

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Theophilus, William Senator _____

Represented Scott and Howard counties

1. Birthday and place 6 Aug 1858 Troedyzichin, parish of

Llandudwin Carmarthenshire, Wales

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Married Agnes Thompson 7 June 1888 Des Moines County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was a member of the Scott County Bar Association

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; BPOE; Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Lawyer; former teacher

4. Church membership Protestant

5. Sessions served 22nd General Assembly 1888 - Howard County

6. Public Offices 28th General Assembly 1900 - Scott County

A. Local Chief of the District Court in Howard County 1883-1888

B. State Judge of the District Court; clerk of the court

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Nov 1922 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Oakdale Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Daniel and Margaret (Thomas) Theophilus

10. Education Received some education in Wales and
remained in America

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- Came to America in 1868 settling on a farm near
Lewis Springs, in Howard County, Iowa.
- After finishing his education he taught for a few years.
- In 1889 he moved to Arkansas City, K.S. where he was
admitted to the bar.
- He formed a law partnership with George H. Scott
- He moved to Des Moines, Iowa in May 1894 which continued
until 1898.
- He practiced law alone until 1905 when he entered the
firm of George H. Scott and Benjamin L. Selinger
- In 1909 until death he practiced law alone.



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The Associated Press
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Judge William Theophilus Succumbs Early Today at His Home in 64th Year

THE DEAD JURIST



JUDGE WILLIAM THEOPHILUS

JUDGE WILLIAM THEOPHILUS, since Jan. 1, 1911, judge of the district court, and resident of Davenport since May, 1894, died at his home, 706 Kirkwood boulevard, at 4:15 this morning. Altho his health had been falling for some time, it was not until the last few days that his condition became critical. He was 64 years of age.

Had he served until the first of the coming year, when his term of office expired, he would have held the office continuously for 11 years. He had planned to retire from active duty upon the expiration of his term by reason of his falling health.

Mr. Theophilus, son of Daniel and Margaret Theophilus, was born at Troedyrihiw in the parish of Llandwrn—Carmathenshire, Wales, Aug. 6, 1855. His maternal grandmother, a Williams, was born in the same village as Roger Williams, one of the gallent characters in early colonial history.

He received his education in his native country, but came to America with his parents in 1868, settling on a farm near Lime Spring, Howard county, Iowa. There he continued his education, and during his 20 years of residence in

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CHARLES F. MASON
Mr. Mason, son of the late
L. Mason, pioneer carriage

OTTUMWAN SHOT BY STRANGER HE TOOK FOR "TOMMY" O'CONNOR

By The Associated Press.
Ottumwa, Ia., Nov. 23.—Ollver Dimmitt, local mechanic, is in a critical condition at a local hospital after being shot in the chest by a bullet wound, which probably will prove fatal, inflicted by a

Dimmitt had a picture of O'Connor on the wall, and glancing from it to the stranger, remarked: "You're Tommy O'Connor". He turned around to face a 22 caliber gun which the stranger had drawn on him, backed by the

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS

chants Trans. & Stor. Co. expert packers and movers

Couple Married—Rita Pavlovic and Bedriska Pusova, both of Davenport, were married by Justice Merie F. Wells in his office this morning.

Insurance—Spider, Walsh & Phone Dav. 500.—Adv.

Carroll, dentist, Kahl bldg.

Savings Bank—A Strong Third and Brady, Sta.—Adv.

PERSONAL

R. Griggs of Havre, Mont., has been a guest at the A. P. home in Davenport, left last night for his home. Mr. Griggs came to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. N. Griggs of Kewanee.

FATERNAL

The Council, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet Friday evening at the Hibernal Hall to outline for a chicken supper to be held Dec. 14.

COURT NEWS

Several cases have been filed by the firm of Swartzchild & Company vs. M. E. Nabstedt & Company and F. A. Hardy & Company vs. M. E. Nabstedt & Sons. Realist Ottesen was attorney for the plaintiff.

Lillian Tank, defendant in a case filed by Cline & Quandt on a promissory note, has an answer denying the claim and asking the court to dismiss the case. J. A. Hanley is her attorney.

The final report of G. W. Pfeiffer, executor of the Ludovica Franz estate was approved today by Judge D. V. Jackson. Henry R. was the attorney.

