

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator ~~Heidman~~, Thomas - Represented Mills and Montgomery Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 Aug 1838 Columbia, New Jersey

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Elizabeth "Betty" Gronoweth 4 Jul 1861 Montgomery County, Iowa
(2) Ellen Stafford 30 Mar 1911

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

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

6. Public Offices

A. Local Justice of the Peace 16 years; Montgomery County Board of Supervisors member

B. State _____

C. National Special agent in the government land office with headquarters in New Mexico

7. Death 3 Jul 1921 Red Oak, Iowa; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak, Iowa

8. Children Leah; Eva; Richard; Joseph; Philip; Frank; Edward; Clark; Mrs. George Stafford; Mrs. John Mowry; Doc

9. Names of parents Philip K. and Susanna (Ryman) Heidman

Weidman, Thomas

20 Jan 1910

10. Education

11. Degrees

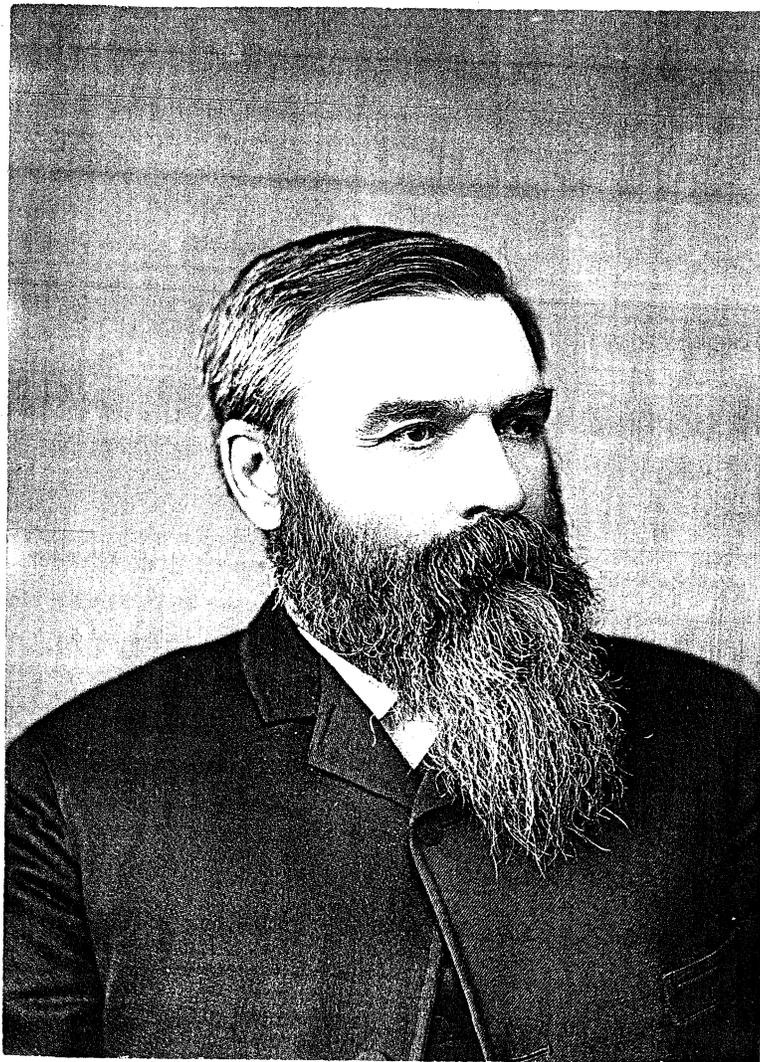
12. Other applicable information

Republican

- *He moved with his family to Haverly, PA at age 13*
- *He moved in 1856 to Fremont County, Iowa and then to
Montgomery County in 1861*
- *First wife, Patsy, born 6 Jul 1842; died 20 Jan 1910, buried Evergreen Cemetery, Red Oak, Iowa*
- *He moved into the town of Red Oak, Iowa in May 1890*
- *He owned extensive farm lands*

Portrait

WEIDMAN, THOMAS



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A good many good citizens would like to see a good circus come to town once more. Not the dinky Yankee Robinson kind, but the real thing. After all, there's nothing that beats a good old-fashioned circus for real entertainment. Our kids have never seen many and we'd like to take 'em out to see the animals, anyhow. Can't we have one this fall?

