

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Thornburg, James Anselm Senator _____
Represented Dallas County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 9 Apr 1847 Wayne County, Indiana,
Sagerstown, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place
Samantha Jane Vestal "Jennie" 17 Oct 1871 Commerce, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Farmer; raised livestock, buyer and shipping of
livestock

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 22nd, 23rd General Assemblies 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local Board of supervisors member; held township, school district and
county offices; 1 township trustee

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Jul 1912 Linden, Iowa; buried West Linn Cemetery, Linn Co, Iowa

8. Children Zora (Mrs. Wright), Dr. William Vestal, Professor Mark George,
Carroll, Lewis, Thomas &

9. Names of parents William M. and Catherine (Lynn) Kohler Thornburg

Thornburgh, Thomas A.

10. Education Educated in the public schools of his
neighborhood in Linn Township of Dallas County, Iowa

11. Degrees State University of Iowa student, Iowa City, Iowa, but
did not graduate

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Dallas County, Iowa in 1856 settling in
the township that was ever his home, Linn Township
- Military service - Civil War - Co. C, 46th Iowa Infantry
- He held considerable land interests in Linn Township of Dallas
County in Nebraska and South Dakota.

PERSON NAMED ON 5TH BALLOT

Convention Fight Which Has Lasted Eight Days Decided Yesterday Afternoon

...has been nominated by the
...ats at Baltimore. The breaking
... yesterday afternoon and the
... settling the choice upon him was
... at 3:42 in the afternoon, eastern
... On that ballot he had 900 votes,
... 4. Harmon 12. On the 42nd bal-
... the morning, the first of the day,
... had 430, Wilson 404, Harmon 27
... good 104, Bryan 5, Kern 1, Foss

meeting opened yesterday morn-
... New York voting 90 for Clark.
... as challenged and Stanchfield
... platform to explain his vote.
... this gave a look on its face that

had made no changes it was
... lieved that one would

resolution was passed to appoint
... ittee to request the railroads to
... an extension of time on the rail-
... ket coupons, the date of expir-
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T. A. THORNBURG DIED MONDAY

Supervisor from the First District Passed Away at Home in Linden

T. A. Thornburg, one of the most
prominent men of Linden, and a mem-
ber of the board of supervisors, of the
first district, died at his home in Lin-
den Monday evening of Bright's disease.
He had been confined to his bed for the
past ten days or two weeks, but for the
past two years had been steadily declin-
ing. His death is regretted by a host
of friends all over the country, and par-
ticularly in the district which he served.

Although he took his seat upon the
board only last January, he was elect-
ed in November, 1910, and in the period
before his stepping into office had fam-
iliarized himself with the details of the
work most thoroughly. He was ac-
counted one of the best posted men in
the county and his service to the county
as a supervisor, although brief, was giv-
en with a zeal for her interests and a
business foresight which called forth
the praise of those who were in touch
with the situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg have resided
in this county for more than half a
century. He was borne in Wayne coun-
ty, Indiana, in 1817 and came to this
county in 1856 with his parents, settling
in the township which has ever since
been his home. He early manifested a
desire for learning and was a student
at the state university after completing
the course in the public schools of this
section. He answered the call of his
country for troops and was a member
of the 46th Iowa, in Company C.

He owned considerable land, besides
the section in Linn township adding
holdings in Nebraska and South Dak-
ota. He was interested in agriculture
and stock raising and his labors were
crowned with financial success, as well
as gaining a love and high regard from
his neighbors and associates.

He had been honored in many ways
by public office, in township, school
district and county affairs, serving Dal-
las county in the legislature for two
terms, in 1888 to 1892. He has been a
member of the county and his judgment and dis-

of U. S. Senators by popular vote.

The platform recommends the elec-
tion of members of the national com-
mittee by primary election. The mem-
bers so elected to take their member-
ship in the committee immediately up-
on the receipt of their credentials. It
also advocated an amendment to the
general constitution prohibiting the re-
election of a president of the U. S.

The platform on railroads, express,
telephones and telegraph companies
recommends federal supervision of these
corporations and an investigation into
their physical value, as a basis for the
rates charged by these companies for
service rendered the public. It provides,
however, that no reduction in rates
should be made that would incur the
reduction of wages of employees.

The plank on banking condemns the
Aldrich currency tariff and recommends
the placing of government funds with
banks on proper security and without
discrimination as to location of said
national or state banks and declares the
present question is the placing of these
funds in banks connected with Wall
street.

The report of committee on resolu-
tions is unanimously adopted.

The customary resolutions compli-
mentary to the various committees, of-
ficials etc., are now being passed by
the convention by a viva voce vote.