The second report of Mattie is guardian of the property of Lucie Marie and Lucie Marie has been approved by the Ruymann & Ruymann attorneys.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Officer Pavlovic and Bedriska Pusova, both of Davenport, were married by Justice Merie F. Wells in his office this morning.

DEATHS OF DR. STORK

and Mrs. Joseph R. Thomas, 17 1/2 Harrison street, a son, and Peter F. Koos, 1319 Washington street, a daughter, and Mrs. Smith Owen, 407 Sixth street, a daughter, Marie.

BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings today totaled \$1,000 and last Thursday \$2,336.

OBITUARY

James Owens, 56, a blacksmith, residing at 520 West Third street, died at 5 o'clock this morning at Mercy hospital. He was born Feb. 2, 1856, and for the last two years had been employed by the Merchants' Transfer company. The remains were taken to the Hill & Frederick's chapel, whence the funeral announcement will be made later.

The Hasek Funeral.

The remains of Dr. Frank V. Hasek, Cedar Rapids dentist, who died on November 20, arrived in Davenport this morning, accompanied by his son and a number of personal friends, and were taken to the Davenport Crematorium for incineration.

Phillips.

The funeral of Mrs. J. S. Phillips, killed in an auto accident at Portland, Ore., last week, was held from the Fred N. Ruhl funeral home at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Rev. John G. Oehn of the St. Alphonsus church officiated at the church, pronounced the burial absolute and preached the funeral sermon.

Burial was made at the Holy Family cemetery. The pallbearers were J. Bryson, E. Noonan, G. Ruefer, J. Duffy, P. Phillips and L. Moeller.

CORNER SITE IS PURCHASED ON PERSHING

Property on Fourth St. Is Bought by Sinclair Oil Co. for \$20,000.

Sale of one of the downtown corners of Davenport became known today when the Sinclair Oil company purchased the southwest corner of Fourth and Pershing. The property will be the site of a new oil filling station. Consideration was approximately \$20,000.

Two oil companies have been bidding for the corner for some time past. Since Fourth street has been resurfaced the traffic over it has vastly increased and a location along this thoroughfare is regarded as an ideal one for the purposes of an oil station. The property purchased has the added advantage of being on the road to the government bridge and Illinois.

POTATO, ONION AND CARROT ADMISSION CHARGED TO STEW

Friday following Thanksgiving is going to be a big day for the Davenport Boy Scouts. The big doings is to be held at Petersen's island and the admission will be charged to the stew. Each scout is to bring this small collection of vegetables as his contribution.

WELL KNOWN DISTRICT JUDGE IS SUMMONED

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that vicinity followed for a time the profession of teaching.

Elected to Legislature. In 1882 he was elected clerk of courts of Howard county, and re-elected in 1884, serving until January, 1887. His leisure time during that period was given over to the study of law, and he was elected to the state legislature in 1887, the Twenty-second general assembly.

He resigned from the legislature in 1889 after serving a term, and removed to Arkansas City, Kan., where he was admitted to the bar. There he became acquainted with George W. Scott, with whom he later became associated, in the practice of law. He was elected city attorney of Arkansas City at a time when important litigation was pending concerning the issuance of city bonds for waterworks and railways and at the hearing of these cases in the federal courts he established a reputation for energy, skill and knowledge of the law.

One year following his removal to Davenport in May, 1894, he was joined by Mr. Scott with whom he formed a law partnership under the name of Scott & Theophilus, which continued until Mr. Scott's election to the office of city attorney in 1898.

In 1899 Mr. Theophilus was elected to the Iowa legislature, and upon the expiration of his term resumed the active practice of law alone until 1905, when he entered into partnership with George W. Scott and Benjamin L. Sallinger under the firm name of Sallinger, Scott & Theophilus. After May, 1905 he practiced law alone until his election to the office which he held at the time of his demise.

Mr. Theophilus married Miss Minnie Thompson of LeRoy, Minn., in 1888, the couple enjoying an extensive social acquaintance.

Active in Fraternal Affairs. Among the fraternal organizations of which he was a member are the Blue Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Zarepath Consistory No. 4, B. P. O. Elks, Knights of Pythias, and in his own profession the Scott County Bar association.