Quite a lot of local interest was manifest in the big fight last Saturday. The returns by rounds were received through the Western Union by Ted Samuelson, and by about half past one we all knew the stuff was off with the tall Frenchman. There wasn't much local capital changed hands, however, as nearly everybody was guessing the same way.

We can but wonder how anyone figures he got his money's worth going thousands of miles and spending hundreds of dollars to see a twelve-minute scrap. This does not, of course, include the several fast preliminaries, but they were only incidents thrown in by Tex Rickard for good measure. Otherwise he'd have been ashamed to take the gate receipts.

Safety first! In the midst of life we are in danger of getting bumped off by some irresponsible in a gas wagon. Pedestrians have little or no privilege and little chance for safety except where there is a tree to climb—and some cars will almost climb a tree to get you.

Of 1697 cars—more or less—seen on the streets of Red Oak Saturday night, 493 had no tail lights, 327 left town with their tails up and their mufflers cut out, 214 had headlights which do not conform to our state laws, and we couldn't count the number which failed to observe the park-laws. On Saturday nights, however, with twice as many cars in town as there is room for, we can't enforce very rigid parking laws.

Officer Hobbs would have his hands full if he tried to "get" all of the auto-law-breakers. He can't go fast enough on foot to catch two cars going in opposite directions. He does haul one in occasionally, but a mild reprimand, a slap on the wrist, or a remitted fine isn't penalty enough to discourage the fault, but it does discourage the officers of the law.

Fact is, Gus ought to have a self-starting motorcycle. He would at least make some of the miscreants hard to catch and scared to put on a continuous performance. And Sam could use it on his shift, too!

To criticize is the easiest thing in the world, and we catch ourselves at it occasionally. Next week we're going to have a column of commendation—without a kick in it.

Do you ever wonder what some people are thinking about? Perhaps they sometimes wonder, too!

The average car driver has every confidence in his own care and efficiency but is deeply afraid of the other fellow. "I'd rather meet a comparatively new driver—one who has just learned to drive—than one of these expert old-timers to whom driving has become automatic." A man who has driven a car ever since the first one was made.

SAIL FROM FRANCE

According to the information reaching Mrs. C. E. Owens, wife of Mayor Owens of Red Oak, the mayor sailed from France yesterday on the Olympic and is expected in Red Oak within the next two weeks. Mayor Owens and Archer Payne went as delegates from the local Rotary club

THREE RED OAK BOYS INJURED BY AUTO WRECK

Car With Three Young Men Drives Into Big Hole on Federal Road and Hits Bridge Pier—Boys Seriously Injured.

Taylor Kendall, Merrill Hawkins and John Fortune, young men of this city, were seriously injured Friday evening about 9 o'clock when the car in which they were riding plunged into a cut next to a bridge pier and was wedged into the ground next to the concrete bridge pier. The accident happened on the federal aid road between four and five miles west of Corning. The bridge was incomplete and the approaches had not been filled in.

The young men were taken with all speed to Corning after Hawkins had managed to halt a passing car and first aid was given them. It was found that Kendall was the most seriously hurt of the three. He had a badly smashed right arm and hand and was injured internally, the extent of which has not yet been determined. He is also very weak from the loss of blood and his condition is critical.

Fortune has a left hip which was thought at first fractured but which proved later not to be. He has a deep gash in the hip and is injured internally but is thought now to be on the way to recovery.

Merrill Hawkins had three ribs cracked and his left elbow broken and both knees badly cut. He is not thought to be in any danger and will recover rapidly if it is thought.

All the injured boys were taken to the home of Mr. Cummings, a hardware dealer in Corning, immediately after the accident. Hawkins was brought to Red Oak Sunday by auto and taken to the home of Mrs. Owen Hawkins. Kendall was brought to Red Oak Tuesday night via train. He was in an improved condition Tuesday and stood the trip well. X-ray pictures were taken of his injuries Tuesday evening upon his arrival here. John Fortune will be moved to his home in Elliott within a few days where it is thought his recovery will be rapid.

