

## Lawrence Walter Busch

Lawrence Busch was born on October 19, 1894 in Hastings, Minnesota to Edward Frederick W Busch (1849-1917) and Elizabeth Gleim Busch (1854-1936). Lawrence was one seven children. His father was born in Germany and founded a town called Westmore, Montana which is now a ghost town. He was a business man in Hastings, once the owner of the Graus & Busch Bodega and then Lake Brewery, on the shore of Lake Isabelle until 1901. He was the mayor of Hastings from 1899 to 1907. Lawrence's mother was born in Cleveland, Ohio but grew up in Ipswich, South Dakota. In Hastings, her father owned a hotel and she inherited the farm in Ipswich after he died. The family spent time in both Montana and South Dakota. Lawrence from Hastings High School in 1913. On June 5, 1917 he living and working in Westmore, Montana and he registered for the draft there. He was 22 and listed his occupation as real estate. The details of his service could not be found other than the fact that he was discharged on January 29, 1919.

After the war, he married Nellie Louise Baeverstad (1904-1971) in Glendale, Montana on September 1, 1928. They made Baker, Montana their home until he retired in 1960. He operated a real estate and insurance business and was the Fallon County Republican Representative from 1934 to 1945 and Montana State Senator from 1947 until 1953. The couple had one son. In 1964 they moved to the Hillcress Retirement Home in Bozeman, Montana. Lawrence died on June 12, 1970 at the age of 75. He is buried in the Bonnievale Cemetery in Baker, Montana.