

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Shorne, George H. Senator _____

Represented Clinton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31 Mar 1817 Midstone, County of Kent, England

2. Marriage (s), date place

(1) Lucinda Shriver 29 June 1845 Cedar County, Iowa

(2) Mrs. Rebecca E. (Hoops) Orr 17 June 1870 McKong County, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant; general collecting agent

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 11th General Assembly 1866

6. Public Offices

A. Local Postmaster at Toronto, Iowa until 16 Sept 1885; Justice of the Peace for 20 years; drainage commissioner 4 years; County supervisor for 8 years; county clerk; township treasurer and school treasurer

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Dec 1898 Iowa, Iowa; buried Toronto County, Iowa

8. Children Louisa E. (Mrs. Benjamin J. Jenkins); Arminda E. (Mrs. George H. Hinball);

Hannah P. (Mrs. William L. Brown); Harold C.; William C.; George H. Jr. - John and Reaton preceded their father in death

9. Names of parents George and Ann (Warding) Shorn

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved with his parents to Canada at age 9 and lived there until age 15 when the family came to Iowa.
- Has lived in Toronto Iowa where he built a log house
- In 1844 he built a saw mill on the Hippie River near Toronto Iowa and in 1846 he added a grist mill all of which he operated for nearly 15 years when he sold the property to John Heblaw.
- During the time he owned the mill he was also a merchant with general merchandise for sale until 1880.
- His first wife, Lucinda, born 11 Feb 1825, died 26 Jan or Jan 1885
- His second wife, Rebecca, born 13 Dec 1809, died 24 Apr 1889

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to prolong the life of our loved one, and
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ed their fraternal interest in the fune-
ral rites, and many other acts of love
and sympathy.

J. H. BIELENBERG AND FAMILY.

George W. Thorn was born in Maid-
stone, County of Kent, England, March
31, 1817, and died December 29,
1898, at the age of 81 years, eight
months and twenty-nine days. He was
baptized in the Church of England and
lived there until 9 years of age, when
he came to America with his parents
in 1826, and settled in Canada near the
city of Toronto. He came to the state
of Iowa April 6, 1841, and was married
twice. He married Lucinda Shriver,
June 29, 1845 and to them was born
eight children, of whom five survive
him; three sons and two daughters.
He married Rebecca Orr June 16, 1870.
His last hours were spent in prayer and
praises to his God. He was ready to
go to meet his loved ones who had gone
on before. The funeral was conducted
at the residence, at 1 o'clock Sunday, by
Rev. Leiser, of the M. E. church at
Lowden, after which he was conveyed
to his final resting place and laid by the
side of his wife in the Protestant cem-
etery. Besides his relatives he leaves
a host of friends and neighbors to
mourn his loss. The family have the
sympathy of the entire community.
By his death Toronto and Clinton coun-
ty loses one of its oldest citizens. The
name of Uncle George Thorn was
known to every man, woman and child
in this section of the county. Of late
years he has been very feeble and his
death was caused by old age. Mr. and
Mrs. H. C. Thorn, son and daughter, of
Clinton; Mrs. Vansickle; Mrs. Brown,
of West Bend, Iowa; besides relatives
and friends from neighboring towns
were present at the funeral.

We desire to express our heartfelt
thanks to our friends and neighbors for
their sympathy and many acts of kind-
ness during our late bereavement, and
assure them that their goodness will
ever be remembered by us.

G. W. THORN AND FAMILY.

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Died at Toronto, Ia., last Thursday George Thorn, one of the old settlers in Clinton Co. He came to Toronto in the forties and has been a resident ever since. He lived to the ripe old age of about 82 years. The funeral was held last Sunday with interment in the Toronto Cemetery.

The members of the Lost Nation Jugendverein and the young people in general, of the Lutheran congregation about 50 in number were entertained by Rev. and Mrs. Moehi Sunday evening Jan. 1. All went home well pleased with the reception and well pleased with the pleasant and enjoyable evening spent.

Great line of Ladies waists at Gilroy's.

Mr. Fred Rambow and Miss Emma Westphal were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chas. Hartwig, Friday, December 23rd, at 1 o'clock, p. m., Rev. J. Moehl, of Lost Nation, officiating. After the ceremony, the party, which consisted only of the nearest relatives of the young people, enjoyed a splendid dinner. The young couple left on the evening train for Ida, Monroe County, Michigan, where they will make their home.—Olin Recorder.