The boys were going east into Corning and were on their way to a dance when the crash came. The roads were in fine condition and they were driving at a high rate of speed. They could see the road ahead, the bridge at the bottom of the slight grade, and the road beyond and thought all was well and that they would be in Corning in a few minutes. Kendall was driving, Hawkins was in the front seat with him and Fortune was in the rear seat.

The bridge at the scene of the accident has not been completed and the approaches have not been filled in. There is a detour around the partially completed structure which the boys did not see. Their car plunged from the abrupt end of the road and dropped into the huge hole, about twenty-five feet deep, before it struck the concrete bridge pier, radiator end into the dirt.

Fortune helped Hawkins out of the wreck and then started to the top of the cut to halt a car but fainted. Hawkins managed to get out and halt a car and Kendall was finally taken out when help had been secured from the nearby farmers and the boys were taken to Corning.

The car is a total wreck. The machine was jammed together by the force of the impact against the concrete and the concrete pier. The

EARLY SETTLER OF COUNTY DIES AT HOME HERE

Thos. Weidman, Ex-State Senator and Pioneer Succumbs After Long Illness—Funeral Services Held on Tuesday.

Thos. Weidman of Red Oak, well known farmer and early settler of this county, died at his home at 110 west Oak street Sunday, July 3, at the age of 82 years. He had been ill for several months before his death.

Mr. Weidman was born in Columbia, N. J., Aug. 30, 1838. The family moved to Waverly, Pa., when he was thirteen years of age and after living there several years came to Fremont county of this state and settled there in 1856 when there were very few people in S. W. Iowa. Mr. Weidman moved to Montgomery county in 1861 and on July 4 of the same year he was married to Miss Betsy Cheneweth to which union was born eleven children. Two of the children, Leah and Eva, died many years ago. Mrs. Weidman died Jan. 20, 1910. The surviving children are Richard of Holly, Colo.; Joseph of Watson, Mo.; Phillip of Elliott, Frank of Tallala, Okla.; Edward of Elliott, Clark, Mrs. George Stafford, Mrs. John Money and Doc of Red Oak. All the children with the exception of Frank were here for the funeral. One brother, Daniel, of Eldorado, Kas., was present at the services. Mr. Weidman's second marriage took place March 30, 1911, when he was united to Miss Ellen Stafford who survives him.

During the early years of Mr. Weidman's residence in Montgomery county he was active for the betterment of the community. He was engaged in farming and had large holdings of land in Mills and Montgomery county and worked at all times for the opening up and bettering of what was then an undeveloped country. In 1886 Mr. Weidman became active in politics and was elected to serve Mills and Montgomery counties at the twenty-second general assembly of the state as state senator. He was re-elected to the office for the twenty-third general assembly in 1889. He received an appointment later as special agent in the government land office with headquarters in New Mexico. He resigned this office after serving some time and came back to this county. Mr. Weidman has been a member of the Methodist church since his early years.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Evangelical church and were in charge of Rev. E. R. Mitchell. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery. The pall bearers were six of the sons of the deceased. Relatives here from a distance to attend the services, besides the children, included Tom Weidman and family of Elliott, Wm. Wat of Shenandoah, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Griswold and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ruffner of Kansas City, Mo.

The passing of Mr. Weidman marks the departure of another of the sturdy pioneers of this section of the state who braved the dangers of a new country and helped establish the republic. He was known as an honest upright man, ready to give help where needed and deserved and he leaves a host of friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Wilson-Nuppenau.

Awake At Last

Hurrah for Red Oak! We're going to bring pool. Negotiations have been completed with the city commissioners by which the city has purchased several acres just north of the present and the standpipe grounds, and this ground will be converted into a resort the principal feature of which will be a magnificent swimming pool—the best of the state and second to none anywhere in the country. Excavation will be done this summer and in the fore warm weather next year the artificial pool will be completed, with all necessary buildings, for the accommodation of the public. No liberal regulations will be formulated for the management of the resort, details of which will be announced.