The result of the first ballot was as
follows:

Burke, 305; Marshall 389; Chamber-
lain 157; Prentiss 58; Sulzer 3; Wade
28; Haerst, 77; Ogden 8.

On the second ballot the vote started
unchanged, only the lower men were
dropped. New Jersey moved the nomi-
nation of Governor Marshall of Indiana
by acclamation and North Dakota with-
drew the name of Governor Burke. A
third ballot was ordered and Marshall
was elected by acclamation. The con-
vention then adjourned sine die, and
the tired delegates commenced to look
up the first trains for their homes. It
was at two o'clock this morning that
adjournment was taken.

WATER RENT IS DUE NOW

Patrons Should See That Rent is
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Vacation Trip

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of Andrew Wilson be made by acclama-
tion and it was so done.
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journed until 8 o'clock in the evening.

Services of the Missionary Society
Methodist church executed a
surprise upon Mrs. Frank Will-
iamson at her home on Willis Avenue
yesterday afternoon. About twenty-
five ladies met at the home of Mrs.
White, going from there to the
home of Mrs. Stone. The afternoon was
spent in social conversation.
At the close of the afternoon a de-
licious luncheon was served.

and while he did not aspire to
lead or seek to influence the choice
of way, he finally agreed to give
his name, if chosen, his best effort
for the position.

The outcome will be is hard to
say here has been some talk of
the officers of Dallas township being
elected, but what was done in his
regard yesterday cannot be stated. And-
rew was away from Adel yester-
day going to Clarinda to assist
in the funeral of five men and one lady
at the hospital there to the county
of Adel. He will not return until

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the county and his judgment and dis-
cernment brought many to him for
counsel.

As the best evidence of a well bal-
anced home life the children give testi-
mony. They have been reared and have
taken prominent place in the affairs of
the community where they reside.
These children, who remain to console
and comfort the wife for the loss sus-
tained are Z. T. of Des Moines, Mrs
Mable Wright, whose husband is a lieut-
enant in the regular army and sta-
tioned in the Philippines, Dr. W. V. of
Yale, Prof. M. of Ames, Carroll and
Thomas of Linden.

Mr. Thornburg has long been affili-
ated with the Masonic and K. of P.
fraternities and will be greatly mourned
by the members of each. The funeral
will be held at Linden this afternoon
at two o'clock and will be attended by
many friends over the county. The
county officers in the morning will
close at noon today and most of the of-
ficials will attend the services over
their dead friend and fellow officer.

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The city is ready for the third quar-
ter water rent. The meters have been
read and the books are ready for the
patrons. With the Fourth and all the
vacation pleasures planned for the
month a little thing like water rent is
easily overlooked, but the fifteenth
comes, just the same, and it comes soon-
er where there are vacations than at
any other time.

Better pay the water rent before the
time comes to regret it. Call at the
clerk's office in the library building as
early in the period as you can.

Good Bill at the Grand.

Last night at the Grand was present-
ed one of the best bills which have been
seen for some time. The great produc-
tion "The Thunderbolt" was the feat-
ure of the pictures and the Original
Barnum is their specialty as furnish-
ed one of the best lots of goods
which has ever been seen in Peoria
along this line.

PAST AND PRESENT
OF
DALLAS COUNTY, IOWA
By PROF. R. F. WOOD



TOGETHER WITH
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF MANY OF ITS PROMINENT AND LEADING CITIZENS AND
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD



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settling in Ontario, Canada, where he was married to Miss Susanna Ebersoll, who was likewise a native of France. The father came to the state of Iowa in 1857 and in Washington county engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life.

Leo Arthaud was reared to the occupation of farming and has always followed this pursuit. He also taught school for two years in Muscatine county, Iowa. When starting out in life on his own account he purchased forty acres of his present farm. This was in a wild state but he soon transformed it into a cultivable tract and built a small house. Later he added a forty-acre tract and still later forty acres more, so that his place now embraces one hundred and twenty acres. All this has been placed under a high state of cultivation and the fields have been made productive by the laying of eighteen thousand tile. As time has passed he has made various improvements in the way of substantial buildings and everything is kept in a good state of repair, so that he is numbered among the leading and enterprising citizens of this section of the county.

Mr. Arthaud was married in Muscatine county, December 25, 1870, to Miss Diantha Moflett, and their marriage has been blessed with six children: Professor John E. Emile, who is principal of schools at Perth, North Dakota, is married and has two children; Lillian S., who was well educated and was engaged in teaching for six years, later studied medicine and practiced in a hospital in Des Moines, her death there occurring in 1902, when she was twenty-four years of age. Frank died at the age of eleven years. James died when seven years old. Jessie is a student in Panora College. Marie is also a student at Panora College.

