rural schools of Pocahontas County, graduated from the Fonda High School and completed a commercial course at the Northern Indiana Normal Training School. He returned to Calhoun County, Iowa, in 1900 where he married Bessie A. Moore and they had one daughter, Mary. Mr. Whitney served as cashier of the Somers Savings Bank of Somers, Iowa, for twenty-five years. He was active in local community affairs, was a member of the county school board and also a member of the Methodist Church. He was also a member of Masonic and I. O. O. F. lodges.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable

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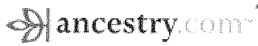
**DEWEY SUMMA,  
WILLARD M. FREED,  
ELMER F. LANGE,  
Committee.**

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Name:	<b>Frank A Whitney</b>
County:	<b>Calhoun</b>
State:	<b>Iowa</b>
Birth Date:	<b>3 Sep 1878</b>
Race:	<b>White</b>
Roll:	<b>1642911</b>
DraftBoard:	<b>o</b>
Age:	
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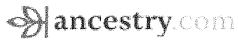
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**Birth:** 3 Sep 1878  
Pocahontas, Iowa

**Death:**

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**Timeline**

**1878 Birth**  
3 Sep  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
*Birth*

**1885 Residence**  
Cedar, Pocahontas, IA  
Age: 7

**1900 Residence**  
Center, Porter, Indiana  
Age: 22

**1910 Residence**  
Cedar, Calhoun, Iowa  
Age: 32

**1918 Residence**  
Calhoun, Iowa  
Age: 40

**1920 Residence**  
Cedar, Calhoun, Iowa  
Age: 42

**1925 Residence**  
1 Jan  
Somers, Iowa  
Age: 46

**1930 Residence**  
Cedar, Calhoun, Iowa  
Age: 52

**Family Members**

**Parents**

**Charles H Whitney**  
1833 - 1909

**Louisa Blaksley**

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**Spouse & Children**

**Bessie A Moore**  
1886 - 1972

**Mary Francis Whitney**  
1911 -

[Family Group Sheet](#)

**Records**

1900 United States Federal Census

1910 United States Federal Census

1920 United States Federal Census

1930 United States Federal Census

Iowa State Census 1885

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

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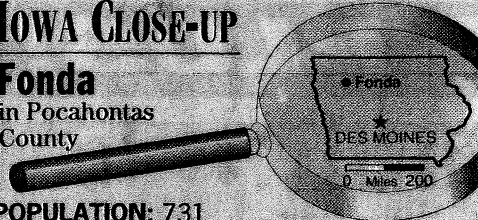
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## IOWA CLOSE-UP

### Fonda

in Pocahontas  
County



**POPULATION:** 731

**FOUNDED:** 1870

**HOW IT WAS NAMED:** Originally Marvin and then Cedarville, residents wanted a name unique to Iowa. In the late 1870s they pored over a post office directory and found only one Fonda, in New York.

**TOP EMPLOYER:** Newell-Fonda school; Cargill grain elevator

**CLAIM TO FAME:** Labor Day festival that includes a rodeo, demolition derby, tractor pull and flea markets.

## IOWA CLOSE-UP

### Somers in Calhoun County

**Population:** 163

**Founded:**  
1902

**How it was  
named:** For  
a Dr.

Somers, a  
traveling physician.

**Top employers:** Farmers  
Co-op



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