Several years ago, one of the local newspapers said of him, "Mr. Theophilus is by nature thoughtful, methodical, exact, and technical, a construer of the law and a constructive attorney, loyal rather than the advisory and counseling work of the office, land title, estates, and corporation law than the court procedure. He is the counselor of many prominent business men and corporations, and has made himself an enviable position at the Davenport bar.

Funeral Arrangements Not Complete.

Surviving are his wife and two brothers, David and Morgan of Iroquois, S. D., one brother, Henry, of Iroquois, S. D. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

MAN ATTACKED AND STRIPPED

Officer Tries Comedy Stuff: Pie Employed

A juicy apple pie, fresh from a restaurant, was smeared over the persons of Officer William Hennelly, of the local police department, and Charles Brown, colored gentleman, during a street scuffle this morning in which various stunts dear to the hearts of movie directors were used.

Carrying the pie, which had been sent him as his breakfast, Brown walked out of the station after he had been released from custody. As he crossed the threshold, it is claimed, he looked at Hennelly viciously and allowed that the officer was a "big stiff."

Thereupon Hennelly gave chase, and, stopping Brown in the middle of the street, tried to arrest him.

But the pie got in the way, and, before the scuffle was over, fragments of it were ornamenting arrestor and arrestee.

It was then that Officer Hennelly glanced over his shoulder and saw a sight which caused his cheek to become a bright crimson. For—horror of horrors—a terrible gasp yawned in the seat of his trousers! With ill-concealed chagrin, the officer placed his prisoner in safe hands and adjourned to a spot where he could be alone.

Brown was arrested for the first time by Hennelly on Fifth street, between Harrison and Main, about 1:10 o'clock this morning. He had been acting suspiciously, it is claimed, and ducked into a doorway when he saw the officer approaching. He was held at the police station for some time, but was released because there was no evidence against him. Meanwhile, he had ordered the pie.

In police court this morning, where Brown appeared to answer a disturbance of the peace charge, the colored man told his story.

"That cop's got it in fo' me," he said. "Every time he sees me, he searches me. He don't give me no peace. He searched me five times in the last three years."

"Course I called him a big stiff! But he ain't got no business kickin' me for that. The reason why I run away from him, judge, is 'cause he kicked me."

"Talk about disturbin' the peace! He sure did disturb mah peace of mind when he ruined that pie!" Besides he done ruined this here fo'ty-five dollar suit!"

Brown was given a suspended sentence of five days in the Scott county jail.

COURT WORK HALTED MEMORY OF LATE JUDGE

The district court of Scott county was adjourned at noon today and court activities suspended in respect to the late Judge William Theophilus, whose death occurred early this morning. Judge D. V. Jackson presided over the court at 12 o'clock Monday.

CHARLES DIES SUICIDE AT HOME

Cold Brought Monia and I Fall

Charles Franklin, son of the late John president of the company founded who was a pioneer business here at 10:30 this morning 2019 Main street.

A few days ago, cold, which turned which brought on Wednesday night his death this morning.

Mr. Mason was born Oct. 8, 1868, education in the He soon-affiliated father, who conducted works for many years crowding out of when the autom public necessity garageman in D his younger brother to conduct the Fourth and Perry death of his father.

In 1893, he married Mrs. W. L. Mason, of Charles Grik, and children, Marie and Henry. The funeral will be held at an hour later, and interment in the family lot in the cemetery.

Mr. Mason was born B. P. O. Elks and I

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Henry Behrens Before An Arriv

When he struck his pick while engaged in a foundation at the 1421 East Locust Behrens, a house on 1003 West Fifth came by gas fumes. The police ambulance were rushed to the accident, but arrived Behrens had already expired. He was apparently having a

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Fisher Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Fisher was held from the Henry Runge Sons' funeral parlors at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. J. A. Miller officiating. Interment was made in the Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers were J. Coleman, F. P. Jones, William Schroeder, R. D. Hensley, H. Baxter and A. E. Larson.

Korthaus Funeral.