Politically Mr. Arthaud has been a life-long republican and cast his first presidential ballot in 1868 for General U. S. Grant. He served as road supervisor for sixteen consecutive years and filled the office altogether for twenty years, giving entire satisfaction to the public. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Prairie Center and for

thirty-two years he has acted as steward of the church. He has also served on the school board for many years. He has resided in Dallas county for more than thirty-five years and is therefore numbered among its worthy pioneers. In spite of the obstacles which have overtaken his career he has worked his way upward from a humble beginning and now stands as one of the substantial citizens of this section of the state.

HON. THOMAS A. THORNBURG.

Thomas A. Thornburg, one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen of Dallas county, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 9, 1847, a son of William M. and Catherine (Kearn) Thornburgh. The father was born in North Carolina in June, 1804, and when a boy removed with his parents to Tennessee. When he had attained young manhood he took up his abode in Wayne county, Indiana, where he was married to Mrs. Catherine Bohrer, formerly a Miss Kearn. She had eight children by her former marriage, two of whom survive: Rebecca K. Bohrer, now living with our subject; and Rufus J., who resides in Cawker City, Kansas. On June 1, 1856, William M. Thornburgh arrived in Dallas county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land from John Maulsby, the tract being located in section 19, Linn township. He successfully operated and conducted this farm up to the time of his death in 1876, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years. He was a whig in his political affiliations and on the dissolution of that party joined the ranks of the new republican organization. He was active in local political circles and was a man of influence in this section of the state, serving for years as county supervisor and also as an incumbent in the various township offices. He was reared in the Friends church, and was one of the charter members of the Wiscotta lodge of Masons at Redfield, having

been made a Mason in Wayne county, Indiana. His wife survived him until 1887 and passed away at the age of seventy-eight years.

Thomas A. Thornburg is the only one of three children born to the marriage of his father who still survives. He was reared on the home farm, acquiring his education in the public schools and at the State University at Iowa City. In May, 1864, his patriotism being aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served until mustered out on the 1st of October of that year. After his military experience he returned home and finished his education. His father being in poor health, Thomas A. Thornburg took charge of the home farm when nineteen years of age, being assisted by his brother Kearn, and conducted the same until after the father's demise. During this period, in 1872, our subject bought a farm of seventy acres from John Maulsby, making the purchase in connection with his brother Kearn. They farmed this land, together with the home farm, and until the time of the brother's demise in 1901 they conducted all their business transactions in partnership, one pocket-book answering for the expenditures of both. Kearn was the only brother of our subject and was never married. They met with an unusual degree of success in their business interests and acquired six hundred and fifty acres of land in one body in Linn township; also five hundred and twenty acres in Nebraska, of which Mr. Thornburg came into possession after his brother's death. He has since also purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in South Dakota, his landed holdings being extensive and profitable. He is heavily engaged in feeding cattle and raising hogs, feeding from four to five hundred head of cattle annually and about the same number of hogs. He has been identified with the stock business since early manhood and for thirty-five years was a heavy buyer and shipper of stock. He is among the heavy cattle-feeders of Dallas county and is one of the few men who shipped

for years and made a financial success of the business. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to him the large degree of success which he enjoys.

On the 11th of October, 1871, Mr. Thornburg was joined in wedlock to Miss Jennie Vestal, of Bogne township, Dallas county, a daughter of Simon H. and Allie (Chambers) Vestal, who on their removal from Parke county, Indiana, in 1854, took up their abode near Adel, Dallas county. Mrs. Thornburg's father was one of the prominent men of Boone township, having been a member of the board of supervisors for a number of years. He also held the office of justice of the peace and served as postmaster when the mail was brought by stage. His death occurred at Oneida, Cass county, Iowa, December 2, 1905, when he had reached the age of eighty-eight years and six months. Mrs. Vestal is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg are the parents of six children: Zenas C., ex-county superintendent of schools of Polk county and now one of the faculty of Highland Park College; Mabel V., who is at home; William V., a practicing physician of Yale, Iowa; Mark G., who is associated with his father in stock feeding; Carroll K., who is attending Cornell College at Mount Vernon; and Thomas H., who is yet at home and attends the high school here.