Last Thursday evening the members of Harbor Lodge W. D. A. F. & A. M. with their wives and sweethearts had a very enjoyable celebration and dedication of the new Masonic hall in the Nation. Rev. Geiger, of Marion, was present, who talked on Masonry. He also indulged in a few remarks for the benefit of the Masons and the mystification of the ladies present, after which they adjourned to Hotel De

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the late Civil War his services in this respect were in special requisition in arousing the people to the demands of the hour, and in assisting in the organization of associations whose objects were the relief and the amelioration of the condition of our brave soldiers in the field. Of his literary work it may be said that much he has done has been accorded a secure place in the literary journals and magazines of the country. Of his fugitive pieces, including sketches and poems, very many have gone the rounds of the press without credit having been given the author, sufficient in number, if collected, to form a large volume.

The life of our subject has been mainly devoted to the promotion of the welfare of others, and to the gratification of his literary and scientific tastes in the acquisition of knowledge. This has left him but little time or inclination to devote to the advancement of his own personal interest. This, indeed, may be accounted a fault, but the consciousness that his work has given encouragement to many aspiring and ambitious young men and women, and has done much to incite them to a useful and honorable career, must alone be his apology and excuse, trusting that the knowledge acquired and the good accomplished by him will in the end justify, with whom he is best known, his life work.



HON. GEORGE W. THORN. Among the citizens of Clinton County who have received at the hands of the people a recognition of their sterling worth and ability is the subject of this biographical notice. He is a self-made man in every respect, and has held numerous positions of trust and honor during the years that are past and gone.

The parents of our subject were George and Ann (Harding) Thorn, natives of England, he of Devonshire and she of the county of Kent. They emigrated to this country in 1826, and located in Canada, and in 1841 came to Cedar County in this State, where they lived until their demise, and where the father was engaged in agricultural pur-

suits. Seven children were born to them—William, Phillip, Ann, Jane, George W., John and Hannah.

George W. Thorn was born in England, March 31, 1817. He was nine years of age when his parents removed to Canada, and there lived with the old folks until he was fifteen years old, assisting his father in clearing up and improving a wild and uncultivated tract of land. He then learned the mason's trade and worked at the same until he came to this State. Arriving here, he took up his residence in Toronto, where he erected him a log house. In 1844 he built a saw-mill on the Wapsie River, near Toronto, and in 1846 he added to it a gristmill and occupied his time in operating his mills for about fifteen years, when he disposed of the property to one John Heller. During that time, in 1850, he opened a store in Toronto, and, embarking in mercantile pursuits, carried a general stock of merchandise and continued in the business until 1880 when he closed out.

Mr. Thorn was appointed Postmaster at Toronto during the administration of President Buchanan, and held the office until Sept. 16, 1885. He was elected to the Iowa Legislature in the fall of 1865, and served his constituency faithfully and well during the session of 1866-68. He was Justice of the Peace for about twenty years, Drainage Commissioner for four years, County Supervisor eight years, and has also held the offices of County Clerk, Township Treasurer and School Treasurer.

Mr. Thorn was first married in Cedar County, Iowa, June 29, 1845, to Lucinda Shriver. She was born in Morgan County, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1825, and bore her husband eight children, six of whom yet survive. The names of their children are John, Lovisa A., Arminda E., Hannah P., Harold C., William C., George W., Jr., and Ireton. John and Ireton are deceased. Lovisa E. became the wife of Benjamin F. Jenkins, and they reside in Shelby County, this State. Arminda E. married George W. Kimball, who resides in Toronto; Hannah is the wife of William L. Brown, living in Alta, Buena Vista County; Harold was united in marriage with Jennie Penfold, and they live in Cedar County; William C. and Nora Yale became man and wife, and they lived in Cedar County until her demise, Dec. 20, 1885; George W., Jr., and Miss

Dollie M. Williams were united in wedlock, and are residents of Cedar County, Iowa.