Funeral services for Miss Clara Korthaus were held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon from the home of her brother Rudolph in Walcott, and burial was made in the Walcott cemetery. Johannes Kroeger officiated. The pallbearers were Herbert Pelsrow, Herbert Bolter, Herman Wulf, Waldo Korthaus, Arnold Korthaus, Theodore Korthaus, Ed. Finck and Harry Finck.

Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Grover Dietz, Miss Lulu Gasseling, Theodore Gasseling and Mrs. D. S. Camblin.

The Theophilus Funeral.

The funeral of Judge William Theophilus was held Saturday afternoon at the home, 706 Kirkwood boulevard, where the Christian Science church service was directed by Mrs. G. Sheridan. Interment in Oakdale cemetery was private, attended by the members of the family and other immediate relatives.

Sympathy was expressed by the Judge's friends in many flowers from near and far, including his associates in business and public life, prominent among which was a spray from the Scott County Bar association and a clock set from the Elks' club.

Bar association members were among the active and honorary

October. Hence the suit and the answer.

pallbearers. The Scott County District court and the Scott County grand jury sessions were adjourned as a mark of respect for the deceased.

The honorary pallbearers were Judge P. D. Letts, W. M. Chamberlin, George W. Scott, Ray Nyemaster, Charles Shuler, Henry Thuenen, Charles Huber, and Eli Mosenfelder. Active pallbearers were D. G. Fisher, E. L. Goff, George Sheldon, A. F. Backer, Wm. T. Waterman, D. F. Dexter, Fred Ray and Bert Dow.

The Mason Funeral.

Funeral services for Charles Franklin Mason were held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at his home, 2019 Main street, where Dean Marmaduke Hare officiated. Miss Lillian Gunnis sang, "There is a Land." Burial was in Oakdale cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Evans, Ed. S. Johnson, J. C. Hasler, Gus Ficke, Charles Kindt, and George Bird.

The Laschansky Funeral.

The funeral of Henry A. Laschansky was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his mother, Mrs. F. Langmann, 2124 West Second street, where services were in charge of Fraternal Lodge No. 221, A. F. & A. M., as well as the services at the grave in Fairmount cemetery. Rev. John Doese-rieh of the Church of Divine Science read from the scriptures.

Six Masonic friends from Durant acted as pallbearers, R. Tage, W. C. Schlapkohl, L. Trade, H. P. Thede, O. W. Bierkamp and Roy Schiele.

FRATERNAL

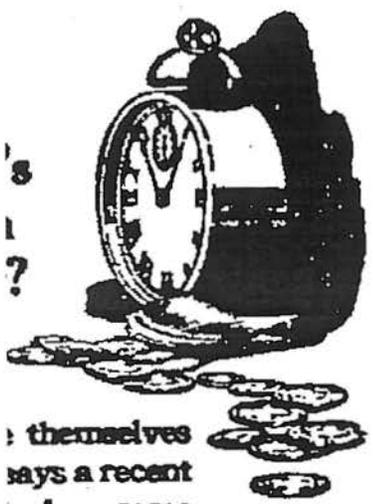
The Lady Eagles will give a card party Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. Five hundred will be played and the games will start at 2 o'clock.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Nick Johnson and Martha Lokos, both of Davenport.
- Samuel Marty and Amanda Gosch, both of Davenport.
- Lon L. Eldred and Hazel Robertson, both of Davenport.
- Clarence Creamer, Chicago, and Lulla Dysart, Davenport.
- Claire Edison Divens, Avon, Ill., and Nettie Mills, St. Augustine, Ill.
- Herbert Jones and Emma Morris, both of Davenport.
- Fred Dahl, Davenport, and Meta Stark, Durant, Ia.
- Clifford Johnson and Marine Schwennsen both of Calamus, Ia.

VISITS OF DR. STORK

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boyd, Fishertown, a daughter, Alberta Jane.



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In training and intellect and judicial temperament Judge Theophilus was admirably fitted for the place on the bench which he occupied for many years. There was nothing sensational about him. He was quiet by nature, well-read, given to thought rather than to speech. He had written a book on whist, highly thought-of by the devotees of that game. To know him well was to hold him in high regard, and the sympathy felt for him during the long period when injuries from an automobile accident left him crippled, now becomes regret that he has been taken away at a time when he should have been at the zenith of his powers and his public service.

THE REUTERS.