The main thing is, the thing is done. We are going to have a bathing resort of our very own going to have to drive to Wayside, Lewis or any other place to take a cool and refreshing swim on a hot summer's day—but instead, we're going to have such a place as will entice the people from all over the state to this city—the natural, logical, geographical hub and metropolis of Southwestern Iowa. It is a place to enjoy their visit. It is a place of the commission to make this resort all that we want and this is what Red Oak wants. The best thing for the best little city on the map.

THIRD STREET TO HAVE MORE ELECTROLIERS

City Will Help With Installation of Electrolliers on Third Street Between Reed and Hammond—Streetwalk Ordinance Adopted.

Street lights for the side streets within a block of the square was the main subject of discussion before the council at the regular meeting held Tuesday night. Henry Sweger was present and stated that electrolliers were wanted for Third street between Reed and Hammond streets and that the plan for the lights was meeting with good success among the property owners affected.

The property owners propose to erect three lights along the west side of Third street between Reed and Hammond streets and Mr. Sweger asked the city to light them. The council made and carried a motion that they would help with the expense of purchasing and installing the lights to the amount of \$75 and the city will also furnish the current for the lights.

The motion was also made and carried that the city would pay \$150 towards the erection of the electrolliers on Third street between Coolbaugh and Washington avenue. These lights will be installed in a short time. The money allowed by the city for the erection of the lights is the same for each light contemplated on both propositions.

A resolution was adopted by the council for the construction and reconstruction of a big amount of sidewalk in all sections of the city. Descriptions and locations of these sidewalks will be published in a short time.

An ordinance was adopted which will govern the care of the cemetery. This ordinance will govern the general care of the cemetery, states the

price for grave lots that no lot in the cemetery be raised, and that no curbs can be placed on the lots. After passing a resolution regarding the cigarette tax, the council granted the usual claims and Lagergren was discharged.

SPECIAL BAN
Friday evening time set for the concert to be given at the square park of Red Oak and Elliott combined for one music. Band Director and popular music and grand pieces at this concert than usual.

NO NEW
No new cases for the district court will be assigned to Clerk Barneby until he has been appointed. He will be a probate judge. He has been appointed by the court July 12. The grant of the grant this month.

WILL POOL
The Montgomery growers will pool their land this year and will sell 20, although that does not mean a change. The wool to again pool their wool held a few days ago attended by many of the county.

The farm bureau workers are endeavoring and in this way bring about that the best price can be obtained if they get together. There are in the county now according to the county shipment this year is fully as heavy as last year. A car load of wool is being shipped to the warehouses.

An Accident

WILSON-NUPPNAU
Dennis H. Wilson, son of Wm.

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HISTORY

OF

Montgomery County, Iowa,

CONTAINING

A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, ITS CITIES, TOWNS, ETC.

A BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF MANY OF ITS LEADING CITIZENS, WAR RECORD OF ITS VOLUNTEERS IN THE LATE REBELLION, GENERAL AND LOCAL STATISTICS, PORTRAITS OF EARLY SETTLERS AND PROMINENT MEN, HISTORY OF IOWA AND THE NORTHWEST, MAP OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IOWA, REMINISCENCES, MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

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George W. C., Emily A., Sarah J., Charlotte H., and by the second wife, Anna and Henry.

SPEARS, SAMUEL, farmer, P. O. Red Oak; section 9; is the possessor of one hundred and sixty acres of land in a high state of cultivation, with a young orchard of eighty trees. Was born in Henderson county, Illinois, August 22, 1851, and grew to manhood in that county. He moved to Montgomery county in March, 1880. Was married, November, 1877, to Harriet F. Baird of Henderson county, Illinois. She was born August, 1854, in Perry county, Ohio. They have one child, Clara J. He and his wife are both members of the U. P. Church of Red Oak. Mr. Spears is of Scotch descent; his grandfather came from Scotland and settled near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Spear's father was born in Pennsylvania, in 1811, and died at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. Spears is a breeder and raiser of fine horses; has some fine brood mares of the h and Clydesdale stock. He also has one fine mare noted for her speed, and a colt that won the ribbons at the colt show of the county. He also makes a specialty of Poland-China hogs. Mr. Spears keeps no stock except the very best, and he stands to-day one of the best stock-raisers in Montgomery county. His farm is located $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Red Oak.