The good wife and mother departed this life at Toronto, June 26, 1865, and our subject formed a second matrimonial alliance in Mahoning County, Ohio, June 17, 1870, at which time Mrs. Rebecca E. (Hoops) Orr, widow of Henry Orr, who died in Lawrence County, Pa., July 21, 1886, became his wife.

In politics our subject is a Republican, and never fails to vote for his party when opportunity presents itself.

ROBERT WATERHOUSE, retired from the active labors of the farm, which vocation he has followed the major portion of his life, and residing in De Witt Township, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1815. His father, John Waterhouse, was a native of New Jersey, and Robert's grandfather, Asa Waterhouse, was likewise born in that State. Soon after the Revolutionary War, the grandfather of our subject, with his family, emigrated to Canada, taking their household effects with them on pack-horses, and following an Indian trail. They settled seven miles from the Niagara River, in the Province of Ontario. He obtained a large tract of land and they lived there until the War of 1812. He was in sympathy with the United States in that conflict, and returned to New York and located in Cambria, Niagara County, where he lived until his death.

Robert's father grew to manhood on the old homestead in Canada, and was there married to Sarah Reynolds. He returned to New York in 1812, and stopped for a time in Genesee, Livingston County, and then moved to Niagara County, where he lived until 1833. During the year last named he emigrated to Michigan, and settled in Kalamazoo County, being a pioneer there. There he lived for five years, and then came to this State and located in Scott County. On arriving, he entered Government land, and at once began the laborious task of improving it, and lived on the same until 1852, when, in company with his wife and sons-in-law and their families, he started for California. Mr. Waterhouse and his wife both

died while en route for the land of gold, and her remains were buried on the plains and his at Salt Lake City.

The subject of this notice was the fourth child and eldest son of his parents' family. He was nineteen years of age when he removed to Michigan, which was prior to the admission of that State into the Union. He went there via the lakes, having charge of the household goods, while his parents went via the overland route, and, as stated, they were among the early settlers in Kalamazoo County. In 1838 he came to the then Territory of Iowa, with his parents. The journey was made overland with horse and ox teams, they camping by the wayside and preparing the customary frugal meal. On arrival here, they located near Le Claire, Scott County. Our subject made a claim, and broke and fenced forty acres of his land, and erected thereon a good log house. He afterward sold the claim and bought land of his father, which he worked for a few years, then sold and removed to a tract of land owned by his wife, in Scott County. He fenced that land, erected a set of frame buildings upon it, and added thereto until the farm at the present time contains 450 acres.

Mr. Waterhouse was married, in March, 1842, to Ann Lee. She was born in Howard Township, Province of Ontario, March 13, 1823, and is the daughter of Edward and Frances (Ledbetter) Lee, natives of the North of Ireland. Their children were five in number, of whom Jeanette is the wife of Alexander Houser, a resident of Monona County, Iowa; Charissa married George Culp, and they live in Southern Kansas; Frances resides on the old homestead; Ellen married David R. Scott, and they are residing in Delmar; Mary became the wife of D. B. Cunningham, a resident of Barton, Kan.

He rented his farm in 1880, and removed to De Witt, where he purchased his present comfortable and pleasant residence. When Mr. Waterhouse first came to this State there were but two stores in Davenport, and the present city of Rock Island was called Stevenson. The parents of Mrs. Waterhouse came to Scott County in 1837, from Canada. They made the journey overland, and at the time of their arrival here the land had not been surveyed or placed in market. Her father, never-

and through the northern part of the county where the settlement was sparse.

The Home Missionary Society commissioned and sent to Iowa in 1841 the Rev. John C. Holbrook to serve in Scott and Clinton Counties. In 1839 the Congregationalists at Lyons joined Fulton and Union Grove in organizing, and in 1841 Mr. Holbrook supplied that pulpit.

The establishment of post offices, schools, and churches showed the path of settlement through the county. In addition to post offices commissioned at Waubesaepinicon (Monroe), Camanche, Sanbornton (Hermitage), and Lyons, settlers could pick up their mail at Spring Rock, Bloomfield, Vandenburg (DeWitt), Elk River (Hauntown), Fair Haven, Massillon, and Buena Vista.

The post office at Elk River in Section 13 was soon joined by a school, and a thriving business community grew up around the mill and store. The settlement was nicknamed Hauntown for the owner of the mill and store. Fair Haven in Section 16 had a post office, and soon there was a school at Almont in Section 24.