Mr. Thornburg is one of the most prominent republicans of the county. He has served for many years as township trustee and for the past ten years has been a member of board of the independent school district of Linden, being president of the board most of the time. In 1888 he was elected to the legislature from this district and was re-elected in 1890, thus serving in the twenty-second and twenty-third general assemblies. He has served repeatedly as a county and state delegate and has for years been an important factor in the republican politics of this section of the state. He is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of Dallas county, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising

spirit is used not alone for their own benefit; he also advances the general good and promotes public prosperity by his ably managed individual interests, thus placing this section of the country on a par with the older east. Mr. Thornburg and his family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church and are active in its work and growth. He is a member of Active lodge, No. 529, A. F. & A. M., of Linden, of which he served for fourteen consecutive years as secretary, and is also connected with Mt. Etna lodge, No. 360, K. P., of Linden. Such in brief is the life history of Thomas A. Thornburg. In whatever relation of life we find him—in political circles, in business or in social relations—he is always the same honorable and honored gentleman, whose worth well merits the high regard which is uniformly given him.

JOHN C. ANTHONY.

With the educational advantages which are lavished on our young men today it is natural we should expect much from them, but too often they disappoint us. When we read the biographies of our citizens who have attained their three score years and learn with what meager equipment they started out in life we are almost bewildered by what they have accomplished. This thought comes to us as we follow the life history of John C. Anthony, who is one of the most prominent agriculturists of Dallas county. He was born in De Kalb county, Indiana, February 28, 1847, and was a son of John Anthony, a native of Pennsylvania, and Elizabeth (Howey) Anthony, a native of Ohio. The elder Mr. Anthony removed to Ohio when he was a young man and was interested for several years in conducting a farm in that state. In 1846 he removed from there to De Kalb county, Indiana, where he was again interested in agricultural pursuits, until the spring of 1864. He then went to Washington county, Iowa, where he bought

one hundred and sixty acres and where he made his home for three years. In 1868 he came to Dallas county, Iowa, and settled on section 17, in Lincoln township, where he opened up a farm, built himself a home and spent his last years. He died at the age of eighty-three, while his wife survived him for four years, passing away in 1899, at the age of eighty-four. These good people were the parents of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity.

John C. Anthony was the fifth child in this large family of children and in consequence was obliged to work hard. His educational advantages were very limited. What little he had was acquired in the district schools of his county, but his work there was so interrupted by his duties on the farm that he finally gave it up and began to work by the month. For several years he rented different places in Washington county and was industrious and energetic in his efforts to improve whatever land he operated. From a lad he was much interested in the raising of live stock and he decided to buy and ship cattle to Chicago markets. This enterprise proved so successful that he continued in this for four years. During the eight years that he operated the stock farm in Washington county, Iowa, he fed and turned off fat stock to the value of three thousand dollars a year. In 1883 he made a visit to his parents in Dallas county and while there bought eighty acres at twenty-seven and a half dollars an acre, and took immediate possession of the same. On the place was a small house and barn and the land was partially improved. He has since enlarged and remodeled the house, has built a good barn, splendid outbuildings, has fenced the whole of this farm and cross-fenced it with woven wire and has laid two and a half miles of tiling. He has built a fine hog house, eight by sixty feet, with five foot stalls, and a cement-block poultry house, twelve by forty by seven and a half feet. This latter is claimed by the architects to be the best and most complete in the state. Mr. Anthony is well known as a raiser of a superior grade of

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ELBERT HAMILTON HUBBARD was born in Rushville, Indiana, August 19, 1849; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, June 3, 1912. He was a son of Hon. Asahel W. Hubbard, a member of congress from Sioux City, then in the Sixth Iowa District, from 1863 to 1869. Mr. Hubbard was privately prepared and educated at Yale, graduating in 1872. He soon thereafter entered the law office of Hon. Constant R. Marks as a student, was admitted to the bar and became associated with his preceptor in 1874, withdrawing to practice alone. In 1878 the firm of Hubbard, Spalding & Taylor was established, in which he was the leading member until his joining with Craig L. Wright in 1890, under the style of Wright & Hubbard. To this firm Mr. A. F. Call was admitted in 1896 and the style changed to Wright-Call & Hubbard, remaining so until Mr. Hubbard withdrew in 1902 to enter the firm of Hubbard & Burgess. In public service Mr. Hubbard first entered the Iowa legislature as a representative in the Nineteenth General Assembly in 1882. He was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1899, serving through the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was elected to congress four times, serving through the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second congresses with great credit. He expired on the day he received notice of his nomination for the fifth time to the office. A more adequate sketch of his life and services is promised for early publication.