WILLIAMS, JAMES W., P. O. Red Oak; born in Saint Louis, Mo., April 4th, 1831; removed from Saint Louis in 1844 with his parents to Wisconsin; from Wisconsin he moved to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1851, and in 1871 came to Montgomery county, engaged in farming, and in October in 1880, took charge of the poor farm, and will continue until 1882. The county bought the farm in 1876. Mr. Williams was married in 1857 to Mary J. Dickey; she was born in 1832. They have seven children, all living: Robert L., Harry B., Katie, William, Lyda A., Maud E., and Eddie. Mr. Williams is a member of the order of Odd Fellows of Red Oak; enlisted in the army in 1862, served three years, was Forage Master; was mustered out June, 1865.

WEIDMAN, THOMAS, lives on section 20, P. O. Red Oak; owns 500 acres of land, all fenced and utilized for farming purposes; was born in Warren county, New York, August 30th, 1838, and came to Iowa from Luzerne county, Pennsylvania in fall of 1856, and took the first homestead ever taken in Montgomery county. Was married July 4th, 1861, to Betsy Chenoweth, of Montgomery county. They have nine living children and one dead: Eva P., Alice Y., Gertrude, Richard, Eddie, Frank, Clark, Joseph and Philip H., one dead, Leah. Mr. Weidman first located in Mont county, but being unfortunate there, came to Montgomery county and took a homestead, planting his orchard the first year; he has dealt largely in fruit trees all through this section of country. Mr. and Mrs. Weidman are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. W. is also a member of the order of Odd Fellows of Red Oak, also a radical republican in politics.

WICKERSHAM, CALEB E., farmer, P. O. Coburg; was born in Henry county, Indiana, August 27, 1834, and lived there until about twenty-six years of age; moved to Clarke county, Iowa, in 1860, living there until the spring of 877, when he moved to Montgomery county, Iowa. Mr. Wickersham's father was a North Carolinian; was born January 8, 1804, and died July 26, 1878, at the age of seventy-four years, five months and twenty-eight days. Mr. Wickersham was married September 5, 1858, to Miss E. B. Stanley, of Henry county, Indiana. They have six children living: Edgar E., Orin F., Leborn S., Horace M., Mary A. and Louisa. One dead: Loudora A. Mr. Wickersham and family are members of the Friends or Quaker Church. Edgar E. has attended the Penn College, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and has made a good record; his grades are—deportment, one hundred, and his average in all other branches being over ninety-three per cent. Mr. Wickersham and his son, Edgar E., are engaged in butchering, at Coburg, Iowa, and are doing a thriving business.

WOOD, T. J., farmer, section 7, P. O. Red Oak; was born in Edmonson county, Kentucky, April 9, 1848; there grew to manhood, and at the age of twenty-eight moved to Montgomery county, Iowa, in the spring of 1876. Has followed farming all his life. He enlisted in the army in 1863, in company H, Seventeenth Kentucky mounted infantry; served but a short time, as he was not an able-bodied man. Mr. Wood was married in Edmonson county, Kentucky, in 1868, to Mary E. Raymer, of that county. They have six children living: Philip H., Willis M., Viola, Siatha, James A., Mary H., and one dead. Mr. Wood's father (Harvey Wood) was born in Jackson county, Tennessee, in the year 1818; there were ten in the family: T. J., C. M., Elizabeth, R. B., Emily, Jane, S. C., C. A., and two dead: John W. and Mary A.