Philo Hunter taught school in Deep Creek Township and a group of Methodists and Congregationalists met there in 1843. Waterford Township was the site of one of the early German settlements, land having been taken up in the northern part along Sugar Creek by Henry Nurre of Oldenburg, Germany, in 1840. Many Irish were attracted to the land in the southwest part of this township where their village was later called Quigley (Petersville). Catholic missionary priests served these two groups. There was another school on the Huntoon farm, also used for Protestant services.

A group of settlers who met in Bloomfield Township with Father Emerson disbanded after a short time and moved to Missouri. Their post office was discontinued, too. The oldest grave in Union Cemetery, in the southeast corner of Section 1 of Brookfield Township, is dated Sept. 1, 1842.

The post office in Section 34, Liberty Township was called Sanbornton for about a year and a half, then renamed Hermitage. It probably was located on the site of a former American Fur Trading Co. post where the old Indian trail crossed the Wapsipinicon River. It was discontinued in 1840, but another post office was opened nearby in Section 16 or 17 in 1844 and called Massillon. For a time this office was considered to be in Cedar County, but was moved back to Clinton County and discontinued in 1851. (About four miles to the west in Cedar County now rests a small village called Massillon which has no post office.) There is some confusion in the old records; however, in 1843 George W. Thorn came down from Canada, bought land in Sections 17 and 20 near the post office, and platted a town. He built a sawmill which was later converted to the grinding of flour, and it soon became the center of other business activity. In 1853, when the post office was reestablished, it was called Toronto in honor of Thorn's birthplace.

From 1840-62, in what would later be Spring Rock Township, a post office was located in Section 26 at the Clamshell ford of the Wapsipinicon River. Further along at the well-traveled crossing at Whiskey Point in Section 5, Olive Township, settlers were attracted to the nearby river-bottom lands, and E.F. Owen taught school at the house of John Shook, the ferryman. Shook later sold out to R. I.



As did Barton Cartwright, John C. Holbrook, Above, brought the traditional gospel to a pioneer land.

The winter of 1842-43 is intensely cold, with 20-degree below zero temperatures regularly reported for four months. On the first Monday in April a load of 1,000 bricks is hauled across the ice of Deep Creek.

*United States Presidents
1841, William Henry Harrison
1841-45, John Tyler
1845-49, James K. Polk
1849-50, Zachary Taylor*



George Thorn's home, which doubled as an inn, was torn down in the 1960's, when the new bridge was built at Toronto.



You searched for **George W. Thorne** in **Iowa**

1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	George W Thorne	
Age in 1860:	43	
Birth Year:	abt 1817	
Birthplace:	England	
Home in 1860:	Liberty, Clinton, Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Toronto	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	George W Thorne	43
	Lucinda Thorne	31
	Lovisa A Thorne	11
	Arminda E Thorne	9
	Hanah P Thorne	6
	Harrold C Thorne	4
	William C Thorne	2
	Gardner Maine	35

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Iowa State Census, 1895

Name: **George W. Thorne**

Age: **77**

Race: **White**

Birthplace: **England**

Residence: **1895, Clinton**

Source Information:

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From the Clinton County Iowa History 1879

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In the Toronto cemetery we find the graves of his parents George and Ann Thorne dating back to 1775 a pioneer family

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Toronto Iowa Cemetery

Henry Holdorf of Toronto is the cemetery trustee, His wife Martha Holdorf is Sec, -And she sent me the monument readings of the Thorn and Jessie Stine monuments George W, Thorn and Jessie Stine have the largest stones Martha spelled it Thorne but I dont know if its that way on stones or not

Jessie Stineborn Apl 4 1825 -died Aug 2 1898

Phoebe Shriver Stine born May 3 1832 died Mch 23 1899

Jessie Stine was born in Greene county Pa 1825 emigrated to Monroe county Ohio 1827 and to Iowa about 1849

Phoebe Shriver Stine was born in Morgan county Ohio 1832 To Iowa 1840
Married Jessie Stine 1854

Son

Silas W, Stine born Aug 10 1856, -died Apl 6 1870

Daughter: Lovica Stine born Apl 28 1858 -died Jan 24 1859

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