EMERSON DE PUY was born in Napanoch, New York, April 22, 1857; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 17, 1912. He was educated in the common schools of his native place. He began his commercial life by selling encyclopedias from place to place, receiving thus both literary and commercial training. He removed to Elgin Illinois, at the age of eighteen, where he engaged in the dry goods business for some years, later removing to Chicago. In 1887 he came to Des Moines, entering into the employ of Younker Brothers. In a few years he was employed by the Harris-Emery Company, and in their mail order and advertising department received his first impetus toward the newspaper business. He started the *Iowa Trade Journal*, but after a few years sold it, and became editor of the *Western Garden and Poultry Journal*, the name of which he changed to *Poultry Success* and which he continued to edit for six or seven years. He later had charge of the magazine, *The Home-Maker*, one of the Pierce publications, and in 1906 became editor of the *Northwestern Banker*, continuing in that position until his death. He was a strong and vigorous character, a champion of the Christian religion and an active advocate of many auxiliaries of the church, particularly the Young Men's Christian Association.

THOMAS A. THORNBURG was born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 9, 1847; he died at Linden, Dallas county, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He removed to Dallas county, Iowa, with his parents in 1856, settling in Linn township, which remained his residence thereafter. He was a student at the State University when he enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was an excellent example of a useful, prosperous citizen, during his lifetime acquiring and holding 630 acres of land in Iowa, and 520 in Nebraska, to which he rapidly added value, in addition to that of the general rise in values of Iowa lands. Meantime he served the public in an

excellent way in school district, township and county affairs, and was elected to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, as a representative, where his service embraced the chairmanship of the committees on agriculture and State Agricultural College and membership on temperance, railroads, public highways and elections.

TIMOTHY WESLEY TOWNSEND was born at Fredericktown, Ohio, April 11, 1844; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1854, and to Iowa City in 1866, where he established a photograph gallery, one of the earliest in the State of Iowa. This he continued until 1880, when he removed to Lincoln, Nebraska. After ten years residence there, he returned to Iowa City and his old work for some years, later removing to Des Moines. The father of Mr. Townsend was one of the group of Iowa pioneers in Cedar county at whose homes John Brown and his co-workers made their rendezvous. In the Townsend family are a number of mementoes, such as letters and manuscripts, derived from the Brown party.

LIBERTY EATON FELLOWS was born at Corinth, Orange county, Vermont, August 22, 1834; he died at Lansing, Allamakee county, Iowa, July 17, 1912. He was educated in the common schools of Corinth, and at Thetford Academy, in Orange county. He removed to Wisconsin in 1856 and to Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1857, where he thereafter made his home. He resided on a farm until at the age of twenty-two he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1862. He entered the practice at Lansing. His service on the bench of the 13th Judicial District was by the appointment of Governor Larrabee from January 1 to December 31, 1889, and by election in 1894, 1898, 1902, 1906 and 1910. He was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in the Eleventh and of the Senate in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. He served as trustee of the Mt. Pleasant Hospital for the Insane from 1872 to 1882 and as trustee of Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa, for a number of years. He was elected Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1893 and 1894. He was a Republican after 1884, prior to which time he had been a Democrat.

JAMES YOUNG KENNEDY was born in Vermont in 1820; he died at the residence of his daughter at Kearney, Nebraska, May 29, 1912. As early as 1840, Mr. Kennedy became interested in railroad construction work and during the Civil war was attached to the government's engineering service in railroad construction, continuing through the period of hostilities. Immediately after the close of the war he removed with his family to Illinois and continued railroad contracting, which he followed westward, taking the contract for laying steel on the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad, now the Chicago Northwestern, from Missouri Valley to Sioux City. This he completed in 1868, his line being the first to be laid into Sioux City. He acquired a large real estate holding at Sergeant Bluffs, and removed his family to that place in 1868, where his home remained until a few months prior to his death.

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HON. THOMAS A. THORNBURG.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable Thomas A. Thornburg, of Linden, Iowa, a late member of the House of Representatives, begs leave to report the following memorial:

Thomas A. Thornburg was born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 9, 1847, and died at his home in Linden, Dallas county, Iowa, July 1, 1912, at the age of sixty-five.

In 1856 he came with his parents to the county of Dallas where he was reared on a farm. He attended the local district school, also afterward entered the state university, while attending that institution he entered the forty-sixth Iowa volunteers, serving until the close of the regiment's term of service.

At the age of nineteen years, because of his father's impaired health, he took charge of the home farm, and for more than a third of a century he was an extensive buyer and shipper of live stock.

In 1887 and 1889 he was elected to the General Assembly, as a member of the House of Representatives; while occupying a seat in this body he was chairman of the committees on agriculture and the agricultural college, and a member of several other important committees including railroads and transportation, and roads and highways.

He was a man of enterprise and public spirit and was exceptionally successful in business, which diffused itself throughout the community of his home. He was also active in church work and fraternal circles.

It was well said of him, while he was yet in life, "He is the same honorable gentleman, whose well worth merits the high regard which is uniformly given him."

In 1871 he was married to Miss Jennie, daughter of Simon H. Vestal, and to them were born six children.