WHITE, SHEM, lives on section 27, P. O. Red Oak. Mr. White is a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and was born May 20, 1821. Made a trip west in 1849, with the intention of going to California, stopping at St. Louis and there engaged in wood boating, then in the fall returned home and followed lumbering on the Susquehanna river. June 13, 1850, he was married to Miss Parcilla White, of Perry county, Pennsylvania. She was born November 8, 1829. They are the parents of five children: Henry E., born August 8, 1851, died May 5, 1856, Mary E., born October 13, 1853, James C., born March 6, 1857, died September 16, 1865, William N., born November 28, 1859, Lewis W., born February 12, 1863. Mr. White enlisted in company F, Two Hundred and Sixth Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, August 26, 1864, and served until June 26, 1865. Was mustered out at Richmond, and arrived at home July 2,

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DANIEL HAMPTON BOWEN was born in Green County, Wisconsin, September 6, 1850, and died at Waukon, Iowa, August 27, 1921. He was the son of Jared Ingersoll and Lacy Ann Bowen. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and attended common school. He then spent three years in the office of Dr. Russell Broughton, of Broadhead, Wisconsin, following that by entering Rush Medical College, and was graduated from it in 1876 with the degree of M. D. Soon thereafter he located at Rossville, Allamakee County, Iowa, for the practice of medicine. In 1880 he removed to Waukon and formed a partnership with Dr. J. B. Mattoon. He served as president of the Alumni Association of Rush Medical College, as president of the Allamakee County Medical Society, as a member of the Waukon City Council, as mayor of Waukon, and as a member of the Waukon Board of Education. In 1878 he was elected coroner of Allamakee County and served two terms. In 1895 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1897 and 1899, serving in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth extra, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. He was speaker of the House in the Twenty-eighth, having been chosen over Willard L. Eaton by a vote of 43 to 38 in a notable contest in which the re-election of Senator John H. Gear was contested by Albert B. Cummins, Dr. Bowen being identified with Gear's friends. Dr. Bowen was deservedly popular as a physician and as a public man.

THEODORE BOLIVAR PERRY was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1, 1832, and died at Albia, Iowa, May 14, 1921. He came with his parents, Lewis Franklin and Margaret Nixon Perry, on their removal to Burlington, Iowa, in 1850. In the following few years he taught school in Wapello, Polk, Warren, Madison and Monroe counties. He made his home in Albia from May 14, 1853. He studied law with Judge John S. Townsend, with whom he was later associated as a partner. He was admitted to the bar in 1854. In 1858 he was elected a member of the Iowa Board of Education and served for four years. In 1891 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth general assemblies, and proved to be a useful legislator. He was a Democrat in politics and an acknowledged leader of his party, was a prominent lawyer, a successful business man and a useful citizen.

THOMAS WEIDMAN was born at Columbia, New Jersey, August 30, 1838, and died at Red Oak, Iowa, July 3, 1921. With his parents' family he removed to Waverly, Pennsylvania, in 1851 and to Fremont County, Iowa, in 1856. He removed to Montgomery County in 1861. He engaged in farming and became an extensive land owner. In 1887 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies. Later he was for a time special agent of the government land office in New Mexico, but resigned and returned to Montgomery County.

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Huldah Brookins, a native of Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and a daughter of of Stephen Brookins, a native of Massachusetts. Stephen Brookins was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, as was also his wife's father, Michael Taylor. The Ensign family were among the early settlers in Madison county, New York. Captain Ensign died there, aged eighty-eight, and his wife, ninety-six.

In 1856 William and Huldah Ensign removed from Madison county, New York, to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where they remained until 1866, when they came to Adams county, Iowa. They reared a family of five children, four of whom are living. Here the mother died in 1873, and the father passed away at the age of seventy-five years. The latter was a Whig and subsequently a Republican; was an earnest Christian man, first a Baptist, afterward a Methodist, and at the time of his death a member of the United Brethren Church. The names of the children born to them are as follows: Polly Noise, of Bates county, Missouri; W. H., whose name heads this sketch; O. S., of Douglas township, Adams county; Stephen B., deceased, and Eunice Jenette Wright, of Bates county, Missouri.