We like the story of August Reuter, sturdy farmer from Westphalia, Germany, and the good wife Natalia, who with their flock of children, resembling a human stairway, passed thru the immigrant gates on Ellis Island Tuesday. If we had more immigrants of their kind, we would not need to raise the bars so high.

"I have only nine of my children with me," apologized Papa Reuter to the immigration authorities, "three of them having come over in advance. There are fourteen of us, and we have come here to settle down on a farm in Wisconsin and to stay here forever. I wouldn't think of taking such a flock of children to one of your American cities. We are plain country folk, and that's all we want to be in America. We know how to farm."

Saying which, the head of the house began counting over his children to buy railroad tickets to

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Outline of Personal History of

Judge 7th

RESIDENCE

Theophilus, Jr
Bettendorf

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

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.)

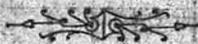
1. Name in full (all names) *William Theophilus*
2. Chief occupation or profession *Practising law - (Now Judge District Court)*
3. Former occupation or profession *Farmer - School teacher.*
4. Date and place of beginning each *Farmer till of age in Howard Co Ia
School teacher 1879*
5. Present residence address *Residence Bettendorf Ia - P.O. Address Davenport Ia*
6. Present business address *Davenport Ia*
7. Date of birth *August 6th 1858*
8. Place of birth *Josephshew in parish of Glancadwyn in
Carnarfonshire Wales Great Britain*
9. If born abroad, where. *(see last above)*
10. Emigrated to America, when *In July 1868*
11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America *Forest City
Township in Howard County Iowa.*
12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county *Removed to Arkansas City Kansas in 1889*
13. Further emigration, if any *Located in Davenport Iowa in 1894*
14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university *Common
School in Wales and in Howard Co Iowa,
Teachers' Normal Institutes in " "
largely self-educated,*
15. Date of graduation and degree if any

16. Place of death _____
17. Date of death _____
18. Place of burial _____
19. Name of father in full (all names) Daniel Theophilus
20. Occupation of father Farmer and Musician (Fine vocalist & choir master)
21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) Margaret (Thomas) Theophilus (a grand woman)
22. Residence when married Silensadwyn, Carmarthenshire, Wales, S. C.
23. Military service, if any (exact dates) _____
24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates) Clark District Court Howard Co. Ia. Jan'y 1883 to December 1886 inclusive - Member of the House of Depts 22^d General Assembly 1888 representing Howard Co. Ia. City attorney of Arkansas City, Kansas 1892-3, Member of the House of the 28th General Assembly representing Scott Co. Ia. Judge District Court 7th Judicial district of Iowa from Jan'y 1911 to this date.
25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions _____
26. Politics Democrat
27. Religious denomination if any _____
28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination Protestant if liberal and tolerant. True religion is kindness and good will to all men as exemplified in the essence of love. I favor freedom of thought and absolute separation of church and state. I believe in the intelligence and moral excellence of the human race.
29. Member of what societies or associations of learning _____
30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates. Masonic 1882 - Knight of Pythias 1884 - B.P.O. Elks 1904 - Scottish Rite Consistory 1910.
31. Member of what clubs if any Davenport Commercial Club.
32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible) _____
33. Officer or director in any corporation _____
34. Enclose business card if possible _____
35. Enclose photograph and autograph (Will enclose these)

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

"~~Christ Compensations~~ of "Modern Christ" 1905
Press of Egbert Fuller Chambers Davenport Ia

37. Miscellaneous



FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Minnie Agnes Thompson*
2. Date of marriage *June 7, 1888*
3. Place of marriage *Le Roy, Mower Co, Minn.*
4. Date of his or her birth *October 24, 1868 at Kingston, Minn.*
5. Place of his or her birth *(See last above)*
6. Religious denomination *Christian Scientist*
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 *Isaac Haskell Thompson*
11. Born where and when *Hartford Maine July 3, 1831*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Merchant and Miller*
13. His or her mother's full name *Harriet (d. Bray) Thompson*
14. Born when and where *July 18, 1837 at Minot Maine*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Portland Maine*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family _____

1. To whom married second time.....
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 _____ AND _____

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

CHILDREN OF _____ AND _____

SIGNATURE

Wm Shepphards

DATE

October 24, 1914,

Wm Theophilus

WILLIAM THEOPHILUS

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS
JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT

SEE NAME IN LAST COLUMN
ON THE BALLOT.