Mr. Thornburg was a high-minded statesman. Enduring public good was his aim. Things temporary had little attraction for him. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Thomas A. Thornburg, the state and nation has been called upon to mourn the departure of a worthy, upright citizen, a great statesman, and an honorable man; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House.

HENRY BRADY,
F. S. SHANKLAND,
J. W. JACOBS,

Committee.

Adopted April 16, 1913.



You searched for **Thomas A. Thornburg** in **Iowa**

Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: **Thomas A. Thornburg**
Spouse: **Jennie Vestal**
Marriage Date: **11 Oct 1871**
County: **Dallas**
State: **IA**

Source Information:

Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp., *Iowa Marriages, 1851-1900* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: See extended description for original data sources listed by county.

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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Thornburgh, Thomas A
 Residence Linden
 Occupation Farmer
 Date birth Apr. 9, 1847 Place Hagerstown, Ind.
 Date death July 1, 1912 Place Linden, Ia.
 Cause W. Linn Cem., Place burial " "
 War record Corp. C 46 Iowa Inf.
 Rank Company Regiment State Organisation
 Age 18 Res. Dallas Co.
 Enlisted 27 My 1864 as 6th Corp.
 Must out S 1864

War
 Battles, etc.
 Nearest relatives
 Father
 Mother
 Wife
 Children
 Nativity
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 Sources Roster Iowa Soldiers
 Ex. Soldiers living Ia. 1886: Thorn-
 burg-Corp.-Linden./ Death from Post
 43 Ledger, p. 16

Discharged Date Place

Department of Iowa
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Veteran's name Thornburgh, Thomas A

Record Membership and Dues Paid

Offices of honor in G. A. R.

Post name Marshall Post No. 43 (72) Place Redfield Date Joined 14 Mr '87

Year Date Paid Amount Year Date Paid Amount

Member-at-Large

Year Date Paid Amount

Suspended

Died

Outline of Personal History of

Thomas A. Thornberg

RESIDENCE Linden, Iowa.

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

R. 22, 23, 24

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

- 1. Name in full (all names) Thomas A. Thornberg
- 2. Chief occupation or profession Farmer
- 3. Former occupation or profession Store ~~by~~ Buyer and Shipper
- 4. Date and place of beginning each Redfield, Ia, 1866.
- 5. Present residence address Linden, Ia.
- 6. Present business address "
- 7. Date of birth April 9, 1847.
- 8. Place of birth Progestown, Wayne Co. Ind.
- 9. If born abroad, where
- 10. Emigrated to America, when
- 11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America
- 12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county
- 13. Further emigration, if any
- 14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university Rural Schools of Lem Township, State University of Iowa.
- 15. Date of graduation and degree if any did not graduate

16. Place of death *Linden, Ia.*
17. Date of death *July 1, 1912.*
18. Place of burial *Linden, Ia.*
19. Name of father in full (all names) *Wm Thornburgh*
20. Occupation of father *Farmer*
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Catherine Kearn*
22. Residence when married *Redfield Ia.*
23. Military service, if any (exact dates)
Co. C. forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)
School director
Township Trustee
Board of supervisors Jan 1, 1912 until death
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions
Trustee Greg Educational Fund of Dallas Co.
26. Politics *Republican*
27. Religious denomination if any *Methodist Epis. Church*
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates *Masonic,*
Knights of Pythias
31. Member of what clubs if any
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)
33. Officer or director in any corporation *Pres. Linden, and Telephone Co.*
34. Enclose business card if possible
35. Enclose photograph and autograph

W. A. Thornburgh

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication

37. Miscellaneous



FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Jennie Vestal*
2. Date of marriage *Oct, 1871*
3. Place of marriage *Commerce, Ia.*
4. Date of his or her birth *" " Oct. 1849*
5. Place of his or her birth *" "*
6. Religious denomination *Methodist Epis Church*
7. Date of his or her death *still living*
8. Place of his or her death
9. Place of his or her burial
10. Father's full name *J. H. Vestal*
11. Born where and when *North Carolina, 1822.*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Farmer*
13. His or her mother's full name *Alice Chamous, 1830*
14. Born when and where *North Carolina*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *North Carolina*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

1. To whom married second time *no*
2. Date of marriage
3. Place of marriage
4. Date of his or her birth
5. Place of his or her birth
6. Religious denomination
7. Date of his or her death
8. Place of his or her death
9. Place of his or her burial
10. Father's full name
11. Born where and when
12. Occupation of his or her father
13. His or her mother's full name
14. Born when and where
15. Parent's residence at time of their marriage
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family