Stephen B. Ensign was born in Madison county, New York, and was reared there and in Wisconsin. He was married in Adams county, Iowa, to Mrs. Mary E. Erskins, nee Spargur. She was born and reared in Highland county, Ohio, daughter of Caleb W., and Lydia Spargur. Her first husband, Michael Erskins, died in Highland county, Ohio, leaving her with one son, M. G. Erskins, who now resides with W. H. Ensign. Stephen B. Ensign and wife both died about the same time, some twelve years ago, leaving a daughter, Anna Belle Ensign, who also resides with her uncle, W. H. Ensign.

The subject of our sketch was reared on a farm in Madison county, New York, where he was born August 18, 1835. He received his education in the common schools of his native State, and was twenty years old when the family moved to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. February 9, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-fifth Wisconsin Infantry, Volunteers; served on the Mississippi river, most of the time doing provost and guard duty, and was honorably discharged at Madison, Wisconsin, May 12, 1865. In 1866 he came to Adams county, Iowa, with his parents and older sister, making the journey with teams and camping out at night. He settled on his present farm in 1870. It was then wild land, and under his judicious management it has been developed into a fine farm. The two-story residence is built on the southern style and is located somewhat back from the road. Mr. Ensign has given much attention to stock. He owns one horse, now twenty-six years old, that he brought with him from Wisconsin.

A jovial bachelor, honorable and upright in all his business dealings, and frank and cordial at all times, Mr. Ensign is a favorite among his many friends. He is a Republican and a member of the Meyerhoff Post.

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**H**ON. THOMAS WEIDMAN, present State Senator, is a son of Phillip Weidman, who was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, in 1800. The grandfather was Henry Weidman, also a native of Pennsylvania; but his father, who was also named Phillip, was a native of Germany and emigrated to America and settled at Philadelphia long before the war of the Revolution. He was a Quaker and as there was much disturbance in the colonies, he re-

moved to Canada, where he settled and died. The grandfather of our subject did not go with his father, but settled in Pennsylvania.

The mother of Thomas Weidman was Susanna Rymond, also of an early Pennsylvania family. Her father was Jacob Rymond, a native of Germany. The father was the eldest of eight sons and there were also two daughters; all grew to mature years. Phillip Weidman was a shoemaker by trade; he and his wife had six children who grew to maturity, two sons and four daughters, all still living. The father came to Fremont county, Iowa, in 1857, where he settled on a farm on which he lived until his death in 1862; the mother survived for ten years; she lived with her son Thomas the last years of her life.

Mr. Weidman was born August 30, 1838, being about nineteen when he came to this State. In 1861 he came to this county and married at that time Miss Betsy Chenoweth, the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Skidmore) Chenoweth. She was born in Ohio. They have had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. The eldest daughter married Ezra Ruffner and died about three and a half years after marriage; Frances Alice and Gertrude, both married and live in this county; Richard, Edward, Frank, Clark, Joseph, Phillip and Le Roy. Our subject has been engaged in farming in Grant township where he took a homestead; he has 445 acres in a body. He was for sixteen years Justice of the Peace; was a member of the county Board and was very popular; was elected in the fall of 1888 to the State Senate by a majority of 300 against the Hon. W. W. Merritt. He took a prominent part in the organization of the Senate, discharged his obligations to that body and to his constituency with fidelity and ability that was as admirable as rare; moved to the town of Red

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Oak in May, 1890, where he has a pleasant home. He is a member of the Protestant Methodist Episcopal church. He has been a hard worker; has never taken a drop of liquor nor ever used tobacco; is an upright, moral man and a citizen of whom any community might be proud.

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**J**AMES T. FIFE, a farmer and stock-raiser of section 24, Jasper township, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1829, a son of William Fife, who was a descendant of John Fife, of Fifeshire, Scotland. John Fife was born in 1721, and removed to county Tyrone, Ireland; in 1756 he came to Winchester, Virginia, and in 1766 to Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania, where he purchased 1,000 acres of land of the Indians and there he died November 19, 1800, and this land still belongs to his descendants. William Fife, the grandfather of our subject, a son of John Fife, Jr., was born in 1751, and died July 25, 1818, and served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war. His wife was Margaret Boyd. The father of our subject was reared on the old Fife homestead, and married Mary Thomas, of Nodaway township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. The maternal ancestors of our subject were among the first settlers of Washington county, and were of Welsh descent. In 1835 William Fife sold his interest in the old homestead and removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he died when our subject was fourteen years of age, leaving his widow and twelve children but limited means.