ELECTION NOV. 3, 1914



HISTORY
OF
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SCOTT COUNTY
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conduct he established a reputation for energy, skill and knowledge of the law, which the intervening years have but solidified.

Mr. Theophilus became a resident of Davenport in May, 1894, and was here joined the following year by Mr. Scott, at which time the firm of Scott & Theophilus was formed, the association being maintained until Mr. Scott's election to the office of city attorney in 1898. Mr. Theophilus, also taking prominent part in political work, was elected to the Iowa legislature in 1899 and during his term of office gave careful consideration to the questions which came up for settlement in the twenty-eighth general assembly and stanchly advocated those which he believed to be for the benefit of the commonwealth. Retiring from his position of legislator, he resumed the active practice of law, remaining alone until 1905, when he entered into partnership with George W. Scott and Benjamin I. Salinger, under the firm style of Salinger, Scott & Theophilus. Since May, 1909, he has been practicing alone. One of the local newspapers has said of him: "Mr. Theophilus is by nature thoughtful, methodical, exact and technical, a construer of the law and a constructive attorney, loving rather the advisory and counseling work of the office, land title, estates and corporation law than the court procedure. He is the counselor of many prominent business men and corporations and has made for himself an enviable position at the Davenport bar."

In 1888 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Theophilus and Miss Minnie Agnes Thompson, of Le Roy, Minnesota. Their social acquaintance is large and embraces many of the most prominent people of the state. Mr. Theophilus finds his chief recreation in the meetings of the Davenport Whist Club and also belongs to the Outing and Commercial Clubs. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Elks and the Knights of Pythias. His standing in the profession is indicated by the fact that he has been honored with the presidency of the Scott County Bar Association, being its chief official at the present time. As a lawyer he perhaps possesses none of those dazzling meteoric qualities which have often riveted the attention of the public for a moment, but there is in his work a substantiality which produces continuity of success and awakens attention by its quiet forcefulness.

M. F. ROHLFF.

M. Frederick Rohlf, who has lived retired in Davenport since 1904, was for many years numbered among the active and successful agriculturists of Scott county and is still the owner of two hundred and ninety acres of valuable land in Sheridan township as well as a tract of three hundred and twenty acres in Lyon county, this state. He is one of the worthy pioneer settlers of this county, having continuously made his home here since 1855, and is now the president of the German Pioneers Society. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 1st of September, 1829, his parents being Asmus and Anna (Litchie) Rohlf, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Their children were six in number, namely: Christ and Henry, both of whom passed away in Germany; M. F., of this review; John, whose demise also occurred in Germany; Asmus, who died

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At an early age Mr. Funk united with the Congregational church, but in later years became a member of the Unitarian faith. Fraternally, he was a Mason. Several years ago Mr. Funk was married to Clara B. Huckins. Owing to poor health he moved to California where he resided until his death. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. He died February 11, 1923, and was buried on his birthday, February 15.

Mr. Funk was one of the representative men of Iowa. He was distinctively a man of affairs and in public and private life he discharged the duties in a manner that won for him the commendation of his fellow-men. Measured by the standard of his achievements, he was one of the big men of Iowa upon whose historical scroll is written the honor of a life whose duty was well and faithfully performed.

Whereas, the Honorable J. H. Funk was called from this life, February 11, 1923, therefore

Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives has heard with deep sorrow and regret of his death, and that it recognizes the high character of his service to his state and in his death the state and nation has lost a worthy and noble citizen, and,

Be It Resolved Further, That these resolutions be spread upon the journal, and that engrossed copies of the same be sent to the members of his family.

L. V. CARTER,
HEIKE A. RUST,
OSCAR ULSTAD,

Committee.

Adopted April 12, 1923.