CHILDREN OF *Thomas W. Hornburg* AND *Jessie V. Hornburg*

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE
<i>Zenas C.</i>	<i>Reinfeld Ia</i>	<i>1877</i>			<i>Laura Fichte</i>	<i>St. Marie</i>	<i>1903</i>
<i>Mabel V.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>1874</i>			<i>Lt. Ernest Wright</i>	<i>Linden</i>	<i>1908</i>
<i>Wm V.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>1878</i>					
<i>Mark G.</i>	<i>Linden "</i>	<i>1892</i>			<i>Blanche Sedles</i>	<i>St. Marie</i>	<i>1904</i>
<i>Carroll K.</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>1876</i>			<i>Mabel Anderson</i>	<i>Yale Ia</i>	<i>1910</i>
<i>Thomas H</i>	<i>" "</i>	<i>1889</i>					

CHILDREN OF _____ AND _____

NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE	PLACE OF DEATH	DATE	MARRIED TO WHOM	WHERE	DATE

SIGNATURE *J. Hornburg*

DATE *Sept 20, 1912.*



You searched for **Thomas A. Thornburg** in **Iowa**

Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files,
1861-1934

Name: **Thomas A. Thornburg**
State Filed: **Iowa**
Widow: **Jennie Thornburg**

Source Information:

National Archives and Records Administration. *Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2000. Original data: *General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. T288. 544 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to and images of pension cards of Civil War veterans in the United States. Each record includes the veteran's name and state in which he, or his dependents, filed the application. The digitized image of the index card itself, contains additional information on the individual, such as unit of service, date of filing, and application and certificate numbers for the pension case file housed at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. [Learn more...](#)

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Thornburgh, Thomas K. and P. Kerns, farmers, stock-raisers and stock-dealers, Sec. 20; P.O. Redfield; the former was born in Indiana on April 9, 1847, and came to this county in 1856; he holds office of township trustee; he married Miss Jennie Vestal in 1871; she was born in Indiana; has three children: Zena C., Mable and Baby. P. Kern was born in Indiana in 1850, and came to this county in 1856; they own, with their mother, 240 acres of land; their father, Wm. Thornburgh, was born in Tennessee in 1804; removed to Indiana; and came to this county in 1856; he married Miss Catharine Bohrer; he died in September, 1876.

excerpted from "The History of Dallas County, Iowa", published in 1879 by the Union Historical Company of Des Moines, Iowa

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Thomas A Thornburg

B: abt 1847 in Hagerstown, Wayne, Indiana, USA

D:

Parents

William M Thornburg
1804-1870

Catharine Kern
1809-1887

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Thomas A. Thornburgh
Home in 1880:	Linn, Dallas, Iowa
Age:	33
Estimated birth year:	abt 1847
Birthplace:	Indiana
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)
Spouse's name:	Jennie
Father's birthplace:	Tennessee
Mother's Name:	Cathrine
Mother's birthplace:	Ohio
Neighbors:	View others on page
Occupation:	Farmer
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	View image
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	
Household Members:	
Name	Age
Thomas A. Thornburgh	33
Jennie Thornburgh	31
Gene Thornburgh	8
A. Cable Thornburgh	6
Willie V. Thornburgh	1
Cathrine Thornburgh	71
Patrick Thornburgh	31
Hamlin Howell	26

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Linn, Dallas, Iowa; Roll: T9_335; Family History Film: 1254335; Page: 240.1000; Enumeration District: 50; Image: 0484.

Source Information: Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. 1880 U.S.

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Thomas A. Thornburg

Birth **Apr 1847** in , , Indiana, USA

Death

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- 1847**
 Apr
Birth
 , , Indiana, USA
 2 source citations
- 1871**
 11 Oct
 Age: 24
Marriage to Samantha "Jennie" Vestal
 , Dallas, Iowa, USA
 1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

Thornburg
- 1880

Catherine
1809 -

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Spouse & Children

Samantha "Jennie" Vestal
1848 -

Gene Thornburg
1872 -

Mable? Thornburg
1874 -

William V. Thornburg
1878 -

Ernst? or Carrol? K. Thornburg
1886 -

Thomas H. Thornburg
1889 -

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Wayne County
Indiana, USA

Death: Jul. 1, 1912
Dallas County
Iowa, USA

Thomas was the son of William M. & Catherine (Kearn) Bohrer. He and Samantha Jane "Jennie" Vestal were married in Dallas County October 11, 1871. They were the parents of Zenas C., Mabel V., William V., Mark George, Carroll K. and Thomas H.

Thomas and Jennie's gravestone inscriptions are on the north side of William and Catherine's stone along with Thomas's brother Patrick K. on the south side of the stone.