It became necessary for those that were able to do anything to go to work; our subject commenced work on a farm at \$4 per month and never received more than \$7. In



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**1880 United States Federal Census**

Name: **Thos. V. Weidman**

Home in 1880: **Grant, Montgomery, Iowa**

Age: **42**

Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1838**

Birthplace: **New York**

Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**

Spouse's Name: **Betsey**

Father's birthplace: **New York**

Mother's birthplace: **New York**

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Occupation: **Farmer & Nursery**

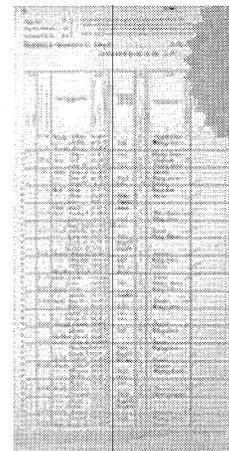
Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Cannot read/write: **Blind: Deaf and dumb: Otherwise disabled: Idiotic or insane:**

| Household Members: | Name                             | Age       |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                    | <a href="#">Thos. V. Weidman</a> | <b>42</b> |
|                    | <a href="#">Betsey Weidman</a>   | <b>38</b> |



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## Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Thomas Weidman**

Birth Year: abt 1839

Birth Place: New Jersey

Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married

Census Date: 1885

Residence State: Iowa

Residence County: Montgomery

Locality: Grant

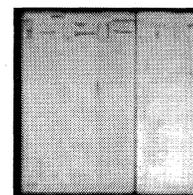
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Family Number: 99

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| Household Members: | Name                             | Age |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
|                    | <a href="#">Thomas Weidman</a>   | 46  |
|                    | <a href="#">Betsy Weidman</a>    | 25  |
|                    | <a href="#">Alice Weidman</a>    | 20  |
|                    | <a href="#">Richard Weidman</a>  | 18  |
|                    | <a href="#">Gertrude Weidman</a> | 16  |
|                    | <a href="#">Edward Weidman</a>   | 12  |
|                    | <a href="#">Frank Weidman</a>    | 10  |
|                    | <a href="#">Clark Weidman</a>    | 8   |
|                    | <a href="#">Joseph Weidman</a>   | 6   |
|                    | <a href="#">Philip Weidman</a>   | 4   |
|                    | <a href="#">Joseph Chenoweth</a> | 76  |
|                    | <a href="#">William Hodge</a>    | 24  |

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## 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Thomas Weidman**

Home in 1900: **Grant, Montgomery, Iowa**

Age: **61**

Birth Date: **Aug 1838**

Birthplace: **New Jersey**

Race: **White**

Ethnicity: **American**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Spouse's Name: **Betsie**

Marriage Year: **1861**

Marital Status: **Married**

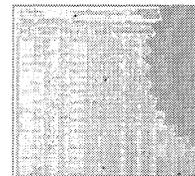
Years Married: **39**

Residence: **Grant Township, Montgomery, Iowa**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

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| Household Members: | Name                           | Age |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
|                    | <a href="#">Thomas Weidman</a> | 61  |
|                    | <a href="#">Betsie Weidman</a> | 58  |



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## 1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Thomas Weidman**

Age in 1910: 73

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1837

Birthplace: Pennsylvania

Relation to Head of House: Head

Father's Birth Place: Pennsylvania

Mother's Birth Place: Pennsylvania

Home in 1910: Red Oak Ward 2, Montgomery, Iowa

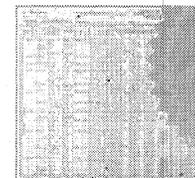
Marital Status: Widowed

Race: White

Gender: Male

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| Household Members: | Name                           | Age |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
|                    | <a href="#">Thomas Weidman</a> | 73  |
|                    | <a href="#">Ray Weidman</a>    | 21  |

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