HON. WILLIAM THEOPHILUS

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to prepare resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable William Theophilus, late a member of the House of Representatives in the 27th and 28th General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

Judge William Theophilus was Judge of the District Court in Scott county from January 1, 1911 for a period of eleven years. He died at his home, 706 Kirkwood Blvd., Davenport, Iowa, at 5:15 o'clock a. m., November 23, 1922. He was sixty-four years of age at the time of his death. Judge Theophilus would have completed his term of office on January 1, 1923 had he lived, at which time he was planning to retire from active duty by reason of his failing health.

Wm. Theophilus, son of Daniel and Margaret Theophilus, was born at Troedyrihiw Carmathenshire, Wales, August 6, 1858. His maternal grandmother, a Williams, was born in the same village as Roger Williams, one of the salient characters in early colonial history.

He received his education in his native country, but came to America with his parents in 1868, settling on a farm near Lime Spring, Howard county, Iowa. There he continued his education, and during his twenty years of residence in that vicinity followed for a time the profession of teaching.

In 1882 he was elected clerk of courts of Howard county, and re-elected in 1884, serving until January, 1887. His leisure time during that period was given over to the study of law, and he was elected to the state legislature in 1887, the Twenty-second General Assembly.

He resigned from the legislature in 1889 after serving a term, and removed to Arkansas City, Kan., where he was admitted to the bar. There he became acquainted with George W. Scott with whom he later became associated in the practice of law. He was elected city attorney of Arkansas City at a time when important litigation was pending concerning the issuance of city bonds for waterworks and railways and at the hearing of these cases in the federal courts he established a reputation for energy, skill, and knowledge of the law.

One year following his removal to Davenport in May, 1894, he was joined by Mr. Scott with whom he formed a law partnership under the name of Scott & Theophilus, which continued until Mr. Scott's election to the office of city attorney in 1898.

In 1899 Mr. Theophilus was elected to the Iowa legislature, and upon the expiration of his term resumed the active practice of law alone until 1905, when he entered into partnership with George W. Scott and Benjamin L. Salinger under the firm name of Salinger, Scott & Theophilus. After May, 1909 he practiced law alone until his election to the office which he held at the time of his demise.

Mr. Theophilus married Miss Minnie Thompson of LeRoy, Minn., in 1888, the couple enjoying an extensive social acquaintance.

Among the fraternal organizations of which he was a member are the Blue Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Ozarepath Consistory No. 4, B. P. O. Elks, Knights of Pythias, and in his own profession the Scott County Bar association.

Several years ago, one of the Davenport newspapers said of him, "Mr. Theophilus is by nature thoughtful, methodical, exact, and technical, a construer of the law and a constructive attorney, loving rather the advisory and counseling work of the office, land title, estates, and corporation law than the court procedure. He is the counselor of many prominent business men and corporations, and made himself an enviable position at the Davenport bar."

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to present this tribute to the memory of a faithful public servant, and to express appreciation of his character and public service, and at the same time extend to relatives most sincere sympathy.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House, and that the chief clerk be directed to send copies thereof to the relatives.

FRANK W. ELLIOTT,
OLE NATVIG,
C. F. LEITS,

Committee.

Adopted April 12, 1923.

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Name: **Wm Theophilus**
 Birth Year: **abt 1859**
 Birth Place: **Wales**
 Gender: **Male**
 Census Date: **1885**
 Residence State: **Iowa**
 Residence County: **Howard**
 Locality: **Cresco**
 Roll: **IA1885_201**
 Line: **2**
 Family Number: **86**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	John J Mason	72
	Diana C Mason	70
	Helen Cleighorn	42
	Dana Mason	25
	Joseph Marshall	21
	Chas D Nichols	23
	William Wentworth	28
	Wm Theophilus	26
	Byron L Nichols	25
	J A Barritt	29
	Judson Blackman	44
	Calturnia Blackman	40
	M A Boyer	25
	E E Bertrand	31
	Lillie A Bertrand	21
	Lucy McLaughlin	21
	Anna Doroty	18
	Belle Johnson	18

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Name: **William Theophilus**
Census Date: **1905**
Residence State: **Iowa**
Residence County: **Scott**
Locality: **Davenport**
Roll: **IA_109**
Line: **372**
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
Household Name: **William Theophilus** Age
Members: **William Theophilus**

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Died: 11-23-1922
Cemetery: OAKDALE
Location: DAVENPORT
County: SCOTT CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: LOT 1 BLK 27

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