Family links:

- Children:**
- Zenas Charles Thornburg (1872 - 1925)*
 - William Vestal Thornburg (1879 - 1955)*
 - Mark George Thornburg (1882 - 1962)*
 - Carroll Kearn Thornburg (1886 - 1958)*

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Burial:
West Linn Cemetery
Linden
Dallas County
Iowa, USA
Plot: South Section, midway, west of trees

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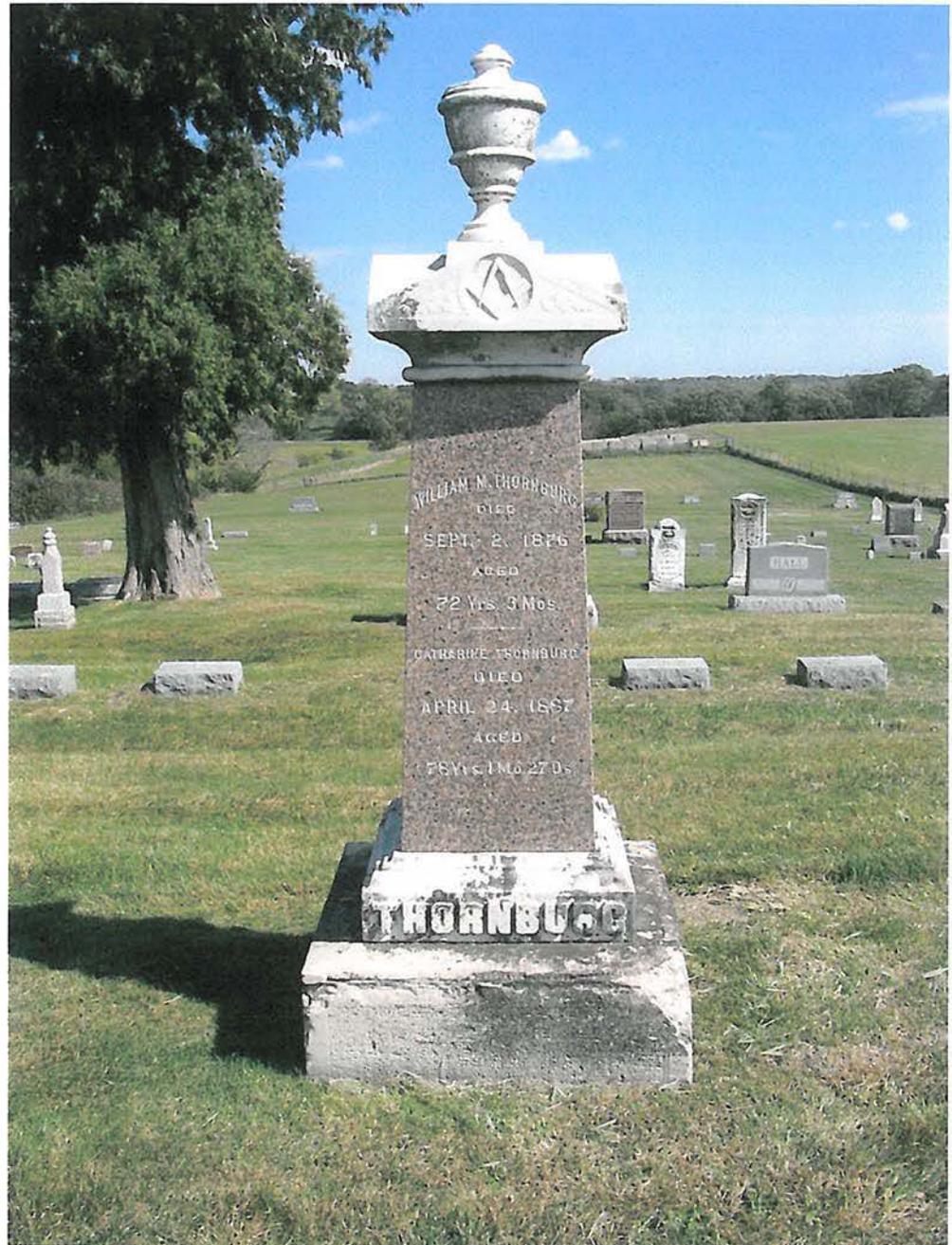


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Family Stone of William M. & Catherine (Kearn) Bohrer Thornburg. Thomas A. and Samantha Jane "Jennie" Vestal are on the North side of the stone; William

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Linden in Dallas County

Population: 201
Founded: 1880

How it
was

named:
From the
linden
trees



found in the area, according
to "From Ackley to Zwingle,
the Origin of Iowa Place
Names."

Top employer: Panorama
schools

Claims to fame: Linden
Merchants basketball team
won the 1953 state
championship. Fourth of
July celebration.

1998